Nomination Form for Special Mission Recognition
United Women in Faith



Special Mission Recognition (SMR) is a way for Sparta United Women in Faith to honor individuals in the church for outstanding mission service. Persons nominated should be active in mission work in church and beyond, and representative of the purpose of United Women in Faith. Anyone in the Sparta United Methodist Church can nominate an individual using this form. All nominations must be received by December 1, 2026.

From the list of nominees, UWF Officers and past recipients will vote to select 2 recipients. The names of the Honorees are held until they are announced in a SUMC worship service in the spring. Each Honoree is presented with a SMR Pin, a donation to UWF Mission is made in their name, and they will be honored by the District UWF at our Spring Celebration in 2027.

SMR Nominees (you may nominate up to 2):

1._____ 2._____

Please list all mission activities these nominees are involved in: (Attach another page if necessary)

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Person making the nomination: _____

After completion, this form can be put in UWF mail slot. Thank you.

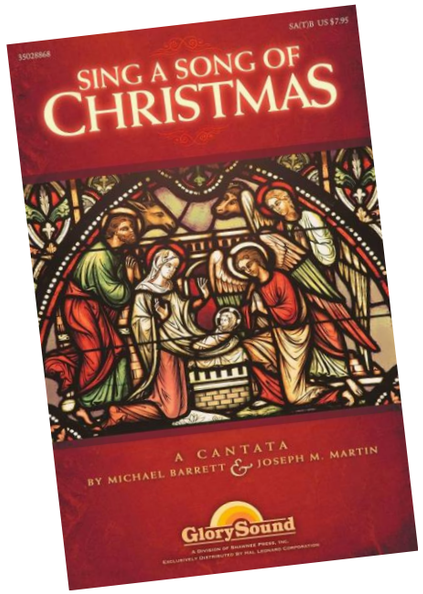
If more convenient you can text or email Melissa Lambert. Phone 973-943-0621 email: carriesmom1969@hotmail.com

Sparta United Methodist Church
Special Mission Recognition
Past Recipients

2022 Steve Bechtold
2016 Litsa Binder
2004 Kim Bloomer
2002 Henny Braue (Deceased)
2006 Kari Burkholder (Deceased)
2015 Jack Carpenter
2024 Linda Coombs
2026 Teri Dobies
2006 Diane Gelone (Deceased)
2016 Muriel Godbersen (moved)
2017 Ian Good
2011 Elaine Hartigan (moved)
2011 Jack Hartigan (moved)
2023 Carolyn Hartley
2013 Pat Harvey
2021 Anthony Hutchison (Deceased)
2025 Jen Hutchison
2021 Sean Jans
2017 Pat Johnson
2010 Dave Jones (Deceased)
2024 Julia Juan
2019 Rich Kelley
2018 Cullen Kempson
2013 Laura Kempson
2003 Doris Kepler (Deceased)
2014 Allen Koriakin (Deceased)
2026 Christina Kraemer
2021 Carrie Lambert
2020 Melissa Lambert
2006 Bud Larson
2018 Ann Lewis (moved)
2023 Steve Magnotta
2005 Edna Moriarty (Deceased)
2005 Rich Moriarty (Deceased)
2005 Suzy Moriarty (Deceased)
2022 Kim Noel
2009 Peg Pierson (Deceased)
2012 Susan Pironti
2010 Ann Freeman Price (Deceased)
2021 Bill Refsland
2017 Yvonne Roux
2018 Kathy Scehovic (Deceased)
2015 Bob Schutz
2012 Pat Schutz
2019 Eleanor Shumaker
2021 Allison Sidoli
2007 Wilma Smith (Deceased)
2025 Nancy Starnes
2014 Sandy Svenningsen
2008 Nancy VanderVeen (moved)
2020 Mike Vrabel
2014 Olga Vrabel (moved)

Christmas Cantata

Christmas may be months away, but the Sparta UMC Choir is planning ahead for our 2026 Cantata entitled “Sing a Song of Christmas.” The Cantata will be performed on Saturday, December 12th, and we invite you to be a part of this event that invites the community in to celebrate the joy of the season. You are invited to sing with the choir for this event. The cantata will begin rehearsals in September during the first 20+ minutes of weekly choir rehearsals at noon on Sundays. While you are always invited to join the choir and sing each week, you may only be able to do this one event and that is certainly welcome as well. A second way to be involved is to sponsor one of the extra hired musicians who enhance the performance. Each musician honorarium is $250.00, and we already have a commitment for **two** of the four that we will be needing. You are invited to sponsor one or commit to a partial sponsorship at whatever amount is comfortable for you. Please see our Director of Music, Bonnie Pomeroy, for more information, a copy of the music, or to make a commitment to sponsorship.



The Bells Are Ringing!

Heavenly Metal Ringers, the handbell choir for high school students and adults, meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Members must be able to read music. Heavenly Metal Ringers plays in church once a month at the 10:30 A.M. service, as well as at the German Christmas Market.

Genesis Ringers is an intergenerational group for students grade 3 and up and adults. In this group, young people and adults can learn to read music. Concepts of melody, rhythm, and dynamics will be taught through games and other activities. The day and time to be announced.

Children, ages 4 to 8, may join the Chime Choir. This group learns musical concepts through games, movement, singing and ringing. The day and time to be announced.

Questions? Contact Yvonne Roux, at yrouxrings@gmail.com, or 973-534-6129.

Fun Friday Game Nights

November 20, December 18: from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in Room 8. Pizza and water will be supplied. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverages, and a game to play!



Chair Yoga

When: Fridays

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Time: 12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

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Where: Sparta UMC, 71 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871

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Contact: Church office (973) 729-7773

The History of Racism in Sussex County

Join us for a Racial Justice Program on Sunday, November 15th at 1:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The Special Lecture will be presented by Jason Boehm, Professor of History and Political Science at SCCC.

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Celebrating Diversity Scholarships

This spring, Sparta United Methodist Church will offer three Celebrating Diversity Scholarships. The 2027 scholarship theme is Racial Justice.

To apply, students will be asked to either watch a selected film or read a banned book and respond to several reflection questions in a 500-word essay. Applicants must be Sussex County residents or attend Sparta United Methodist Church.

We would appreciate your help in selecting the featured book or film. Join us in Room 8 for the next movie screening, which explores themes of race and social justice:
Friday, November 6, 7:00 P.M.– The Butler

We hope you'll join us and share your thoughts as we determine which book or film will be included in the scholarship program.

Say It with Flowers!

Acknowledge loved ones or a special occasion with an altar flower arrangement. Reservations are being accepted for November 8, 15, 22, and 29, and December 13.

Arrangements cost $35.00. Please pay the church directly, including a note that the payment is for altar flowers and the specific date requested.

Use this link* to reserve flowers. We need your name, phone number or email address, and the dedication. Please let us know if you plan to take the flowers after the 10:30 A.M. service, or if you want them delivered to someone in need of a pick-me-up. Any questions: Contact **Yvonne Roux**, yrouxrings@gmail.com, or 973-534-6129. We are in need of vases 8 inches or shorter.

*bit.ly/4sUELRQ

Scan me

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Feed the Body/Feed the Soul



Each month, Sparta UMC church gives a free bag lunch, a $20 ShopRite grocery card, and we serve communion to people in need. On October 9th, we served **257** families.

The next FTB/FTS is **Friday, November 13**. We welcome volunteers to help. Invite your caring friends to help with you. Please click on the Sign up Genius link below to see how you can be of assistance. After you've signed up, you will get a confirmation reminder.

bit.ly/3VGJhHw

Donations



When you send your pledge payments via cash, check, or Vanco, if you intend the payment to be split between the Operating Budget and the Capital (Building) Fund, **please indicate how you want it split** on your envelope, check, or Vanco payments. Sometimes we need to guess, but we don't always get it right. So please tell us.

If you make recurring donations through Vanco and have changed your pledge this year from what it was last year, be sure to make those changes to your account **in Vanco**.

If you look at your Quarterly Statement and think, "That doesn't look right." Please let us know. I might have put the payment in the wrong accounting bucket.



BEYOND THE BASICS - (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the Wesley Room

MONDAY NIGHT GROUP

The Book Group meets by ZOOM at 7:00 P.M.

Started August 31st: Marcus Borg's "**Speaking Christian**."

Feel free to join on any Monday. Zoom Link is:

bit.ly/SUMCzoomMonday

TUESDAY MORNING HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M.

bit.ly/SUMCzoomTuesday

Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790 Passcode: 389789

One tap mobile +16465588656, 85294018790#

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:15 A.M. at Angelo's Franklin Diner

FRIDAY MORNING READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, at 10:00 A.M. ***Wonder Drug*: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself**

by Stephen Trzeciak M.D. & Anthony Mazzarelli M.D.

Have questions? Need more info? Please contact Laura Kempson, ljkempson27@gmail.com. Please come join this hybrid study group in person at the church in the Wesley room at 10:00 A.M. or via Zoom.: https://zoom.us/j/389284226

Alternate Phone in #: +1 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 389 284 226 -- Passcode: 7773

Church Mouse Thrift Shop

Free Fridays will continue into the Autumn. (If it is raining, look under the pavilion.) Check out our Facebook Page for this week's sales.

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578137110625

Name Tags

Remember to grab your name tag off the display rack. And then don't forget to put it in the basket before you leave the building. Put your name on the clipboard if you need one made for you.

November 1, 2026

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning:

Pat Schutz

The Altar Flowers are given by:

Judy Paes

In honor of my daughter, Christina's birthday!

Uplift and Support

The family of Alden Welch & Dody Welch; Marilyn Garrison; the family of Allen Koriakin; Sally Breeden; Dan, who is having a hard time with his chemo treatments for cancer; The family of Janet Hoffer; Michael (43 years old) after a stroke; Alden Welch; Martha from FTB/FTS on the loss of her daughter; Lauren Hahn; Jen Hutchison; the Aughenbaugh Family; Kimmy Trevot; Sig Binder; Jill's mom, Tibbie Reynolds; Mike & Debbie LaRose; Brooke; the family of Sally Yellinski; Edith Van Housen; Alba Haas; Diane Cironi; Sharon Gordon; Lester Hemphill; Rich Kelley; Linda Giammanco; and Brenda Losey.

Before you place anyone on our prayer list, please make sure you have permission from the person to do so.

We would like to thank: Pat Harvey, Davy Foote, Susan Foy, Ruth Fulgenzi, Jen Hutchison, Sue Reynolds, Yvonne Roux, Ashton Voreck and Don Voreck who help make the Livestream of our Worship Services possible. If interested in helping out, please contact Yvonne Roux, yrouxrings@gmail.com or 973-534-6129.

The link for our livestream is: https://www.youtube.com/@SpartaUMCnj

Join Us for Coffee Hour – Every Sunday

Immediately following worship, please join us down the hall in Demarest Hall for light refreshments and beverages and conversation! All are welcome!



Sunday School

Sunday School runs concurrently with the 10:30 A.M. service.