

Spring Fling 2023

Saturday, March 18, 2023



Sparta United Methodist Church, 54 E. Division, Sparta, MI

9:30 a.m. Check-in • 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Program

The Migratory Farm Family: Facts and Myths

Together we will learn about the variations of lifestyles of migratory farm workers in Michigan, including the social and economic impact on West Michigan. During our keynote session, our speakers will share facts and dispel myths and stereotypes. We will also discuss the needs of the migrant workers, partnering agencies that support Migrant families in West Michigan, and how to support Farmworkers in West Michigan. Enjoy lunch and afternoon break-out sessions.

Featured Speakers:

ANGIE GUTIERREZ has worked in Migrant Education for the past 22 years. Angie has worked in all different aspects in the Migrant Program, but values her time spent as a recruiter working with the families in the Migrant Camps as some of her most valuable experience. Parent engagement and making sure all voices are heard and included is especially important in her line of work. Angie currently oversees recruitment and support services for Migrant Farmworker families in Region 2 for twenty counties in Michigan. She is also the Whole Child Administrator for the Van Buren County Intermediate School District.

SARA LEDESMA has worked for Van Buren Intermediate Schools as the recruiter for over twenty years. As a recruiter her job is to support Migrant families by registering their children for school, refer the families to agencies that support Migrant farm workers, and advocate for the families. Sara is currently the Migrant School to home Liason for the Van Buren Intermediate School District. She is the Lead Recruiter for Region 2 and Van Buren local recruitment. Sara has spent a lot of time over the past two years in Sparta, Nunica, Ravenna, and throughout West Michigan to recruit eligible Migrant families.

INGATHERING: travel-size personal care items for Migrant Farmworker families.

Registration Cost: \$15 by March 11th. Use one form per person. Please print.

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Cost: \$15 by March 11th. Make checks payable to: *Midwest District UMW*

Send registrations to: Sue Van Portfliet, 1333 Ravanna Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49508