

Sparta United Methodist Church

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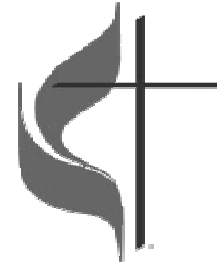
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SPARTA
United Methodist Church

Church Staff

Pastor
Youth Director
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Nursery

Rev. Bob Miller
Casey McKenna
Charlotte Gascho
Cheri and Jay Galbraith
Sarah Leys, Chance Wyatt

LITURGIST

Debbie Edwards

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Martha Thompson & Helpers

OFFERING COUNTERS

January

Walt Green—Larry Prince

TRUSTEE LIGHT & LOCK

Tommy Thompson

USHERS & GREETERS

January 9 am

Gray & Jane Sloop

January 11 am

Rick & Libby Squires

Serving Next Week

LITURGIST

Allen Reinhardt

Serving Next Month

OFFERING COUNTERS

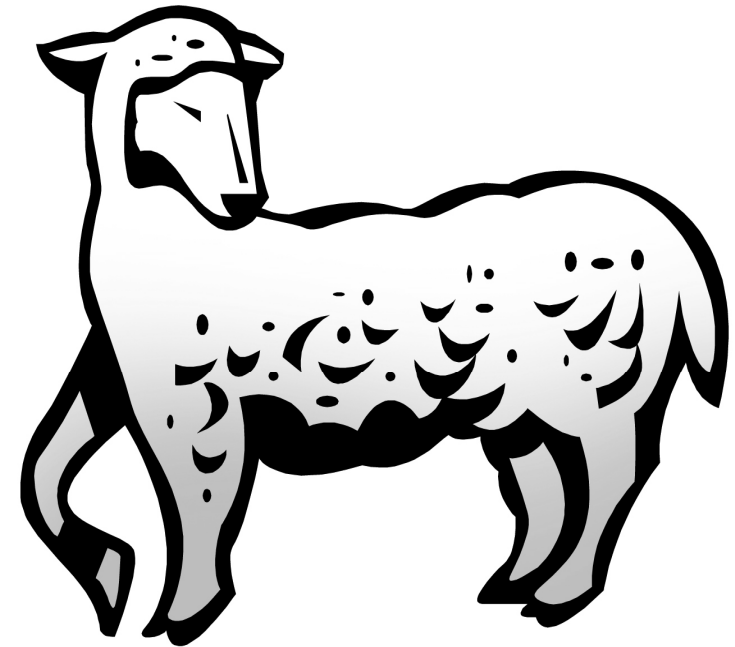
February

Margaret Barker—Tom Atwood



**Congregational Needs to support
our Church Budget**

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$2,390	\$7,880	\$6580



**“Look, here
is the Lamb
of God!”**

John 1:36, NRSV

Our Church Mission Statement

Sparta UMC is a family of those
who proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and
serve all God's people in our community and around the world.

The Order of Worship

9:00 am 16 JANUARY 2011 11:00 am

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

PRELUDE (9 am) Mintie Saintsing
(11 am) Libby Squires

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Welcome others by saying, "The Peace of Christ Be With You."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: *The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

P: *Many will see and be in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.*

Psalm 40:1-3

*HYMN No. 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*THE APOSTLES CREED No. 881

*THE GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00 am)
A nursery is available for children under 4. Children's Church, ages 4-3rd grade.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS

ANTHEM (11 am) Charlotte Gascho and Gene Jones

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE John 1:29-42
SERMON "Come and See" Rev. Bob Miller

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
The Congregation:

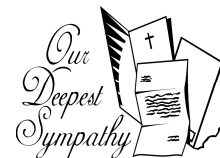
*"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God;
I've been washed in the fountain.
Cleansed by His blood!*

*Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.
For I'm part of the family the family of God."*

POSTLUDE (9 am) Mintie Saintsing
(11 am) Libby Squires

***Standing as you are able.
Please remain in the pews until acolytes have left the sanctuary.*

WELCOME! We hope you are blessed by our service.
Please be sure to sign the attendance pad in the pews and
return the pad back to the aisle; we want to know you by name!



To the families of
Linda Isner, Susan Proctor, and Pauline Church

Charles Pugh—home from hospital;
Camille Greene—home from hospital;
J.D. Higin—home after surgery.



Did You Know?



- ⇒ WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS should be submitted to the office by Tuesday at 3:30 pm and NEWSLETTER ARTICLES submitted by the 20th of each month by 3:30 pm.
- ⇒ Contact the church office to RESERVE ROOMS for activities to be added to the church calendar (please do not add events to the calendar on the wall by the office without checking with the office).
- ⇒ Please let the church office know of name, phone, address UPDATES and information corrections. *Note: There is a 6-week delay for processing changes for Offering Envelopes.*
- ⇒ To place flowers in the sanctuary on a special Sunday, reserve the date on the 2011 FLOWER CALENDAR on the wall across from the church office and complete a SANCTUARY FLOWER form and turn into the office.
- ⇒ Sunday services may be viewed on CHANNEL 50/Skybest Channel 21 at the following times: Sunday - 11 am, Monday - 3:00 pm, Thursday - 10:00 am, Friday - 3:00 pm. DVD copies can be arranged in the Church Office.
- ⇒ CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available for children ages 4 yrs.-3rd grade at 11 am. Children go to the classroom following the Children's Sermon.
- ⇒ Please TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR SILENCE RINGERS in gatherings! Be reverent, respectful, and do not disturb others. Take calls outside the sanctuary during worship or outside the room during meetings. Thanks!

Top 10 Predictions for this year:

1. The Bible will **still** have all the answers.
2. Prayer will **still** be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will **still** move.
4. God will **still** honor the praises of His people.
5. There will **still** be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will **still** be singing of praise to God.
7. God will **still** pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will **still** be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will **still** love you.
10. Jesus will **still** save the lost when they come to Him

Prayer Concerns ~ Please let the office know of any updates.

- Ongoing: Peace in the world; our pastor and our ministries; our Stephen Ministry leaders; Our country & leaders; Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; Homeless; Oil Spill impact; Peggie King; Shirley Howell-cancer; Holmes Wilson; Sue Hampton-chemo/cancer; Ed Brady; John Boyer; Reiner; Cindy Blackburn-cancer; John Kilmartin's sister, Kathy-chemo; Ellen Church-health; Martha Thompson's sister, Carolyn; Karan Durham-cancer, Terry Marsh—cancer; Bobby Dean Caudill—cancer; Katy Finney—health/chemo; Walt Green—health; Jane Farr-health; L Roe Boyer-health;
- December 12: Arnold Wagoner—health; Leland Simons—recovering from shoulder surgery.
- December 19: Bill Peters—mass in lung; a friend's mother; Gabriel Billings—kidney disease; Danny Boyer—health; Sandy Brooks—leukemia; Valerie—bipolar/depression;
- January 2: Camille Green—recovering at home from surgery; Charlie Pugh—health; J. D. Higgins—health; Gray Sloop's mother—surgery; Ann Braun—Karol Boyer's sister, taken off life support; several unspoken requests.
- January 9: Bud Marion—home following heart attack; Evan Isner—off to Army; Lisa Hawkins—surgery; Jane Farr—hospital; David Carpenter—surgery; Haley Harwell—thrown from horse, head and spine injury; Jennifer Robinson and Larry Myers in Florida for Stephen Ministry training; Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and others shot in Tucson; Jo Rudy (Charles Rudy's mother) - health.

Those HOMEBOUND or in NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycock	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Lewis Bobbitt	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Judy Church	Dobson
Boyd Farmer	Woodland Terrace, Cary NC
Arlene Heffley	Homebound
Thelma Jordan	Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence
Lou Landreth	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Thomas Myers	Dobson
Tim Myers	Dobson
Arville Saintsing	Lexington, NC
Bobby Saintsing	Triad Nursing/Rehab-High Pt.
Margaret Saintsing	Lexington, NC
Virginia Setzer	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Betty Turner	Blue Ridge Highlands -Galax
Josie Wilson	Sunbridge Retirement -Sparta

The church staff would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness, yummy treats, and for your Christmas love offering during this holiday season. It is a blessing to work with and serve such a wonderful church family. We look forward to sharing with each of you in worship and in fellowship throughout 2011. May God bless each of you in the coming year.



UMW SUNSHINE CIRCLE

The Sunshine Circle will meet at 2:00 pm on January 19th. Please bring goodies to go in a birthday basket for our nursing home adoptee.



When you've reached the end of your rope . . .

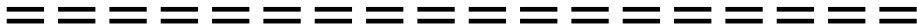
Ever felt that way? If you're at the end of your rope, Stephen Ministers can help you tie the knot and hang on. For someone who will listen and help you find the resources you need to get through this tough time. Caring communication with others is a basic human need. Stephen Ministers can help meet that need. For a listening ear, call Stephen Leader, Delta (372-5838).



Revised Channel 50 Schedule

Viewing times of the Sparta United Methodist Church program on Channel 50 has changed. This schedule will be changed in the newspaper ad. The revised schedule is:

- Sunday 11:00 a.m.
- Monday 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
- Friday 3:00 p.m.



The Food Closet needs canned spaghetti sauce with meat in January.



Calendar of Events

The week of January 16-22, 2011

Sunday	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	8:30 am	Prayer in the Sanctuary
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:30 pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Sunshine Circle
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

The week of January 23-29, 2011

Monday	9:00 am-2:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
	5:00 pm	Library Arts Council (FH)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper



Happy Birthday this week!

- Allen Zane—January 17
- Robert Vaughan—January 20
- Robert Washington—January 20
- Carol Upchurch—January 21
- Janet Miles—January 22
- Jane Sloop—January 22
- Jim Amburn—January 23



Thought for the Day

I will keep my eyes open for small reminders of God's presence.