

Sparta United Methodist Church

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Pastor
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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 May Walt Green & Larry Prince
TRUSTEE LIGHT & LOCK Tommy Thompson
USHERS & GREETERS Stephen Ministers

Serving Next Week

LITURGIST Allen Reinhardt

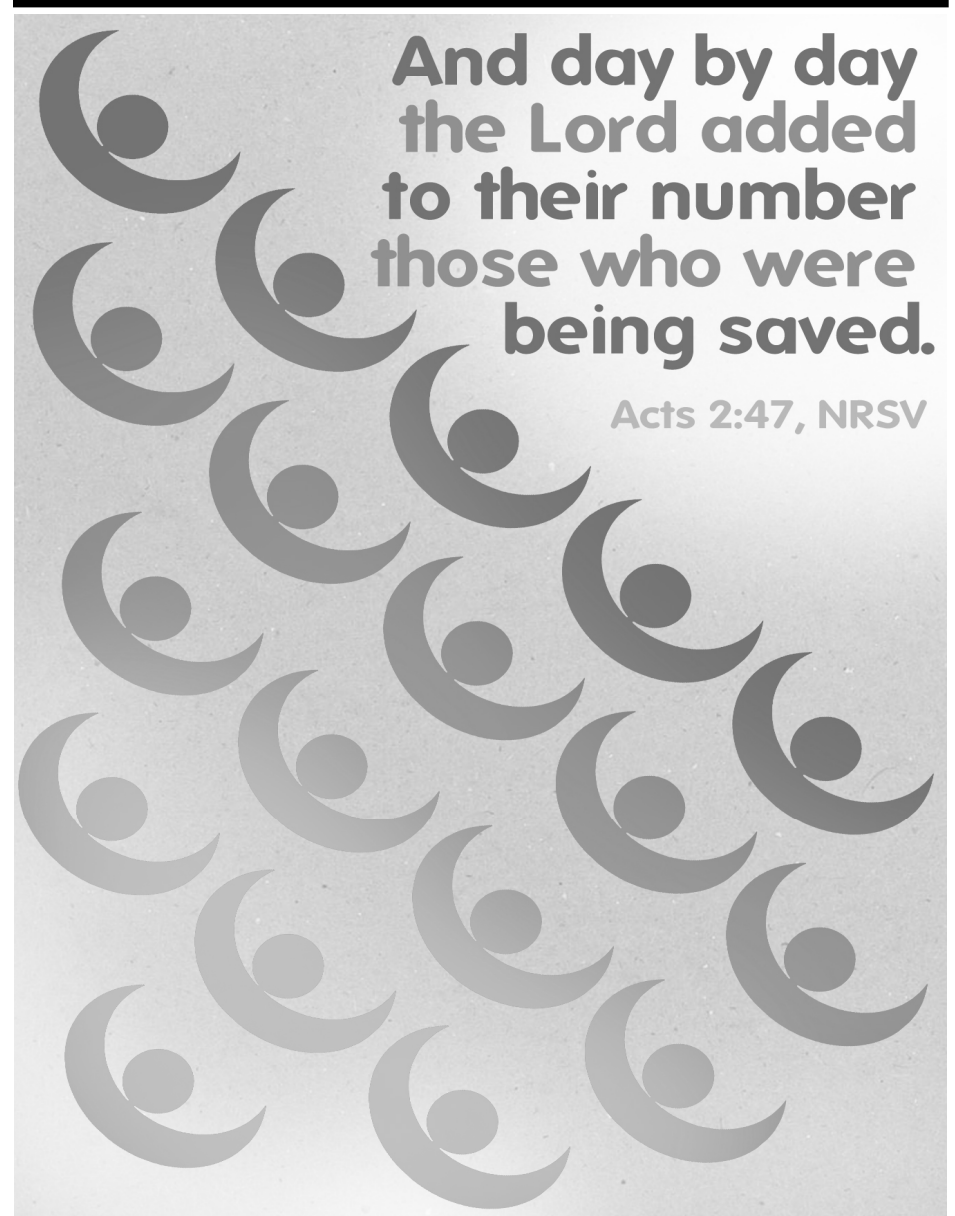
Serving Next Month

OFFERING COUNTERS Margaret Barker & Tom Atwood
COMMUNION SERVERS June 9:00 a.m. Becky Neff
June 11:00 a.m. Undetermined



Congregational Needs to support our Church Budget

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$4,541	\$72,700	\$68,320



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 15 MAY 2011 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE (9 am) Charles Rudy
(11 am) Cheri Galbraith

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: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: *He makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside still waters, restores my life,*

L: He leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.

P: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Psalm 23:1-4

*HYMN No. 557 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*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) "Round the Earth a Message Runs"

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47

SERMON "The Effortless Present" Rev. Bob Miller

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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) Charles Rudy
(11 am) Cheri Galbraith

* *Standing as you are able.

Please remain in the pews until acolytes have left the sanctuary.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today were
provided by Connie Edwards
in memory of Bob Edward's birthday



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!

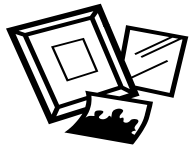


Adam Nilo—off vent, improving daily;
Charles Pugh—in church today.

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!



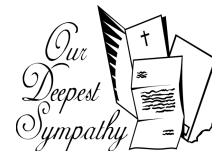
EXTRA DAY OPENED UP FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS! Thursday, June 16th

We now have 50 families signed up to participate in our new church directory, so the photographers will be coming in a day early on **Thursday, June 17 from 4:00-9:00 pm**. We have at least 50 more families that we would like to have included in the directory, including those individuals/families who are not members, but attend here on a regular basis.

**Please sign up soon!
It won't be complete without YOU!**

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; homeless; Peggie King; Shirley Howell-cancer; Holmes Wilson; Ed Brady; John Boyer; Reiner; Ellen Church-health; Martha Thompson's sister, Carolyn; Karan Durham-cancer, Katy Finney—health/chemo; Jane Farr-health; L Roe Boyer-health; Jim Trollinger—brain tumor; Julie Mash—cancer; Jean Freeman—health.
- April 17: Al Boyer—health; Trevor & Cody Jennings being deployed to middle east; Karen Caudill—breast cancer; Howard Ray; Mike Rash; Steven Crouse—deploying next week; Jacqueline Martin—pregnant, preeclampsia; Mike Radish.
- April 24: Robert Boyer—broken hip; Edna Boyer—stroke; Adam Nilo—pancreatitis; Kathy Francis.
- May 1: David Carpenter—surgery this month; storm victims; Evan Isner—military; Cynthia McKenna—loss of sister.
- May 8: Jean Freeman—tests; Virginia Setzer—scan; Coy Freed—accident; Sharon Simons—surgery; Walt Green—health; Carl Dean Edwards—hospital; Charles Pugh—6th eye surgery this week; Harry Snyder—health concerns.



To the family Cathy Crabtree (Jim Connor's niece) and the family of Virginia Stewart.

Those HOMEBOUND or in NURSING HOMES

Margaret & Jack Aycok	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

Today's Mission Meal will benefit **Relay for Life**. Please stay—eat, visit, and give as you can.



Friday, May 13 was the first Bake Sale fundraiser. Also, luminaries in honor or memory of a loved one or cancer bracelets can be purchased for \$10.00 or \$1.00 feet, birthday cakes, or stars are available. Sparta United Methodist Church will be having a Relay for Life Team. The cost is \$10.00 per person. We will be walking all night on June 24th. At the tent, we will be selling food, drinks, and baked goods. There are opportunities for everyone to take part in this event. Spend time together—it is a fun time to raise money for a cure for this disease that has touched so many lives.



Children's Summer Backpack Program

We are continuing to take donations to help feed the 350 children in our county this summer. The cost to sponsor a child for one month is \$65. Please help in this effort. Make checks payable to Alleghany County Ministerium and indicate "Backpack Program" on the notation line.

Stephen Ministry is recruiting for anyone who would like to be part of the upcoming class which will be starting in June.



LOWE'S GIFT CARDS—Orders can be placed today for the Lowe's Gift Cards to benefit Solid Rock Food Closet. There will someone available in the narthex after each service to take your orders. Please make checks payable to **Alleghany Ministerium** and in the memo line write: Food Closet Gift Card.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—The next blood drive is scheduled for Monday, May 23 from 9:00-2:00 pm. The last drive was cancelled due to inclement weather, so please try to give if you can.



Calendar of Events

The week of May 15—21, 2011

Sunday	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Prayer in the Sanctuary Worship Sunday School Worship Prayer Study Group Youth Fellowship
Monday	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers
Wednesday	2:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:30 pm	UMW Sunshine Circle VBS Planning Meeting Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am-3:00 pm 3:00 pm	Quilter's Guild (FH) Staff-Parish Meeting
Friday	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Quilter's Guild (FH)

The week of May 22—28, 2011

Monday	9:30 am-2:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Choir Practice Fellowship Supper

Happy Birthday this week!

Ed Brady—May 16	Louise Blizzard—May 19
Ruby Calhoun—May 16	Walt Green—May 21
Anna Combs—May 16	Donny Lemmond—May 21
Amy Green—May 17	