

## Sparta United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Bob Miller  
 Administrative Assistant Karen Bopp  
 Director of Music Cheri and Jay Galbraith  
 Nursery Sarah Bourne, Chance Wyatt

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist Kathy Mock  
 Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers  
 Offering Counters August Mary Setzer & Martha Thompson  
 Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson  
 Ushers August Tara & Scott Walker

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

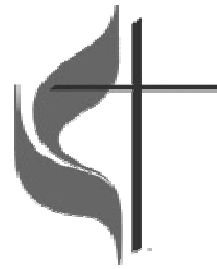
Liturgist Ed Adams

### SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters September Martha Thompson & Larry Prince  
 Communion Servers September George & Betty Latham  
 Ushers September Jim & Connie Amburn

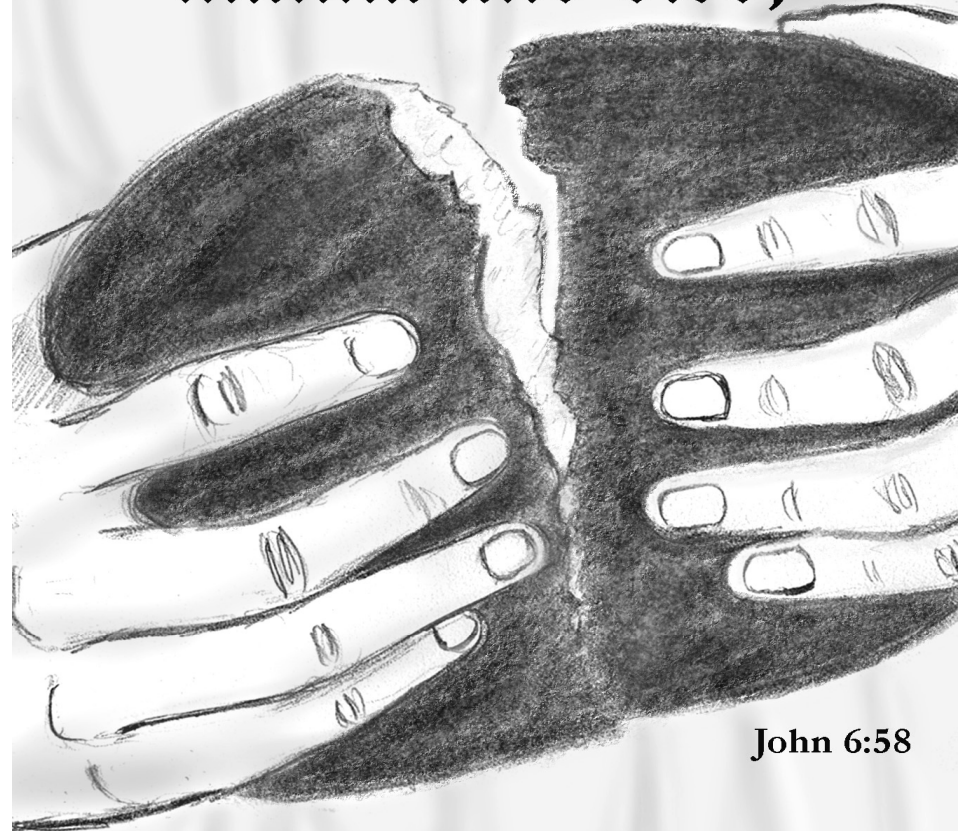
### CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	2,747	130,280	122,611



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Our forefathers ate  
 manna and died,



John 6:58

but he who feeds on this  
 bread will live forever.

**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!

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 am                      28 August 2011                      11:00 am

***11th Sunday after Pentecost***

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: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

***P: Sing to the Lord, sing praises!  
Tell of all God's wonderful works!***

L: Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

***P: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek the Lord's presence continually! Psalm 105:1-4***

\*HYMN No. 64                      "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

\*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)

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE                      John 6:56-69

SERMON                      "Fair Weather Followers"                      Rev. Bob Miller

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN No. 577                      "God of Grace and God of Glory"

### DEPARTURE TO SERVE

\*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.

## CHANNEL 50 & CHANNEL 21

Sunday—11:00 am

Monday and Friday—3:00 pm

Tuesday—8:00 pm

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today  
were provided by Arnold and Mary Wagoner,  
in honor of their 41st Anniversary.

### 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.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### SUMW

Our Sparta United Methodist Women will have a special speaker at our September meetings. You are all invited to attend to hear Lee Cornett from DANA speak to us. Lee will be presenting the program on Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship hall at the church. She will also present the program on Wednesday, September 21st, at 2:00 P.M. in the Woodruff classroom. Domestic abuse is an issue that we all need to be better informed, about and we hope that you will plan to attend one of these events to hear what is happening in our community to address this problem. Please remember that this is open to everyone, not just UMW members!

### Lowes Foods Gift Cards are easy to obtain!

Now it is easier than ever to purchase your Lowes Foods Cards!

Cards will be available outside the church office after each Sunday service. Just write a check payable to Alleghany Ministerium (Lowes Food Card on memo line) and receive your Lowes Food Card. No more waiting for the Cards!

Remember, you spend the entire amount of YOUR card on YOUR groceries, and Lowes donates THEIR 6% to Alleghany Food Closet. Why not take advantage of Lowes generosity? Support Lowes Food and the Food Closet by shopping with the Lowes Food Gift Cards.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### The Week of August 28 — September 3, 2011

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper

### The Week of September 4 — September 10, 2011

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Leslie Hall—August 31  
Arnold & Mary Wagoner— August 31

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Everett Dukes—August 28  
Sara Harper—August 28  
Karen Yarbrough—August 29  
Sandy Lovett—September 1  
Paul Church— September 2  
Steve Zimmerman—September 2

## 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.
- ◆ CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available for children ages 4 yrs.-3<sup>rd</sup> grade at 11 am. Children go to the classroom following the Children's Sermon.
- ◆ Please TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR SILENCE RINGERS in gatherings, as we want to be reverent and respectful on our time of communal worship. Thanks!

## GIVING THANKS

Thanks to all that supported the Baby Bottle program this year.  
Sparta United Methodist Church raised \$655.32

Jean Trogman good report following surgery

Thanks to those that contributed to the Love Offering for  
Stephen Whitlow. The Prayer Garden looks great!

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Sympathy to the Fox family

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ 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; John Boyer; 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; Walt and Jean Green
- ◆ August 14: Kathy Gilbert; Victims in military crash in Afghanistan; Ed and Ora Brady; Victims of famine in Africa; Virginia Setzer
- ◆ August 21: Leland Simons—health concerns, tests; Hap Todd—heart surgery; Sandy Ponce—surgery; Judy (Mary Wagoner's niece) - cancer; Margie Robinson; Jeff Snyder; Edna Boyer—broken hip and pneumonia; Walt Green
- ◆ August 28: Zane Fisher, cancer; J.D. Higgins, injured in fall; William Brown, cancer; Dustene McKenna, surgical procedure; Gary Scarce, colon cancer; Juan Sanchez, heart; Bobby Joe Gambill, cancer.

## HOMEBOUND – NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycock  
Lewis Bobbitt  
Judy Church  
Boyd Farmer  
Arlene Heffley  
Thelma Jordan  
Thomas Myers  
Tim Myers  
Arville Saintsing  
Bobby Saintsing  
Margaret Saintsing  
Virginia Setzer  
Betty Turner

Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta  
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Dobson  
Woodland Terrace, Cary NC  
Homebound  
Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence.  
Dobson  
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Lexington, NC  
Triad Nursing/Rehab-High Pt.  
Lexington, NC  
Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta  
Blue Ridge Highlands—Galax