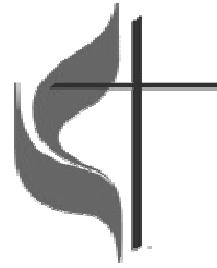




## Sparta United Methodist Church

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# SPARTA United Methodist Church

### 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 Ed Adams  
 Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers  
 Offering Counters August Mary Setzer & Martha Thompson  
 Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson  
 Ushers August Tara & Scott Walker  
 Communion Servers August 9:00 am—Sandy Lovett  
 11:00 am—Johnny & Linda Wishon

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

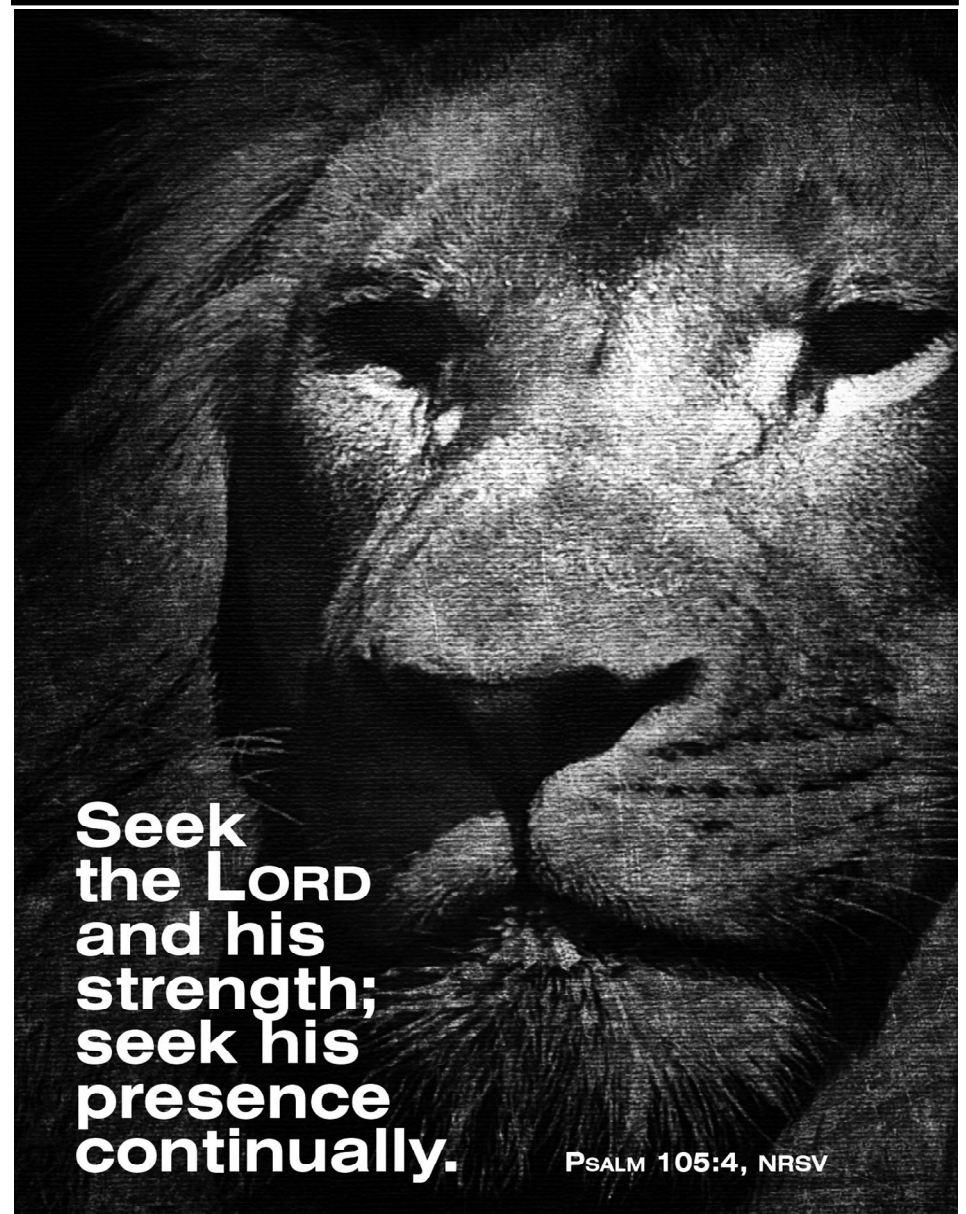
Liturgist Jim Connor

### SERVING NEXT MONTH

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

### CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$3,474	\$118,460	\$110,298



**Seek  
the LORD  
and his  
strength;  
seek his  
presence  
continually.**

PSALM 105:4, NRSV

**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                      7 August 2011                      11:00 am

**8th 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!** *Psalms 105:1-4*

\*HYMN No. 277                      "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

\*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                      Matthew 14:13-14

SERMON                      "Resisting A Rest"                      Rev. Bob Miller

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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\*HYMN No. 569                      "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

### 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.*

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

## 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 Larry and Donna Myers, to  
honor Colten's 1st birthday.

### 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?

### Directory Photographs

Did you get your photograph taken and sent to your home? Did you receive them? If not, Lifetouch recommends that you contact Rhonda at 866-739-0317 x59028. Please have your sit number available and current address. Those photos which did not arrive will be sent out as soon as possible. Also, please notify church office with results of your conversation with Lifetouch, so we can keep count of how many were misplaced. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Stephen Ministry

Please keep the Stephen Ministry students in your prayers as they continue deeper into their 50 hours of training.

### Lowes Foods makes donation to Food Closet

Here is how it works:

- ◆ Write check payable to Alleghany Ministerium (Lowes Food Card on memo line)
- ◆ Place check in pew envelope
- ◆ Church office will notify you when card is ready for pick up
- ◆ 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 7 — August 13, 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
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	UMW

### The Week of August 14 — August 20, 2011

Sunday	12:00 pm	Mission Meal
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Sunshine Circle
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Margaret Barker—August 5  
David & Dora Sue Smith—August 8  
Tommy & Jane Calhoun—August 12

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brant Banks—Aug 7  
Lawrence McClintick—August 9  
Linda Collins Smith—August 10  
Pam Souther—August 13  
John Boyer—August 13

## 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! Be reverent, respectful, and do not disturb others. Take calls outside the sanctuary during worship or outside the room during meetings. Thanks!

## GIVING THANKS

Pastor Bob is back from vacation.  
Baby James Martin—improving

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Robin Flowers, death of father

## 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; Ed Brady; 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; Sharon Simons—cancer; Walt and Jean Green
- ◆ July 24: Magdalene Wishon; Iris Gambill—pancreatic cancer; Jim Phipps; Ora & Ed Brady; Margie Robinson; Odie Edwards; Sue Craig—shoulder surgery; Debra Sabolovich; Sylvia Truitt; Jody's baby; Corine Bare's grandson, Carlson Bare—ruptured appendix
- ◆ July 31: Mary Wagoner's Biopsy; Margaret McGrady; Bill Finney; Ella Doughton; Donna Chapman; Julie; Jean Freeman; Jo Henry; Elijah Mejia-blood disease; Dr. Ted Stern-pneumonia; tragedy in Norway
- ◆ August 7: Teachers and students as they return to school; Sherry Edwards—cancer; Unspoken; Adam Lane; John Irwin—tests; Jean Trogdon; Unspoken;

## HOMEBOUND – 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.
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
Ella Doughton	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta