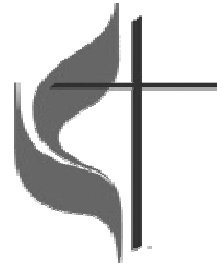


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SPARTA United Methodist Church

CHURCH STAFF

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

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist Jim Connor
 Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers
 Offering Counters September Larry Prince & Martha Thompson
 Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson
 Ushers September Rick Squires

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Liturgist Ed Adams

SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters October Margaret Barker & Tom Atwood
 Communion Servers October 9:00 am - Becky Neff
 11:00 am - Max & Frances Cox
 Ushers October Everett & Rose Dukes

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	2,168	143,033	137,473

*For John came
to you in the way of
righteousness...*

Matthew 21:32, NRSV



WHAT'S GOING ON?

WOOD MINISTRY Combines COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY and IN AS MUCH

You are needed on October 1, from 8:00 to 12:00! We have combined two ministries into one day of sharing and volunteerism. Come join us as we cut, split, stack and deliver wood to those without heat. There is a large demand for this ministry. Many hands are needed, both men and women. What better way to get your exercise while helping those in need. Sign up sheet is outside the church office. Please show your support on this combined day of giving.

FESTIVAL OF TABLES by the UMW

Mark your calendars, this year's Festival of Tables is October 1, at 10:00 am. There will be 10 Tables, each with a uniquely interesting theme. The guest speaker will be Rev. Nancy Walton, and JAM Junior Appalachian Musicians will be performing as well as Alan Sears. Tickets can be purchased from table hostess or contact Theresa March 372-3004 or Jane Sloop 372-4848.

This year's Silent Auction will be presenting interesting hand-made and other unique items. If you would like to donate an auction item, please bring by the church office, starting on Monday, September 19th. Donation cut off is Friday September 30th at 4:00 pm. Upon a situation that you can not get to the church office to deliver your donation, please contact Theresa or Jane for pick up.

LOWES FOOD 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, or through out the week at the church office. 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 September 25 — October 1, 2011

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	9:00 am	Red Cross
	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper
Thursday	All Day	Farm Bureau Mtg/Supper/ FH
Friday	All Day	Festival of Tables—Set up
Saturday	10:00 am	Festival of Tables Event
	All Day	Com Impact Day/Wood Ministry In As Much

The Week of October 2 — October 8, 2011

Sunday		Communion Sunday
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
Thursday	4:00 pm	D.A.N.A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Taylor Nester—September 25; Martha McKnight—September 26
Eugene Smith—September 28; Tom Zak—September 28
Rose Dukes—September 29; Melissa Farr—September 29
Jeffrey Boyer—September 30; Logan Oliver—September 30
Jo Zane—September 30

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 3—12yrs. at 11 am. Children go to the classroom following the Children's Sermon.

GIVING THANKS

For the success of the Heritage Festival; it's fellowship while working for the church

Charlotte Gascho - 20 year old nephew's baptism

Cancer survivor of 18 years

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joel and Pam Souther—30th Anniversary, September 19

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Tom Cooke; To the family of James Martin

To the family of Ralph Still; To the family of Hoke Andrews

To the Sheets 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
- ◆ September 4: Betty Thompson; Paul & Ellen Church—rest home; Larry Keistler—bypass surgery; Mary Squires—cancer
- ◆ September 11: Wallace (Everett's Brother-in-law)—cancer; Unspoken; Deborah Goodpastor—cancer; Junior Anderson—cancer; Nancy Brown—cancer; Darien Law—cancer; Ben Phelps—lung cancer surgery this week;
- ◆ September 18: Tragedy at air show in Reno; Kathy—Breast Cancer; Bobby Joe Gambill—Mayo Clinic appointment;

HOMEBOUND – NURSING HOMES

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

Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
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Dobson
Woodland Terrace, Cary NC
Homebound
Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence
Dobson
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Lexington, NC
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