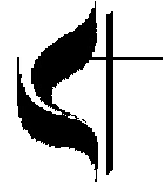


Sparta United Methodist Church

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SPARTA United Methodist Church

CHURCH STAFF

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

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist Ed Adams
Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers
Offering Counters January Larry Prince & Martha Thompson
Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson
Ushers January John & Wrenn Kilmartin
Communion Servers January 9:00 Delta Peterson
11:00 Debbie Edwards & Larry Prince

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Liturgist Jim Connor

SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters February Margret Barker & Tom Atwood
Communion Servers February 9:00 am
11:00 am
Ushers February Stephen Ministers

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$3,766	\$198,193	\$195,315

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name
in all the earth!



Psalm 8:1, NRSV

WHAT'S GOING ON?

LOWES FOOD CARDS

Now you can get your cards on Sunday, after service. Just stop by the church office, cards are available immediately, no waiting!

Remember, you spend the entire amount of your card on groceries, and Lowes will donate 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.

SPECIAL OFFERING APPALACHIAN WESLEY FOUNDATION

The Appalachian Wesley Foundation is the largest United Methodist campus ministry in NC and is one of our primary avenues for young adult outreach, discipleship, and leadership development for future lay and clergy members in our congregations. Currently they have 10 alumni in seminary or ministry schools and with hundreds of college students currently involved, many more young adults will respond to God's call into ministry through "App Wesley!"

This ministry, alongside our other conference campus ministries, are reaching out to the largest missing age demographic in our churches, eighteen to mid-twenty year old young adults. We desperately need our campus ministries to have an effective presence on college campuses, especially in a time where over 80% of active church youth group members discontinue their spiritual practices once they arrive on a college campus.

The Appalachian Wesley Foundation is facing a \$15,000.00 shortfall of funding and is having to make up more than \$45,000.00 in cut Western North Carolina Conference support for 2012! Please give mightily to this vital ministry.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

Monday, January 2nd is the day set up to remove the Christmas decorations. Please join us at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Thank you for your participation!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Week of January 1 — January 7, 2012

Sunday	9:00 am	Communion Sunday Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Communion Sunday Service
Monday	9:30 am	Remove Christmas Decorations
	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

The Week of January 8 — January 14, 2012

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 Noon	Mission Meal
Monday	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	5:00 pm	Preschool Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Strickland—January 2
Paul Blizzard—January 5
Michael Green—January 5
Jack Martin—January 5
Kenneth Setzer—January 6
Hazel Ballard—January 7
Jane Calhoun—January 7

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—12 yrs. 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

Thankful for families together

Thanksgiving to those that pay off lay away debts for children

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the Horton family
To the Boyer family
To the Latham family
To the Combs 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; Ellen Church-health; Martha Thompson's sister, Carolyn; Karan Durham-cancer, Jane Farr-health; Jim Trollinger—brain tumor; Julie Mash—cancer; Terry Marsh, Beverly Pruitt's brother—lung cancer
- ◆ December 4: Janet Lamb, cancer; Loretta Lyall, cancer; Luke Hampton; Edward Crouse, facial surgery; Nancy, Kathy Francis
- ◆ December 11: Dan Buckle—knee surgery; Margie Mitchell—hospital; Grady Wishon—cancer; Peter Jacob II—newborn in ICU
- ◆ December 18: Jean Freeman—heart problems; Luke Hampton; Betty Peake—hospital; Kathy Olevsky—cancer
- ◆ December 25: Boyer Family; Anna Lee Combs; Jean Green; Ed Crouse; Arnold & Mary Wagoner; Katy Finney; Bud Marion; Ellen & Paul Church; Zane Fisher; Mary Squires; Margie Mitchell; Travis Mercies; Unspoken; Unspoken; Bessie Smith

HOMEBOUND – NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycok	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Lewis Bobbitt	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Judy Church	Black Mountain, NC
Boyd Farmer	Woodland Terrace, Cary NC
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
Paul & Ellen Church	Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence