

## Sparta United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Bob Miller  
Administrative Assistant Karen Bopp  
Director of Music Brenda Barnes  
Nursery Sarah Bourne, Chance Wyatt

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist Jim Connor  
Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers  
Offering Counters January Larry Prince & Martha Thompson  
Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson  
Ushers January John & Wrenn Kilmartin

### SERVING NEXT WEEK

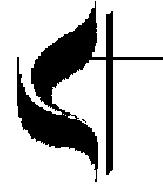
Liturgist Debbie Edwards

### SERVING NEXT MONTH

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

### CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

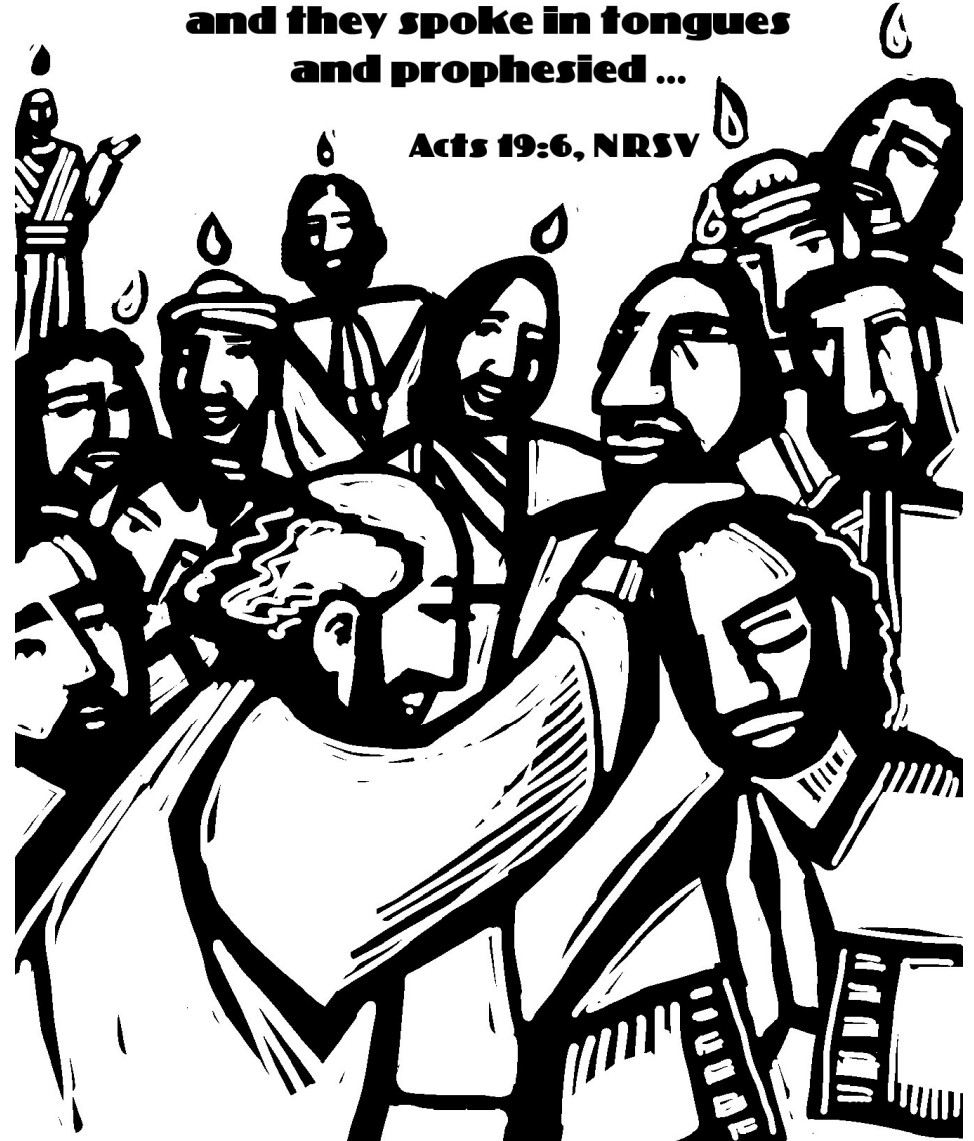
Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,820	7,117	3,820	7,117



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**When Paul had laid his hands on them,  
the Holy Spirit came upon them,  
and they spoke in tongues  
and prophesied ...**

**Acts 19:6, NRSV**





## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### 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.

### SUNDAY SANCTUARY FLOWER DATES NOW AVAILABLE

2012 Flower Calendar has arrived.

Please sign up to remember or honor your loved ones on the calendar located across from the Church office.

### NEED NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are needed for the upcoming Newsletter. Please submit articles of interest, ministry news, suggested reading material/books, and other notes of interest, by January 15.

### DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The North Wilkesboro District Leadership Conference will be held at First UMC, North Wilkesboro on Sunday, January 29, beginning at 2:30 pm and ending at 5:00 pm. All members of the church are invited and encouraged to attend!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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
	6:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	5:00 pm	Preschool Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

### The Week of January 15 — January 21, 2012

Sunday	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service/Commission Stephen Ministers
Monday	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Preschool Parent Information Mtg
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	5:30 pm	Community Education Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Talina and Fletcher Pipes on the birth of their daughter, Madeline! Born 1-4-2012, at 7:51 am. Madeline was 8.5 lbs and 21 inches long. Both mother and baby are healthy.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Annette Evans—January 9  
Libby Squires—January 11  
Ramsey Howard—January 13  
Wes Howard—January 13  
George Latham—January 13  
Meghan Oliver Norris—January 14

## 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

Thank you for God's blessing

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Kathy Francis  
To the family of Robin Wyatt

## 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; Luke Hampton
- ◆ December 11: Dan Buckle—knee surgery; Grady Wishon—cancer; Peter Jacob II—newborn in ICU
- ◆ December 18: Jean Freeman; Betty Peake—hospital; Kathy Olevsky—cancer
- ◆ December 25: Jean Green; Zane Fisher; Mary Squires; Margie Mitchell; Bessie Smith
- ◆ January 1, 2012: Jo Henry; Karol, Jeff and Patrick Boyer; Anna Lee Combs; Jean Freeman; Ed Crouse; Mary and Arnold Wagoner; Bud Marion; Paul and Ellen Church; Katy Finney; Johnny Williams—neck surgery; David Reeves—cancer

## 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