

Sparta United Methodist Church

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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	October Margaret Barker & Tom Atwood
Trustee Light & Lock	Tommy Thompson
Ushers	October Everett & Rose Duke
Communion	October 9:00 am—Becky Neff 11:00 am—Max and Frances Cox

SERVING NEXT WEEK

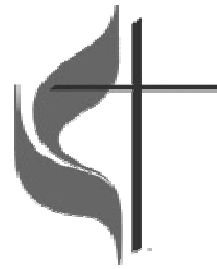
Liturgist	Kathy Mock
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SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters	November	Martha Allred & Theresa March
Communion Servers	November	Becky Neff 9:00 am Kathy Mock 11:00 am
Ushers	November	Duane & Pratt Davis

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	3,251	150,913	146,078



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**Give therefore ... to God
the things that are God's.**

Matthew 22:21, NRSV



WHAT'S GOING ON?

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you did not order any photos when our directory photos were taken, please check on the table outside the church office to pick up your free photos.

After much delay, directory is close to completion. Watch the bulletins for further updates.

LOWES FOOD CARDS MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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 October 16 — October 22, 2011

Sunday	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:30 pm	Charge Conference
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Sunshine Circle
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

The Week of October 23 — October 29, 2011

Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Con't. Ed
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Connor—October 18
Richard Fox—October 19
H.G. Royall—October 20
L. Roe Boyer—October 21
Ellen Church—October 21
Cynthia McKenna—October 21
Mattie Wyatt—October 21
Scott Moncrief—October 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wayne and Sandy Lovett—October 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

Thanks for the Myers 40th anniversary and family
Thanks to our Sparta United Methodist Church fellowship

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Gray Sloop—death of Gray's mother
To the family of Fuzzy McKnight—death of nephew
To the family of Edna Boyer

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 25: Arnold Wagoner; Joanne Harkey—stroke; Dustene McKenna—procedure; Jim Andre—cancer
- ◆ October 2: Dr. Jack Ashley—Tests; Lori Cox—new job; Pam Hoppers—lymphoma; Patrick Dillon—health issues; Donny Story—Cancer
- ◆ October 9: Anna Combs—Pneumonia; Unspoken; Scott Walker—away at school; Ioda Edwards—health concerns; Michael Williamson, Pam Souther's brother—Baptist hospital

HOMEBOUND – NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycock	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Lewis Bobbitt	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Judy Church	Dobson
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
Virginia Setzer	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Betty Turner	Blue Ridge Highlands—Galax
Paul & Ellen Church	Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence