



## 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	Ed Adams
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	Jim Connor
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### SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters	November	Martha Allred & Theresa March
Communion Servers	November	9:00 am 11:00 am
Ushers	November	Everett & Rose Dukes

### CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	2,548	146,973	140,021

*The  
kingdom  
of God  
will be ... given  
to a people  
that produces  
the fruits  
of the kingdom.*

Matthew 21:43, 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                      2 October 2011                      11:00 am

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

PRELUDE (9 am)    Jay Galbraith  
(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: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

***P: Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.***

L: There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

***P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*** *Psalm 19 1:4*

\*HYMN No. 298                      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*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 21: 33-46

SERMON    "Accepting the Gift"    Rev. Bob Miller

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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\*HYMN No. 368    "My Hope Is Built"

### 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)    Jay Galbraith  
(11 am)    Cheri Galbraith

*\*Standing as you are able.*

## 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 Don & Pat Freitag in memory of our  
son Mitch & Grandson Joseph

### 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?

### **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.

### **CHARGE CONFERENCE REMINDER**

Don't forget our combined Charge Conference date is October 16, 2011 at 4:30pm, in our sanctuary. The following churches will be attending:

- ◆ Cox Chapel
- ◆ Mount Zion (Alleghany)
- ◆ Piney Creek
- ◆ Shiloh
- ◆ Sparta

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **The Week of October 2 — October 8, 2011**

Sunday	9:00 am	Communion Sunday Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Communion Sunday Worship
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	5:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	4:00 pm	DANA/ FH

### **The Week of October 9 — October 15, 2011**

Sunday	12:00 noon	Mission Meal
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Class
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Con't Ed.
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Pre-School Committee Mtg.
	7:00 pm	UMW

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Duane Davis—October 2; Jean Freeman—October 2  
Matthew Nester— October 2; Jo Burch—October 4  
Camille Green— October 4; Allen Reinhardt—October 4  
Lucy Roe—October 6; Michael Dehart—October 8

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Greg & Wayna Wyatt

## 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.
- ◆ 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

For the success of the Heritage Festival  
and Community Impact Day

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Don Young  
To the family of Arlene Heffley

## 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 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: Kathy—Breast Cancer; Bobby Joe Gambill—Mayo Clinic appointment;
- ◆ September 25: Marion Adams; Arnold Wagoner; Joanne Harkey—stroke; Dustene McKenna—procedure; Jim Andre—cancer

## 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