

Sparta United Methodist Church

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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 Debbie Edwards
 Children's Church Martha Thompson & Helpers
 Offering Counters November Martha Allred & Theresa March
 Trustee Light & Lock Tommy Thompson
 Ushers November Duane & Pratt Davis

SERVING NEXT WEEK

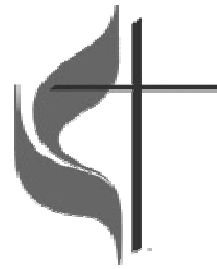
Liturgist Kathy Mock

SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters December Mary Setzer & Martha Thompson
 Communion Servers December 9:00 am
 11:00 am Max & Frances Cox
 Ushers December Ken & Pat Nicks

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$3,943	\$174,553	\$169,552



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I
will
seek
the
lost,
and I will
bring
back the
strayed ...



Ezekiel 34:16, 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 20 November 2011 11:00 am

Last Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE (9 am) Jay Galbraith
(11 am) Cheri Turner

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

***P: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!***

L: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

***P: We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture. Psalm 100:1-3***

*HYMN No. 61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*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 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

SERMON "Perfect Moments" Rev. Bob Miller

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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*HYMN No. 73 "O Worship the King"

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 Turner

**Standing as you are able.*

CHANNEL 98 & CHANNEL 21

Sunday—11:00 am
Monday and Friday—3:00 pm
Tuesday—8:00 pm

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary were provided
by, Jeff & Reba Cox, in honor of
Evan's birthday

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?

BUCKAROO'S GRILLE "GIVES BACK"

In an effort to "Give Back" to the community during this season, Buckaroo's Grille (located at 9531 NC Hwy 93, Piney Creek) will donate 10% of sales (before taxes) to Christ Church when a member of our church dines there.

All you have to do is give the restaurant personnel your name, the name of your church and sign your name by the amount consumed during the visit. At the end of the month, Buckaroo's Grille will send Sparta UMC a check for 10% of the purchases from all church members who participated. The program is in effect from now through December 31, 2011.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Community Thanksgiving Service, on Tuesday November 22, at Christ Episcopal Church, 7:00 pm. Please bring a canned food item to service. Offering will go to the Alleghany Relief Fund.

ADOPT A CHRISTMAS CHILD

November is upon us which means that our season of Thanksgiving, Advent and then Christmas will soon be here. As you know, our church has taken a very strong and active roll in supporting this project for some time now.

We have begun accepting your offerings to help make Christmas a truly miraculous experience for many children in our community. We still have children with wish lists available. Please contact Martha Thompson after the Sunday Service, so you can do your own personal shopping which always proves to be a blessing for you.

In addition, there will be a need for money so that some of us can go shop for individuals who have not been sponsored. This is truly a wonderful opportunity to bring joy into a child's life. Thank you so much and may God richly bless you. We also encourage any offerings from UMM, UMW, Sunday school classes etc. and we thank the Missions Committee for their generous support.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Bob

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Week of November 20 — November 25, 2011

Sunday	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	All Day	Operation Christmas Child (con't)
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Service at the Christ Episcopal Church, Sparta
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

The Week of November 27 — December 3, 2011

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship/1st Sunday of Advent
	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	All Day	Red Cross Blood Drive
	1:00 pm	Women's Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Graduation
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Hospice Candlelight Devotion
	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
	5:00 pm	Preschool Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Advent Service
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maria Wilborn—November 15
Evan Cox—November 20
Linda Dehart—November 20
John Goudreau—November 20
David Lambert—November 23
Beverly Pruitt—November 23

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

For Family and Friends during this Thanksgiving season

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Frank Atwood
To the family of Joy Braswell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Scott, Nikki and Maria Wilborn, to our church fellowship through profession of faith and baptism at the 11:00 am service. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

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; Jim Trollinger—brain tumor; Julie Mash—cancer; Walt and Jean Green; Terry Marsh, Beverly Pruitt's brother—lung cancer
- ◆ October 30: Jean Freeman—broken wrists;
- ◆ November 6: Betty Lanning—cancer surgery; Bud Marion; Tonya Joyce; Emily, George Latham's sister—health; Kenneth Billings—cancer; Tara Walker Mother's caregiver—cancer; Sid Miller
- ◆ November 13: Sharon's sister, Lois; unspoken

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SUMC will start to accept completed Christmas boxes on November 14th thru November 21. Thanks to all who are participating in this wonderful children's ministry.

Volunteers are needed for Saturday December 3, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and December 6, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm to help process boxes in the Boone Processing Center.

Volunteers are also needed at SUMC on Tuesday, November 15 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Sunday, November 20, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm to help accepting boxes. If interested, please contact Dan Abernathy at 200-2285.

HOMEBOUND – NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycock	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
Betty Turner	Blue Ridge Highlands—Galax
Paul & Ellen Church	Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence