



Sparta United Methodist Church

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs (8 am-3:30 pm)

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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	Kathy Mock	
Children's Church	Martha Thompson & Helpers	
Offering Counters	December	Mary Setzer & Martha Thompson
Trustee Light & Lock	Tommy Thompson	
Ushers	December	Ken & Pat Nicks

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Liturgist	Ed Adams	
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SERVING NEXT MONTH

Offering Counters	January	Martha Thompson & Larry Prince
Communion Servers	January	9:00 am Delta Peterson
	11:00 am	Debbie Edwards & Larry Prince
Ushers	January	John & Wrenn Kilmartin

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS TO SUPPORT CHURCH BUDGET

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$3,940	\$3,235	\$194,253	\$191,549



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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 25 December 2011 11:00 am

Christmas Day

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: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

***P: The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of
the nations.***

L: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

***P: All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.***

*HYMN No. 238 "Angles We Have Heard on High"

*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 John 1:1-18

SERMON "With Trembling Hands" Rev. Bob Miller

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 246 "Joy to the World"

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

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 MAKES GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

Now is the time to purchase Lowes Food Cards for yourself and as gifts. We are currently offering \$10.00 gift cards for that special person. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Micah Miller—December 25
Rob Baughan—December 25
Conor McKenna—December 26
Burton Edwards - December 27
Faye Lemmond—December 27
Martha Allred—December 29
Gary Smith—December 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Duane & Pratt Davis—December 25
Brent & Carmen Long—December 27
Fred & Betsy S. Bailey—December 28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Week of December 25 — December 31, 2011

Sunday	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Christmas Day Service
Monday	All Day	Office Closed
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Fellowship Supper

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	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Weight Watchers
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice

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

Evan Isner—home

Money raised for Luke Hampton

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Rev. Russell Mabe

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; Terry Marsh, Beverly Pruitt's brother—lung cancer
- ◆ November 13: Sharon's sister, Lois; unspoken
- ◆ November 20: Audrey Stewart; Steve Thompson; Tornado Victims; Billy; George Latham's sister, Shirley—surgery; Georgia Cox—surgery; Stan Smith—heart attack and surgery;
- ◆ November 27: Kenneth Brinegar—surgery; Bessie Smith—hospital and stints; Judy Smith - fall, broken ankle; Max and Sherrill King and son; Joe Allen Delp; Mary Squires—liver cancer; Bud Marion; Zane Fisher
- ◆ December 4: Jean Freeman; Janet Lamb, cancer; Loretta Lyall, cancer; Luke Hampton; Edward Crouse, facial surgery; Nancy, Kathy Francis
- ◆ December 11: L. Roe Boyer—Hospice in Dobson; Anna Lee Combs—ICU; Luke Hampton; Jeanne Green & Mick; Ed Crouse; Dan Buckle—knee surgery; Margie Mitchell—hospital; Grady Wishon—cancer; Peter Jacob II—newborn in ICU
- ◆ December 18: Boyer family; Jean Freeman—heart problems; Luke Hampton; Betty Peake—hospital; Accident victim; for safe travels during the holidays; Kathy Olevsky—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