

Sparta United Methodist Church

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

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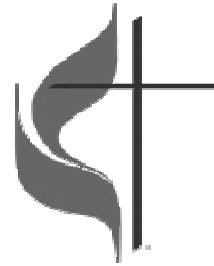
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SPARTA United Methodist Church

Church Staff

Pastor
Youth Director
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Accompanists at 9:00 am
Nursery

Rev. Bob Miller
Casey McKenna
Charlotte Gascho
Cheri and Jay Galbraith
Charles Rudy, Mintie Saintsing
Sarah Leys, Chance Wyatt

LITURGIST Allen Reinhardt
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Martha Thompson & Helpers
OFFERING COUNTERS December Mary Setzer—Martha Thompson
TRUSTEE LIGHT & LOCK Tommy Thompson
USHERS & GREETERS December 9 am
December 11 am Maxwell and Frances Cox

Serving Next Week

LITURGIST Ed Adams

Serving Next Month

OFFERING COUNTERS January Walt Green—Larry Prince
COMMUNION SERVERS January 9 am Sandy Lovett
January 11 am
USHERS & GREETERS January 9 am
January 11 am

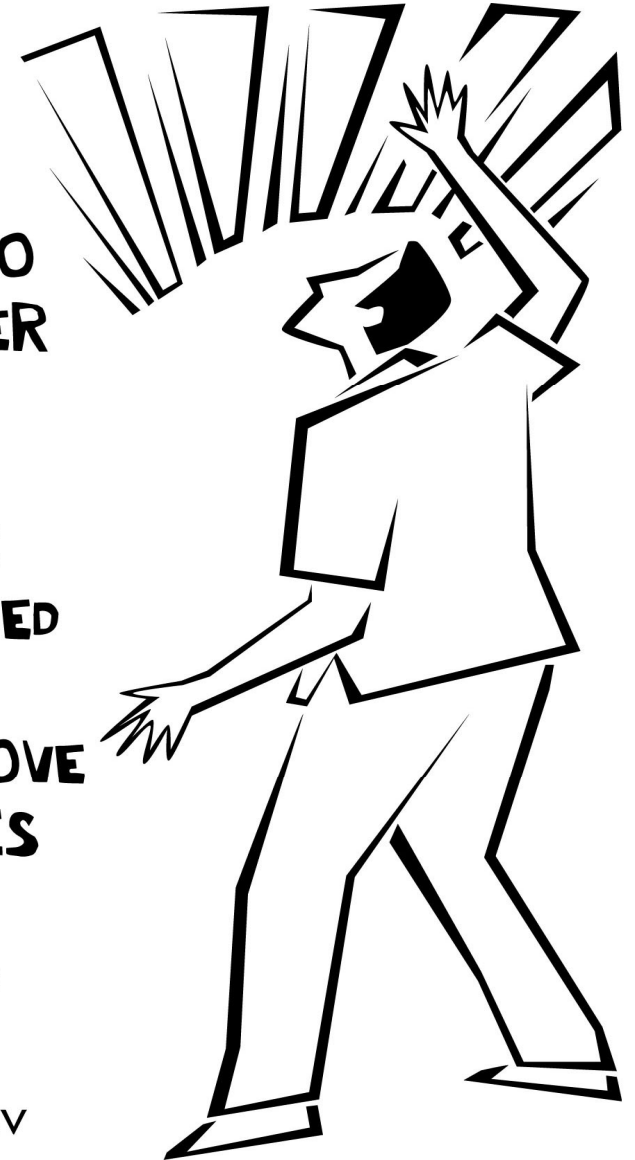


Congregational Needs to support our Church Budget

Weekly Needs	Last week's Offering	YTD Needs	YTD Offering
\$4,125	\$10,011	\$186,900	\$172,200

IT WAS NO
MESSENGER
OR ANGEL
BUT HIS
PRESENCE
THAT SAVED
THEM;
IN HIS LOVE
AND IN HIS
PITY HE
REDEEMED
THEM ...

Isaiah 63:9, NRSV



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.

The Order of Worship

9:00 am 26 DECEMBER 2010 11:00 am

First Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE Marion Adams

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: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the
Lord, in the heights!

**P: Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his
hosts!**

L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

**P: Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above
the heavens!**

Psalm 148:1-4

*HYMN No. 246 "Joy to the World"

*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 Marion Adams

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 63:7-9

SERMON "Don't Forget to Remember" Rev. Bob Miller

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*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 Marion Adams

***Standing as you are able.*

Please remain in the pews until acolytes have left the sanctuary.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today were
provided by Linda Isner in memory of her husband,
Bob; and her children, Bobby, Chuck, and Faith.



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!

Looking back on the months gone by,
As a new year starts and an old one ends,
We contemplate what brought us joy,
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.
Recalling all the happy times.

~By Joanna Fuchs~

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 arrange the use of the CHURCH BUS for church activities and to check out the bus key on the date.
- ⇒ 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). You must complete a reservation form, make arrangements for deposit and room fees, building and safe sanctuary policies and a key (person making reservation is responsible for building cleanup and lockup). Direct questions to Tommy Thompson, Trustees.
- ⇒ 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 2010 FLOWER CALENDAR on the wall across from the church office and complete a SANCTUARY FLOWER form and turn into the office.
- ⇒ Please notify an usher if you need a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL.
- ⇒ Sunday services may be viewed on CHANNEL 50/Skybest Channel 21 at the following times: Sunday - 11 am, Monday - 3:00 pm, Thursday - 10:00 am, Friday - 3:00 pm. DVD copies can be arranged in the Church Office.
- ⇒ CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available for children ages 4 yrs.-3rd grade at 11 am. Children go to the classroom following the Children's Sermon.
- ⇒ Please TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR SILENCE RINGERS in gatherings! Be reverent, respectful, and do not disturb others. Take calls outside the sanctuary during worship or outside the room during meetings. Thanks!



Changes to Church Telephone/Address List

It has been noted that there are changes that need to be made in the new roster. If you have picked a roster up, please look through it, check your address/phone number, and those of your friends. If you note any changes to be made, please let the office know. We will make corrections and reprint after the first of the year.

Prayer Concerns ~ Please let the office know of any updates.

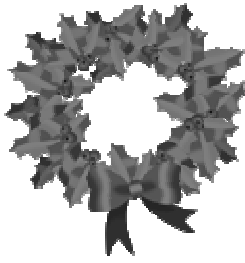
- Ongoing: Peace in the world; our pastor and our ministries; our Stephen Ministry leaders; Our country & leaders; Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; Homeless; Oil Spill impact; Peggie King; Shirley Howell-cancer; Holmes Wilson; Sue Hampton-chemo/cancer; Ed Brady; John Boyer; Reiner; Cindy Blackburn-cancer; John Kilmartin's sister, Kathy-chemo; Ellen Church-health; Martha Thompson's sister, Carolyn; Karan Durham-cancer, Terry Marsh-cancer; Bobby Dean Caudill-cancer; Barsha Nichols-health/chemo; Katy Finney-health/chemo; Walt Green-health; Jane Farr-health; L Roe Boyer-health;
- November 21: Jeremiah Hampton deployed to Afghanistan; Mark Edwards-cancer; Terry Jackson-health.
- November 28: George and Ida Maude Collins' son-in-law-cancer; soldiers in harms way; safe travels; Arnold Wagoner-blood clots-surgery.
- December 12: Arnold Wagoner-health; Leland Simons-recovering from shoulder surgery; Camille Green-health; Lisa Hawkins (Tom & Rosalee Atwood's daughter-health.
- December 19: Bill Peters-mass in lung; a friend's mother; Gabriel Billings-kidney disease; Danny Boyer-health; Sandy Brooks-leukemia; Mintie Saintsing-healing for lungs; Charles Scott-recovering from surgery; Valerie-bipolar/depression.



To the family of Clyde Adams; to the Richard Henderson family in Charlotte; and to the family of the child who died.

Those HOMEBOUND or in NURSING HOMES

Jack Aycock	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Lewis Bobbitt	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
Judy Church	Dobson
Boyd Farmer	Woodland Terrace, Cary NC
Arlene Heffley	Homebound
Thelma Jordan	Grayson Nursing/Rehab-Independence
Lou Landreth	Sunbridge Retirement-Sparta
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
Josie Wilson	Sunbridge Retirement -Sparta



~Staff Love Offering~

Our Staff Parish Committee will be accepting a love offering for Christmas gifts for our pastor and staff until January 2nd. Please indicate your designated gift in the memo section of your check or offering envelope.

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the birthday cards, Christmas cards, emails, and phone calls Boyd and I have received. I read to him and tell him about each one and our special relationship with you. Most important, thank you for your prayers and your friendship. These sustain us as we face each new day. I pray for God's guidance and blessing on Sparta UMC as you continue your many ministries in the community. May you have a Blessed and Wonderful New Year.



Our Love,
Doris and Boyd Farmer



Jean Freeman will be staying with her son and daughter-in-law for a couple of months. She can be contacted at:

1519 Dogwood Drive
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
667-7335 or 657-1737 (cell)

Happy Birthday this week!

Burton Edwards—December 27
Faye Lemmond—December 27
Martha Allred—December 29
Gary Smith—December 30



The January/February Upper Room devotional magazine is available in the Narthex. Enjoy time with God each day!

Calendar of Events

The week of December 26, 2010—January 1, 2011

Sunday	8:30 am	Prayer in the Sanctuary
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:30 pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
Thursday	1:30 pm	Alleghany Education Foundation (FH)



The week of January 2—January 8, 2011

Monday	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	UMW Meeting