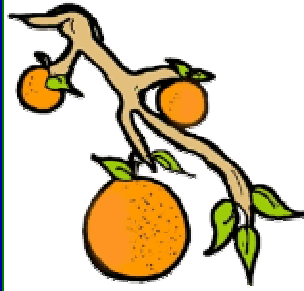


THE ORANGE BRANCH

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Children's Director

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Music Director

MAX VINCENT,
Pastor



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 21st from 2:00pm to 7:00pm at Orange!



Orange United Methodist Church established 1848

Pastor: Rev. Max Vincent

Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9AM—2PM

Sunday School: 10AM—10:45AM

Worship Services: 8:45AM & 11:00AM

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**We
Welcome
You!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MAY GOD BLESS
YOU IN 2008!**

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The Orange Branch - January 2008

Pastor's Corner

In November of 2007 we held a meeting to share dreams and goals for Orange in the years ahead. It started slowly, but as one person began to share an idea for our future, then another, then another; we all began to risk sharing hopes and dreams. Within ourselves we might have thought they were crazy, weird, too extravagant for us to pull off. But, as we shared them with each other, they all seemed possible. Not possible because we thought we could do them ourselves, but possible because we thought God could accomplish them through us.

What are some of these dreams: Prison Ministry, Coat drive for children, mission trips (local, national, international), facilities that are more accessible and enlarge our ability to hold fellowship meals and serve the community, increased sense of stewardship of our financial resources and all of God's creation. By the time we consolidated some ideas, we had over 70 items listed. The only thing that would really make any of them crazy, weird, or impossible, would be our unwillingness to pursue them. Some of them need to be addressed before others. Some are short-term goals, others are long-term plans. At our Church Council meeting on January 9th, we will be looking at this list of ideas and making plans for which ones we will adopt in 2008 and who will be responsible for each one. Anyone is welcome to join us as we try to discern together God's will for us in this New Year.

2007 was a good year for us as a church family. We received 23 members into our church family, 16 on profession of faith. We paid 100% of our apportionments (monies sent to regional and international offices of the United Methodist Church to support ministries). We increased our average worship attendance by 20 people (133 in 2006 to 153 in 2007). We made improvements to our facilities. We increased our giving to missional offerings and now have more people involved in Mother's Cupboard (local food pantry).

I believe God has even better things to work through us in 2008. If we try to do more, achieve more, accomplish more, simply on our own, I don't think we will see much difference. But if we try to let God achieve his work through us, we will be amazed. The key between the two different approaches is how we start. If we start by trying to achieve our goals and hopes, we will have to rely on our strength and power. Soon we will become tired, burned-out, and weak. If we are trying to work with God's will, God will give us the power through his Spirit. The difference is the starting point.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once wrote "Everything starts from Prayer." As we begin the new year trying to discern God's will for the people of faith at Orange, let us begin with a prayer: God grant us eyes to see your vision, ears to hear your will, strength to accomplish your purposes, and tongues to speak your words. Amen.

Peace, Max

"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." —Matthew 19:26

Sunday Morning



Sunday Evening

Sermons & Scriptures

Jan 6 See and Be Radiant

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 13 Light to the Nations

Isaiah 42: 1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 20 See the Lamb of God

Isaiah 49: 1-7; John 1:29-42

Jan 27 (Guest Preacher)

Sunday, January 13th Leadership Dedication Service. On this special Sunday, at both 8:45AM and 11:00AM, we will welcome into service, our new 2008 leaders.

Sunday, January 6th Staff Parish Committee Training at Roswell First. All members of Staff Parish are invited to meet at the church at 1:00PM to carpool to Roswell First. Training is from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

Meeting Times

Sunday Worship Times:

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Available During:

Worship and Sunday School

Sunday School Classes:

10:00 a.m.—10:50 a.m.

Children's Music Time:

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Children's Church During:

11am Worship 2nd/4th Sunday

Communion Service:

First Sunday of every month

Pastor's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 a.m.—Simply Southern
(Second Sunday each Month)

Sunday, January 13th Parents of youth ages 6th grade and up who have not joined the church yet are invited to meet with Pastor Max on Sunday January 13th from 5:00—6:00PM in the Church Office Conference Room to discuss plans for Confirmation in 2008. *If you have a child in grades 6-12th who has not been through confirmation, and are you are unable to attend that evening, please let Pastor Max know.*

Sunday, January 13th Orangemen will sing at a (five church) revival in Rome, GA. We will leave Orange at 4:30PM. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact: Dwight Smithwick or call the church office.

Sunday, January 27th Orange UMC Church Council Members will sponsor, plan, cook and serve the Mother's Cupboard Meal at Macedonia UMC. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach project, please contact Ed McDonald, or call the church office.

Youth (Grades 6th—8th and 9th—12th) **Meet every Sunday evening**— 5:00PM-7:00PM. Activities begin with a snack in the church fellowship hall. For more information, visit our NEW Youth page at the church website: www.orangeumc.org.

Human Relations Day

Special Sunday Offering

Offering

Sunday, January 20

Make it a day for all God's children.

Your offering strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

Sign up on Sunday!

Place your Reservations on Sunday to attend the Friday, January 18th Appreciation Dinner (sponsored by the youth ministry) by signing the reservation form in the church vestibule on Sunday.

The 2-4-2 Program will resume in January! On Sunday morning look for the 2-4-2 forms located in the back of each pew to place your reservations!

2008 Leadership Bulletins are available on Sunday in the in the Church Vestibule.

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APPRECIATION DINNER

So many great things have happened in the past year. All the wonderful things that happened in youth ministry would not have been possible without the help of all the church. Everyone involved in the church has aided the youth ministry of Orange in some way this past year. Whether you prayed endlessly for the youth, sold pumpkins, or made dinner on a Sunday night, the youth would like to show their appreciation. On Friday night, January 18, we would like to serve you dinner. Reservation is required, so let us know if you accept our invitation. We will have a sign up sheet in the vestibule. Of course you need to bring nothing but an appetite. All the members of Orange have displayed to the youth what it means to be a servant, so now its time for you to be served!



Tom and Sharon Schwab have worked with the youth group at Orange for almost two years now. They have decided that it would be best at this time to step away from that commitment. The youth as well as the other youth leaders want to express our deepest thanks. Their devotion to the youth program has been a major part of the success we have had and will continue to have. They have done a fantastic job at teaching how to be salt and light to the world (Matt 5:13-16).

Thank you...continued....

Their service to God's kingdom is something to be admired and commended. Their willingness to serve has positively impacted the lives of many youth. Galatians 5:13 explains that we are called to serve one another in love. Tom and Sharon have done just that. They have given of their time and energy in love to the youth of our church.

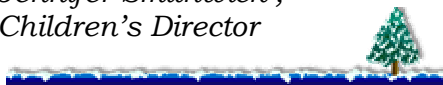
In 2008, Craig and Joanna Leifeld will continue the great work that they have been doing with the Jr. High program, while Jonathan Lathem and Shelley Manning will take over for the Schwabs. Jon and Shelley are both excited about the opportunity to work with the Sr. High program. They are both wonderful examples to the youth and, no doubt, will do a fantastic job.

*Thank you! Graham Arp,
Youth Director*

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I would like to say a special Thank You for everyone's hard work and dedication during the Children's Christmas Program and Breakfast with Santa. Both events were great and it could not have been possible without the help and support from the children, parents, and the congregation. I am so blessed to be able to work with all the children and their families. I receive such a blessing from everyone that has a part in the Children's Ministry. *Thank You so much*

*Jennifer Smithwick,  
Children's Director*



### United Methodist Women

(The Orchard Circle) All ladies are invited to meet with the UMW on the first Monday of each month. (This month, January 7th) at 7:00pm. We usually meet in the church fellowship hall, but, occasionally we meet at the home of one of the women. Jamie Hogue is our newly elected UMW President! We are looking forward to a great year ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office for more information.

### United Methodist Men (UMM)

will meet Monday, January 21, 7:00 PM at the Corner Café. The Reverend John Moeller, Executive Director of MUST Ministries will be our guest speaker for the evening. Rev. Moeller will speak about all the ministries which MUST provides throughout the Metro area, as well as plans for future growth in Cherokee County. Bob Koenig is our newly elected UMM President! We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

### 2:42 Program!

This winter and spring we will be studying the Lord's Prayer during our monthly Wednesday Night fellowship times, as we continue to follow the example of the early church by devoting ourselves to "the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer" (Acts 2:42). Come enjoy a good meal, study and fellowship with us on January 23rd. The meal begins at 6:00pm and the Program at 6:45pm. Look for reservation forms in the back of your pew on Sunday morning.

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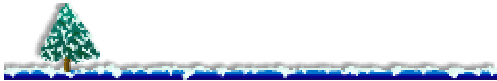


### Leadership Training and Church Council Meeting:

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Staff Parish Committee Training at Roswell First. All members of Staff Parish are invited to meet at the church at 1PM to carpool to Roswell First. Training is from 2:00-4:00PM.

Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Church Council, 7:30 PM. **Everyone is invited to attend** as we look at and adopt goals for 2008.

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Finance Committee Training at Creekside UMC in Forsyth County, 7-9 PM. All members are invited to attend a training for members of the local church Finance Committee.



### Orange UMC to Host Third Annual Blood Drive—

*Give blood and save a life!* On Monday, January 21st from 2:00pm to 7:00pm Orange will host its third annual blood drive in the church fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet and more information will be available in the church vestibule. We are hoping to have a great turnout and meet or exceed our goal this year! *If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darrell Mitchell at: 770-479-8286*



### ATTENDANCE / OFFERINGS~NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Monthly offering needed to meet 2007 budget - \$19,898 \*

#### 2007 NOVEMBER TOTALS

|         |                         |             |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 08:45AM | Attendance              | 115         |
| 10:00AM | Attendance              | 314         |
| 11:00AM | Attendance              | 490         |
|         | Attended Special Events | —           |
|         | Total Monthly Offering  | \$23,979.12 |

#### 2007 DECEMBER TOTALS

|         |                        |             |
|---------|------------------------|-------------|
| 08:45AM | Attendance             | 145         |
| 10:00AM | Attendance             | 455         |
| 11:00AM | Attendance             | 715         |
|         | Attended Special Event | 481         |
|         | Total Monthly Offering | \$23,121.82 |

**\* Copies of the 2008 Church Budget** may be obtained from the church Finance Committee.

|           |           |        |
|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Dayoub    | Caroline  | 1-Jan  |
| Smithwick | Joyce     | 1-Jan  |
| White     | Meree     | 2-Jan  |
| Lathem    | Leila     | 3-Jan  |
| Sedlar    | Stephanie | 4-Jan  |
| Koenig    | Bob       | 5-Jan  |
| Lathem    | Jon       | 5-Jan  |
| Manley    | Katy      | 5-Jan  |
| Schwab    | Katie     | 5-Jan  |
| Kinser    | Lacey     | 7-Jan  |
| Smithwick | Dwight    | 7-Jan  |
| Shelton   | Madella   | 10-Jan |
| Lipham    | Patrick   | 10-Jan |
| White     | Smith     | 11-Jan |
| Hicks     | Marlon    | 12-Jan |
| West      | Linda     | 13-Jan |
| Marchetta | Annie     | 14-Jan |
| Armour    | Bobby     | 15-Jan |
| Lummas    | Norma     | 15-Jan |
| Waldrop   | Haley     | 18-Jan |
| Wallace   | Victoria  | 18-Jan |
| Corn      | Louise    | 19-Jan |
| Jeffreys  | Ashley    | 19-Jan |
| Jeffreys  | Lauren    | 19-Jan |
| Hutchison | Dan       | 21-Jan |
| Turner    | Terry     | 21-Jan |
| White     | Michelle  | 21-Jan |
| Orr       | Charles   | 22-Jan |
| Shelley   | Leslie    | 23-Jan |
| Walton    | Amy       | 23-Jan |
| Vincent   | Max       | 24-Jan |
| Leaders   | Laura     | 24-Jan |
| Russell   | Robert    | 25-Jan |
| Rogers    | Hoyt      | 30-Jan |

If your birthday is not on this list and you would like it to be, please contact the church office. 770.886.9662

#### Upcoming Events:

- Homeless Offering February 24
- Spiritual Life Retreat Mar 14-16

# JANUARY 2008

God Bless you in this New Year!

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sun                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                                            | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fri                     | Sat      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>BS = Boy Scouts</b><br/> <b>CS = Cub Scout</b><br/> <b>GS = Girl Scout</b><br/> <b>BT = Brownie Troop</b></p> <p>Last cal. update: 12/31/07</p>                               |                                                                                 | <p>1 New Year's Day<br/>           School Holiday<br/>           No Choir Practice<br/> <b>BS 7-9pm FH</b></p>                    | <p>2 School Holiday<br/> <b>SPPRC—7pm CO</b></p>                                                               | <p>3 School Holiday</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>4 School Holiday</p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>6 Epiphany Sunday<br/>           Communion<br/>           Worship:8:45 &amp; 11ams<br/>           Sunday School 10am<br/> <u>SPPRC Training 1-4pm (Roswell UMC)</u><br/>           Prep FH 4:30pm Youth 5-7pmFH<br/> <u>CSD5-Scott 4-5pmSS1</u></p>                                                                                             | <p>7 Student Holiday<br/>           UMW—7pm FH<br/> <u>CS-D8-Lipscomb 6pm-7:30pm SS1</u></p>                                                                                        | <p>8 MOW 8am-2pm FH<br/>           Choir 7-8pm S/MR<br/> <b>BS 7-9pm FH</b></p> | <p>9 Church Council —<br/> <u>7:30pm FH</u></p>                                                                                   | <p>10 Finance Comm. Training 7-9pm OL<br/>           (Creekside UMC)<br/> <b>BT 2740 Garcia 6-7:15pmFH</b></p> | <p>11</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>12</p>               |          |
| <p>13 Baptism of the Lord<br/>           Prayer Breakfast 7am Simply So.<br/>           Worship:8:45 &amp; 11ams<br/>           Sunday School 10am<br/> <u>CS—Hughes 2:30-5pm CP/SS1</u><br/>           Confirmation Planning 5pm(CO)<br/>           Prep FH 4:30pm Youth 5-7pmFH<br/> <u>CS-PM 5-6pm S/CP</u><br/> <u>CS-DLM 6-7pm CP/SS1</u></p> | <p>14 GS-BT-Upchurch<br/> <u>4-5:30pm FH</u><br/>           GS2743 McPherson<br/> <u>6:00-7:45pm FH</u></p>                                                                         | <p>15 Choir 7-8pm S/MR<br/> <b>BS 7-9pm FH</b></p>                              | <p>16</p>                                                                                                                         | <p>17 Fellowship Hall Res'd all day by youth to decorate for Apprec. Dinner</p>                                | <p>18 <b>Church Appreciation Dinner FH</b> (Time TBA—Reservation Required.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>19</p>               |          |
| <p>20 2nd Sun after Epiphany<br/>           Human Relations Day Offering<br/>           Worship:8:45 &amp; 11ams<br/>           Sunday School 10am<br/>           Prep FH 4:30pm Youth 5-7pmFH</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p>21 School Holiday<br/>           M. Luther King's b-day<br/> <u>CS-D8-Lipscomb 6pm-7:30pm SS1</u><br/> <u>Blood Drive 2-7pmFH</u><br/>           UMM—7pm OL - (Corner Cafe')</p> | <p>22 Choir 7-8pm S/MR<br/> <b>BS 7-9pm FH</b></p>                              | <p>23 <b>2-4-2!</b> (Supper &amp; Pro-gram) FH prep 2-6pm<br/>           Meal 6-6:45 / Program 6:45-7:45 CU 7:30 - 10:00pm FH</p> | <p>24 BT 2740 Garcia 6pm-7:15pmFH</p>                                                                          | <p>25</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>26</p>               |          |
| <p>27 3rd Sun after Epiphany<br/>           Worship:8:45 &amp; 11ams<br/>           Sunday School 10am<br/> <u>CSD5-Scott 4-5pmSS1</u><br/>           Prep FH 4:30pm Youth 5-7pmFH<br/> <b>OUWC serving Mother's Cupboard Meal at Macedonia UMC—TTBA</b></p>                                                                                       | <p>28 GS-BT-Upchurch<br/> <u>4-5:30pm FH</u><br/>           GS-2743 McPherson<br/> <u>6:00-7:45pm FH</u></p>                                                                        | <p>29 Choir 7-8pm S/MR<br/> <b>BS 7-9pm FH</b></p>                              | <p>30</p>                                                                                                                         | <p>31 GS Leaders Meeting —<br/> <u>Charis B. 7pmFH</u></p>                                                     | <p><b>CALENDAR KEY FOR MEETING / EVENT LOCATIONS:</b><br/>           S=Sanctuary; FH= Fellowship Hall; SS=Sunday school Rm.; YR = Youth Rm.; MSYR= Middle School Youth Rm. BCO=Basement Church Office; CO=Church Office; MR=Music Rm.; SH=Scout Hut; CP=Church Pavilion CG=Church Grounds; CPL=Church Parking Lot; OL= Outside Location (e.g.: restaurant, home, etc); CU=Clean-up WA=Wooded Area behind church</p> |                         |          |