

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

January 2010

Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:45 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri - 9am-2pm

The Members of Orange UMC are its ministers. The staff who assist them in their work are:

- Graham Arp
Youth Director
- Anne Chandler
Administrative Assistant
- Dee Smithwick
Custodian
- Jennifer Smithwick
Children's Director
- Joy Turner
Music Director
- Max Vincent
Pastor

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February newsletter deadline is
January 15

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“God’s Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action”

In the late Fall of 2009, The Council of Bishops produced a letter to the congregations of the United Methodist Church. Whenever our bishops as a whole speak about something it is worth knowing. Here is a portion of their letter:

A Pastoral Letter from the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church:

God’s creation is in crisis. We, the Bishops of The United Methodist Church, cannot remain silent while God’s people and God’s planet suffer. This beautiful natural world is a loving gift from God, the Creator of all things seen and unseen. God has entrusted its care to all of us, but we have turned our backs on God and on our responsibilities. Our neglect, selfishness, and pride have fostered:

- pandemic poverty and disease;
- environmental degradation, and
- the proliferation of weapons and violence

Despite these interconnected threats to life and hope, God’s creative work continues. Despite the ways we all contribute to these problems, God still invites each one of us to participate in the work of renewal. We must begin the work of renewing creation by being renewed in our own hearts and minds. *We cannot help the world until we change our way of being in it....*

The bishops go on to outline three ways of being better stewards of God’s creation:

First, let us orient our lives toward God’s holy vision.

Second, let us practice social and environmental holiness.

Third, let us live and act in hope.




After outlining nine pledges the Council of Bishops makes to be better stewards themselves, they offer this challenge to each of us:

“We beseech every United Methodist, every congregation, and every public leader: *Will you participate in God’s renewing work? We are filled with hope for what God can accomplish through us, and we pray you respond: “We will, with God’s help!”*”

You can read the full text of the bishops’ letter by going to the website: www.umc.org. As we begin this new year of 2010, let us begin it not just with resolutions about our own health and situation, but let us consider our place within all of God’s creation and resolve to be better stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Peace,

Max

<p>Youth News Graham Arp, Director Email: gram4jesus@yahoo.com Phone: 770-894-1979</p>	
<p>This past year has been a successful one for Orange Youth. I have been blessed to have wonderful volunteers as well as support from parents and from the church. I hope and pray for many great things for Orange Youth in the upcoming year. And, I hope you will continue to pray for the youth of our community and how Orange UMC can reach out to them.</p> <p>On a personal note, I hope that you will pray for</p>	<p>me as I look toward college graduation at the end of 2010. I am praying that God will give me his guidance in how I can best serve in ministry once I have completed college. I have continually learned how God can use me in ministry while at Orange and I seek to continue in ministry in the future. I am very thankful for the support and prayers I have received from the great people at Orange UMC. Thank you.</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>Outreach / Missions Ed McDonald, Outreach Coordinator Email: edmacmo@gmail.com Phone: 770-720-6089</p>	
<p>Advent Offering—Thank you for your advent offering of \$619.37 . This will be sent to support Kim and Damon Bland, the UMVIM volunteer missionaries working in the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>Meals on Wheels— Meals on Wheels will resume on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting January 12. If you want to volunteer or know of someone who might benefit, please contact Liz Lathem at 770-887-4292.</p> <p>Seniors Bingo—Resumes on Wednesday January 27 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Betty Wallace at 770-887-4228 if you would like to help or if you have questions.</p> <p>Mother’s Cupboard—Mother’s Cupboard distributed food boxes to 38 households in December.</p> <p>Flood Response Update: New Needs—The Disaster Response Committee has relocated its flood response center from the United Methodist Center to a</p>	<p>rented warehouse in Austell. The new telephone number is: 770-739-9537. There is also a need for Disaster Response Care Teams, people to listen and offer emotional support to disaster survivors. Stephen Ministers would be particularly appropriate team members. If you are interested in joining a Care Team, contact Phil Schroeder at pschroeder@ngumc.org.</p> <p>Fair Trade Products—We still have items such as coffee, cocoa, tea, and chocolate in the church kitchen.</p> <p>Ministry Spotlight—Contact Ed McDonald if you have some ministry photos you would like to display as a slide show on a large digital photo frame in the narthex during Sunday mornings.</p>
<p>Music News Joy Turner, Music Director Email: joychoirdirector@bellsouth.net Phone: 770-889-1278</p>	
<p>I want to thank everyone who participated in the different Christmas music programs during December. The music was beautiful and the scripture readings were spiritually moving.</p> <p>I look forward to a new year and all the opportunities we will have to serve our Lord.</p> <p>If you love music, this would be a great time to join one of our choirs. The adults practice every Tuesday evening starting at 7 pm in the OUMC Music Room. The children practice every Sunday at 10 am in the Music Room. Everyone is invited!</p>	<p>For information on joining the Orangemen contact Dwight Smithwick.</p> <p>For information on joining Revelation Song contact Susanna Brooks.</p>

Stewardship

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Happy New Year To All!

With the beginning of each new year, there is a recognized tradition of making resolutions for the upcoming year. While these may not fall into the category of resolutions, we know that there are heart-felt thoughts, feelings and desires that we share in common with one another for our work together in service of God. As we enter this new year of 2010, we all do so with thankful hearts for the unfailing love of God and His many blessings to us! We rejoice in the gifts of our families, our church family and our opportunities to serve our Lord in this new year and we anticipate the celebration of this year's "peaks"

and the weathering of this year's "valleys" together with our faith and trust firmly centered in our loving God.

The final report on giving for 2009 is shown below. Thank you for your giving during this very challenging economic year.

After review of the annual budget amounts by category and the actual expenditures in each category for the last three plus years, the Finance Committee developed and presented a budget recommendation for 2010 to the Church Council in November 2009. The budget recommendation from the Finance Committee was approved by the Council in that meet-

The Orange UMC budget for 2010 is \$236,755.00.

We all share the dedication and desire to continue God's work in our community through our church ministries. This year, according to many reports, may prove to be as challenging economically as the last.

Please be in prayer and give as you can throughout the year. We will continue to share a financial status update each month.

May 2010 be a Happy and Blessed New Year for all!

Thanks be to God,

Paula

2009 MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

2009 BUDGET:	\$238,484.00
NEEDED MONTHLY:	19,874.00

January Giving	\$15,384.50	July Giving	\$13,600.06
February Giving	\$16,522.79	August Giving	\$18,096.22
March Giving	\$19,232.00	September Giving	\$12,735.45
April Giving	\$14,314.58	October Giving	\$17,274.25
May Giving	\$20,333.61	November Giving	\$22,863.59
June Giving	\$12,891.88	December Giving	\$15,423.82
TOTAL			\$198,665.75

January Birthdays

Caroline Dayoub	January 1
Meree White	January 2
Leila Lathem	January 3
Bob Koenig	January 5
Jon Lathem	January 5
Katie Schwab	January 5
Lacey Kinser	January 7
Dwight Smithwick	January 7
Madella Shelton	January 10
Beth Eastland	January 11
Smith White	January 11
Marlon Hicks	January 12
Linda West	January 13
Annie Marchetta	January 14
Bobby Armour	January 15
Haley Waldrop	January 18
Victoria Wallace	January 18
Louise Corn	January 19
Ashley Jeffreys	January 19
Terry Turner	January 21
Michelle White	January 21
Charles Orr	January 22
Leslie Shelley	January 23
Amy Walton	January 23
Max Vincent	January 24
Laura Leaders	January 24
McKenzie Carr	January 27
Meredith Coley	January 28
Hoyt Rogers	January 30

God Bless You on Your Special Day!

If your birthday isn't listed and you would like it to be or if there is a correction to the list, please let us know at 770-886-9662.

United Methodist Women

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The next UMW meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Human Relations Day Offering—January 17, 2010

Your generous gifts assists:

- Community Developers Program, related to the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM);
- United Methodist Voluntary Services Program, GBGM; and
- Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society

Community Developers Program - For many, the pantry doors at the Community Enabler Center lead to relief from hunger—a month's supply of food staples so those who cannot make ends meet will not go hungry. Distributing everything from beans to baby formula, Maudine Holloway makes sure her struggling neighbors have a meal, a change of clothes, assistance paying a utility bill, medicine and a safe place for children to come after school. During these tough economic times, she has had to scramble for extra funds to keep the lights on and her small staff paid.

Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program—Redemption Church: Freedom from Bondage for Young Non-violent Offenders in Oklahoma is an example of how Human Relations Day supports Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Penn Avenue Redemption Church, Oklahoma City, and St. Luke Redemption Church, Tulsa, cooperate in criminal justice and mercy ministries to deepen advocacy, victim/offender reconciliation and reunification of families. Active member Debbie said, "This is an opportunity for me, as well as other inmates, to interact with society again."

Because of your offering, caring ministries continue—providing childcare, after-school tutoring, gang intervention, work with at-risk teens, outreach with current and former prison inmates, homeless services, emergency aid, jobs training and more.

Sundays in January

January 3—Epiphany Sunday / Guest Preacher John Wolfe

January 10—First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of Jesus - Sermon: "Children of God" - Scripture: Luke 3:15-22

January 17—Second Sunday after Epiphany - Sermon: "Lord Teach Us to Pray" - Scripture: Luke 11:1-4

January 24—Third Sunday after Epiphany - Sermon: "Our Father" - Scripture: John 16:23-28

January 31—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sermon: "Hallowed Name" - Scripture: Revelation 4:5-11

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CALENDAR KEY: S=Sanctuary; FH= Fellowship Hall;
 SS=Sunday school Rm.; YR= 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 ; WA=Wooded Area;
 LLCO= Lower Level of Church Office; BS=Boy Scouts;
 GS=Girl Scouts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office Closed	2
3 Epiphany Sunday / Guest Preacher Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7on(FH) BS-4-5pm(SS)	4 BOT-7 pm(CO)	5 Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) SPR Training -7pm (District Office) BS-7-9pm(FH)	6	7	8	9
10 1st Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7m(FH) BS-5-6 pm(SS)	11 MOW-Reserved all day	12 MOW-8-2pm(FH) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm(FH)	13	14 BS-6-7:30pm Finance-7:30 pm(CO)	15 GS-4-5:15pm (FH)	16
17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Human Relations Day Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7m(FH) BS-4-5:30 p (SS)	18 <i>MLK, Jr. Day</i> GS-6-8pm (FH)	19 Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm(FH)	20 Church Council-7:30pm (CO)	21	22	23
24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7m(FH)	25 UMW-6:30-8:30 pm(FH)	26 Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm(FH)	27 Senior's Bingo-11:30am (FH)	28	29	30
31 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7m(FH) BS-4-5:30 pm(SS)						

January Announcements

Attention All Members of SPR

There will be a training session for committee members on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7 pm at the District Office in Cumming. This will be our meeting for the month of January.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Love Offering for the staff at OUMC. We deeply appreciate your kindness.

- Anne, Dee, Graham, Jennifer, Joy, Melissa & Max

Sunday, January 3

Dr. John Wolfe will be our guest preacher.

Choir Festival—January 10

Sunday, January 10, 2010 at St. James UMC in Atlanta there will be a choir festival, featuring various choirs from then Atlanta-Roswell District and workshops for church officers. The choir festival will begin at 2:30 pm and workshops at 3:30 pm. Workshops will be offered for finance committee, trustees, and other work areas in the local church.

Children's Chairs for Sale

We have children's chairs available for sale to assist in paying for a new roof for the church office. The chairs are from the 1950s and were used in the OUMC Christian Education Program. The chairs are \$30.00 each. Contact the church office at 770-886-9662 for additional information.

St. James United Methodist Church Hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Beginning Monday, January 11th from 6:30-8:30pm

Childcare will be provided by the church, and registration is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. For more information or to ask any questions of the class coordinator via email, please contact the coordinator at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/> - Enter the zip code 30342 and select St. James UMC. The church is located at Loridans Drive at Peachtree Dunwoody.

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