



The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

December 2011



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:

- Anne Chandler
Administrative Assistant
- Dee Smithwick
Custodian
- Jennifer Smithwick
Children's Director
- Joy Turner
Music Director
- Gerald Varner
Pastor

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January newsletter deadline is:
December 15

Email:
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Are You Ready For Christmas?

Are you ready for Christmas?

Swaddling clothes, ribbons and bows, ho-ho-hos, mistletoe

Are you ready for Christmas?

Cake baking, list making, feet aching, children waking
Pie cooking, catalogue looking, ornament hooking, flight booking

Are you ready for Christmas?

Bright reds, new sleds, manger beds, excited kids
Jingle bells, store sales, Santa's elves, telling tales
Toy trains, candy canes, glistening lanes, shopping pains

Are you ready for Christmas?

Sleigh riding, gift hiding, glad tiding, shepherds abiding
Toys, joys, daring ploys, little girls and boys
Green holly, people jolly, shopping folly, a new dolly
Reindeer, good cheer, midnight clear, a family dear

Are you ready For Christmas?

Singing, ringing, bringing, stringing
Caring, sharing, wearing, tearing
Candles, carols, Noel, Immanuel
Sleeping, peeking, sneaking, secrets leaking
Skiing, spying, ribbon tying, patience trying

Are you ready for Christmas?

Midnight still, good will, stockings to fill, another bill
A star above, friends to love, a turtle dove, warm new gloves
Joyous choirs, warm fires, gift buyers, children's desires
Brass band, winter wonderland, and old friend, freezing wind
A warm hearth, peace on earth, the Virgin birth, seeking truth
Hints and clues, model car glues, Good News, King of the Jews

Are you ready for Christmas?

Wise men knowing, shepherds going, cattle lowing, gentle snowing
Silent nights, beautiful sights, radiant lights, letters to write
Heavenly host, nuts to roast, window frost, the Holy Ghost,
Angelic Voice, all rejoice, children's noise, parent's poise
Anthems sweet, a roaring fire's heat, fresh fruit treat, the Incarnate feat
Mercy mild, the Christ child, orders filed, presents piled
Christmas tree balls, telephone calls, cattle stalls, hope for all

**ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE**

— Rev. Gerald Varner

Children's Ministry

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Scouting News

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Mark your calendars for our annual Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday, December 18th** at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to travnjenny@tds.net.

There is a need for nursery workers on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jennifer Smithwick if you would be able to volunteer in the nursery at 770-735-1083 or travnjenny@tds.net.

The Cherokee Rose Girl Scouts will be walking in the Canton Christmas parade on Saturday, **December 3rd** starting at 5:30 pm. Please come and cheer for the girls.

The Cherokee Rose Girl Scouts will also be making pillowcases for children with cancer that they will be distributing to local hospitals and they will also be helping families in need this Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services will be held at 5 pm & 11 pm on **December 24th**.

All who attend will receive a gift that is guaranteed to "light up your life."

UMW Clothes Closet

On November 17th the UMW opened the doors of the Orange Clothes Closet for students at Free Home Elementary School. We helped 24 students plus some of their younger siblings. It was a busy 3 hours as mothers and grandmothers selected items for their children. Many, many thanks to all who donated gently used clothing and some new underwear and socks. The physical needs of children in our community continue to be our primary mission project. Please keep these children in your prayers.

United Methodist Women

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Music Ministry

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December is one of my favorite months of the year! This is because Christmas is my favorite holiday and the entire month is filled with wonderful Christmas music.

Each Sunday leading up to Christmas will be exciting and different! The special music for the 11 am services will be as follows:

December 4th — we will do a special carol communion service entitle "Gloria".

December 11th — the Adult Choir will present our Christmas Cantata "Mary, Did You Know".

December 18th — Cameron Holloway and Tyler Wise will play special Christmas music on their instruments.

December 25th — the congregation will get to select their favorite carols to sing.

There **will not** be 8:45 am services on **December 11th & December 25th**.

There will also be carols and special music for both of the Christmas Eve services at 5 pm & 11 pm.

Thank you to all of the vendors and shoppers who participated in our second annual Fall Bazaar. With such a variety of goods offered, Christmas shopping was a breeze and enjoyable! Thanks to your support of our Bazaar, the United Methodist Women will be able to donate \$840.00 to help support missions for women and children.

We will not have a meeting in December. Instead, we are going to First Baptist Church of Woodstock to attend their Christmas program, "Come See the Lamb" where admission is free. Seating is limited and in order for our group to sit together, you will need to register. You will not want to miss this dramatic musical about the life of Jesus, so be sure to mark your calendar for **Friday, December 9th** program starting at 7 pm. The church van and/or carpool will leave Orange UMC at approximately 5:45 pm.

If you wish to join us for this event, please register on the form in the church narthex or call Jamie Hogue at 770-853-5182. For more information go to www.fbcw.org/come-see-the-lamb/

Stewardship

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I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel (Numbers 24:17)

As we approach the end of 2011, we can give thanks to God that we are in much better financial shape now than at the start of the year. We truly have a generous congregation, that when a need is identified, you support that need. In addition, your financial support of the Church, there is the outreach in missions like Meals on Wheels, Vacation Bible School, Mothers Cupboard, Boy and Girl Scouts and the Annual Fish Fry.

The budget for 2012 was presented to the Church Council on **October 29th** and was approved in the amount of \$197,035. This is slightly less than for 2011. We are currently working on two capital projects that should be done in the next few months —replacing windows in the narthex and the roof over the old Sunday School, and a bridge to the Fellowship Hall.

My wish for this Holiday Season is for each of you to have a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year!

Peace, *Bob*

2011 BUDGET UPDATE

2011 Budget: \$198,343.00
 Needed Monthly: \$ 16,529.00

BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS:	MONTHLY AMOUNT	DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS:	MONTHLY AMOUNT
Giving in January	\$17,836.00	Giving in January	\$ 365.00
Giving in February	\$15,736.50	Giving in February	\$ 765.00
Giving in March	\$12,643.00	Giving in March	\$ 4,290.00
Giving in April	\$16,301.40	Giving in April	\$ 563.19
Giving in May	\$14,526.24	Giving in May	\$ 1,730.00
Giving in June	\$19,331.99	Giving in June	\$ 1,787.20
Giving in July	\$16,871.85	Giving in July	\$ 200.00
Giving in August	\$13,213.00	Giving in August	\$ 1,050.00
Giving in September	\$15,226.48	Giving in September	\$ 650.00
Giving in October	\$18,467.00	Giving in October	\$ 3,143.00
Giving in November	\$14,414.00	Giving in November	\$ 7,311.25

December Birthdays

Victor Puckett	Dec. 6
Emily Jeffreys	Dec. 8
Tyler Wright	Dec. 8
Mary Gibbs	Dec. 12
Savannah Brooks	Dec. 15
Kim Wheeling	Dec. 15
Kayla Walton	Dec. 17
Laura Arp	Dec. 17
Dennis Derr	Dec. 17
Tom Rice	Dec. 23
Sharon Tyner	Dec. 23
Brandon Sosebee	Dec. 25
Bobby Bates	Dec. 26
Ben Turner	Dec. 27
Georgia Allen	Dec. 28
Darrell Mitchell	Dec. 28
Joseph Shelley	Dec. 30
Bob Murphy	Dec. 31



If you are not listed or there are corrections, please
notify the church office at 770-886-9662.

Sundays in December

December 4th - Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11, Sermon: (Accept People) - "Speaking Words of Comfort"

December 11th (one service at 11 am) - Christmas Cantata

December 18th - Scripture: Luke 1:26-38, Sermon: (Accept People) - "Mission Impossible?"

December 24th (services at 5 pm & 11 pm) - Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7, Sermon: "In Darkness...Light"

December 25th (one service at 11 am) - Scripture: John 1:1-14, Sermon: (Accept People) - "The Word Made Flesh"

Drive-Through Live Nativity

A **drive-through live Nativity** will take place at Big Springs UMC on December 9-11 from 6-8 pm. See the Christmas story come alive with real actors and live animals. Bring the little ones in their PJ's as you can see it all from the car. Cookies and hot apple cider will be served.

For more information call 678-918-0992. Big Springs UMC is located at 2066 Sugar Pike Road, Woodstock.



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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; P=Church Pavilion G=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 SPR-7 pm (CO) GS Leaders-7-8 pm (FH) CS-6-8 pm (SS)	2	3
4 <i>2nd Sun. of Advent</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Christmas Communion Service (8:45 & 11) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Bible Study - 5 pm (CO)	5 BS-PLC-6:30-8:30 pm (SS) BOT Mtg. 7 pm (CO)	6 Choir-7-8:30 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH) CS-6:30-8 pm Leaders (CO)	7 Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)	8 GS-2-4 pm (FH) Finance Committee Mt.- 7:30 pm (CO) CS-6-7:15 pm (FH) CS-7:15-8:30 pm (FH)	9 UMW-7 pm (FBCW Trip)	10 <i>Reserved (FH/Grounds)</i> <i>White Reunion-all day</i>
11 <i>3rd Sun. of Advent</i> Worship: 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Christmas Cantata-11 am Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	12 MOW FH Reserved all Day BS-PLC-6:30-8:30 pm (SS) CS-6-8 pm (CO)	13 MOW-8-2 pm (FH) BS-7-9 pm (FH) Adult Choir Dinner-7 pm- O'Charley's	14 Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)	15 <i>Preschool Christmas Luncheon-9-1 pm (FH)</i> CS-6-7:15 pm (FH) CS-7:15-8:30 pm (FH)	16	17 Breakfast with Santa Prep (FH)
18 <i>4th Sun. of Advent</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Breakfast with Santa-10-11 am (FH) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	19	20 BS-7-9 pm (FH)	21 Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)	22 GS-2-4 pm (FH)	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Services 5 pm (S) & 11 pm (S)</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Worship: 11 am (S)	26 No UMW Meeting	27 BS-7-9 pm (FH)	28	29	30	31

December Announcements

The Orange Christmas Mailbox is in the narthex. If you wish to send Christmas cards to fellow church members, simply write the recipients name on the envelope. Please put your cards in alphabetical order (secured by a rubber band) and place them in our special mailbox.

On Sunday, **December 11th** and then again on Sunday, **December 18th** your cards will be “delivered” to members who are present. Christmas cards that have not been “delivered” will remain in the narthex through **January 1, 2012**. Enjoy this fun and joyful greeting system and save postage too. We will be unable to forward any cards via U.S. postal service.

Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata will be performed by the Orange Adult Choir on Sunday, **December 11th**. On that Sunday, we will have only one worship service at 11 am. There will be a covered-dish fellowship lunch after the cantata in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the entrée and drinks for the meal. Please bring side dishes and/or desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call the church office at 770-886-9662.

Love Offering

Each year during the Christmas season, we make an appeal to the members of our congregation for a love offering to our pastor and staff. If you would like to give this year, please drop your donation in the offering plate or at the church office marked “Love Offering” by **December 11th**.

Wireless Internet

We now have wireless internet service to the Fellowship Hall. Anyone wanting to use this service should call the church office at 770-886-9662 for scheduling.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Name: _____

Total poinsettias ordered: ____@ \$7.00 each = _____. I am paying today by cash ___ or check ___. Please make checks payable to OUMC and note “Poinsettia.” Circle either in **Honor of** or **Memory of**, and place in offering plate by **December 4th**.

In **Honor** or **Memory** of _____

Given by: _____

In **Honor** or **Memory** of _____

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