

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

January 2012

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
- Steve Matta
Director of Student Ministries
- Jennifer Smithwick
Children's Director
- Joy Turner
Music Director
- Gerald Varner
Pastor

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February newsletter deadline is:
January 15

Email:
orangeumc@orangeumc.org

Welcome to Steve Matta, Director of Student Ministries

Orange UMC welcomes Steve Matta to our church staff. Steve began on **January 1st** and is providing leadership to our student ministries.

Steve's background in student ministry combines creativity and fun activities with maturity and spiritual depth. He has successfully led programs which enable students and adult volunteers to develop a confident faith. Steve's primary responsibilities at Orange UMC will be with teenagers. However, he also brings proven ideas of preparing children for a youth program, as well as providing programs for students when they reach college age.

Steve holds a degree in Christian Education from Centenary College in Louisiana. He also attended Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Steve and his wife Julee have 4 children: Alexandru (23), James (19), Shirlee (17), and Jais (14).

On Sunday, January 22 there will be a luncheon after the 11:00 worship service to welcome the Matta family to Orange UMC. This fellowship lunch will be an opportunity for you to greet Steve's family and welcome them to our church family.

Peace, *Gerald*

Human Relations Day Offering Sunday, January 15, 2012




“Statistics show that children of prisoners are six times more likely than other children to be incarcerated at some point in their lives.” United Methodist Church Redemption Kids Ministries in Oklahoma is seeking to turn that around. As a ministry already focused on prisoners and ex-prisoners, it was natural for Redemption to reach out to children and families.

Many of these children feel alone in their struggles. Meeting children in similar circumstances helps them to cope. “I felt angry. I know I shouldn't, because it's not you that locked my parents up,” remembers Equandre Wofford, active in Redemption Kids for more than six years, and now a youth leader helping others succeed.

Joy Block, youth director for the Redemption Youth program at Redemption Penn Avenue United Methodist Church, was incarcerated herself. Block says, “I want our (youth) to...follow God first. That's number one.

“That's going to be their strength –always—in life,” continued Block, who knows the key to breaking the incarceration cycle is to surround young people with God's love.

Your gifts to Human Relations Day provide avenues to restored relationships through ministries like Redemption Kids, a Youth Offender rehabilitation.

<p>Outreach / Missions</p>	
<p>Senior's Bingo — Resumes on Wednesday, February 1st at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Betty Wallace at 770-887-4228 if you would like to help or if you have questions.</p> <p>Mother's Cupboard — Housed at Macedonia UMC, Mother's Cupboard is a food ministry that supplies a box of food to needy families on the first Tuesday of each month. You can help by making a monetary donation for Mother's Cupboard, bringing food items and placing them in the pantry in the church narthex, or volunteering. Volunteers usually meet on the first Tuesday around 3 pm to pack boxes and the boxes are passed out around 5 pm. For more information, call Bob or Carol Koenig at 770-781-6651.</p>	<p>Meals on Wheels — Tuesday, January 11th will be the next Meals on Wheels delivery date. If you would like to help prepare food or deliver meals, please contact Liz Lathem at 770-887-4292.</p> <p>Honduras Mission Trip — June 23-30, 2012. Approximate cost of the trip will be \$1,500 (includes airfare). Please contact the church office if you know others who are interested in the mission trip.</p>
<p>Music Ministry Joy Turner, Music Director Email: joychoirdirector@bellsouth.net Phone: 770-889-1278</p>	
<p>I want to thank everyone for all their hard work during the holidays. The special Christmas services were wonderful and such a blessing!</p> <p>I cannot believe we are starting a new year! This will be a great time to join our Adult Choir. We will begin to learn new music at our first practice in the new year on Tuesday, January 3rd.</p>	<p>Our first special music event for 2012 will be a Community Singing at Hightower Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month, January 29, 2012, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited!</p> <p>Make a joyful noise to the Lord!</p> <p><i>Joy</i></p>
<p>Student Ministry Steve Matta, Director of Student Ministries Email: stevematta@comcast.net Phone: 404-788-4464</p>	
<p>January is full of cool stuff! We'll be going to the Winter Jam 2012 concert on January 15th - \$10.00 plus extra for food. Please meet at the church at 2 pm. Our M-25 (mission project) will be collections for Mother's Cupboard. We should return to the church at approximately 9 pm. A permission form is online at the youth website: www.orangeyouth.org.</p> <p>As always, UMYF is 5-7 pm on Sunday evenings with dinner provided. Bring a friend and join the fun!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peace, <i>Steve</i></p>	

Stewardship

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How Do We Start a New Year?

Think back to the land of the Bible and how the calendar was not filled with Christmas holiday activities. Their time was more than likely governed by the planting/harvest seasons and the covenants of worship that Moses received from God in the desert. It's not clear if it was the new year in Israel, but it was a new time for Mary and Joseph with the birth of a first son. When an angel appears and delivers the following message: *"Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,*

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." "And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Matthew 2:13-15

What an extraordinary thing for this young couple to endure. While some of us may have struggles in our lives, I hope no one is faced with the task of fleeing your homeland to save your child's life.

As a church family, Orange has much to be thankful for today. We had a successful 2011 with many blessed fellowship events and the welcoming of a new and energetic pastor. I hope 2012 will be as successful for our church and all of the Orange family as the past year.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year,
 Bob

2011 BUDGET UPDATE

20121 Budget: \$198,343.00
Needed Monthly: \$ 16,529.00

Budgeted Contributions:	Monthly Amounts	Designated Contributions:	Monthly Amounts
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
Giving in December	\$13,818.75	Giving in December	\$ 5,791.00

January Birthdays

Caroline Dayoub	Jan. 1
Meree White	Jan. 2
Leila Lathem	Jan. 3
Bob Koenig	Jan. 5
Jon Lathem	Jan. 5
Lacey Kinser	Jan. 7
Dwight Smithwick	Jan. 7
Beth Eastland	Jan. 11
Smith White	Jan. 11
Marion Hicks	Jan. 12
Linda West	Jan. 13
Stanley Poole	Jan. 14
Bobby Armour	Jan. 15
Haley Waldrop	Jan. 18
Victoria Wallace	Jan. 18
Louise Corn	Jan. 19
Ashley Jeffreys	Jan. 19
Lauren Jeffreys	Jan. 19
Terry Turner	Jan. 21
Michelle White	Jan. 21
Charles Orr	Jan. 22
Leslie Shelley	Jan. 23
Amy Walton	Jan. 23
Laura Leaders	Jan. 24
McKenzie Carr	Jan. 27
Meredith Coley	Jan. 28
Hoyt Rogers	Jan. 30

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Please call the church office at 770-886-9662 if we have failed to list your birthday.

United Methodist Women

Jamie Hogue, Co-President - 770-853-5182 - Email: jamiebug@gmail.com
Melissa Hunt, Co-President - 770-887-0463 - Email: gphunt@att.net

Welcoming a new year usually means resolutions or changes of some kind for all of us. So, the Orange UMW has a new plan for 2012. With a few changes in our regular meeting schedule, we welcome more opportunities to participate in mission outreach for our community including many children's missions and enjoy a variety of fun fellowship outings. We are excited to start the new year with a meeting on Monday, **January 30th** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall; however, there will be no meeting in February.

January's meeting will be a great time for newcomers to find out what the United Methodist Women's ministry is all about and for current UMW members to get all the information for our group for 2012.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry

Jennifer Smithwick, Director
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There continues to be a need for nursery workers on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jennifer if you would be able to volunteer.

Thank you to Santa for coming by the church and having breakfast with us at his busy time of the year. Everyone had a great time. Thanks for everyone coming.

Sundays in January

January 1 - Scripture: Luke 2:22-40, Sermon: (Reflect Christ) - "Are You Rising or Falling?"

January 8 - Scripture: Mark 1:4-11, Sermon: (Reflect Christ) - "Baptism - Claimed By God"

January 15 - Scripture: I Corinthians 6:12-20, Sermon: (Reflect Christ) - Your Body: God's Temple"

January 22 - Scripture: Mark 1:14-20, Sermon: (Reflect Christ) - "Faithfully Following a Fisherman"

January 29 - Scripture: I Corinthians 8:1-13, Sermon: (Reflect Christ) - "Stepping Stones or Stumbling Blocks"

January 2012

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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
<p><i>1 Epiphany Sunday/New Year's Day</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS)</p>	<p>2 Church Ofc. Closed</p>	<p>3 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>4 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>5 SPRC - 7 pm (CO)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p><i>8 Baptism of the Lord/1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Youth-5-6:30 pm (FH) Youth Mtg. 6:30 pm (S) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)</p>	<p>9 MOW Prep - all day (FH) Bd of Trustees-7 pm (CO)</p>	<p>10 MOW-11:30 am (FH) GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>11 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>12 Finance Committee-7:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p><i>15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Youth-5-7 pm (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)</p>	<p>16 Church Ofc. Closed MLK, Jr. Holiday Blood Drive-3 pm-8 pm (FH)</p>	<p>17 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>18 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>19 Church Council-7:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p><i>22 3rd Sunday-Epiphany</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Youth-5-7 pm (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm Luncheon-Noon (FH)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>25 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p><i>29 4th Sun. after Epiphany</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7 pm (FH) Community Singing-7 pm— Hightower Baptist Church Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO) District Workshops – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>30 UMW - 6:30 pm (FH)</p>	<p>31 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm (CO)</p>			

January Announcements

Love Offering

Thank you to everyone for their Love Offering for Christmas. Your generosity is so appreciated and the chance to work together in ministry with you at Orange is a true blessing.

*Pastor Varner, Anne Chandler, Dee Smithwick,
Jennifer Smithwick, Joy Turner*

Atlanta / Roswell District Workshops

On Sunday, January 29, 2012 there will be training workshops for churches in the Atlanta-Roswell District at Chamblee First United Methodist Church, 4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Road in Chamblee. You may register online at: UMCAROS.org.

Workshops

1. Music & Worship
2. The Power of the Breath.
3. Communications
4. Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee
5. UMC 201
6. Money 101
7. Trustees 101

Luncheon - Sunday, January 22

We will welcome the Matta family to Orange UMC after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

The luncheon will be provided by the Honduras Mission team - monetary donations for the meal will be accepted.

Boy Scout Sunday

We will celebrate Scout Sunday on **February 12th**. We encourage all of our boy scouts and scout volunteers to join us in worship.

Blood Drive - January 16th

The American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall for Monday, **January 16th** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) starting at 3 pm until 8 pm.

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