

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

February 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

- Paula Smith
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- Bob Koenig
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- Joyce Thigpen
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March newsletter deadline is:
February 15

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Seeking Wholeness...

The Bible issues repeated calls to **repentance** and **reconciliation**. **Reconciliation** implies living in a right relationship with God and with other people. **Repentance** is more than feeling remorse about wrong behavior. It involves turning away from such behavior, making restitution if possible, and living a more God-centered life. The most common sign of repentance in the Bible involves the use of ashes.

The 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter are a season to focus on repentance and reconciliation. This is a season to reflect on sin and our own mortality in light of God's redeeming love revealed in Jesus Christ. This season begins with Ash Wednesday, a day which focuses on the Biblical use of ashes as a sign people who are seeking greater wholeness in their lives.

Orange UMC will have an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, **February 22** at 7 pm. This service will include an invitation for people to seek greater wholeness in their lives by committing to 3 spiritual disciplines for the 40 days of Lent.

- **FASTING** – I invite you to join me in the Biblical discipline of fasting during the 40 days of Lent. Each Thursday night meal will be limited to bread and water. Each Friday morning breakfast will be limited to only liquids. The noon meal on Fridays will omit desserts. We will also be encouraged to make a special Lenten offering of \$1 for each of the 3 meals each week. (If you have medical conditions which will interfere with this approach to fasting, then develop your own approach which will not place you at risk.)

- **PRAYER** – You are also invited to make a list of 3-5 people who are currently not attending church. Pray for these individuals each day during Lent. The week before Easter, you will be asked to invite those individuals to be your guest at two services: (1) A Good Friday service on **April 6** at 7 pm, and (2) Our Easter service on Sunday, **April 8**.

- **WORSHIP** – I invite you to commit to attending a worship service each Sunday during the Lenten season. The first priority is for you to attend worship at your church (Orange UMC). If you cannot be here on Sunday, then attend another church of your choosing.

These disciplines might lead to greater wholeness in your life.

Peace, *Gerald*

Outreach / Missions



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.

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.

Meals on Wheels — Tuesday, **February 14th** 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.

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 or others would be interested in the mission trip.

Student Ministry

Steve Matta, Director of Student Ministries
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The Youth are having a “Lock-in” on **February 3rd** starting at 10 pm. The Lock-in will be over on Saturday, **February 4th** at approximately 8 am. Check out the Youth website for additional details.

As always, UMYF is 5-7 pm on Sunday evenings with dinner provided. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Peace, *Steve*

Confirmation Class

Who: Students in the 6th grade or above

Purpose: Explore the meaning of baptism and church membership as followers of Jesus Christ

When: Sunday afternoons at 3:30 pm beginning **February 26, 2012**

If interested, please contact the church office or Steve Matta at 404-788-4464.

Scouting News

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Pack 469 would like to thank you for supporting them this year with their annual Popcorn Fundraiser! This fundraiser is a valuable activity for the Scouts in providing them with learning opportunities in salesmanship, communication, and computer skills while building self-confidence. Additionally, it increases their presence in the community. Thanks to one generous supporter, residents at a local nursing home enjoyed gourmet popcorn and a visit from the Scouts.

Their goal this year, was to earn enough through this fundraiser to support their entire scouting program for the year - and they did it! The Scouts rose to the challenge and sold \$32,450.00 in popcorn! Seventy percent of their sales support local scouting with over \$11,300 directly benefiting Pack 469.

All participating Scouts earned a patch or pin and Scouts reaching various sales levels earned additional prizes, gift cards, and patches! The Top Ten sellers include: Dustin Morgan, Austin Huguenard, Mitchell Kunkel, Andrew Buchberger, Tyler Silvers, Joseph Satterfield, Hayden Unser, Max Duckett, Janek Iyer, and Jacob Lewis. So, thank you everyone for helping to make this an outstanding success for our Scouts!

Stewardship

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A Steward of Joyful Worship

by Ruth M. Blum

"Clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with loud sounds of joy." (Psalm 47:1)

"Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises." (Psalm 47:6)

We often equate stewardship with money, but Christian stewardship involves all of life. We are called to be stewards of relationships and stewards of God's Word. As Jesus' stewards, we are committed to giving God thanks for all of Jesus' blessings. One of those blessings is Jesus' ascension into heaven. How do we celebrate the blessing of Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven? The Bible suggests that we celebrate "with joy continually worshipping Him." (Read Luke 24:50-55 for more background.)

As a way to practice this joyful worship, families may plan to worship Jesus in their homes in addition to

worship services. One practical method of facilitating this worship is to create a home worship center.

Cover a TV table or an end table with a special cloth. The special aspect of the cloth is the joy that this cloth brings someone. For instance, your family is reminded of grandma's homemade cookies when you see her special shawl. Or a security blanket may remind parents of some special parenting years or may remind a child of a special feeling of comfort. The children should help select the special cloth. Place a candle or small oil lamp on the covered table.

Light the candle as you begin your daily family worship time. A battery operated Candle or lantern may be a safe substitute for the real candle or oil lamp.

Read Psalm 47:1 and practice memorizing it during the daily worship time for one week. Recite the verse together by memory during the second week. During the third week, read Psalm 47:6 and practice

memorizing it. Recite the verse together by memory during the following week. Young children may clap the rhythm of the words as the family recites the Scripture verse. Families may add additional worship components, such as praying the Lord's Prayer or singing a favorite hymn or Christian song, to this basic worship. Conclude the daily worship time by taking turns completing the following prayer and blowing out or turning off the candle or lamp.

Prayer

Joyful God, today you gave me joy when (Finish the sentence. Examples: a friend played with me; I received a good grade; a parent cooked a special meal; a parent helped with a homework assignment; a grandparent called me.) Thank you, God, for all your blessings. Thank you, God, for Jesus. Amen.

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2012 BUDGET UPDATE

2012 Budget: \$196,311.00
Needed Monthly: \$ 16,359.25

Budgeted Contributions:	Monthly Amounts
Giving in January	\$21,333.87

Designated Contributions:	Monthly Amounts
Giving in January	\$ 867.00

February Birthdays

Ronnie Turner	Feb. 1
Whitney Williams	Feb. 3
Jerry Kinser	Feb. 4
Charlie Gibbs	Feb. 8
Roger Leaders	Feb. 8
Kyla Thompson	Feb. 8
Tracy LeCroy	Feb. 10
Bonnie Smith	Feb. 10
Hannah Reynolds	Feb. 12
Carol Smith	Feb. 12
Pat White	Feb. 13
Terry Walton	Feb. 14
Chad Corn	Feb. 16
Nina Turner	Feb. 16
Terrie Cartmill	Feb. 18
Benjamin Greene	Feb. 18
Jimmy Moore	Feb. 18
Melba Bruce	Feb. 19
Bethany Goode	Feb. 19
Lauren Whitaker	Feb. 20
Adam Rice	Feb. 24
Bailey Smithwick	Feb. 24
Emily Barnes	Feb. 28

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: gpaphunt@att.net

We welcome all who wish to join us for a visit to Murphy-Harpst Center in Cedartown Ga. On Saturday, February 11th, we will leave the church at approximately 9 am and travel in the church van to Murphy-Harpst and tour the center. Afterwards we will have lunch and return to Orange UMC approximately 3 pm. For more information, please contact Jamie Hogue at 770-853-5182 or Melissa Hunt at 770-887-0463.

Please remember to collect soup labels and box tops, as these collections help to support various needs in our community.

There will be no meeting for the month of February. Our next meeting will be March 26.

Children's Ministry

Jennifer Smithwick, Director
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Anyone interested in staying in the Nursery during the 11 am service, please contact Jennifer Smithwick or the church office.

Everyone mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 7th. More information to come.

Attention all 3rd-5th graders and parents of those children. A new transitional ministry will begin in March. This ministry will help the children transition from the children's ministry to the Youth group. The current plan is to meet once a month for a fun, high energy, exciting time filled with songs, crafts and games. More information will be coming very soon about this ministry. Please contact Jennifer Smithwick or Steve Matta with questions or ideas.

Music Ministry

Joy Turner, Music Director
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On February 19th, the congregational music for the 11 am service will be very special! The instrumentalists from the Orangemen will play the music for our songs. We will be do several of the favorites that the Orangemen always performed. I am sure this will be an extra special Sunday.

Please come and join us for all the fun. Please invite your friends as well!
Peace, Joy

Sundays in February

Feb. 5—Scripture: I Corinthians 9:16-23, Sermon: (Transmit Love) - *All Things to All People* – Holy Communion

Feb. 12—Scripture: Mark 1:40-45, Sermon: (Transmit Love) - *Cosmic Clash of Good and Evil*

Feb. 19—Scripture: II Corinthians 4:3-6, Sermon: (Transmit Love) - *Letting Light Shine in Love*

Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday - 7 pm, Scripture: II Corinthians 5:20-6:10-
Lenten Theme: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Feb. 26—Scripture: Mark 1:9-15, Sermon: *Walking in a Wilderness*

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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 Senior's Bingo-11:30 am (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm	2 CS-6-7 pm (FH, SS)	3 Youth Lock-in - 10 pm	4 Youth Lock-in ends 8 am CS-11:30-1:30 pm (FH)
5 5th Sun. after the Epiphany 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) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	6 Brownies-4-5:30 pm BOT-7 pm (CO)	7 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	8 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm	9 Girl Scouts-1-3 pm (FH) Finance Committee-7:30 pm	10	11 UMH to Murphy-Harpst Center-Cedartown-9 am-3 pm (PL)
12 6th Sun. after the Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday 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-5-7pm (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	13 MOW-Reserved all day (FH)	14 Valentine's Day MOW-Reserved all day (FH) GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	15 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm	16 No Church Council Mtg.	17	18
19 Last Sun. after the Epiphany Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Mission Luncheon-noon (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Youth-5-7 pm (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	20	21 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	22 Ash Wednesday Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service-7 pm (S)	23 Girl Scouts-1-3 pm (FH)	24 BS-Venturing-6 pm (FH)	25 BS Venturing ends-noon Church Council Mtg.- Planning Session-9-12 (CO)
26 1st Sun. in Lent Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Confirmation Class-3:30 pm BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) Youth-5-7 pm (FH) Disciple Bible Study-5 pm (CO)	27 Brownies-4-5:30 pm (FH) No UMW Meeting	28 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	29 Disciple Bible Study-5:30 pm			

February Announcements

WANTED

Stuffed animals and animal costumes for the Noah's Ark skit in this year's Benevolence Play titled, *I Love to Tell the Stories*. The play is tentatively set for late April, but we will need the costumes and stuffed animals in March. If you can loan us these items, Please contact Sue Lively at 770-378-0392.

Church Council Planning Session

The Church Council will have a planning session on Saturday, **February 25th** from 9 am until noon. The planning session will concentrate on finalizing all church events for all of 2012.

Luncheon—February 19th

The UMW will host a luncheon on **February 19th** as a fundraiser for the Honduras Mission Trip. The lunch will be immediately after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. A signup sheet will be in the narthex with details.

Reminder...

Cell phone numbers go public this month and are being released to telemarketing companies and you may begin receiving sales calls. To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 1-888-382-1222. It is the national DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five years(5). You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

New Members!

Lisa Liebau and her son, Andrew, have transferred their membership from Christ the King Church in Cumming to Orange as of **January 22nd**.

Sandra White has transferred her letter of membership from Field's Chapel United Methodist church in January.

Please seek out our new members and welcome them!

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.

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