

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

MAY 2009

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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June newsletter deadline is
May 15.

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Central Conference Pension Offering

What does it take to change someone's life? Obviously it depends on who the person is and what circumstances they are in. Greeting someone with a friendly smile and a kind "Hello" can turn someone's day around. Some members of Orange go out and paint fences, repair roofs and remove fallen trees for people who may not be able to do these things for themselves. I dare say these gifts make a lifetime of difference for the people who receive them. Some of our members regularly pass out food to others who may just be wondering where their next meal is coming from. Other members meet once a month to deliver a hot meal to shut-ins in our community. These are just a few of the things that members of Orange routinely do to help make a difference in somebody else's life. What are you doing? All of us are doing things to help others, yet each of us struggle at

times wondering, "What more could I be doing?" I want to share with you one thing I believe each member of Orange could do to make a huge difference in the life of pastors who have served the United Methodist Church faithfully for decades. These pastors you may have never met, you may never even meet one of the many lives they have helped change and transform into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, but they are faithful ministers who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. I am speaking of the pastors of the Central Conferences of the United Methodist Church. These pastors in places like Europe, Asia, Africa and the Philippines have led congregations and our denomination in growth through conversions and professions of faith in recent years. Some of them have served for 4 and 5 decades. That's 40 to 50 years as a United Methodist Pastor. I love my job and, most days, feel blessed to serve Christ and his church when and where I do, but even I hope to retire one day. The situation these

pastors in our Central Conferences face is that when they retire, they may have nothing to live on except the charity of family, friends and former parishioners. For many of these pastors, just \$20 a month makes a tremendous difference in their lives in retirement. That's less than \$1 per day to support someone who has long supported the growth and strengthening of our church. This year at our Annual Conference, each congregation in North Georgia is being asked to give a mission offering to support a pension initiative to permanently endow retirements for the Central Conferences. The clergy in the Conference have already committed to personally give over \$345,000 to this campaign. Beginning Sunday, May 17 through Homecoming on June 14, we will be receiving donations for Orange's offering to the Central Conference Pension Fund. **(continued on page 3)**

Since the establishment of Orange

Church, it has been a custom and an expression of Christian love for the ladies of the church to provide a meal for church families grieving the loss of a family member.

In 2002, the Orange UMW established a Bereavement Committee and began a fund to help meet some of the expenses of this ministry. MANY Orange ladies (not just UMW members) have cooked, served, delivered, and contributed to many meals for these families. The Food Sub-committees are as follows: Starch, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Tea/Drinks. The meat is purchased by the UMW.

This ministry of love is open to all church members-women and men. If we have

many volunteers, it will reduce the number of times you may be called upon to prepare and/or serve food. We need all who are willing to help with any of the following:

1. Serve on a Food Group Sub-committee
2. Prepare Fellowship Hall when a meal is served there
3. If meal is in Fellowship Hall, set out the food and clean up after meal
4. If requested, deliver meal to family home
5. Contribution to "meat fund" with a check payable to Orange UMW

If you feel that you can help with this ministry, please contact the church office at 770-886-9662.

Outreach / Missions

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Mother's Cupboard Fundraiser. On Saturday, May 16, Macedonia United Methodist Church is planning a barbeque chicken fundraiser to support Mother's Cupboard. Orange United Methodist Men will assist Macedonia UMC in this important cause. Serving will begin at Macedonia UMC from 11 am until 5 pm for "take-out meals only" at \$6.00 per plate. Get your tickets from Bob or Carol Koenig. We served 48 households in April and 11 of these were new households. We have begun placing the food bank reports on the narthex bulletin board so you can know how many families, children, seniors, etc. your donations are serving. Thank you for your donations!

Matthew 5:16 Ministry is still planning a follow up work day at the local My House ministry. We have had some scheduling conflicts so we will announce the date once it is confirmed with My House.

Meals on Wheels will not meet in June or July, but will resume delivery in August.

Senior's Bingo will not meet in June or July.

Be There. Be Hope. Thank you for your One Great Hour of Sharing donations totaling \$205.00. UMCOR can Be There and Be Hope thanks to your donations.

Wesley Woods 2009 Mother's Day Offering. You can help this Mother's Day. Each year the North Georgia Conference designates Mother's Day for the support of charitable care at Wesley Woods. This offering is their primary source for funds to subsidize living expenses and health care cost of the thousands we serve.

So many elderly men and women are outliving their lifelong financial resources. The Wesley Woods' mission involves a rising need for charitable care. Wesley Woods now serves nearly 40,000 elderly Georgians. At Wesley Woods, the elderly are supported by compassionate friends like Orange UMC. Please give with your donation on Mother's Day.

World Fair Trade Day is May 9 and ends the 100 Ton challenge. UMCOR is challenging United Methodists to purchase 100 tons of fair trade products through the UMCOR coffee Project and its partner Equal Exchange. Your coffee and chocolate purchases this past year count towards this goal. There's only a few bags left of the fair trade coffee in the church office, so we will soon place another order of Columbian and Ethiopian whole bean coffees-if you prefer something else, contact Ed McDonald.

Youth News

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AtlantaFest-June 19-20. We will camp out on Friday night and spend all day Saturday there. We'll see Brandon Heath, Casting Crowns, Family Force Five, Natalie Grant, Kristian Stanfield, Kutless, Disciple, and more. We will also have access to Stone Mountain attractions. We will meet at 5 pm on Friday and return around midnight on Saturday night.

Check out OrangeYouth.org and AtlantaFest.com for more information. Tickets are limited, so please sign up ASAP!

Campmeeting Youth Program-July 12-17. Graham and Julie are in charge of the youth program again this year. It is completely free to any youth in middle or

high school. There will be many games including the following: ping pong, pool, foosball, air hockey, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, water games, and more. Food is provided for every meal. We will attend church services daily at 11 am and 8 pm.

Missions. We are currently taking any donations of clothes. We will deliver these clothes to families in need in Harlan, Kentucky May 22-23. Any youth or adult is welcome to come. The cost is only \$10, plus the cost of meals. Please see OrangeYouth.org for more details.

Stewardship

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2009 Budget	\$238,484.00	
Amount Needed Monthly to Meet Budget	19,874.00	<u>Deficit</u>
January Giving	15,384.50	(4,489.50)
February Giving	16,522.00	(3,351.21)
March Giving	19,232.00	(642.00)
April Giving	14,059.58	(5,559.42)

Thank you for your service and continued support of God's work through your giving to our church and its ministries. As promised, we are providing our monthly update on our giving for 2009.

As you can see by the chart above, our giving continues to be somewhat less than the amount needed to fund the ministries supported in our 2009 budget, although giving in March came very near the monthly amount needed to meet our 2009 budget. On May 12, there will be a dinner and silent auc-

tion in our Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us for the fun and fellowship that evening. If you have something that you would like to donate for the silent auction, please let Pastor Max or Anne know by calling the church office. More information about that evening will be provided through the church bulletin announcements.

Included in this newsletter is information regarding our "13th Month" Campaign. Please take a minute or two to read the announcement about

the campaign and prayerfully consider joining together with us in this effort.

Please continue to be in prayer for our church and its involvement in Christ's ministries, those in our midst who have lost or may lose their jobs, our economy, our church leaders, and our committee. May God continue to bless all members of our Orange family as we seek to serve Him and faithfully work in His service.

Join the "13th Month" Campaign

Do you ever wish for more time? What if you had another hour to get work done, another day of vacation, or another month to give?

At our current rate of giving, Orange will finish the year over a month behind. We will receive over a month's less in offerings than our current budget is projected to reach by year's end. What this means is our ministries, our outreach, our mission will

suffer. These are difficult economic times and some of our own members are struggling to find new jobs, while others have had to accept cut backs in their jobs. But, what if the rest of us started planning now to give an extra month's offering to the church? There are 8 months left in 2009, what if you set aside 1/8 of your monthly giving and then at the end of December made a 13th offering to the church? Maybe you can't afford to set aside an

1/8 of your monthly giving, set aside 1/12 each month and you would still give three quarters of a month's offering.

Look for what you can freely and cheerfully give, as the words of the hymn remind us, "Freely, freely you have received. "Freely, freely give." Thank you for your generous giving to support the mission of making disciples through Orange UMC.

Peace, Paula Smith & Max

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Our worship attendance averages around 150. If each person gave \$20 we would be able to give \$3,000. I know your generosity well enough to know that you can give far and above that.

Gratefully, *Max*



Birthdays This Month

Carol Hicks	May 1
Cindy McFarland	May 1
Tom Cissell	May 2
Cindy Cagle	May 4
Drew Marchetta	May 5
Missy Dayoub	May 5
Tom Holcombe	May 6
Margie Lough	May 8
Taylor Roper	May 9
Betty Wallace	May 9
Jane Sharp	May 10
Matthew Vincent	May 10
Deani Blalock	May 12
Kevin Cartmill	May 14
Kate Cartmill	May 14
Ryan Cartmill	May 14
Tony Rice	May 14
Sami Stackhouse	May 14
Dan White	May 15
Daniel Dimos	May 16
Sharon Kessler	May 16
Katie Murphy	May 18
Ryan King	May 20
Betty Hutson	May 20
Susan Stackhouse	May 23
Stefane Brotheridge	May 24
Mary Elizabeth Shelley	May 25
Michael McGowan	May 26
Cindy Turner	May 28
Robbin Turner	May 30
Sam Lough	May 31

United Methodist Women

Jamie Hogue, President
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Just in time for Mother's Day...the UMW Orchard Circle will host a flower plant sale on Saturday, May 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at Orange UMC to benefit missions. We will have various bedding plants and beautiful flower hanging baskets that make a really nice Mother's Day gift for all moms. These plants sold very fast last year, so be sure to come by early on Saturday for the best selection.

A special guest speaker will join us for our May meeting Monday, May 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. We welcome Ms. Jo Sheetz, a United Methodist Deaconess based in Atlanta. Ms. Sheetz will share her deaconess experiences and talk about the deaconess program in general. Please join us for this special meeting.

United Methodist Men

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In May, Orange United Methodist Men can serve Mother's Cupboard. Macedonia UMC is planning a barbeque chicken fundraiser to support Mother's Cupboard on May 16. If you have wanted to do something for Mother's Cupboard, here is your chance. There will be plenty of jobs to help make this event a success. They need ticket takers, runners to deliver plates, traffic control and cleanup. They plan to start serving the plates at 11 am until 5 pm. This will be a "takeout meal only" since there is no room for seating a Macedonia. If you cannot help with serving the meal, you can always purchase a ticket for \$6.00/plate. We will put a notice in the church bulletin when tickets will be available.

Children's Ministry

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Vacation Bible School will take place this year on June 7-11. Please mark your calendars. We will have signup forms for volunteers and registration forms for the children who want to signup for Vacation Bible School during the Ministry Fair on Sunday, May 3.

Sundays in May

May 3-Sermon: "The Good Shepherd", John 10:1-18

May 10-Sermon: "Vine, Branches, Fruit", John 15:1-8

May 17-Graduation Sunday-Sermon: "Full Joy", John 15:9-17

May 24-Ascension Sunday-Sermon: "To All Nations", Luke 24:44-53

May 31-Pentecost Sunday-Sermon: "When the Spirit Comes", Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

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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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ballfield-6-8pm	2 Ballfield-11-1pm
3 Worship 8:45 & 11am (S) Sunday School-10am Children's Music-10am(MR) Hot Dog Picnic & Ministry Fair Youth-5-7pm(FH) BS-4-5:30pm(SS)[Scott]	4 BOT-7pm (MR)	5 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7-8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH) Ballfield-6pm	6 SPRC-7pm (CO) Ballfield-5:30pm	7 Ballfield-6pm	8 BS Leaders-5:30-9pm (FH) [Abdallah] Ballfield-6-8pm	9 UMW Plant Sale-9-1pm (FH) Reserved-9-6pm (Wallace) Ballfield-11-1pm
10 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children's Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH)	11 MOW FH reserved GS-6-7:45pm (FH)	12 MOW-8-2 pm Silent Auction-6:30 pm Dinner-5-7 pm Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7-8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH)	13 Ballfield-5:30pm	14 Finance Committee Mtg.-7:30pm (CO) Ballfield-6pm	15 Newsletter Deadline Ballfield-6-8pm	16 All campus reserved-OrangeFest UMM-Macedonia BBQ 11am@Macedonia Ballfield-11-1pm
17 6th Sunday of Easter / Graduation Sunday Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children's Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH)	18 UMW-6:30-8:30pm (FH)	19 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7-8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH) Ballfield-6pm	20 Church Council-7:30pm (CO) Ballfield-5:30pm	21 Reserved all day - (FH & S) Ballfield-6pm	22 Reserved all day - (FH & S) Ballfield-6-8pm	23 Reserved all day - Lough (FH & S) 3pm-Wedding Ballfield-11-1pm
24 7th Sunday of Easter Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children's Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH) Reserved 1-4pm(FH,S)-Leaders	25 Memorial Day Church Ofc. Closed Nom. & Leadership - 7pm (CO)	26 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7-8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH) Ballfield-6pm	27 Senior's Bingo-11:30am (FH) Ballfield-5:30pm	28 Ballfield-6pm	29 Last Day of School Ballfields Res. Ends	30 (FH) Reserved 12-7pm (Barnes)
31 Day of Pentecost Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children's Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH)						

May Announcements

Sunday Picnic & Ministry Fair - May 3

There will be a free hot dog lunch following the morning worship services. Come enjoy a fun time of fellowship and free food. There will be information tables set up in the Fellowship Hall about different ministries and ways you can use your time, talents and gifts in mission through Orange UMC.

Silent Auction & Dinner - May 12

The dinner will be from 5-7 pm, and the Silent Auction will begin at 5 pm and end at 6:30 pm. Please call Pastor Max concerning your donations to the Auction.

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors - May 17

If you have a student graduating from High School or College, please call the church office by May 11 to be sure we have the correct information about your graduate. Following the 11 am service, there will be a reception to honor graduates in the Fellowship Hall.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to JoAnn Cowart for giving and planting such lovely flowers in the Old Orange Cemetery. They are just beautiful! God Bless!

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Homecoming Celebration – 2009

Sunday, June 14th

Mark Your Calendars!

Just a reminder about our upcoming
Homecoming Celebration – 2009.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary.

Reverend Paul Gamber will return to us as our guest minister.
Our service will begin at 10:30 am.

As always, a time of fun and fellowship will be enjoyed
as we share our noon meal together following the service.
Plan to bring your favorite "covered dish" foods and stay for
lunch. We hope to enjoy a time of fellowship together sharing
our meal, conversations and memories under a large tent.
(weather permitting)

We look forward to seeing you there!

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