

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church
AUGUST 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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September newsletter deadline is
August 15

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North Georgia United Methodist Church Annual Conference

In June, delegates from each local church and all the clergy of the North Georgia Conference were invited to gather in Athens for our Annual Conference. We met for three days to celebrate the ministry that has occurred in our midst and plan for what lies ahead. Here are some of the highlights of this year's session:

- Commissioned as pastors 18 Provisional Members of the Annual Conference, ordained 4 Deacons in full connection and 20 elders in full connection
- Voted on 32 Amendments of the Constitution of the United Methodist Church (for results see www.ngumc.org/ac2009)
- The conference was introduced to the new North Georgia Advocate and to Sarah Wilke of The United Methodist Reporter (to sign up for the Advocate go to www.ngumc.org/advocate)
- Approved a revised spending budget for 2009 with a reduction of \$1,023,000. Also approved a 2010 budget of \$25,910,00, a 1.3 % decrease over 2009 approved budget
- Will have a Special Offering in 2010 for Action Ministries
- The Annual Conference gave a total of \$227,000 for Central Conference Pensions and pledged \$231,000; giving a total with previous gift of \$1,002,000 toward the goal of \$25,000,000
- Heard reports from the United Methodist Children's Home, Action Ministries, Camp Glisson, New Church Development, the Board of Laity and Simpsonwood, among others
- Announced the launch of the Center for Spiritual Renewal at Simpsonwood
- 2010 Annual Conference is set for June 16th-18th, 2010, in Athens, Georgia

This and so much more happened. I wish all of you could have experienced the excitement and the joy of the work of the United Methodist Church in North Georgia. To see videos of the worship services and the Hope For Africa Children's Choir, go to the conference website: www.ngumc.org.

Thanks to Dot & Victor Puckett for serving as delegates and Bob & Carol Koenig for attending as alternate delegates.

Peace, *Max*

Outreach / Missions

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Meals on Wheels will resume August 11. Please contact Liz Lathem for more information.

Senior's Bingo will resume August 26. Please contact Betty Wallace for more information.

Mother's Cupboard—We have really been helped by being able to use the food bank, since we typically can get 3-5 times more food per dollar. However, we could use more help with picking up food from the food bank. If you have a covered trailer, cargo van or even a covered pickup truck, please contact Ed McDonald.

We served 30 households in June: 82 adults & 5 children. You can find the food bank reports on the narthex bulletin board. It details who your thoughtful donations are serving.

Fair Trade Coffee—We still have 5-10 bags each of Columbian and Ethiopian whole bean (fair trade) coffees in our “mini-store” in the church office. Thank you for your support of the UMCOR Coffee Project.

NEW!-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.

Youth News

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Youth Website: www.orangeyouth.org



Summer Wrap Up—We have had such a great summer! We spent a weekend at Stone Mountain in June for AtlantaFest. We worshipped with several different bands, camped, and did all the exciting things Stone Mountain has to offer. We also learned how to make huge bubbles!

We spent a week at Holbrook Campground where we learned how to have Epic Faith. Around 70 teenagers participated in the

youth program during campmeeting. We ended it all with a service put together by the youth on Thursday night. This included a powerful drama set to the Casting Crowns song, “Set Me Free.”

We are looking forward to the Fall. We have many exciting events coming up, including concerts and the annual Orange Pumpkin Patch. Keep checking OrangeYouth.org for more information on upcoming events.

Music News

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OUMC will celebrate “Campmeeting Days” during the month of August. The dress will be casual and most of the music will be selected by the congregation.

So go ahead and be thinking about your favorite songs or songs that you have not heard in a long time. Find the page numbers, and be ready to “call them out” during the congregational singing time. On the first, second, fourth, and fifth Sun-

days, you will get your chance! This is always fun and everyone has really enjoyed it in the past years!

The third Sunday will be lead by our contemporary Christian group: “Revelation Song.”

Children's Music will resume on August 9 at 10 am.

Stewardship

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We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable, wonderful summer together. It is hard to believe that it is time once again for the new school year to begin. We need to remember all the students and teachers in our prayers as they begin their new school year together.

We continue to thank God for His many blessings. As I shared with you last month, Orange UMC faithfully continues to serve our Lord through the lives and influence of each of you and your continued support of God's work. As promised, the monthly update on 2009 giving is shown below.

We continue to praise God for His blessings and the financial support that you, as His people, have given and will continue to give to support Orange as His church and its ministries. Our tough economic times are continuing, but we,

through our unending faith, know that God is always with us and will continue to support and strengthen us as we try to do His will.

Please continue to be in prayer for the "13th Month Campaign." As mentioned last month, if God leads you to participate in this endeavor, you may either place your "13th Month" offering in the offering plate weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually (in December). Please be sure to indicate on the envelope or your check that your offering is for the "13th Month Campaign."

The "Fellowship Dinner" has been scheduled for August 22. It will be a ribs and barbeque dinner. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and enjoy the good food and great fellowship.

Discussion and planning are underway for the golf tournament to be held sometime in the Fall. More infor-

mation will be announced once a date has been set and more definite plans are available.

Remember that we have the Booth / Yard Sale coming up on September 12 and the annual Fish Fry on October 24. Information about the Booth / Yard Sale will be made available soon and more specific information about the Fish Fry will be available in the next several weeks.

As always, we will continue each month to request your prayers for the 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.

Paula

2009 MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

2009 Budget	\$238,484.00
Amount Needed Monthly to Meet Budget:	19,874.00
January Giving	15,384.50
February Giving	16,522.79
March Giving	19,232.00
April Giving	14,314.58
May Giving	20,333.61
June Giving	12,891.88
July Giving	13,600.06



Birthdays This Month

Donna Orr	Aug 1
Kayce Kinser	Aug 2
Linda Milford	Aug 2
Jay Wallace	Aug 7
Ray Whitaker	Aug 12
Tom Schwab	Aug 15
Jimmy West	Aug 15
Jacob LeCroy	Aug 17
Alex Eastland	Aug 18
Chase Green	Aug 19
Kenny Hutson	Aug 21
Jana Earnhardt	Aug 22
Lynn Ella Dimos	Aug 24
Kelly Hunt	Aug 24
Graham Arp	Aug 25
Hope Bobo	Aug 26
Nicholas Dimos	Aug 26
Mark Bruce	Aug 28
Gerald Wright	Aug 28
Hunter LeCroy	Aug 29
Caroline Sosebee	Aug 29
Karen Horton	Aug 30
Melissa Hunt	Aug 31

Sundays in August

August 2—Philippians 2:19-30-
“Joyfully Giving”

August 9—Philippians 3:1-11-
“Resurrection Joy”

August 16—Philippians 3:12-4:1-
“Perfect Joy”

August 23—Philippians 4:2-9-
“Joy of Peace”

August 30—Philippians 4:10-23-
“Joyful Contentment”

United Methodist Women

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The Orchard Ladies Circle is delighted to announce that we will host a guest speaker for our next meeting on Monday, August 31 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Alicia Davis has participated in mission work in both Africa and India along with local mission work in Gainesville, Georgia. Alicia will share her experiences in the mission field with pictures, PowerPoint presentation, native dress and items from each mission trip. All ladies are invited to come and join us for this special presentation and learn of upcoming UMW events planned for the remainder of this year.

United Methodist Men

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The building permits have finally been granted! Praise God! Following months of review, revisions, county lay-offs, and some frustration, this rebuilding project is once again restarting.

The men of Orange UMC can assist The United Methodist Children's Home by volunteering. Teams will be needed starting mid-August through the end of the year. If you would like to be a part of this important project, please let Tom Schwab or me know.

Children's Ministry

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Promotion Sunday is August 2, 2009 at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. All children will receive a certificate. If your child is moving into the 3rd grade, they will receive a Bible.

The 3rd Annual Golden Scoop is Saturday, August 8, at 6 pm. Hot dogs and chips will be served. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to be judged to win the ultimate “Golden Scoop” award.

Remember that starting Sunday, August 9, the children will resume singing from 10-10:15 am in the choir room.

August 2009

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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 Camp Woodlands Sanctuary Reserved-3-7 pm-Seufert Wedding
2 9th Sunday after Pentecost Promotion Sunday –10am Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Youth-5-7pm(FH) Bible Study-5-6:30pm(CO)	3 First Day of School BOT-7pm (MR)	4 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7- 8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH)	5 SPRC-7pm (CO)	6	7	8 Children’s Ministry— 6pm—Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Social
9 10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children’s Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH) Bible Study-5-6:30pm(CO)	10 Meals on Wheels Re- sumes (FH)-reserved	11 Meals on Wheels-8-2 pm Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7- 8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH)	12	13 Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30pm (CO)	14	15 GS Roundup—10-12 (FH & Pavilion) FH Reserved-4-9pm
16 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children’s Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH) Bible Study-5-6:30pm(CO)	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7- 8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH)	19 Church Council-7:30pm (CO)	20	21	22 Fellowship Dinner— 5-7pm-(FH)
23 12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children’s Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH) Bible Study-5-6:30pm(CO)	24	25 Fun Tuesday-Jr/Sr High-7- 8pm (YR) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9pm (FH)	26 Senior’s Bingo Resumes- 11:30am (FH)	27	28	29 BS-5-9pm (FH)- [Abdalla]
30 13th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 8:45 & 11am(S) Sunday School-10am Children’s Music-10am(MR) Youth-5-7pm(FH) Bible Study-5-6:30pm(CO)	31 UMW-6:30-8:30pm (FH) Nom. & Leadership- 7pm(CO)					

August Announcements

Bible Study

Throughout the Sundays of August, Pastor Max will be leading a five-part study of the book of Philippians. The class will meet in the Church office from 5-6:30 pm. It will begin on Sunday, **August 2** and end on Sunday, **August 30**. Please mark your calendars.

Fellowship Dinner

A Barbeque Dinner will be held on **August 22** in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5 pm until 7 pm. Menu includes: Babyback Ribs & Chopped Barbeque, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Potato Salad. Adults \$10 & Children 12 and under-donations please. Please call the church office for your reservation at 770-886-9662.

Community Health Fair

The Lodge at BridgeMill will present a Community Health Fair on **August 19** from 10 am - 2 pm. Medical and Senior Service Resource professionals will provide presentations, health resources and product information. Please call 770-479-4639 for more information.

OUMC BOOTH / YARD SALE

Saturday, September 12, Orange UMC is having a booth / yard sale fundraiser from 8 am- 3 pm on the church grounds. The possibilities are endless...handmade arts and crafts, food items, jewelry, service providers, etc. Join in the fun and reserve your booth soon.

You may choose to sell from the back of your car, truck, trailer, or setup your own tables. Booths will be approximately 10' x 20'. Booth rental prices are:

\$20.00-outdoors & \$25.00-indoors

In early September, we will be collecting donated items for the yard sale...more details to follow.

For information and to reserve your booth, contact the church office at 770-886-9662.

Golden Scoop Ice Cream Social/Hot Dog Supper

The Children's Ministry will provide this event on **August 8** at 6:00 pm. Bring the best homemade ice cream you can make and see who will take home the Golden Scoop!

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