

# The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

February 2010

## 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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March newsletter deadline is  
February 15

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## Bringing Youth to Christ Through Scouting

**February is Scouting month.** The Scouting ministry at Orange UMC is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry.

As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2010, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Many volunteers give their time so Scouting's members will be involved in a quality program. Merit badge counselors help Scouts learn more about vocations and hobbies. Volunteers see that the Scout camps of the Atlanta Area Council have the necessary physical facilities and that all camp activities meet the high health and safety standards of the national organization. Volunteers serve behind the scenes on committees so that community organizations using the Scouting program can find the best leadership possible for the youth related to their organizations. Volunteers also provide training for these leaders and offer a continuing service to every Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, and Venturing crew.

As you can see many men and women offer their services to Scouting, but more volunteers are always needed to serve as leaders or share their special skills with young people and other adults. All these people experience a special sense of achievement through their work in Scouting.

While there are only two Girl Scout troops (Troops 7016 & 2743) that meet at our Church, they have a huge impact in the surrounding area. There are 25 troops in the area with about 270 girls. The schools in the local area are Free Home, Macedonia, Avery, Ball Ground, Creekland and Creekview.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Orange Community and want to offer a special prayer and word of thanks to the leaders of Pack 469, Troop 469, chartered to Orange UMC and Girl Scout Troops 7016 and 2743 that use Orange UMC as their meeting place. On Sunday, February 14, we will have Scout Sunday to pray for all who are a part of this great ministry.

Thank you for your years of support to Scouting.

*Roger Leader*  
Scouting Coordinator for Orange UMC

**Outreach / Missions**

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**Kim & Damon Bland** have sent the following thank you note for your advent offering donations:

“Thank you Orange UMC! It is definitely a very pleasant surprise! Throughout this last year we have been able to help the churches of the Dominican Republic make disciples for Christ as well as reach out to the poor, the addicted, and the forgotten. This ministry would not be as effective without the support of people like you. We pray that God will bless you and that He will use your gifts to bless this ministry and the people of the Dominican Republic. We will be coming back to the United States for a brief visit mid-April-mid-May and we’d be happy to come and share with you what the Lord has been doing here through this ministry. Have a blessed New Year!”

Blessing,

*Damon & Kim Bland*  
 Dominican Republic Missions Project  
 Que Dios le bendiga  
 www.dominicanrepublicmissions.com

**Latest Kim & Damon update:** The Dominican Republic borders Haiti and Kim last wrote they were trying to make contact in Haiti to see if they could help with sending supplies via the Dominican Republic.

**Haiti Updates:** Please see www.umcor.org for the latest news updates about Haiti and how UMCOR and others continue to respond to this disaster. You can donate via check to the church with “Haiti” in the memo line and 100% of your funds go to Haiti response (our regular apportionments pay for the daily UMCOR administration expenses). If you would like to donate a health kit, please follow the church bulletin insert directions (extras located in the narthex) and drop them off at the church office or in the narthex on Sundays.

**Senior’s Bingo** has resumed its monthly activity.

**Mother’s Cupboard**-food boxes for approximately 40 households were distributed in January.

**Meals on Wheels**-regular delivery for Meals on Wheels resumed in January.

**A Message from the Bereavement Committee...**

**As co-leaders** of the Bereavement Committee of Orange United Methodist Church, we wish to express our heartfelt thank you to all church members who have volunteered to serve in this ministry.

In 2009, our Bereavement Ministry of love and sympathy was expressed to twelve Orange UMC families. Thank you notes expressing much gratitude for this demonstration of caring and love by our Orange church family have been received.

If you are interested in learning more about our Bereavement Committee, how it works, and how you can participate, please look for the orange pamphlets in the vestibule of the church.

Again, our thanks to all of you.

*Betty Wallace & Melissa Hunt*

**Youth News**

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**In 2006**, I prayed for God to open a new door in my life that would allow me to do great things for Him. I have been in youth ministry at Orange UMC ever since, but sadly that is coming to an end. After nearly four great years, I am stepping away from Orange and eagerly anticipating what God has next for me. I love the people of Orange and will miss them very much. I have been in prayer for the future of youth ministry at Orange and will remain in prayer about it.

Please pray for me and what lies ahead for me after college graduation. Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers throughout my time at Orange. I will always be thankful for the opportunity I was given and the many things that I have learned while at Orange.

God bless you.

*Graham Arp*

## Stewardship

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**Psalm 121 begins,** “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Thank God for his love, strength and support. It is such a special blessing to know that He is always with us, in good times and in challenging times, watching over us, loving us, supporting us and strengthening us. During 2010, we certainly will experience wonderful times and some challenging times as well. Through our faith and God’s love and support for us we can enjoy the good times and face the challenging times as individuals and together as the Orange United Methodist Church family.

Although 2009, was a challenging year for everyone, through your faithfulness and giving, ministries were supported, apportionments were paid, staff was supported, and benevolence efforts assisted individuals and families in

need. Thank you for all that you did in service and support.

Last month, we shared that the 2010 Orange UMC budget in the amount of \$236,755.00 had been recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Church Council. This month, the Finance Committee made a recommendation that the 2010 approved budget be amended and reduced to \$232,163.00. That recommendation was approved by the Church Council.

Again, this year we will provide a monthly update which is shown below on giving and the monthly financial status.

Last year through the special projects like the yard sale, fellowship dinners, silent auction, fish fry, golf tournament, 13th-month Campaign, etc., approximately \$13,000 was added to our general fund. Thank you for your support of each of those projects. We will continue to host at least some, if not

all, of these special activities again. We will formulate a tentative schedule and begin planning for each in the next couple of months. We will announce dates and plans as they are finalized. Please plan to participate and support these special projects again this year. If you have ideas for other special projects, please share those with Pastor Max, Paula Smith or any of the members of the Finance Committee.

We share in our dedication to God’s service and our sincere desire to continue God’s work in our community. Although this year certainly may continue to be challenging economically, we have the assurance and comfort of knowing that God is with us providing strength and help. Please be in prayer and give as you can throughout the year. Again, thank you for your service, dedication and support.

### BUDGET UPDATE

<b>2010 Budget:</b>	\$232,163.00
<b>Needed Monthly:</b>	\$ 19,346.92
<b>Thru January Giving</b>	\$ 15,975.50

### “The List”

**One of my favorite gifts** this past Christmas was a CD by Rosanne Cash entitled, *The List*. Rosanne is the daughter of the late Johnny Cash. The summer she graduated from high school, Rosanne spent touring with her father. On the bus, traveling from town to town, the two would talk about music and musicians. It was the early 1970s and to her surprise, Rosanne found that there were many artists that she and her father both liked. However, Johnny was concerned because he would often ask his daughter about songs that she knew nothing about. Many of the songs were folk songs and old ballads. One day, Johnny Cash took a legal pad and wrote out a list of 100 songs he thought anyone should know, who really wanted to understand American music. He gave the list to Rosanne and said, “If you really want to appreciate the music of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and some of the popular folk groups today, you need to appreciate the music which shaped them.” Rosanne kept the list all these years. Her new

CD features songs off that list given to her by her father almost 40 years ago. There are some great duets she performs with some of the musicians that she and her father admired across the years.

A few weeks ago, I began a sermon series on the Lord’s Prayer. This prayer is one of the items I would put on a very short list of things that every Christian must learn to appreciate and cherish across the years, if you want to grow and stay rooted in your faith (the other two items I would put on that list are the Apostles’ Creed and the Sermon on the Mount). The season of Lent will begin on February 17. Historically Lent is a time to practice self-denial and grow in your faith. Perhaps this year, you will use this time to grow in your understanding, practice of and living of the Lord’s Prayer.

Amen (let it be so), *Max*

## February Birthdays

Ronnie Turner	February 1
Whitney Williams	February 3
Jerry Kinser	February 4
Charlie Gibbs	February 8
Roger Leaders	February 8
Tracy LeCroy	February 10
Bonnie Smith	February 10
Bob Leslie	February 11
Hannah Reynolds	February 12
Carol Smith	February 12
Pat White	February 13
Becky Escher	February 14
Terry Walton	February 14
Chad Corn	February 16
Nina Turner	February 16
Terrie Cartmill	February 18
Benjamin Greene	February 18
Jimmy Moore	February 18
Melba Bruce	February 19
Bethany Goode	February 19
Lauren Whitaker	February 20
Adam Rice	February 24
Bailey Smithwick	February 24
Emily Barnes	February 28
Emily Schwab	February 28

### Sundays in February

**February 7**-Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany—  
Sermon: "Hallowed Name" Scripture: Revelation 4:5-11

**February 14**-Last Sunday after the Epiphany—  
Transfiguration Sunday-Boy Scout Sunday—  
Sermon: "Your Kingdom" Scripture: Luke 12:22-32

**February 21**-First Sunday in Lent—Sermon:  
"Your Will" Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23

**February 28**-Second Sunday in Lent—Sermon:  
"Daily Bread" Scripture: Luke 11:9-13

## United Methodist Women

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**Reflecting back on the past year**, we find many things for which we should be thankful. Orange "Orchard Circle" is a small group, but we have accomplished much! Through our members dedicated work with our fundraisers such as the book sales, plant sales, and cooking pan sales, we have been able to contribute much to local and global missions. Listed below are some of our 2009 Mission Projects:

OUMC Benevolence Fund	UMCOR
OUMC Homecoming Fund	UN Bed Nets
OUMC Bereavement Fund	Action Ministries
OUMC Church Roof Fund	Bethany Place, Women's Shelter
OUMC Fellowship Hall Fund	Methodist Children's Home
Mother's Cupboard	Murphy Harpst Children's Home
Give-a-Kid-a-Chance	in Cedartown, GA,
MUST Ministries	Jodi Stancil Deetlefs, Missionary
Cherokee Family Violence Center	Alicia Davis, Missionary
Cherokee Adopt-a-Senior Program	New Methodist Church in Dawson
Mission Society in Mexico	County

Orange UMW is not just about raising money for good causes. It's the fellowship and the sisterhood! Along with interesting speakers, devotions, fund retreats, and work projects, we get to know one another in Christian fellowship.

The following reflection is from a private devotion from one of our most faithful members, Meree White. She wrote it several years ago, but it is still very relevant to all of us today, "The survival of the Church does not depend on me. God says that even the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, that is, The Church. But, I alone can and must decide whether or not I will be a part of that Church, and be a living, working, vital part, or just sit idly by and complain about what *you* are not doing! I have come to the realization, that my time, my money, my labor and my talents are not really mine at all. It is only mine to choose how they will be used. I want to serve the One who placed me here on this Earth."

If you have never attended one of our meetings, or if you are one of our "missing" members, we welcome you to our next meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm for fellowship and 7:00 pm for our meeting. Ladies of Orange, we need you and you need us! And yes, we are intergenerational! At our next meeting, we will be making baby blankets to send to the UMW Assembly 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri. Bring your sewing shears!

**This year, the UMW** is taking on a special project. We would like to recycle your Christmas cards. If you would like to participate, please remove all names and greetings and bring our cards to church. There will be a box in the narthex to collect these cards through the month of February.

**OUMC  
MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE - 2010**

	Head of Household	Spouse
<b>Title: (check one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
<b>Full Name (first, middle, last):</b>		
<b>Sex:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Birthdate:</b>	Date: ___/___/___	Date: ___/___/___
<b>Address:</b>	_____	_____
<b>City, State / Zip:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Home Phone:</b>		
<b>Work Phone:</b>		
<b>Mobile Phone:</b>		
<b>Marital Status:</b>		
<b>Anniversary Date:</b>	Date: ___/___/___	Date: ___/___/___
<b>Occupation:</b>		
<b>Employer:</b>		
<b>Member Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor
<b>Sunday School Class:</b>		
<b>Baptized:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: ___/___/___	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: ___/___/___
<b>Personal Comments:</b>		

**Children**

Name (first, middle, last)	Birthdate	Grade	Baptized	Sunday School Class
	Date: ___/___/___		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Date: ___/___/___	
	Date: ___/___/___		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Date: ___/___/___	
	Date: ___/___/___		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Date: ___/___/___	

**May we send the Orange UMC newsletter to your email address?**       Yes     No

(All Information Provided Will be Kept Confidential)

## February Announcements

### Housing & Homeless Council Offering-Feb. 28th

**Your contributions** will help provide housing and basic necessities for men, women, and children who are homeless or in danger of losing their home. The offering you give also provides food for hungry people, help with rent or utilities, emergency shelter, safety for families fleeing domestic violence, a change for home ownership for a family building a Habitat house and job training for a homeless person. For additional information, please call the Housing and Homeless Council office at 678-533-1379 or visit [www.nghhc.org](http://www.nghhc.org).

### Membership Questionnaire

**Included** in this month's newsletter is a membership questionnaire. You don't have to worry about all of the information, we mainly want to be sure we have the correct address, telephone number, email address and birthdays for your family. It would be very helpful to know ages and school grades of children and youth. This information helps us better plan ministries and stay in touch with you. You can bring your completed questionnaire to church on Sunday, bring it to Anne in the church office, or mail it to the church. The more information you provide the better we can serve you. Thank you.

### Confirmation

**Parents**, if you have children who are in the sixth grade or higher, and wish to join the church, please contact the church office as soon as possible with your child's name and age, so we can plan for this year's confirmation class.

### Orange UMW Responds to Baby Blanket Request

**The national** United Methodist Women Organization has requested that Methodist women make baby blankets and shawls to be distributed to the five Methodist jurisdictions in the United States. These will be given to women and infants in medical and crisis centers. Orange United Methodist Women are responding with plans to make baby blankets at our next meeting on Monday, January 25. It has been requested that all blankets and shawls be completed in time for the UMW's National Assembly which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri in April. During church service on February 28, we will have a special consecration ceremony for all blankets and shawls before they are shipped.

With a March 1 deadline, we have only a short time to complete this Mission Project. If anyone would like to make a blanket or a shawl at home, the shawls can be either knitted or crocheted and the blankets can be simple no-sew fleece with tied-off fringe, or of pre-printed quilted fabric with machine-sewn binding. Blanket sizes: 30" x 30", 32" x 32", 36" x 36", or 38" x 38". If you would like to be reimbursed for purchased materials, save your receipts and OUMW will reimburse you. Please call Melissa Hunt at 770-887-0463 or Mary Cissell at 770-886-5153 for more details.

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