

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

March 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:

- Anne Chandler
Administrative Assistant
- Dee Smithwick
Custodian
- Jennifer Smithwick
Children's Director
- Joy Turner
Music Director
- Max Vincent
Pastor

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April newsletter deadline is:
March 15

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One Great Hour of Sharing - March 14, 2010

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Have you given money through the church to support relief work in Haiti? Did you send money to help aid victims of Hurricane Katrina? The Tsunamis? Or other disasters around the world? If you have ever given to these offerings, you have probably heard that 100% of your donation goes to the relief work. How is that possible? Partly through using the structures in our church, but mostly through the work of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This agency works within our structure to provide relief efficiently and quickly in time of disaster. They also have certain ongoing ministries around the world that they run as well. By giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on March 14th, you help support the structure of UMCOR, so that your designated gifts for disaster response can be given directly to relief work. As you have so often in the past, please give generously to this ministry.

Thank you in advance, *Max*

The following is some information about UMCOR from their website:

Life-Changing Ministry - A Response to God's Love

Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere.

You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain.

The 2010 Offering - Essential to UMCOR

Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps us keep our promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project-not on home office costs.

UMCOR is a good steward of God's gifts. UMCOR's top ratings by both [Charity Navigator](#) and the [American Institute of Philanthropy](#) attest to UMCOR's financial accountability.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

Outreach / Missions

Ed McDonald, Outreach Coordinator
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Haiti Relief - Thank you all for your Haiti relief donations of over \$1,200 through Orange United Methodist Church.

Mother's Cupboard - We distributed food boxes to 49 households in February. This supported 148 people, including 24 children and 15 seniors with over 1,700 pounds of food. It takes a great deal of work in addition to donated dollars and food to support this ministry. If you would like to help in a more "hands-on" capacity, please contact Ed McDonald at 770-720-6089.

Mission and Ministry Match Game

Can you match the correct phrase with its author?

- A. "We ask this through Christ our Lord"
- B. When we pray "through Christ", we are praying through the Body of Christ...We are charging ourselves...with some responsibility for answering the prayer.
- C. "Let my heart be broken with the things that *break the heart of God.*"
- D. A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
- E. He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
- F. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.
- G. Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
- H. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Match Game Authors:

- 1. Micah 6:8
- 2. Luke, 6th chapter
- 3. A common ending to Christian prayer
- 4. Hosea 6:6
- 5. Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision and Samaritan's Purse.
- 6. Matthew, 5th chapter
- 7. Margaret Mead, cultural anthropologist, contributor to 1979 American Episcopal Book of Common Prayer
- 8. Ronald Rolheiser, Roman Catholic priest, author, currently President of the Oblate School of Theology

(Correct answers on page 4)

Orange United Methodist Church is pleased to offer lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4, in honor or memory of your loved ones or anyone you wish to recognize during this special season. The cost of each lily is \$7.00, and you may purchase as many as you wish. Please take your lilies at the close of the 11:00 am service.



To reserve your Easter lilies, fully complete the form provided. Place your completed form (along with your payment) in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 14.



Name _____

Total number of lilies ordered: _____ @ \$7 ea. = _____

I am paying today by cash _____ check _____ (please make checks payable to OUMC and note "Easter Lilies")

(Please circle indicating in Honor or Memory of)

In Honor or Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Stewardship

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It is difficult to believe that March is already here. It has been a most interesting winter with its snow and very cold temperatures. I am sure that we all are looking forward to seeing the world ablaze with the vibrant colors of spring and summer flowers and trees.

The monthly update on our giving and financial status is provided in the chart below. You may receive this newsletter prior to the last Sunday in this month. We, however, will provide you with the information for February to date.

As I mentioned last month, we will continue many of the special projects/activities we enjoyed last year. At our last meeting, we set tentative dates for many of the projects. That tentative schedule is as follows:

- Fellowship Dinner—St. Patrick’s Day Dinner—March 17th (Corned Beef and Cabbage) - More information regarding time and cost will be announced later
- Talent Show (Tom Thumb Wedding) possibly along with a Fellowship Dinner—April 17
- Yard Sale and Silent Auction—May 8th (Rain Date—May 22)
- Golf Tournament—September (Date to Be Determined)
- Annual Fish Fry—November 6
- Fellowship Dinners—Additional dinners will be planned and announced throughout the year.

There may be other projects / activities planned as the year moves along. If you have ideas for other activities, please share those with Pastor Max.

We are continuing the 13th-Month Campaign this year. Please be in prayer and support this campaign as you can.

Although times may continue to be challenging, we can find peace and joy through our faith in God. Romans 5:1-2 says, “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”

We are blessed knowing that God is always with us providing us with joy, peace and hope as well as the strength and help we need during our good times and our challenging times. Please be in prayer and give as you can throughout the year. As always, thank you for your service, dedication and support.

Peace, Paula

BUDGET UPDATE

2010 Budget:	\$232,163.00
Needed Monthly:	\$ 19,346.92
Giving in January 2010	\$ 15,975.50
Giving Thru February 21, 2010	\$ 8,306.00

Hickory Flat Job Ministry

Men and women who are unemployed, or in the wrong job or career, are invited to the monthly meeting of the Hickory Flat Job Ministry. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Hickory Flat United Methodist Church, located at 4056 East Cherokee Drive in Canton, GA. Each meeting will feature speakers to provide insights for job transition and the opportunity to network with others. The program is free of charge. For more information, please call 770-345-5669, extension 210.

Fifty-Plus Fair

The third Fifty-Plus Fair will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. This is a free, community-wide event with resources for enhancing life after fifty. The hours are from 10 am to 2 pm. The featured speaker, Gene Henssler, PH.D., WGKA Money Talks Host, will be at 10:15 am. Over fifty exhibitors will have information and materials available. There will be free health screenings. All are welcome. Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

March Birthdays

Richard Kessler	March 2
Will Tyner	March 4
Rita Vice	March 4
Rachel Allen	March 5
Brooke Holloway	March 5
Annette Martin	March 6
Rachel Turner	March 6
Robbie Escher	March 10
Brad Jackson	March 10
Paula Smith	March 11
Kemper Bramblett	March 12
Diane Lathem	March 12
Martha Westray	March 12
Lisa Pendleton	March 16
David Shelley	March 17
Travis Smithwick	March 19
Holden Dayoub	March 19
Casey Cannon	March 20
Logan Lively	March 22
Bill White	March 24
Brian Lough	March 25
Alma Turner	March 26
Marlin Dayoub	March 27
Ben Bramblett	March 28
Amanda Schwab	March 29
Jennifer Smithwick	March 29

Sundays in March

March 7, 2010—Third Sunday in Lent—
Scripture: Matthew 18:23-25—Sermon: “Forgive”

March 14, 2010—Fourth Sunday in Lent—
Scripture: Luke 5:5-8—Sermon: “Temptation”

March 21, 2010—Fifth Sunday in Lent—
Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23—Sermon: “Glory”

March 28, 2010—Palm/Passion Sunday—
Scripture: Luke 22:39-42—Sermon: “Amen”

United Methodist Women

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Orange United Methodist Women are pleased to announce that we collected enough items to put together 50 health kits for the UMCOR Haiti mission. A big thanks to all Orange members who donated items.

If you missed the February 21 church service, you missed seeing the 19 beautiful baby blankets that our ladies made to contribute to the National UMW Assembly in St. Louis, MO. These blankets will be given to Methodist missions all over the United States.

We've been working hard on our projects, and in March we are taking a break! There will *not* be a regular meeting in March. However, we are planning a day trip for all ladies, including seniors, on Saturday, March 13. We will meet at the church and travel in the church van to Cartersville where we will tour the Booth Western Art Museum. We will stop for lunch during the day. Please call Leanne Derr at 404-861-4760 for details. Join us for a day of fun!

Children's Ministry

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Please mark your calendars for our Easter Egg Hunt which will be taking place on April 3 at 11 am. We would appreciate any candy donations that you can make.

Make a note that OUMC will be having Vacation Bible School this year the week of June 6-11. Please plan on having your children attend.

Financial Aid Workshops for Students

Thinking about going to college, but not sure you can afford it? Representatives from Reinhardt College, Young Harris College and Brenau University will answer your questions on the admissions and financial aid processes. If you are a junior or senior high school student, come and find out what you need to be doing now. If you are a returning adult student, ask what the colleges can offer you in programs with classes that fit your life and busy schedule.

Check out the Methodist Scholarship opportunities for college and graduate school. Take advantage of an opportunity to talk with college specialists who can offer good advice on applying to college as well as applying for financial aid on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 10 am until 2 pm (1st session begins at 10:30 am and the 2nd session begins at 1:00 pm). Workshop location: Bethel United Methodist Church, Worship Center, 100 Lumpkin Campground Road, Dawsonville, Georgia. Please email rhouse01@windstream.net or call Jo Ann Hause at 706-265-8993 for more information.

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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 Loca-
 tion ; WA=Wooded Area; LLCO= Lower Level of
 Church Office; BS=Boy Scouts; GS=Girl Scouts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> BOT-7 pm (CO)	<i>2</i> Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>3</i> SPRC-7pm (CO)	<i>4</i> GS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>5</i> <i>World Day of Prayer</i> GS-4-5:15pm(FH)	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>3rd Sunday in Lent / Girl Scout Sunday</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR)	<i>8</i> MOW-(FH) Reserved Nominations Committee Mtg. 7 pm (CO) GS-6-8 pm	<i>9</i> MOW-8-2pm (FH) Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> BS-6-7:30 pm Finance-7:30 pm (CO)	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-5:30 pm (SS) Daylight Saving Begins	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>17</i> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Fellowship Dinner (FH)- reserved noon-9 pm Church Council-7:30 pm (CO)	<i>18</i> District Trustees-7:30 pm (CO)	<i>19</i> GS-4-5:15 pm (FH)	<i>20</i> <i>First Day of Spring</i> BS-12-9pm-Crossover (Grounds, FH) - Marty Bruce and Roger Leaders
<i>21</i> <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10(MR) Youth-5-7on(FH) Daylight Saving Time	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Wedding Shower-12-5 pm-(FH)
<i>28</i> <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7on(FH) BS-4-5:30 pm (SS)	<i>29</i> UMW-6:30-8:30 pm (FH)	<i>30</i> Choir Practice-7-8pm(MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	<i>31</i> Senior's Bingo-11:30 am (FH)			

March Announcements

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Subscribe today to the North Georgia Advocate! The Advocate, a twice-monthly newspaper produced by the North Georgia Conference Communications Office, is a wonderful resource. In it you'll find local church stories of faith and discipleship, practical ideas for ministry, glimpses into lives of people who inspire our clergy and laity, news relevant to our conference, details on upcoming events, Sunday school lessons, and more. Plus, you'll receive the national United Methodist Reporter with every issue. What are you waiting for? Go to www.ngumc.org/advocate to subscribe.

Tom Thumb Wedding Talent Show

A make believe wedding done by some our kids will be held on April 17 in addition to a Fellowship Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to our Benevolence Fund. Anyone (of any age) wanting to "ham it up" is welcome to bring their act to provide entertainment at the mock wedding reception. We are looking for young and old to play parts too, since we will need parents and grandparents of the mini-bride and groom. I will also need parental help with rehearsals on April 3 and 10. Please contact Sue Lively to get in on the fun for a worthy cause at 770-378-0392.

Holy Thursday Service

We will have Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Match Game Correct Answers (from page 2)

A-3, B-8, C-5, D-7, E-1, F-4, G-2, H-6

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins March 14! Please remember to set your clocks forward.



St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner—March 17

Please Join Us in Celebrating
Saint Patrick's Day
with a
Fellowship Dinner
of
Corned Beef, Boiled Potatoes, Cabbage, Dessert & Drink
on
Wednesday, March 17-5:30-7:00 pm at
Orange United Methodist Church

(Please call for reservations at 770-886-9662)
\$10.00 / adult - donation for children

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday March 7 at 10 am (during Sunday school) in the Pastor's office.

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