

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

April 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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May newsletter deadline is:
April 15

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What if...

What if on one weekend in April United Methodists around the world worked together for one cause. What if on April 25 during worship, you could help end malaria around the world.

There are 11 million members of the United Methodist Church around the world. Every 30 seconds someone dies from malaria. While you were reading this, one person has already died.

Malaria can be stopped. The best prevention is a simple bed net. For \$10.00 a net, treated with mosquito repellent, can be sent to a person in Africa. What if on one Sunday each United Methodist gave \$10.00 to save a life. In one weekend 11 million nets could be provided. That's at least 11 million lives (since the nets are often used to cover more than one person in a bed, it could be more than double that number).

Perhaps you have heard about the "Nothing but Nets" campaign, an effort between the United Methodist Church, the NBA, *Sports Illustrated* and others. Perhaps you have already given to this effort. So far over 3 million nets have been sent to Africa. More is needed, much more.

Sunday, April 25 is World Malaria Day. On this day, members of the United Methodist Church are encouraged to give to help end malaria around the world. Whether you have given before or not, I hope you will seriously consider what you can give to save a life on this day.

Almost two years ago, we received an offering for "Nothing but Nets". We were able to raise over \$500 at that time. What if each person who attends Orange gave at least \$10.00? That would mean we would be able to raise over a thousand dollars, send over 100 nets, save over 100 lives. What if...

Peace, *Max*

Historical Society Presents Award

(From the *Cherokee Tribune*—March 24, 2010)

The Cherokee County Historical Society presented a recognition award to Fonda Oliver, a descendent of the Smithwick family and a member of Orange United Methodist Church, for her hard work in restoring and preserving the Old Orange Cemetery on Old Ball Ground Road in the Orange Community. The cemetery land was bought in 1834.

Fonda began restoration of the cemetery several years ago. She worked closely with the local Boy Scouts to clear the brush and to find lost tombstones. She and her family also landscaped the cemetery and erected a new picket fence.

We at Orange honor Fonda Oliver and thank her for her dedication in helping to preserve the county's history.

Outreach / Missions

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One Great Hour of Sharing: Thank you for your generous donations of \$81.00 so far for this special Sunday offering which is used to fund UMCOR's operating expenses, so that all designated giving to them is 100% used for the donor's intended ministry or program.

Meals on Wheels: April and May are the last 2 months before summer break. Contact Liz Lathem at 770-887-4292 if you would like to help.

MyGBGM is an email notification service of the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. Members choose the topics and countries that interest them and Global Ministries emails them when a new story that fits their interests has been posted. No more than one email is sent a day. You can register at : <http://gbgm-umc.org/myGBGM/register.cfm>.

New World Outlook is the mission magazine of the United Methodist Church. There is a poster in the narthex with subscription cards and information or you can also go to <http://gbgm-umc.org/nwo/>.

North Georgia Conference and several district email newsletters can be subscribed to at: <http://www.ngumc.org/site/stayconnected>.

Mother's Cupboard had a lighter than normal turnout on a snowy distribution day offering food boxes to 35 households in February (supporting 95 people, including 10 children and 11 seniors, with over 1200 pounds of food). Thank you again for all your donations of food and money!

Youth Ministry

Pastor Max
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All youth are invited to gather on Sunday evenings for fun, food and fellowship. Our normal schedule is games from 5-6 pm, time of study from 6-6:30 pm and eat from 6:30-7 pm.

There will be another mystery trip planned for late in April. Details will be posted on the Youth Website.

Please remember there will be no youth meeting on Easter Sunday.

Music Ministry

Joy Turner, Music Director
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Easter will be the first Sunday in April! This is a very special day at Orange UMC and the music ministry is looking forward to it with great anticipation! There will be special music by the Adult Choir and Sharon Schwab will also perform a very moving piece. Come and celebrate this wonderful service with us.

The Kid's Choir will sing on April 18 at the 11 am service. This will be a real treat!

On the fourth Sunday, April 25, New Harmony Baptist Church will host our next Community Singing. This is always a great night with congregational singing, choirs from 3 churches performing, and also special music by many smaller groups and solos. The singing will begin at 6 pm and there will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is invited!

The Adult Choir is happy to have a new member and also the return of several members that have been out due to sickness or other reasons. If you love music, this would be a great time to join the choir.

If you have any questions about the Music Ministry at Orange, please call me at 770-889-1278.

Stewardship

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What a special time of the year for all of us as Christians! At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the unending love that God has for each of us. In a recent sermon, Max shared that “we have a certain sign of the depths of God’s love for us in the cross of Jesus.” What a special and unimaginable gift God gave to us in his Son and in the sacrifice that Jesus made for us as he died for us and for the forgiveness of our sins. John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Thanks be to God.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Patrick’s Day Fellowship Dinner. The food was great, and the fellowship was even more wonderful. Thanks to Harry and Joyce Thigpen and Bob and Carol Koenig for their efforts in making the dinner possible. Thanks also to those who donated desserts for the dinner.

Please mark your calendars and come join us for the fellowship and fun for the following upcoming events:

- Tom Thumb Wedding and Talent Show with a dinner to follow—April 17th
- Yard Sale and Silent Auction—May 8th

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

The monthly update on our giving and financial status is shared in the chart provided below.

We continue to be 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.

Enjoy the spring temperatures, flowers, and activities and have a special and blessed Easter!

Peace,

Paula

BUDGET UPDATE

2010 Budget:	\$232,163.00
Needed Monthly:	\$ 19,346.92
Giving in January 2010	\$ 15,975.50
Giving in February 2010	\$ 13,582.00
Giving in March 2010	\$ 14,068.00

Tom Thumb Wedding and Spaghetti Supper

We will have a Tom Thumb Wedding and Spaghetti Supper on April 17. The make-believe wedding will start in the Sanctuary at 6 pm with the Spaghetti Supper at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can buy tickets on Sunday mornings in the narthex or call the church office and reserve your spot for a fun evening. The make-believe wedding will have entertainment provided by some our local talent.

The Spaghetti Dinner will consist of: salad, bread, spaghetti, tea and dessert. All for \$8.00/adult and \$2.00/child.

Proceeds will benefit the church’s Benevolence Fund. You won’t want to miss this fun event.

April Birthdays

Courtney Escher	April 2
Kim Hart	April 2
Trace Sosebee	April 2
Michael Thompson	April 2
Tammy Marchetta	April 4
MacKenzie Blalock	April 5
Jim Horton	April 7
Hannah Daniel	April 8
Lora Sharp	April 11
Joy Turner	April 14
Tonya Dean	April 16
Marlene White	April 17
Susan Lively	April 18
Perry Phillips	April 18
Neva Lough	April 20
Steve Wallace	April 21
Curt Escher	April 23
Lisa Kinser	April 26
Josh Turner	April 27
Lance White	April 30

Sundays in April

April 4

Easter Sunday – Communion —
I Corinthians 15:1-11 – “Remember the Gospel”

April 11

Guest Preacher – Michael Riddings

April 18

Confirmation Sunday – John 21:1-19
“If You Love Me...”

April 25

Acts 9:36-43 – “Believe and Receive”

United Methodist Women

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The next Orange UMW meeting will be on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning our upcoming plant sale May 8 which will be in conjunction with the church Yard Sale and Silent Auction.

One of our ongoing missions is the collecting of Campbell Soup labels for the Murphy Harpst Children's Home. We also collect box tops for the Box Tops for Education project for our area schools. There is a container for depositing these items in the church foyer.

Please plan on attending our April meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Mary Cissell, Vice President OUMW

Children's Ministry

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Don't forget about our Easter Egg Hunt which will be 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 6-10. We are in need of volunteers to help with VBS, please call if you can assist at 770-735-1083.

United Methodist Men

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The Spring Golf Outing at the beautiful Rivermont Golf and Country Club in Johns Creek, GA will be held on April 27th, 2010. The cost will be \$125 per person or \$500 for a 4-man team (limited to the first 144 paid players). Please see Bob Koenig or Max Vincent for more information and to register your team. Sponsorships are available. Please see Anne for a copy of the flyer for the outing.

Come to the Rock, because God said so... Spring Retreat for Men and Women will be April 24, 2010 at First United Methodist Church of Jefferson, GA. Rev. James Smith and Beth Smith will lead us during this one-day event. Cost is \$40/person. Some of the topics to be covered are: “Living Life to the Fullest, God's Way!”, “You Can be Faith-Full in a Faith-Less World”, “Don't Hang in There—Stand on the Word!” Please see Bob Koenig for more information and to register. Anne has the flyer for this event as well in the church office.

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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
				1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Thursday Service— 7 pm (S) GS-7-9 pm (CO)	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3 <i>Easter Egg Hunt—11 am</i> <i>Lunch to follow</i>
4 <i>Easter</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10 am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH)	5 <i>Spring Break</i> BOT-7 pm (CO)	6 <i>Spring Break</i> Choir-7-8 pm (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	7 <i>Spring Break</i>	8 <i>Spring Break</i> BS-6-7:30 pm	9 <i>Spring Break</i>	10
11 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> Guest Preacher Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10 am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-5:30 pm (SS)	12 MOW (FH)-Reserved	13 MOW-8-2 (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	14	15 Finance Committee-7:30 pm (CO)	16 <i>Tom Thumb Wedding</i> <i>Prep Day (FH & S)</i> GS-4-5:15 pm (CO)	17 <i>Tom Thumb Wedding &</i> <i>Dinner—6-7:30 pm</i> <i>(FH & S) reserved all</i> <i>day</i>
18 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10 am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-5:30 pm (SS) Confirmation Reception-noon (FH)	19	20 Choir-7-8 pm (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	21 Church Council-7:30 pm (CO)	22	23 GS-4-5:15 pm (FH)	24 <i>3rd Annual Spiritual</i> <i>Retreat-First UMC-</i> <i>Jefferson, GA</i> Reception Prep (FH)
25 <i>Native American Sun.</i> Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Reception-11-2 pm (FH) Children's Music-10 am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-5:30 pm (SS) Community Singing /New Harmony Baptist Church-6 pm	26 UMW-6:30-8:30 pm (FH)	27 <i>UMM—Golf Outing-</i> <i>Rivermont</i> Choir-7-8 pm (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	28 Sr's Bingo-11:30 am (FH)	29	30	

April Announcements

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, April 18, we will recognize three of our youth who have been going through confirmation this year. Those three are Alex Watson, Hannah Daniel, and Alexis Daniel. Following the morning worship services that Sunday, there will be a reception to greet the new confirmands into the life of our church.

Holy Thursday Service

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

Guest Preacher

Michael Riddings will be OUMC's guest preacher on Sunday, April 11.

OUMC Yard Sale & Silent Auction

Our Yard Sale and Silent Auction are planned for Saturday, May 8. Hours will be 8-2 pm for the Yard Sale and 8-2:30 pm for the Silent Auction. This year, we will have a OUMC food concession booth. Yard Sale booth rentals will be \$20. Booth reservations can be made by contacting the church office at 770-886-9662. All proceeds will benefit the church's general fund.

There will be more information to follow concerning the Sale and Silent Auction.

Native American Sunday Offering

On Sunday April 11, we will receive a special offering for Native American ministries throughout the United Methodist Church. Your generous contributions support:

1. The annual conference keeps 50% of the receipts to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the conference. The conference committee on Native American ministry administers these funds. If no Native American ministries exist within the conference, this portion of the offering expands the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative (General Board of Global Ministries).
2. The other 50% of the net receipts provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

Fish Fry

We now have a date for the annual Fish Fry at Orange, so circle Saturday, November 6 on your calendars.

Apartment—Rent Free

A one-bedroom studio apartment is available rent free off of Liberty Grove Road. Please call Heath Cashin for additional information at 770-475-1553.

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