

# The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

July 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*
- Nena Jones  
*Ministry Assistant*
- Dee Smithwick  
*Custodian*
- Jennifer Smithwick  
*Children's Director*
- Joy Turner  
*Music Director*
- Max Vincent  
*Pastor*

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August newsletter deadline is:  
July 15

Email:  
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## Apportionment Giving

**Each week your giving** to Orange UMC helps support the work of the church around the world. Through our apportionment giving (about 10% of our budget), we support missions and service around the globe. Recently I received the following note of thanks from our Conference Lay Leader:

*On behalf of the Conference Board of Laity, I say, "thank you, thank you" for your faithfulness in the payment of 100% of your church apportionments for 2009.*

*One of the Board's emphases for this quadrennium is to encourage awareness in laity leadership of the importance of faithful stewardship. It is because of your congregation's dedication, coupled with the leadership in other churches that remained true in their faithfulness, that enabled our conference to continue to grow and serve others through Christ-centered mission and ministry.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jane Finley*

Thank you for your continued faithfulness thus far in 2010.

Peace, *Max*

## A Message from Nena Jones

**People have asked me,** "Have you always wanted to be a pastor?" My answer was always, "No, I had never wanted or considered being a pastor." But all that has changed.

We all have an understanding of being called. Maybe first when our mother called us to dinner, later as our own babies called us in the middle of the night. We may have gotten a call for a job after an interview, or a call to play golf from a friend. Those calls are pretty concrete and we either answer "yes or no." But sometimes, a call from God is not as clear to us, and even if we want to be obedient, we aren't sure what we should do.

I received a "call" to this ministry later in life. Over the past several years, God has made it clear to me and assured me of it. I had been content in my career as a neonatal nurse practitioner, enjoying time with my husband and grown children and grandchildren, and active in lay ministry in my local church.

But then I experienced an unsettled feeling that I needed to be doing something differently. So, I wrestled with that feeling: Was I supposed to be doing something "in addition to" what I was currently doing, or was I supposed to be slowing down, waiting, and learning to be still? I prayed as I tried to discern what this disquiet meant. And I got an answer—take two classes at Candler next summer. This was pretty much out of the blue, not something I had considered, and not something I saw for my future. But having sensed this answer, my spirit became calm, and I reasoned that maybe I would learn something or meet someone that would be important for me to know or do.

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**Outreach / Missions**

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**Haiti Relief**

**Conditions in Haiti** continue to be deplorable. People are sleeping without shelter. Food, clothing, health-care, and school supplies are being requested. Albert Meli-faite, the pastor at First Haitian Church, has made a list of needs from his several trips to assist. Please review the list and hopefully some of the organizations in the church, Sunday School classes, youth, UMM, UMW can assist with one or more of the items below.

- 50 tents (9x7) that will shelter a family of 4 @ \$120.00 for each tent
- 2 tents (20x20) for two churches @\$1800.00 for each tent
- \$75.00/month will help with food, clothing, healthcare for a family of 4
- \$25.00/month/per child, will help pay for a child's school supplies, uniform and fees
- Clothes and shoes for kids and adults
- Also, any used chairs, musical instruments and or speakers for churches are needed

**Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers**

**Murphy-Harpst** located in Cedartown, Georgia provides therapeutic services to Georgia's most severely abused children:

- Giving children a home. For most, Murphy-Harpst is their last hope, having often failed in as many as 10 to 20 previous placements.
- Giving children a change. The program is designed to heal the whole person which includes professional therapy and Christian nurturing.
- Giving children hope. Eighty-two percent of Murphy-Harpst children progress to less restrictive environments such as foster care.

Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides behavioral healthcare, educational, preventative and intervention services to children and their families. Each child arrives with his or her own tragic story. Most have been abused, neglected or traumatized and are plagued by fear and anxiety.

On **Sunday, July 18**, we will receive a special offering for Murphy-Harpst.

**A Message from Nena Jones... (continued from pg. 1)**

I went through the process of applying to Candler School of Theology (this was in October 2005), and started those two classes the following July. Upon completion of those classes, I continued, taking two more each semester, still without any well-defined inclination of a final purpose. A year later, as I was enjoying a few autumn days with Dennis, riding the train in Blue Ridge, quietly contemplating the scenery and my own life; I realized that God had indeed been at work within me, that God had been preparing me, that I was being called to complete the Master of Divinity and to be in ministry as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. I did not take this easily. I told God I was too old...that there must be other people better equipped...more skilled...more suitable for this call. God let me bluster. Finally, I settled down and realized that God can do what God can do, and God can call whom God will call. God had not asked me for my input on the plan. My choice was to be obedient or not—at once, both an easy and a difficult choice. As I had realized Jesus as Lord of my life, being obedient was truly my only option. But, to be obedient, I had to change my lifestyle, and that of my husband's and accept God's call for me to the pastorate.

So, here I am, having just finished my degree, and in the process of being a pastor in our North Georgia Conference. Here I am, at Orange UMC for the time being, knowing that I have something to offer you, and you have something to offer me, as we are all in ministry together in a hurting world where the only answer is Jesus as Lord. God has provided assurance and confidence for me that the Almighty is at work among us. So, I'll see you around.

Peace,

*Nena*

# Stewardship

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**With the beginning** of July, we find ourselves entering the last half of 2010. Although we have seen many challenges during the first part of the year, there have been many opportunities, joys and celebrations that have been a part of 2010 as well.

We have had the joy of welcoming additional people into the Orange family and just last month we celebrated another Homecoming where we enjoyed wonderful food and especially the fellowship, with not only our church family but also with those who are still connected with Orange from years past. No doubt this last half of 2010 will hold challenges for us, but I am confident that God has many opportunities, celebrations and joys in store for us

In a few short days, we will be celebrating the Fourth of July. Especially on this day, we will recognize and celebrate our freedoms and the blessings that God has bestowed on our nation. As we remember the freedoms and blessings that we enjoy, may we continue to give God the honor and glory.

We have tentatively planned our Golf Tournament for the early fall and the annual Fish Fry in early November. More information will be provided as time for the events draws nearer.

The 13th-month Campaign continues. Please be in prayer and support this campaign as you can.

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

Please be in prayer and give as you can throughout the remainder of the year. Again, thank you for your dedication, support and service.

Thanks be to God,  
*Paula*

## 2010 BUDGET UPDATE

**2010 Budget: \$232,163.00**  
**Needed Monthly: \$ 19,346.92**

<b>Giving in January</b>	<b>\$ 15,975.50</b>
<b>Giving in February</b>	<b>\$ 13,582.00</b>
<b>Giving in March</b>	<b>\$ 14,068.00</b>
<b>Giving in April</b>	<b>\$ 16,326.80</b>
<b>Giving in May</b>	<b>\$ 18,424.55</b>
<b>Giving in June</b>	<b>\$ 12,560.69</b>

<b>Giving in July</b>
<b>Giving in August</b>
<b>Giving in September</b>
<b>Giving in October</b>
<b>Giving in November</b>
<b>Giving in December</b>

## July Birthdays

Helen Edwards	July 1
Suzanne Wright	July 1
Carrie Manley	July 2
Harry Thigpen	July 2
Dee Smithwick	July 8
Meredith Dayoub	July 8
Wesley Allen	July 10
Chastity White	July 11
Nick Larkin	July 11
Cameron Holloway	July 16
Steven Whitaker	July 16
Dot Puckett	July 19
Jennifer Jeffreys	July 20
Liesl New	July 24
Austin New	July 24
Vince Gradwell	July 25
Erin Mitchell	July 25
Claire Marchetta	July 27
Reese Gradwell	July 29
Susanna Brooks	July 30
Stan Copeland	July 31

Please let the church office know if your birthday is not listed. We want to help celebrate your special day!

## United Methodist Women

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**Our UMW Annual Ice Cream Social** is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 7 at 7 pm at the home of Melissa Hunt. Come and enjoy the casual, relaxing fellowship and have a serving (or two) of delicious homemade ice cream!

For directions, call Melissa at 770-887-0463 or Jamie Hogue at 770-853-5182. We hope to see everyone there!

## Children's Ministry

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**Holbrook Campmeeting** will take place July 9-18. There will be Children's Services Monday-Friday during the week beginning at 9:15 am. All children through 5th grade are welcome to attend. There will be music, crafts, and Bible stories.

**Promotion Sunday** will be Sunday, August 1 during the 11 am worship service.

**Our Golden Scoop Ice Cream Social** will be Saturday, August 14th at 6 pm at the church's pavilion. Everyone is welcome! Bring your best homemade ice cream.

## Music Ministry

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**The Adult Choir** will be singing at Holbrook Campground on the first Sunday night of the 10-day Campmeeting, July 11th at 8 pm. We hope everyone will come and support us and enjoy the service that Sunday evening!

The Orangemen will be singing at the Campmeeting on Wednesday, July 14 starting at approximately 7:30 pm.

## Sundays in July

**July 4** — 6th Sunday after Pentecost—Scripture: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, Sermon: "Lord, in Your Name", Communion

**July 11** — 7th Sunday after Pentecost—Scripture: Luke 10:25-37, Sermon: "What Must I Do?"

**July 18** — 8th Sunday after Pentecost —Preacher: Nena Jones

**July 25** — 9th Sunday after Pentecost—Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, Sermon: "One Thing is Needed"

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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	2	3
4 6th Sunday after Pent/ Communion/Independence Day Donuts & Coffee — 9:30 (FH) Worship — 10 am (S)	5 4th Observed  Church Office Closed	6  No Choir Practice BS-7-9 pm (FH)	7	8	9 Campground Meeting	10 Campground Meeting
11 7th Sunday after Pent. Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Youth-5-7pm (FH)  BS Twilight Camp-Open House - 5-10pm	12 Campground Meeting  BS Twilight Camp-5-10 pm	13 Campground Meeting No MOW No Choir Practice BS-7-9 pm (FH) BS Twilight Camp-5-10 pm	14 Campground Meeting Orangemen Singing-7:30 pm  BS Twilight Camp-5-10 pm	15 Campground Meeting  BS Twilight Camp-5-10 pm	16 Campground Meeting  BS Twilight Camp-5-10 pm	17 Campground Meeting
18 8th Sunday after Pent.. Campground Meeting / Special Offering-Murphy- Harpst Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Youth-5-7pm (FH)	19	20  Choir-7-8 pm (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	21	22	23	24
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## July Announcements

### Fourth of July

**On Sunday, July 4th**, we will have one casual worship service at 10 am. Coffee & donuts will be served starting at 9:30 am.

There will *not* be a youth meeting on Sunday, July 4 due to the holiday.

### Scout Camp — July 12-16

**The annual Cub Scout Twilight Camp** will be held at Orange UMC each evening the week of July 12 thru 16 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

Leaders are expecting 250-275 total participants during the week!

### Holbrook Campmeeting — July 9-18th

**The Orangemen** will perform on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm.

### Children's Sunday School Promotion

**Sunday, August 1** will be Promotion Sunday during the 11 am worship service.

### Sunday, August 8th

**We will have one service** at 10 am with a hot dog lunch to follow.

On this day, we want to invite our school teachers and employees to a special time of thanks and prayer for our local schools. More details to follow in the August issue of *The Orange Branch*.

### Community Singing — August 29

**The next Community Singing** will be August 29th at Hightower Church. If you have never been to a Community Singing, you are encouraged to try it. This will be a wonderful night of Christian music. Mark your calendars now so that you won't miss it!

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