

The Orange Branch

Orange United Methodist Church

January 2011

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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February newsletter deadline is:
January 15

Email:
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District Workshops

On Sunday, January 23, 2011 there will be a worship service and training workshops for churches in the Atlanta-Roswell District at Northbrook UMC beginning at 2:30 pm. The following workshops are open to anyone who would like to attend:

- The Discipline for Small Membership Churches / Rev. Max Vincent
- Breathing Clinic for the Choir Singer / Adam Frey
- Tech Tools for Ministry / Chris Branscomb
- Getting to Effective Meetings / Rev. Royeese Stowe
- How to Make Disciples / Rev. Jim Higgins
- First Impressions...Looking Your Sunday Best All Week Long / Tim Fernandez
- Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations / Rev. Terry Walton
- The Ministry of Local Church Lay Leaders / Gary Fuller
- Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee Training / Dr. Ed Tomlinson
- Youth Ministry Basics / Rev. Sam Halverson
- Connect Pulpit to Classroom / Rev. Davis Chappell

Human Relations Day Offering Sunday, January 16, 2011

“Statistics show that children of prisoners are six times more likely than other children to be incarcerated at some point in their lives.” United Methodist Church Redemption Kids Ministries in Oklahoma is seeking to turn that around. As a ministry already focused on prisoners and ex-prisoners, it was natural for Redemption to reach out to children and families.

Many of these children feel alone in their struggles. Meeting children in similar circumstances helps them to cope. “I felt angry. I know I shouldn’t, because it’s not you that locked my parents up,” remembers Equandre Wofford, active in Redemption Kids for more than six years, and now a youth leader helping others succeed.

Joy Block, youth director for the Redemption Youth program at Redemption Penn Avenue United Methodist Church, was incarcerated herself. Block says, “I want our (youth) to...follow God first. That’s number one.

“That’s going to be their strength –always—in life,” continued Block, who knows the key to breaking the incarceration cycle is to surround young people with God’s love.

Your gifts to Human Relations Day provide avenues to restored relationships through ministries like Redemption Kids, a Youth Offender rehabilitation.

Outreach / Missions

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“**Money should fund** your vision, not determine it.” (from FPU website). Do you ever feel that your money controls your life, instead of you controlling your money? Do you ever feel like you don’t have a good financial plan for retirement, or education, or giving? More than a dozen of us at Orange have made great strides in our understanding of how to better use our money and make plans for it by taking Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University course together. We have enjoyed a great time of Christian fellowship and learning, as we are each getting our “financial” houses in order. We invite you to join the next 13-week course starting soon. Watch for announcements.

We welcomed Kim and Damon Bland to Orange UMC in the fall and had the opportunity to hear about their work as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. The picture documentary that they have put together of the mission teams that have gone to the DR is on the table at the back of the sanctuary during January. Take a look at it and you will see pictures of building, digging, worshipping and fellowship together as they have served God.

Though their mission teams are full for this next summer, there has been some interest from people at Orange UMC in going on an international

mission trip. If you would like to explore this, please talk to Nena or Pastor Max.

Senior’s Bingo—Resumes on Wednesday, January 26th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Betty Wallace at 770-887-4228 if you would like to help or if you have questions.

Mother’s Cupboard—Housed at Macedonia UMC, Mother’s Cupboard is a food ministry that supplies a box of food to needy families on the first Tuesday of each month. You can help by making a monetary donation for Mother’s Cupboard, bringing food items and placing them in the pantry in the church narthex, or volunteering. Volunteers usually meet on the first Tuesday around 3 pm to pack boxes and the boxes are passed out around 5 pm. For more information, call Bob or Carol Koenig at 770-781-6651.

Meals on Wheels—Tuesday, January 11th will be the next Meals on Wheels delivery date. If you would like to help prepare food or deliver meals, please contact Liz Lathem at 770-887-4292.

Music Ministry

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December was a wonderful month for music. I want to thank everyone that participated in both the Adult Christmas Cantata and the Kid’s Christmas Program! The music was beautiful and the food was delicious.

As we look forward to a new year, I am excited about the many opportunities. Before we know it, April will be here and we will be hosting the Community Singing.

If you are not currently involved in the music program at Orange, I invite you to “give it a try” this year.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Joy

Stewardship

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Nurturing Generous Living

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. *Outpouring* is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, “We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power

belongs to God and does not come from us.”

Whether for fancy purposes or everyday usage, the “unadorned pots of our daily lives”) as *The Message* puts it) highlight the fact that **all of who we are and what we have comes from God** and is to be used for God’s purposes. God can use our uniqueness, even our limitations, weaknesses and eccentricities, to communicate God’s powerful presence and love.

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has

to do with **the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors** (see Mark 12:28-31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for “heart” is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the “religious” sector or the percentage we give away. [Copyright General Board of Discipleship-used by permission-www.GBOD.org]

May God bless your 2011, *Bob*

2010 BUDGET UPDATE

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

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

Giving in July	\$ 14,304.01
Giving in August	\$ 18,808.51
Giving in September	\$ 11,330.78
Giving in October	\$ 18,516.25
Giving in November	\$ 16,467.68
Giving in December	\$ 13,328.00

Youth Ministry

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The Youth will not meet on **January 2nd**. We are planning a lock-in on **Friday, January 7th** at the church. We will begin meeting at the church around 6 pm and will plan on leaving Saturday morning after breakfast (at 9 am). There is no cost for this event, but we do need to know who is planning to

attend to prepare for food and chaperones. Please let Pastor Max know if you plan to attend. It is time to start thinking about the Spiritual Life Retreats (SLR) at Camp Glisson. If you would like to go on this year’s retreat the date is **March 11-13th** and the cost is \$125.00. Please let Pastor Max

know as soon as possible if you would like to attend as space is filling up fast.

January Birthdays

Caroline Dayoub	Jan. 1
Meree White	Jan. 2
Leila Lathem	Jan. 3
Bob Koenig	Jan. 5
Jon Lathem	Jan. 5
Katie Schwab	Jan. 5
Lacey Kinser	Jan. 7
Dwight Smithwick	Jan. 7
Madella Shelton	Jan. 10
Beth Eastland	Jan. 11
Smith White	Jan. 11
Marion Hicks	Jan. 12
Linda West	Jan. 13
Annie Marchetta	Jan. 14
Stanley Poole	Jan. 14
Bobby Armour	Jan. 15
Haley Waldrop	Jan. 18
Victoria Wallace	Jan. 18
Louise Corn	Jan. 19
Ashley Jeffreys	Jan. 19
Lauren Jeffreys	Jan. 19
Terry Turner	Jan. 21
Michelle White	Jan. 21
Charles Orr	Jan. 22
Leslie Shelley	Jan. 23
Amy Walton	Jan. 23
Max Vincent	Jan. 24
Laura Leaders	Jan. 24
McKenzie Carr	Jan. 27
Meredith Coley	Jan. 28
Hoyt Rogers	Jan. 30

Happy Birthday!

Please call the church office at 770-886-9662 if we have failed to list your birthday.

United Methodist Women

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The next meeting of the Orange UMW will be Monday, **January 31** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There is a field trip scheduled for **February 20, 2011** at the Gwinnett County Civic Center. Jeanne Robertson, a Christian comedienne from North Carolina, will be performing. The trip will be open to all church members. For additional information, please call Jamie Hogue at 770-853-5182.

Sundays in January

January 2-Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12, Sermon: "Seeing God's Plan"

January 9-Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17, Sermon: "Doing What's Right?"

January 17-Scripture: John 1:29-42, "Sermon: "The Witness of John"

January 23-Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23, Sermon: "His Call Makes Us What We Are"

January 30-Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12, Sermon: "Blessings That Are Hard to Bear"

Orange UMC Preschool Classes

Ages 2, 3 & 4

Tuesdays & Thursdays—9 am until Noon

Monthly Tuition—\$150

We are trying a two-day per week preschool program through May 2011. Classes began in November 2010. Eula Jean Campbell will be the director. She can be reached at 404-403-2173 for additional information.

January 2011

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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; P=Church Pavilion
 G=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 <i>New Years Day</i>
2 Epiphany Sunday Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS)	3 BOT Mtg.-7 pm (CO)	4 BS Leaders Mtg.-6:30-7:30 pm (CO) GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	5 SPRC-7 pm (CO)	6 GS-1-3pm (FH)	7 (FH) Reserved-5 pm- Youth Lock-in	8 Youth Lock-in until 9 am (FH)
9 1st Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS)	10 MOW-FH Reserved all Day GS-6-8 pm (CO)	11 MOW-8-2 pm (FH) GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	12 Finance Committee Mtg.- 7:30 pm (CO)	13 BS-6-7:30 pm (FH)	14 GS-4-5:15 pm (FH)	15
16 2nd Sun. after Epiphany/ Human Relations Sunday Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (S)	17 MLK, Jr. Holiday (Office Closed) Blood Drive-2-7 pm (FH)	18 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	19 Church Council-7:30 pm (CO)	20 GS-1-3pm (FH) BS-6-7:30 pm (FH)	21 GS-4-5:15 pm (FH)	22
23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS)	24	25 GS-6-7 pm (FH) Choir-7-8 pm (S) (MR) BS-7-9 pm (FH)	26 Senior's Bingo-11:30 am (FH)	27 BS-6-7:30 pm (FH)	28	29
30 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship 8:45 & 11 am (S) Sunday School-10 am Children's Music-10am (MR) Youth-5-7pm (FH) BS-4-6 pm (SS) BS-5-6:30 pm (SS)	31 UMW-6:30 pm (FH)					

January Announcements

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for the Christmas bonus this year, we appreciate your generosity and the chance to work together in ministry with you at Orange.

Anne Chandler, Nena Jones, Dee Smithwick, Jennifer Smithwick, Joy Turner and Max Vincent

Christmas Is for Kids

Thank you to everyone who bought gifts, cooked food, welcomed, cleaned up or participated in anyway with our Christmas Is for Kids event. The 31 children you helped had a richer Christmas due to your generosity and hospitality.

Human Relations Day Offering

We will receive the Human Relations Day Offering on Sunday, **January 16th**.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - January 17, 2011

There will be a Blood Drive hosted by the American Red Cross on **January 17th** in the Fellowship Hall from 2-7 pm.

Scout Sunday

We will celebrate Scout Sunday on **February 6th**. We encourage all of our scouts and scout volunteers to join us in worship.

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