



## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- ◆ Messiah rescheduled for April 25th
- ◆ Mothers, Daughters & Friends dinner, April 23
- ◆ VBS —July 5th-9th
- ◆ Men's Dinner on Friday, May 14, 2010
- ◆ Supplies needed for College Care Packages
- ◆ College Scholarships
- ◆ New Website Training

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April 21, 2010

### *From Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Stephenson*

#### **Recovery Update**

Patience is a virtue and the members and friends of FUMC Orange have been very patient as we continue our recovery and rebuilding after Hurricane Ike. Not surprising, some patience is wearing thin, and many of you want information about our current status financially as well as the status of the Education Building and Fellowship Hall renovations. First of all, let me remind you that FUMC like all United Methodist Churches is an "open books" church. Any time you would like to have a copy of our financial reports, you may contact Norma Bergeron and she will be happy to give you a copy of our latest financial statements. We don't keep secrets in the United Methodist Church.

In order to be inclusive of our church family, I purposely made our Building Committee a large group. While we work well together, there are differing opinions and we have yet to settle on a final plan to present to the congregation for the Education Building and Fellowship Hall renovations. Currently we are waiting for the General Contractor to submit estimates back to our architect on the three options we have before choosing one to present to the church. As soon as that is done, we will be able to come to you with some good figures for your consideration.

Our presentation will also include a plan to deal with the debt on the Praise Center. Once all the pledges are paid in, we will owe somewhere in the neighborhood of 1 million dollars on the Praise Center building. Carrying that debt is a difficult task for a church trying to expand its ministry capabilities. We need to deal with it in a timely manner.

Also, many of you are wondering why we didn't use the money we received from insurance claims to go ahead and remodel the church. We received approximately \$1.5 million from our insurance claims, but it cost just over 2 million to repair our church from the damage done. As many of you know, insurance helps, but it doesn't cover it all.

A detailed report of our hurricane recovery is forth coming, but I believe this information will help answer some of your questions. We have been so fortunate to have such dedicated laity helping our church during this time, especially Darby Byrd, Susan Pennington, Beth Mathews, Jim Armstrong and Walter Riedel. The hard work has not been limited to these, but they have all been the chairpersons of our Insurance, Trustees and Finance Committees during this recovery period. I'm not sure when the recovery is finished, but we are not quite there. If you ever have any questions, I do hope you will ask them. And I do appreciate your patience as we continue to move forward.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### Giving Report April 2010

Our monthly needs:  
**\$65,500.00**

Receipts as of April 19:  
**\$ 50,573.00**

### Our Attendance

**Sunday Worship April 4**  
8:15 a.m. 61  
8:55 a.m. 148  
11:00 a.m. 251

**Sunday Worship April 11**  
10:30 a.m. 42  
8:55 a.m. 100  
11:00 a.m. 106

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says "I believe".**

## Members Serving in Worship

**April 25, 2010**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Ushers:** Team #3- 8:15 – Jim Snider, Vernon Murray, Pie & David Bridges

11:00 – John Holm, Al Vasquez, Jerry Windham, Jim Armstrong, Arlon Fields

**Altar Guild:** 8:55– Glenda Whitley

11:00– Billie Jo Nelson/Kathy McKenzie

**Greeters:** 8:55- Tim & Joy Hughes

11:00– Jerry & Beth Ann Windham

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55- Dale & Barbara Dardeau

11:00- Jim & James Armstrong

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Nancy Vincent

8:55 – Jeannie Waguespack

11:00 – Sandra Hoke

**Acolytes:** Hayley Peet/Megan Neff

**May 2, 2010**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Ushers:** Team #4- one service—Walter Riedel, Ed & Charlotte Foreman, Jack Jones, Jim Finklea, Mike Hoke, Ron Hopperton, John Cochran

**Altar Guild:** Not Yet Available

**Greeters:** one service– Jerry & Susan Pennington  
Harriet & David Dubose

**Parking Lot Greeters:** one service– Dina & Greg Debrates  
Sandra & Mike Hoke

## Memorials

### In memory of Sandy Sanford by:

Shirley Hudson  
Wanda & Pat Monogue  
Julie & Richard Allensworth  
Janet Bland  
Barbara & Dale Dardeau  
Ron & Bonnie Hopperton  
Jean & Glenda Whitley  
Charles & Dorothy Grodahl

### In memory of Lisa Fraley by:

Shirley Hudson  
Julie & Richard Allensworth  
Ron & Bonnie Hopperton  
Louise Mayo  
Mary Martell

### In memory of Bill Bryant by:

George & Beverly Millsap  
C.F. Jircik

### In memory of Vernon Pennington by:

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
Charlie & Beverly Blalack  
The Force Families  
Wilda Hart  
Glenn & Danielle Heil  
Judy & Gerald Taylor  
Davie Thompson  
Bill & Jerry Triggs  
Edith & Emory Webb

### In memory of Bill Hanes by:

Jean & Glenda Whitley

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## Children's Production

### Ants'hilvania

Sunday May 2, 2010

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Children's Production

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon  
immediately following

## Thank You

Thanks to all who participated in the "Lenton Box" offering. We collected \$400.00 for UMCOR!

## Men's Dinner

The United Methodist Women are hosting a **Men's Dinner on Friday, May 14, 2010**. It will be at 6:30pm in the Praise Center. We will have a wonderful meal, good fellowship and an exciting guest speaker. Come and let the women wait on you as we express our appreciation for all you do for us! The evening will have a western theme so come in your boots and jeans. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale starting April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Stephenson at 883-3727.

## Habitat for Humanity

Greater Orange Area Habitat for Humanity  
Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**When:** Saturday, May 1, 2010

**Where:** Sunset Grove Country Club

**Cost:** \$100/two person team

**Format:** 2 person best-ball

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, April 27th

**To register:** call Sunset Grove 883-9454

## Visitors

Arnulfo Arciva  
Emily & Cooper Lowe  
Darrell Alsandor  
Lisa Dees  
Phillip, Aaliyah & Alayna Morris  
John & Amber Weidner  
Candace Calhoun  
Mary & Emily Kunst  
Virginia Muller  
Kristie Stasy  
Lessie Spikes  
Robert Edwards  
Elizabeth Dodge  
Don, Macy, Derby & Paris Jones  
Heather Rogers & Megan Beard  
Ella Nace  
Steve & Meredith Viator  
Michael Ryner  
Elizabeth Garland  
Elizabeth Soslow  
Tasha Brewster  
Marlin & Amy McKinney  
Holli Cryer  
John H. Gray, Jr.  
Krysten Young  
Emily Lee  
Corbin McLellan  
Nichole Phillips  
Jonathan Miller  
JoAnna Chandler  
Janice Westfall  
Barbara Hayes

Tori Butler  
Noel & Betty  
Moore  
Barbara Hayes  
Beth Edwards  
Sean Murray  
David Hammerly  
Sulvia Buehler  
Megan Vogt  
Addie Wallace  
Beth Linder, Jas-  
mine, Caitlin &  
Jay

## Care Package for College Students

We send care packages to our college students each semester during final exams to encourage them and remind them they are always in our thoughts and prayers. It is a way to let these students know their church family still cares for them. If you would like to donate items for the care packages, we will have boxes located in the Praise Center near the church office to place your donation. There are approximately 25 college students we will be sending packages to the last week of April. Following are suggestions for filling the boxes that may be helpful. Return all items before April 25.

handwritten note of encouragement  
small Bible (one example at <http://store.wmepress.org/fanewteandps.html>)

pens/pencils

index cards

post-it notes

candy/gum

drink mixes for individual water bottles

hot chocolate, apple cider, tea, coffee packets

raisins, granola or energy bars, trail mix

100 calorie packets of chips & cookies

microwave popcorn

fun stress-relief toys

anything with our church's or the Methodist log on them  
anything that you think might be useful to a college student

**Parents! Please e-mail the address of you college student to Christy Day at [cdaze@gt.rr.com](mailto:cdaze@gt.rr.com) or call the church office ASAP.**

## Save Your Water Bottles

Please save plastic water bottles and lids for Beth Tatum. She is collecting them to make noisemakers for worship at Annual Conference and needs 1000 by mid-May! You may bring them to her office at the church. Extra thanks if you rinse them and remove labels 1<sup>st</sup>!

## College Scholarships



### Attention Graduating Seniors and College Students

FUMC Board of Trustees is accepting scholarship applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Interested students should submit a letter of interest that includes the following information:

- **Name and contact information**
- **College you plan to attend**
- **College major and future career interest**
- **List your involvement in First United Methodist activities**
- **High School GPA and club/sports participation**

All letters of interest should be submitted to the church office by April 28th.

## Calling Our Veterans

If you are a member of FUMC Orange and a Veteran, we'd like to honor you by featuring you on our website. Please submit a photograph of you in uniform then (and now if you have a current photo to include) and information of the branch in which you served and when, and one of your favorite memories during your service. You may provide this information the church office by stopping by or emailing [Kristen.Huckaby@fumcorange.org](mailto:Kristen.Huckaby@fumcorange.org). We're currently designing the Veterans page to be included on the website and we'd like to include those who have served our country to help preserve our freedom. We thank you!

## FUMC Orange Photos

We'd like to ask those of you who enjoy taking photos or are a photographer to bring your camera with you to the various church activities and take some candid shots, posed shots, and fun shots of our church members and visitors and church activities. If you have some great photos you'd like to include on the church website, please email them to Kristen at [Kristen.Huckaby@fumcorange.org](mailto:Kristen.Huckaby@fumcorange.org). Please be sure to label who's in the photo and from what activity the photo is referencing. Not all photos will necessarily be posted, but we'll take the best of the best from each activity or event and show our community what a great church family we have, what great facilities we have been blessed with and what great fun we have together.

## Prayer Notes & Care Notes

A variety of new pamphlets have recently been added to the library station racks. The booklets include a mixture of special themes which may be of interest to you or a helpful resource for someone you know. Some of the topics available: "Praying About Something That Can't Be Changed, Giving Your Worries to God, Telling God - Thanks - No Matter What, How Faith Can Help When Bad Things Happen, Turning to God When You Hurt, Living Wills - A Simple Guide for You & Your Family, Teaching Children Simple Ways to Pray & Letting the Bible Inspire Your Prayers". We invite you to visit the library racks to view all of the new theme pamphlets. These complimentary Notes are provided by the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

## Spelling Bee



UMW is sponsoring a Spelling Bee Team:  
**Marcia Brown, Wendy Stephenson  
& Gwen Whitehead**

Friday, April 30th—11:30am @ Lamar Student Center  
Come have lunch & cheer for the team!

## New FUMC Website

The new FUMC website is now live and may be accessed at the same address [www.fumcorange.org](http://www.fumcorange.org). New features include: Weekly News Updates, Activities Calendar, Posted Newsletters, online audio of sermons and a Search field to help you find current and archived items.

The website is continually being updated and we're still working through some of the kinks so please be patient with us. Any comments or feedback is encouraged; just submit it via the Contact Us: form on the Home Page.

The Youth page is undergoing its final touches and will be ready to launch very soon. We are also currently working on a Member's Page that will allow for online Name-tag Requests, an online directory of our members (password protected), information on UMW and UMM and a page featuring our Veterans. Look for that new Member's page to launch soon.

For those who need a little assistance in navigating through the new site, we will be offering a basic one hour website training session following the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service on May 16. The session will guide the users through the site helping first time users or those who aren't very tech savvy become comfortable with the site. Lunch will be provided for a love offering to cover the cost. RSVP will be requested and reminders will be posted in the bulletin in May.

We thank all those from the FUMC members, staff and our designer Greg Petersen who have contributed to the new website. In an effort to keep the site as current as possible, we ask for everyone's involvement. Please provide updated information to Kristen about your committee, activities, photos, schedules and other church-related information. The Contact Us form is on the Home Page of the website or you may email her directly. We also encourage general positive and negative feedback to help us improve the site.

## Thank You from WNL Kids

The Wednesday Night Kids would like to thank everyone that helped with their Hands Helping Honduras Mission Project. Mark Fritz, local missionary, wrote to our kids, "WOW! Awesome work you are doing in preparing eyes for the future in missions! Thank you so much!" "I will put the funds towards a Honduras sustainability project we have going on right now. This project will help a local CAM Honduras church in Tegucigalpa build apartments on property that will sustain the church in the future and run a Children's Bible Daycare for street kids. This is a very poor area and they have been in the red for 8 months and not paid their pastor anything since December 2009. We hope to start construction this month. So this \$221 will be put into something that will multiply exponentially!



**6TH-12TH GRADE**  
Sundays  
at 5:00-7:00p.m.  
in the Praise Center

### **Money Due by April 25th**

UM Army—\$50  
Church Camp—\$50  
Summit—\$25  
Big Stuf—\$110

## **Upcoming Events**

- ◆ **Link Sale**  
Saturday, April 24th  
At Superior Tire  
10:30am-2:00pm  
Will begin selling tickets March 28th
- ◆ **Bowling**  
Sunday, April 25th  
3:30-7:00pm  
\$10.00
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat**  
April 30th—May 1st
- ◆ **Fundraiser Lunch**  
Sunday, May 2  
after the Children's Production
- ◆ **NO Youth**  
Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 30—Memorial Weekend

## Children's Ministry



**Sunday School Rotation NOT YET AVAILABLE**  
Please Contact Jay Neff (779-9566 (or)  
[jay.neff@fumcorange.org](mailto:jay.neff@fumcorange.org)) for Sunday School Rotation info

**Mark your calendars for:**  
VBS – Galactic Blast  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
First Christian Church

If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Leighia Barron,  
Susan Lafley, or Wendy Stephenson. THANKS!!





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**Traditional Service  
in Chapel  
8:15 a.m.**

**Celebration Service  
in Praise Center  
8:55 a.m.**

**Sunday School  
9:50 a.m.**

**Traditional Service  
In the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours  
M-Th 8:30-4:30  
Fri 8:30-Noon**

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## Calendar of Events

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6:30pm Mothers, Daughters, Friends Banquet

### Sunday, April 25

**OCS Sunday**  
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Messiah in Sanctuary  
3:30pm Praise Team  
3:30-7:00pm Youth Bowling  
5:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
5:00pm Jesus in the Gospel

### Monday, April 26

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
3:00-6:00pm Youth Outreach

### Tuesday, April 27

5:30pm Staff Parish

### Wednesday, April 28

11:30am Lunch with the Lord  
4:00pm Confirmation  
5:00pm WNL  
6:00pm Bells  
7:00pm Choir

### Friday, April 30—Saturday, May 1

Confirmation Retreat

### Sunday, May 2 NO Communion

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Children's Production  
Youth Fundraiser Lunch  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
5:00pm Jesus in the Gospel

### Monday, May 3

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
3:00-6:00pm Youth Outreach

### Tuesday, May 4

5:30pm Trustees

### Wednesday, May 5 Newsletter

11:30am Lunch with the Lord  
4:00pm Confirmation  
6:00pm Bells  
7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, May 6

9:30am UMW Board Meeting

### Saturday, May 8

8:00am UMM Breakfast

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors