



## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- ◆ VBS —July 5th-9th
- ◆ Family Life Game Night—July 9
- ◆ Men's Breakfast—July 10
- ◆ Church office closed July 5—ONE SERVICE on July 4th
- ◆ June 20th 11:00 worship tentatively in the Praise Center
- ◆ July 25th LifeShare Blood Drive
- ◆ Lakeview Camp July 19th – 23rd

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June 16, 2010

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

#### **Jesus, Lover of All Souls**

I've been reading about the latest exploits of Rev. Fred Phelps and the members of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. You've heard of their dismal and pathetic actions, even if you have not known their names. Fred Phelps is a hate monger, plain and simple. He loves to hate people, especially gay people.

Phelps' "church" consists of 75 members, most of whom he is related to in some way. They do not participate in ministry. They just hate. It is about as anti-church, anti-Jesus, anti-God as you can get. Their latest ploy is to show up at the funerals of US military soldiers killed in Iraq and display their signs of hate. The motivation is to let people know that the death of the soldiers is God's punishment for our tolerance of homosexuals in this country. Now that's a warped jump from point A to point Z, yet that is hate for you. Any old excuse will do.

I know that Phelps and his followers are troubled, for they display none of the signs that should mark a caring community of faith, a church. The only reason they exist is to hate. They love to hate, they live to hate, they feed on hatred and spreading their twisted ideas of hate all around the country.

In response to Phelps' latest attempts to spread hatred, many states are passing laws prohibiting protesting during military funerals. Phelps has a number of lawsuits filed in response, saying it's a violation of free speech. We are all particularly protective of our military families right now, especially when they have to bury a loved one who died fighting in a war that has an unclear objective. It is amazing that Phelps has survived this latest tactic, yet I am proud that our military families who have been targets of his venom have not stooped to his level of idiocy. They have demonstrated more grace and dignity than I believe I would under the circumstances.

Sunday, as we celebrated the Lord's day together, I was touched by the response you had to our worship. It was so obvious that the Holy Spirit was present, leading us and guiding us. I wish Fred Phelps and his "church" would wake up to the presence of God in their midst, and allow God's love in Reality Jesus transform their hate filled hearts. It could happen. I hope it does. I hope you will join me in praying for Fred Phelps and his followers. They need Jesus, the lover of all souls, even theirs.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### **Giving Report June 2010**

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

Receipts as of June 15:  
**\$ 31,152 .00**

### Our Attendance

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>June 6</b>
10:30 a.m.	44
8:55 a.m.	100
11:00 a.m.	119

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>June 13</b>
10:30 a.m.	36
8:55 a.m.	94
11:00 a.m.	115

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

**June 20, 2010**

### **4th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Ushers:** Team #4- 8:15 – Walter Riedel, Ed & Charlotte Foreman  
11:00 – Jack Jones, Jim Finklea, Mike Hoke, Ron Hopperton,  
John Cochran

**Altar Guild:** 11:00– Sandra Hoke/Barbara Allen

**Greeters:** 8:55– Tutt Family 11:00– Wilda Hart & Jim Finklea

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Leighia & Richard Barron  
11:00– Jim & James Armstrong

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Walter Riedel 8:55 – Barbara Dardeau  
11:00 – Judy Taylor

**Acolytes:** Emily Lafley/Kyle Stephenson

**June 27, 2010**

### **5th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Ushers:** Team #5- 8:15 – Dick & Marilyn Powell, Rock Rothrock  
11:00 – Howard Nelson, Don Reasonover, Kathy McKenzie,  
Don & Joellen Grooms, Joyce Kleinknecht

**Altar Guild:** 11:00– Wilda Hart/Janet Bland

**Greeters:** 8:55– Joy & Tim Hughes 11:00– Lynn & Arlon Fields

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Barbara & Dale Dardeau  
11:00– Don & Joellen Grooms

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Jamia Harris 8:55 – Jerry Pennington  
11:00 – Beverly Blalack

**Acolytes:** Diane McLemore/Nathan Crisp

## Memorials

### **In memory of Vern Campbell by:**

Darby & Doris Byrd  
Jimmie & Carol Allen  
Arlon & Lynn Fields  
Virginia Sanford  
John & Beth Holm  
Dana Miller  
Golden K Kiwanis Club of Orange

### **In memory of Ollie Butler by:**

Virginia Sanford

### **In memory of Tess Bryan by:**

Virginia Sanford

### **In memory of Nichole Cowling by:**

Virginia Sanford  
Joanne & Jim Pledger

### **In memory of Vernon Pennington by:**

Jimmie & Carol Allen  
John & Beth Holm

## Visitors

Corbin McLellan  
Mel Moreau  
Aaliyah & Alayna Morris  
Nichole Phillips Williams  
Randy Denson & Addison Hague  
Jenny, Colby & Avery O'Neal  
Jeanie & Johnny Cotton  
David Hamerly  
Arnulfo Arciva  
Addie Wallace  
Shelby Vogt  
Susan Sandus  
Randy Wallen  
Cheryl Chapman  
Rose Butler  
Heather Rogers

## UMM Breakfast



Saturday, July 10, 2010  
8:00 a.m. in the Praise Center

## 4th of July Holiday

The Church office will be **closed on Monday, July 5th** in observance of Independence Day.

## Youth Carwash Update

Thank you for supporting the Youth in the fundraiser car wash. We were able to raise over \$1100. This will really help to pay for some of the summer activities scheduled. This was so successful that we will probably do another one in the future.

## Submitting Articles

When submitting a newsletter/bulletin article to the church office please type it in a document, and send it as an attachment. Please DO NOT type the information directly into the email. The format is not compatible with our Publisher/PDF program and is causing some technical problems. Thanks!

## 11:00 Worship on June 20th

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the 11:00 a.m. worship service and the Adult Sunday School Classes will be meeting in the Praise Center unless Carrier finishes the Air Conditioner repairs before then. We will send out a notice if this changes.

## Fellowship Life Game Night

Fellowship Life will be hosting Game Night on Friday, July 9, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Praise Center. Please come out and join the fun.

## UMW Fall Festival Items

We now have a place for pricing and storage of "gently used" items for the ETC section of our up-coming October 14th Fall Festival. The room is located on the first floor of the Education Building, directly across from the Parlor kitchen (the old Sunday School storage room). Norma can give you a key if the door is locked. Items needing pickup, call Betty Merchant 886-3591 or Davie Thompson 882-9936. Thank all of you in advance for your support!

## LifeShare Blood Drive

The LifeShare bus will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, July 25, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come out and give your support. Be sure to eat something before you donate blood.



## July 4th ONE Service Only

There will be **ONE SERVICE** only at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2010. **NO Sunday School, unless your class chooses to meet. Have a safe & happy holiday!**

## 2010 Scholarships Recipients

*Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships!*

### Sims-Wood Scholarship

Carol Ann Kimbrow  
Derek George

### Davis-Cooper Scholarship

Melissa Pittman

### Rasmussen Scholarship

Joseph Tutt

## Kroger Donation Program

Kroger's yearly Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program is now underway and FUMC Orange benefits every time those enrolled in the program shop at Krogers from now until the end of 2010. Once enrolled, every time you shop and use your KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a cash percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund which results in a cash donation directly to FUMC Orange. The accumulation of funds will take place from July 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

FUMC Orange's participation last year earned approximately \$400 with minimal promotion. Each year, the organization and the Kroger shoppers who participate must re-enroll. The church has already re-enrolled for this year and if you participated in the program last year, you must re-enroll for this year. If you have not participated, please do so. It is easy and costs you nothing to participate.

How to participate: Print the barcode found in the link below (if you cannot access the link, be sure to stop by the church office to pick up a copy of the barcode). This barcode is specific to FUMC Orange. Bring the barcode and your KrogerPlus Card with you the next time you shop and present the barcode and your card to the cashier at checkout. The cashier will scan your KrogerPlus Card and you will be enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program for the remainder of the program year. You only need to enroll in the program once per year.

<http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com/pdf/10000080600.pdf>

As a Kroger shopper in Orange, every time you shop, you will know you're contributing to FUMC Orange. Enroll today!

# Youth Ministry



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

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Big Stuff**  
Wednesday, June 23 - Sunday, June 27
- ◆ **Lakeview Camp**  
Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23

## LAKEVIEW CAMP

Do you have a child entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade - graduating senior? The Southeast District Camp in Lakeview is July 19 – 23. During camp the kids get to participate in bible study, swimming, water slide, games, fishing, and worship. There are already several Methodist Kids and Youth attending and are in need of adult leaders. We need to have at least one male and one more female counselor. You can still register after June 16<sup>th</sup> but the price goes up from \$215 to \$265.



## Children's Ministry

**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**

## **Worship Changes for June 20 & July 4**

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the **11:00 a.m. worship service** and the **Adult Sunday School** Classes will be meeting **in the Praise Center** *unless Carrier finishes the Air Conditioner repairs before then.*

There will be **ONE SERVICE** only at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2010. **NO Sunday School**, unless your class chooses to meet that Sunday.

## Calendar of Events

### **Wednesday, June 16**

6:30pm Evangelism  
7:00pm Choir

### **Thursday, June 17**

5:00am Last Blast Committee

### **Sunday, June 20 Father's Day**

8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Praise Center  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids

### **Monday, June 21**

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
6:00pm Worship Meeting

### **Tuesday, June 22**

5:30pm Staff Parish

### **Wednesday, June 23**

Big Stuff Camp June 23rd - June 27th

### **Sunday, June 27 OCS Sunday**

8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids

### **Monday, June 28**

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
11:00am Shangri La Luncheon

### **Wednesday, June 30**

7:00pm Choir

### **Sunday, July 4**

**Communion**  
10:00am One Service Only in Sanctuary  
**NO** Sunday School  
**NO** evening Activities

### **Monday, July 5**

OFFICE CLOSED for Independence Day  
VBS— July 5th-9th at 1st Christian Church