



“Lifting High the Cross of Christ for 100 Years”

The SPIRE

Ortega United Methodist Church

February 2012

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THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN US AND WORKING THROUGH US

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The love of God is greater far,
than tongue or pen can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star and
reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled and
pardoned from his sin.

When years of time shall pass away and
earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love so sure shall still endure,
all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race,
the saints and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill and
were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill and
every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
tho stretched from sky to sky.

-F.M. Lehman

February is a month when we often think about love. Human love, divine love, brotherly love, romantic love, love of God and neighbor. God is love and all other true and healthy love flows from God!

In the life of our church we show love for neighbor by conducting a Blood Drive on the first Sunday and by holding the *Souper Bowl of Caring* the same day.

Our church affirms family love with our father/daughter dance on the first Saturday. Our Playschool celebrates family life and friendship in their special chapel on February 8th.

We celebrate the weddings held in our church through the years with a display of wedding dresses, pictures and albums and by recognizing those couples married in our church. We affirm the love and commitment between husband and wife by holding a renewal of wedding vows at all three services on February 12th. We will preach on the “Wedding at Cana” window and on the fidelity of marriage when we talk about “The Adulteress” window. And we begin a *Sacred Marriage Series* on Sunday night, February 26th.

On Ash Wednesday we begin an observance of Lent as we remember the commitment of our Lord to go all the way to the cross because of divine love. And on the final Sunday we begin our Confirmation study of the love of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit manifest in and through the church.

May we all seek His grace so that we might reflect His love to others.

In His love,
Pastor Dan

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

2012
Budget
\$920,802

162 Pledges to date
\$700,138
76% of budget

Dec Revenue \$121,496
Dec Expenses \$ 73,161
\$ 48,335

2011 End of Year
Revenue \$ 875,950
Expenses \$ 862,087
\$ 13,863

2012 (as of January 22, 2012)
Revenue \$73,098
Expenses \$57,879
\$15,219

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Our commitments for 2012 have reached 76% of the proposed 2012 budget. We are hoping for 100%. If 162 households can take us to \$700,138 then the remaining 198 households who have not yet returned their commitment cards should be able to take us the rest of the way!

Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2012.

Commitment cards available in the Narthex or in the office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS



In Honor of Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY 7

FINANCE COMMITTEE
5:30pm, The Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6:30pm, The Library

February 13

*PLANNING & BUILDING FOR
THE FUTURE*
6pm, The Library

February 21

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
6:30pm, The Library

NEW!! CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**Caregiver Support Group begins
Sunday, February 12th!**

We are excited that God has placed it on the heart of Dr. Julie Giuliani to begin a Caregivers Support Group at the church. Julie said this desire was born out of her own experience as she became the caregiver for her mother. "Six months ago my 91 year old mother left her lifetime residency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and moved in with our family here in Jacksonville. Our family, being of intelligent mind and spirit, understood that our lives would change as we assumed the role of caregivers. My mom, my husband, even our three dogs approached the changing family structure

with great hope as well as concerns about our ability to be Godly caregivers. Knowing little about the aging process, distributing medicine, elderly legal issues, social and emotional concerns, nutrition, fatigue, boundaries, presented us with daunting challenges at the onset. Our lack of awareness about these critical issues that even Google couldn't find sound answers for is the reason I am starting this ministry."

If you are interested in joining this group we invite you to attend the first meeting on Sunday, February 12th at 3pm in the Parlor. Contact Julie at J.Giuliani@fscj.edu or call the church office for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Assisted Living/Rehab:

Allegra: Harriet Ross; Terry Weyer

Ashford Court: Eunice & Bill McCaulie

Atria of San Pablo: Buddy Diebel

Lifecare at Wells Crossing: Sara Stafford

River Garden: Grace VanNortwick

St. Catherine's: Ginny Exley; Genevieve Sanders

Sterling House: Harold & Mary Parham

The Jane Adams House: Fran & Harry Sanchez

Westminster Woods: Bill Purcell

At Home: Isabel Armstrong, June Ebinger, Fran Geischen, Danny Griffin, Ellen Johns, Eloise Jones, Gwen Burlingame, Harry Fromme, John & Dot Mitchell, Janice Wagoner, Bill & Lee Ferrell.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Don & Joyce Alford, Luke Akerstrom, Ann Hinckley Anderson (Seay's granddaughter), Camden Bailey, Allison Bassett, Lindsey Birnbaum, Mary Birnbaum, Ann Blankenship, Ozzie Braner (Brenda Chapman's mother,) Vicki Breckenridge, Mrs. Mado Breunig (Dr. Lamounette's mother), Jean Brooks, Bob Bruce, Katie Carr, Kathy Clason (Cherrie Casselberry's mother), Leslie Coleman, Dennis Connelly (friend of Karen Stone), Dr. & Mrs. Lucian Copabianco (Cheryl Grosvenor's sister,) Pam Cuppy, Nicholas Killebrew Derderian, James Eimer (Brenda Chapman's uncle,) Helen Fant, Helena & Thomas Feuerborn, Jim & Sue Fleming, John Fulcher, Bruce Galpin, Steve Galpin, Liam Gonzalez, Stephanie Harjung, Andy Hayes (Steve Galpin's cousin,) Kevin Hurd, Kynlee Hurst, Lee Hutchins (friend of Nipper's), Laurian Jennings, Helen Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Harlan Johnston, Katie Joyce, Jerry Kern (Kelly Risdon's father), Kent Kirby (friend of George Birnbaum,) Bob Kral, Hal Little, Ernest Little (Cay Tripp's brothers,) Justin Latham (Brenda Chapman's nephew), Trey Martin,



Tommy McCaffrey (friend of Debbie Griffin,) Catria McClure (Kathi Bell's niece), Shylee Michaels, Kerry Monteleone, J.P. Morgan, Julie Nelms (Steve Galpin's cousin), Charles Nettles, Stan Nettles, Will Nichols (Middlekauff's cousin,) Harold O'Steen, Tommy O'Steen, Rene Ottino (Jason Kral's mother), Marnie Owen, Richelle & Kev Pannel, Jeanne Lamar Petersen (Winslow's step-daughter), James Pinter (friend of Galpin's,) Gordon Rainey, Isabela Rainey, Lilly Frances Reed (Kathi Bell's former mother-in-law), Col. Joseph Regan, Chuck Risdon (Craig's dad and also his aunt, Nancy,) Muffet Rhyne, Dr. & Mrs. A. D. Rood; Nancy Schwanbeck, Doreen Siler (Mrs. Lamounette's sister,) Donna Smith (Brenda Chapman's sister,) Terry Stevens (Susan Kwartler's brother-in-law,) Virginia Stevens (Steve Galpin's aunt,) Barbara Jean Tant (Bill & Lee Ferrell's daughter), Melodean Tarrant (Melodie Brunson's mom,) Kathy Tucker, Freddie Walker, Doris White (Lynn Inman's mom), Bryce Williams, Ginny Williams, Tim Willis (friend of Ginny Williams,) Joyce Williams (Pat Sasser's sister,) Ashton Zacaria (friend of Brenda Chapman.)

Please pray for the following people who are serving our country: C-J Sierra, Chris King, Anthony Quails, Chris Compagnone, Drew Wilkins, Andy DeVries, Bryan Chapman, Matt Ellington, Eric Haddock, David Grigg, Jesse Perry, E. J. Garro, Fleming Keefe, Michael Butler, Jason Polley, Justin Weatherford, Michael Shinholser, Jake Boehm, Tyler Ratliff, Lt. Col. Ed Keller, Kevin Crisp, Jonathan Brindel, Jamie Snead, Scot Albrecht, Doug Murph, Jonathan Lee, Jovan Jubert, Jonathan Blanton, Micah Blanton, Kevin Lee, Luke Raby, Stan Lysholm, John Bradley Peters, Michael and Tempi Lucas, Tony Mitchell, Darrell Commander.

Deepst sympathy to Terry Weyer and family in the passing of Sylvia Weyer on January 23, 2012.

ORTEGA PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013

Playschool re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year for existing students as well as early enrollment for church members will be February 1 through 7 in the Playschool office. After this time all remaining spaces will be made open to the community. If you are interested in enrolling a child in the Playschool, **please do not delay as space is extremely limited.**

Call the Playschool office for more information at 387-0749.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2012
9:15AM, THE SANCTUARY



PLAYSCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:
FAMILY PROMISE OF JACKSONVILLE
We will be collecting various cleaning supplies and hygiene items for the families.

WELCOME TO THE STAFF!

Welcome, Dale Pridgen!

Please welcome our new Maintenance & Custodial Supervisor, Dale Pridgen. Dale comes to us from many years at St. Johns Country Day School. His willing, helpful and humble attitude are a true blessing to us, not to mention his friendly smile! Don't miss an opportunity to greet him, welcome him and thank him for his service to our church family!

MISSIONS

100 YEARS, 100 MISSIONS!

Please let us know what missions you are involved in both through Ortega UMC and in the community. You can let us know by writing it on the purple registration form and placing in the offering plate on Sundays, you can call the office, 389-5556, you can e-mail the office at spirenews@ortegaumc.org or you can call Missions Committee Chairman, Karen Snooks, and leave a message, 771-3768.



OUR NEXT HOST DATES ARE MARCH 25 - APRIL 1.
PLEASE CONTACT KATHY NIPPER, 923-4612 OR
DONNA THOELE, 389-2491 TO VOLUNTEER!

THE INN & HUBBARD HOUSE COLLECTIONS CONTINUE

The INN provides a Christian home for pregnant, homeless women & their newborns.

Hubbard House is an organization committed to providing a wide range of services designed to meet the needs of all victims of domestic violence.

Collection bins will be in the Education Building Hallway.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Household linens (new or gently used towels, blankets, pillows, etc.)
Personal hygiene products: shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc

Female hygiene products
Diapers, underwear (women's and children's)
Used cell phones
Children's items
Kitchen items (pots and pans, dinnerware, etc.)
Office and school supplies
Laundry items (detergent, softener, etc.)
Toilet paper and paper towels

Call Karen Snooks for more info: 771-3768

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



We are having our silent auction for Souper Bowl of Caring on 2/1/12. The TNT's hand-painted bowls will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30-6:30pm for bidding. Prices start at \$15 per bowl.

The TNT group will be outside of all three services on 2/5/12 taking donations for Souper Bowl of Caring.



WOLFSON'S



The Wednesday night program kids are collecting change in baby bottles to donate to Wolfson's Children's Hospital.

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 20
PIGGIN' & PEDDLIN'
CRAFT SHOW - BBQ



FREE HEALTHCARE FOR THE WORKING UNINSURED



- Families and individuals with incomes between \$13,000 to \$27,075 per year are eligible. (Add \$3,750 for each additional dependent.)
- Patients qualify by providing check stubs and other verification of income prior to their first visit.

- Patients are seen by appointment only.

- Basic non-emergency care, laboratory testing and medications or prescriptions provided.
- Care is provided by volunteer nurse practitioners and physicians.
- Open Tuesday - Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm.
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Call 399-2766, press #6 for information.
41 East Duval St.
www.vim-jax.org

SALVATION ARMY

THANK YOU ORTEGA BELL RINGERS!

A total of \$6,813 was raised at the 103rd Street Christmas Kettles! We teamed up with Lakeshore UMC, manning the Kettles from November 25th to December 23rd. The Duval County totals were up @ \$30,000 which is an

indication of our nation's caring spirit in difficult economic times. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer...what a rewarding experience as we "join hands to make a difference."
Mary Chesser and Sally Evans



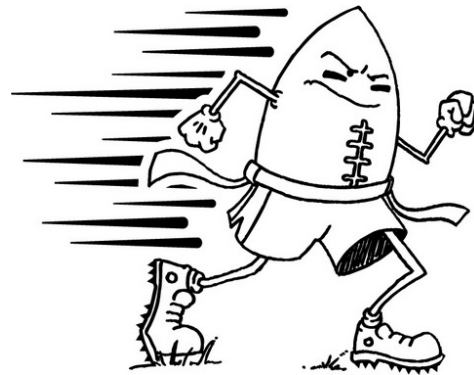
COME SEE LUKE RUN!

Team Luke!

Come see Luke run in his FLAG FOOTBALL GAME.
Saturday, February 11, 2012
Trinity Baptist Church Football Field
Festivities begin at 3pm
Opening Ceremony 4pm

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
"Jaguars don't roll...they RUN! Luke Akerstrom

www.prayforluke.com



BLOOD DRIVE



SUNDAY, February 5
8:30am - 12:30pm

We invite you to join us by giving the "Gift of Life" and help to save lives in our community!

Photo ID required.

SENIORS

SENIORS ON A MISSION

Monthly outings to encourage and support seniors in their desire to maintain their independence, as well as their mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Contact Ann Blankenship at 388-9833 or

Seniors on a Mission at 509-4784 or www.SeniorsonaMission.org



SoaM has a senior in need of a walker with a seat in it and also a mini refrigerator. Please call their office if you can donate.

SENIORS ON THE GO!

LUNCH AT TRENT'S SEAFOOD

FEBRUARY 12

12PM FOLLOWING 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

CALL SUSAN FOR MORE INFO: 389-5556 X120

MUSIC MINISTRIES

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR, Jim Smith



Preparing an anthem for each Sunday's presentation does not only require learning notes, pitches and lyrics. The meaning and thoughts behind the composer's words are equally important and give heartfelt meaning to their work. With this in mind, I would like to share with you some of the background information provided by the publisher regard-

ing two of the selections that we will present during January and February. I hope that some of you will take the time to let me know if this information was beneficial to you.

Anthem for Sunday, January 29th: *Jesus Dulcis Memoria*, by the great French reformer and saint, Bernard of Clairvaux, is one of the timeless literary devotional jewels of the Middle Ages. This hymn was composed around the year 1140. Over the centuries segments of the hymn have been set to music by countless composers--even the nun's opening chorale in *The Sound of Music* was drawn from it. Its appeal has not been confined to musicians, however. Dr. Livingston, legendary explorer of Africa, said of it, "That hymn of St. Bernard on the name of Christ...pleases me; it rings in my ears as I wander across the wide, wide wilderness."

Anthem for Sunday, February 5th: The text for *Here, O My Lord* was written by Horatio Bonar. He is generally acknowledged as one of the preeminent Scottish hymn writers. Bonar was not only instrumental in helping to found the Free Church of Scotland in 1843, he was also a tireless minister of the Lord, who seemed to always be either "visiting, preaching, writing or praying". His hymns, spontaneously jotted down on long train journeys were not highly polished, yet they expressed popular authentic devotion with such conviction that many are still in use today. This particular hymn was produced at the request of his elder brother, also a minister, and first printed on a post-communion pamphlet distributed to the faithful following a worship service.

The Chancel choir has begun work on our Easter/Lenten cantata, **Footprints in the Sand**. We are repeating a cantata that, according to choir member Richelle Pennel, was presented at Ortega UMC in 2007. Come and talk with me about a "temporary membership" in the Chancel Choir if you are interested in helping us prepare and present **Footprints in the Sand**. We will present this cantata on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

RETIREE BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4

Led by Pastor Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The UMW Board
Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 am in the Parlor

Ruth-Elisabeth Circle
Will not meet in February

Lydia Circle
Valentine's Day Brunch
Tuesday, February 14, 10:00am
at the Home of Barbara Reilly
4126 Robin Hood Road
Co-Hostess: Kathy Nipper

PASTOR SOCIAL

Are you interested in learning more about Ortega United Methodist??
Ready to become a part of God's family here!?!?
Come to the Pastor Social!

- Meet Pastors Dan & Mike
- Learn about Ortega & the United Methodist church
- Find out about small group opportunities and programming & meet small group leaders
- Discover your spiritual gifts & how to use them in service to Christ at OUMC and in our community
- Meet other visitors and new members
- Discover expectations of membership

February 12, 6pm * The Parlor

Nursery available upon request.

PANCAKE DINNER



YOUTH FUNDRAISER
February 21, 5:30 - 7:30pm
\$5 Dine in or take-out

KNITTING GROUP

Love to Knit or want to learn how?

Join us in our knitting group!!
Bring your own project or join us for an introduction to basic knitting styles. You can jump in anytime!

Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30pm in the Parlor

Hosted by Gail Atchley

You can drop by to knit the entire two hours, or simply stop in for a portion of the time.

Nursery is available for children upon request.
389-5556



SACRED MARRIAGE



Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. Yet, what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? And, what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God? In this popular bestselling book, Gary Thomas uncovers how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. You will learn how to:

- Turn marital struggles into spiritual and personal appreciation.
- Love your spouse with a stronger sense of purpose.
- Partner in the spiritual growth and character formation of your spouse.
- Transform a "tired" marriage into a relationship filled with awe and respect

Dinner Sunday Nights

6:00 in the Parlor

followed by program led by Pastor Mike.

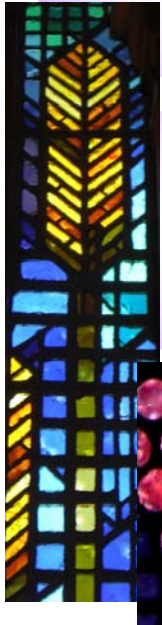
February 26, March 4, & 11

Nursery available.

RSVP: please call the church office at 389-5556.

2012 PREACHING WITH STAINED GLASS

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



February 5
Pastor Dan
presents the
Johnson Windows
Message:
"Symbols of Life,
Symbols of Grace"
(Wheat and Grapes)

Holy Communion
Blood Drive
Boy Scout Sunday
Souper Bowl of Caring



February 19 - Pastor Dan preaches on
"The Adulteress" Window
John 8: 3 - 11
Grace trumps sin.
Mercy trumps judgment.
Wisdom trumps guile and cunning of wicked
hearts
Lives changed by the love of Jesus Christ!



Lenten Theme: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

February 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY
Pastor Dan preaching at 7 pm
Imparting of Ashes by pastors

February 12 - "Wedding at Cana"
John 2: 1 - 10
Pastor Dan's Message:
"Jesus Celebrates Marriage!"

Recognize those married in our church.

Renewal of Marriage Vows at all services.
(For couples wishing to do so!)



February 26 - First Sunday in Lent
Window - "Peter's Denial" Luke 22: 55 - 61
Pastor Dan's message:
What happens when you are put on the spot?
How do you operate when afraid of
consequences?
Is there anyone you would never deny?
Is there anyone who will never deny you?

Confirmation Class begins today!
Students and parents meet with pastors
at 4:00 pm - Chapel
All other classes will begin at 4:30 p.m. on
Sundays



HISTORY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The stained glass windows at the Ortega United Methodist church were done by Signor Anzolo Fuga of Venice, Italy. These are the only windows done by Mr. Fuga for an American church, though his work can be found all over Europe. The Italian consul and his wife, Umberto & Virginia Pezulla, were members of Ortega UMC at the time the sanctuary was completed in 1961. They were especially interested in our having stained glass windows and wanted to give the first window in memory of Virginia's father, who had recently died. After much study and a trip to Europe to locate the right artist, the Pezullas settled on Mr. Fuga and requested that he make the

"Last Supper" window. As far as is known this is the only vertical rendition of the Last Supper in the world. For a number of years this was the only stained glass window in the church. Then in 1968 Virginia was asked to tell the United Methodist Women of their visit to Europe, the background of the "Last Supper," and the sixteen window sequence which Mr. Fuga had planned. This program sparked a renewed interest, and in 1975 the windows were completed.

Anne Killebrew

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Children's Choirs, 4:30pm Women's Bible Study, 4:30pm Cancer Support, 5pm (1st & 3rd Wed) Children's Program, 5:15pm Family Night Dinner, 6pm Youth Bible Study, 6pm ReDiscovery, 6:30pm Promise Ensemble, 6:30 Women's Wesley Group, 6:45pm (1st & 3rd Wed) Men's Wesley Group, 7pm Sonshine Ladies Ensemble, 7:15pm Chancel Choir, 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm NAMI, 7pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
	<p>Souper Bowl of Caring Auction, 4:30pm - 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, 1st</p>					
<p>5 Blood Drive Souper Bowl of Caring Boy Scout Sunday 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional</p>	<p>6 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm</p>	<p>7 UMW Board, 10am Women for Christ Luncheon, 11am Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Finance Committee, 5:30pm Trustees, 6:30pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm</p>	<p>8 Playschool Friendship Chapel, 9:30am As above</p>	<p>9 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm NAMI, 7pm</p>	<p>10 Faux Book Club, 11:10am</p>	<p>11 TNT Movie Night, 6pm</p>
		<p>IN-HOUSE PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION</p>				
<p>12 Renewal of Wedding Vows 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Handbells, 6pm Pastor Social, 6pm Youth , 6pm</p>	<p>13 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm</p>	<p>14 Lydia Circle, 10am Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Girl Scouts, 6pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm</p>	<p>15 As above</p>	<p>16 Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm NAMI, 7pm ShAdCo, 7pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Youth Winter Retreat </p>
		<p>COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION</p>				
<p>19 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Handbells, 6pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Youth Winter Retreat </p>	<p>20 Office Closed Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm</p>	<p>21 Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm PANCAKE DINNER, 5:30pm SPRC, 6:30pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm</p>	<p>22 Children's Choirs, 4:30pm Women's Bible Study, 4:30pm Cancer Support, 5pm (1st & 3rd Wed) Children's Program, 5:15pm Family Night Dinner, 6pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7pm</p>	<p>23 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm NAMI, 7pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Confirmation Class w/Parents 4pm Sacred Marriage, 6pm Handbells, 6pm Youth , 6pm</p>	<p>27 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm</p>	<p>28 Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Girl Scouts, 6pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm</p>	<p>29 As on Feb. 1</p>			

2012 CONFIRMATION

Calling all 6th graders...

Confirmation in the United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, leading to the first public profession of faith. During this time young persons "making firm" what has gone before: God's prevenient grace, baptism, the teaching and witness of parents and other persons of faith, the teachings and life together in the church, and the student's own growing faith. Youth are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the name United Methodist. Confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith.

FEBRUARY 26

4:00 - 4:30 Introduction w/ parents, Chapel

4:30 - 6:00 Lesson One

March 4

4:30 - 6:00 Lesson Two

March 11

4:30 - 6:00 Lesson Three

March 25

4:30-6:00 Lesson Four

April 1

4:30 - 6:00 Lesson Five

April 15

4:30 - 6:00 Lesson Six

April 26

6:00pm Dinner and Rehearsal

April 29

Confirmation Sunday, 11am

10:00 a.m. Pictures in Sanctuary with whole family; Sunday dress

Contact Jenn Coleman, 389-5556 x111

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

The number of mailings put out during the Christmas season is unknown. That may be just as well. Office budgets are cut tremendously as they use paper, machines, postage, etc. Maybe a little extra candy is put in Winslow's jar to keep the volunteers happy. I hasten to say, however, the candy is brought in by an anonymous giver who eats his share before releasing the bag.

On occasion a member has been known to come in and say, "Oh, I thought you had a machine to do that!". (That meaning whatever the volunteer is doing.) Most anybody who is willing is handcuffed upon entering the office if a mailing is going out. One day recently found two young boys, ages nine and twelve, stuffing envelopes and cutting bulletin inserts. Another day found a brand new member stuffing *Spire* pages and putting stickers on.

The day the January *Spire* was put out was the same day the Programming Guide was sent to the post office. That day found quite a number of volunteers laughing and working! The couple who took the mailings had to switch from a sedan to an SUV to get all the "stuff" in the car and then drive many miles across town to just the right post office.

I'm fortunate to be able to work with these people. They are some of our unknown heroes!

Anne Killebrew

Note from Winslow:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the office volunteers. I certainly could not do my job without you! There is never a dull moment around here (well hardly ever) and there's usually always something to do, so if you'd like to see what goes on behind the scenes and lend a hand, come on down and we'll put you to work!

TNT SPECIAL OUTINGS

February 11 - Movie Night @ Fellowship Hall
6 - 9pm, \$8 for dinner & snacks

March 10 - Glow in the Dark Games
6 - 8pm, \$6

April 14 -Suns Game
5:15-9:30pm, \$12

May 6 - Ripley's Believe It or Not!
1 - 5pm, \$11

June 25 - 29 MISSION POSSIBLE WEEK, \$30

Contact Jenn Coleman, 389-5556 x111
or jenn@ortegaumc.org

WOMEN FOR CHRIST



Twenty Seventh Annual Luncheon

Prime Osborn Center
Tuesday, February 7, 2012

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 11:10 a.m.)

Jennifer Strickland

Guest Speaker

We have a couple of seats left at the OUMC table, call Susan at 389-5556 x120

Tickets are \$30, \$35 at the door.
Church bus leaves at 11am



100TH ANNIVERSARY

OUMC

100th Anniversary Celebration Publication

Lifting High the Cross of Christ!



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ENDOWMENT FUND



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Centennial Celebration

The Permanent Endowment Fund and The Centennial Celebration Campaign

In January 2008, the Ortega UMC's Charge Conference established a **Permanent Endowment Fund Committee** to supervise and promote the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Church.

An important aspect of the Church's long-range vision is to keep the ministries strong and vibrant for generations to come. The Permanent Endowment Fund provides members and friends of the Church the opportunity to make charitable gifts and bequests to the church to be held in perpetuity. The Endowment Fund will generate a permanent income stream that will directly benefit the Church's programs and ministries into the future. Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund can be cash gifts, including securities or other assets, and planned gifts, including will bequests, insurance policy beneficiary designations, etc. No gift is too large or too small, and all gifts will help *ensure the next 100 years of ministry at Ortega United Methodist Church.*



To honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Ortega United Methodist Church, the Permanent Endowment Committee established the following goal:

"100 People Giving \$1000 or More"

All gifts or pledges of \$1000 or more to this campaign will be recognized as **Centennial Benefactors** with an engraved bronze leaf on *The Endowment Legacy Tree*, which will be located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

Larger gifts will receive special recognition, a \$10,000 gift will be a **Major Benefactor** and a \$50,000 gift will be a **Legacy Benefactor**. Any gift or pledge less than \$1,000 will be a **Friend of the Endowment**.

Become a Benefactor or a Friend of the Endowment and be part of the Centennial Celebration Campaign to *"Ensure the Next 100 Years"*.



The Ortega UMC Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

John Runion, Chair
Ray Van Landingham, At Large member
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Ken Baker, Chair of Finance
Joan Risley, At Large member
Mark O'Steen, Chair of Trustees
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*Dan Casselberry, Senior Pastor
*Michael Hudson, Associate Pastor

Feel free to contact any member of the committee or Pastor Dan Casselberry or Pastor Michael Hudson with any questions you have about the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Ortega United Methodist Church. The Centennial Celebration Campaign ends on December 31, 2012. (*non-voting members)

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Mark O'Steen
2/2 Jennifer Jolley
Ken Scarboro
Jill Sprunt
2/3 Donald Barrett
Janie Burroughs
Carlton Middlekauff
Laura Strohming
2/4 Eloise Jones
Barbara League
2/5 Bobby Farnell
Ashley VanWagner
2/6 Leanne Crabtree
Henry Lynch
2/7 Spencer Cummings
2/8 Donnie Boree
Chris Brunson
Catherine Drew
2/9 David Barksdale
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Danny Burns
Jason Kral
John McCorvey
2/11 Cheese Dawson
Marty Roberts

2/13 Krista Albrecht
Pete Cochrane
Amelia Dickson
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Nolan Evans
Elva Fulcher
Gloria Harberts
2/15 Allison Vogt
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2/17 Chloe Atchley
Lee Ferrell
John Sutton
2/18 Marylou Campbell
Peggy Johnson
Clay Peterson
Sean Reed
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2/21 Sharon Howell
Kelly Morgan
2/22 Dolly Thompson
2/23 Andreas Kowald
Kathy Story

2/24 Kristin McCarthy
William Sprague
Charles Wagoner
2/25 Tom Steeg
2/28 Grace Dunton
Kirby Harrison
Ellen Hudson

Happy Belated Birthday to:
12/3 Lin Rainey
12/11 Grayson Sawyer
1/31 Patrick Sawyer

Please pray for these members on their birthdays; this is another way we can remember our entire congregation in prayer throughout the year. Please let the office know if we have omitted you or someone you know!

FAUX BOOK CLUB - JOIN US!

Fellow Readers,

There were thirteen of us at our January meeting and lunch at the White-way. I'm Perfect, You're Doomed by Kyria Abrahams provided plenty to talk about but, alas, received only a 2.0 rating out of a possible 5. The company was delightful and the lunch delicious as always.

Here are the books we'll be reading and the meeting dates:

Feb. 10: Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Olive Relin

March 9: Burnt Mountain by Anne Rivers Siddons

April 13: Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

May 11: Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Happy Reading! Irma Jane

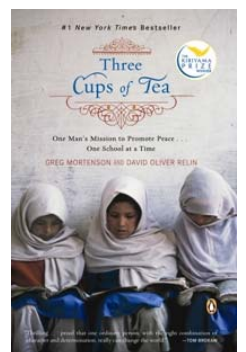
Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson and David Olive Relin

Friday, February 10

at 11:30 a.m.

Whiteway Deli



Youth Stuff



Winter Retreat 2012

February 17-20

Black Mountain, North Carolina

We will leave at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 17

We will return Monday evening, the 20th

Please make sure you have turned in your

final deposit and Medical forms

by Wednesday, February 1

**There is NO YOUTH
Sunday, February 5**

Youth Choir:

We will meet
the following Sundays:
February 12 and 26

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22

7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We will meet at 6 p.m.

for dinner in the Fellowship Hall

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- 8:30 am - Communion service in the Chapel
- 8:45 am - Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- Adults & Youth: Education Building
- Children: Powered Up! In Fellowship Hall
- Newborn to 4 yrs: Nursery next to Fellowship Hall



Happy Valentine's Day
February 12 - Recognition of those married at Ortega UMC
&
Renewal of Marriage Vows at all three services for those
wishing to do so!