



The SPIRE

Ortega United Methodist Church

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January 2012

A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHURCH!

How can you call us a *new* church when we are 100 years *old* this year?!

Well, it's not enough to put a new coat of paint on the buildings, although that is definitely needed from time to time. We have made and will continue to make physical improvements and additions to our campus and facilities.

There was not an electronic sign out front until recently. There was not a Columbarium and Gazebo or Centennial Courtyard and Memorial Garden a year ago.

It is not enough to offer new classes, new programming, or new mission projects, although we welcome that and need that! A new small group, like the Fellowship Class or the Upper Room Class or the Wesley groups, not only means more people are getting involved, but more people are growing in the Christian faith and fellowship. We have new children's choirs and a new youth choir in recent years. New leadership and new volunteers make it possible. We have started new ministries over the years like Family Promise of Jacksonville thanks to our dedicated volunteers. We are challenging our congregation to become more involved in mission/ service projects as one way of celebrating our 100th anniversary!

It is not even enough to simply receive new members, although we certainly welcome that, and we are seeking to increase the prospects of that happening. Obviously our church is "new" or different from year to year based on an altered membership. Some of our members have moved away, others

have gone to their heavenly reward. Some become more actively involved while some seem to fall by the wayside. Babies are born to our church families and are baptized. Children grow up and become confirmed in their faith. New people move into our community and unite with us, while others transfer their membership to our church seeking more opportunities for their children and youth or Gospel preaching or new avenues of fellowship and service. We certainly celebrate those who affirm Jesus as their Lord and Savior as well as those who reaffirm their faith in Christ and fellowship with the Church!

We are grateful for our new members. It keeps us young and makes us new! We celebrate our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are a growing, renewing family of faith, hope and love.

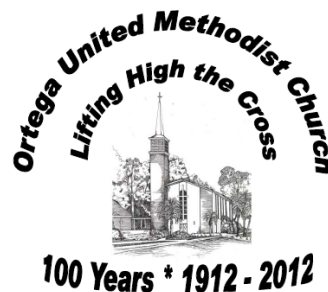
A new church begins with God whose mercies are new everyday!

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!" –Lamentations 3:22-23

A new church begins with God who enables us to worship Him and gives us reason to praise Him!

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and stand in awe and put their trust in the Lord." –Psalm 40:3

"Sing a new song, for He has done marvelous things, His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him." –Psalm 98:1



- Ministry Team
Rev. Daniel L. Casselberry
Senior Pastor
X112
- Rev. Michael T. Hudson
Associate Pastor
X113
- Shannon Jennings
Director of Youth Ministries
X114
- Karen Worsham
Youth Choir Director
- Susan J. Norville
Director of Christian Education
X120
- Jenn Coleman
Christian Education Assistant
X111
- James R. Smith
Director of Music Ministries
X116
- Charles H. Mann
Organist
- Winslow Colbert
Finance & Administration
X118
- Janie Burroughs
Director of Ortega Playschool
387-0749
- Gayle Runion
Assistant Director of
Ortega Playschool
387-0749
- Peggy Slier
Kitchen Coordinator
388-5943
- Jonathan Jennings
Sound Technician
- Dale Pridgen
Maintenance Supervisor

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

2012 Budget \$920,802	Nov Revenue Nov Expenses	\$ 58,104 \$ 72,290 (\$14,186)	As of 12/18/11 Year-to-date Revenue Year-to-date Expenses	\$ 832,321 \$ 839,852 (\$ 7,531)
160 Pledges to date \$692,138 75% of budget				

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Our commitments for 2012 have reached 75% of the proposed 2012 budget. We are hoping for 100%. If 160 households can take us to \$692,138 then the remaining 200 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. Pledge cards available in the Narthex or in the office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 10

FINANCE COMMITTEE
5:30pm, The Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6:30pm, The Library

January 12

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
6pm, The Library

January 17
STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
6:30pm, The Library

January 24

CHURCH COUNCIL
6:30pm, The Chapel

...Cont'd **A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHURCH!**

A new church begins with allowing God to be God and worshipping Him only!

"I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and the new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." -Isaiah 42:8-9

A new church begins when the members of that church allow the Lord to give them a new heart, a new mind, a new life!

"Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Repent and live!" -Ezekiel 18: 30-31

"Do not be conformed to pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." -2 Corinthians 5:17-18

It is our prayer that instead of getting older, we are getting **newer**. We are becoming more like Christ, we are filled with His refreshing, renewing, empowering Holy Spirit in this new year, this our centennial year!

Happy **NEW** year!

Pastor Dan

Begin your new year in God's House with God's people as we share together The Lord's Supper at all three services on New Year's Day!

The second Sunday in January you will have the opportunity to reaffirm your baptism at all three services.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER:

Assisted Living/Rehab:

Allegro: Harriet Ross; Sylvia & 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, Jack Becker, Bob Bell, Kathi Bell, Lindsey Birnbaum, Mary Birnbaum, Ann Blankenship, Kevin Bobb (friend of Amber Sigretto), Ozzie Braner (Brenda Chapman's mother), Vicki Breckenridge, Mrs. Mado Breunig (Dr. Lamounette's mother), Dan Brown, Bob Bruce, Katie Carr, Christenson family, 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, Bootsie Johnson, 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), Deb Marett (Irene Scott's daughter,) Tommy McCaffrey (friend of Debbie Griffin,) Catria McClure (Kathi Bell's niece), J.P. Morgan, Julie Nelms (Steve Galpin's cousin), Charles Nettles, Stan Nettles, Will Nichols (Middlekauff's cousin,) Harold O'Steen, Rene Ottino (Jason Kral's mother), Marnie Owen, Richelle & Kev Pennel, 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,) Liz Swindle, Barbara Jean Tant (Bill & Lee Ferrell's daughter), Mellodean Tarrant (Melodie Brunson's mom,) Kathy Tucker, 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 Temp Lucas, Tony Mitchell, Darrell Commander.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth "Liz" Shepherd Dean
Gabrielle "Gabby" Elizabeth Dean
4519-1 Columbus Cr., 32210
233-2602

Mary Louise Howard
2940 Algonquin Ave., 32210
387-5775

BAPTISMS

Evelyn Ann Dunton
Born April 7, 2011 to
Lewis & Laura Dunton

BIRTHS

Lillie Boyd Brannon was born to
Deena & James Brannon
December 8, 2011

WELCOME TO THE STAFF!

Welcome Karen Worsham!

We are so excited to have hired Karen Worsham to lead the Youth Choir. Beginning in January, Karen will take the reigns of the youth choir and begin preparing them for their summer mission tour. There are currently 20 youth that participate in the choir. Not only will they prepare for a tour this summer, but we are working towards having them sing each week at the Contemporary Service. Karen grew up singing in the children and youth choirs here at Ortega and is currently singing in the praise band. We have been praying for the right person to come and lead this ministry and are grateful God has answered those prayers.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE

Dear Volunteer Coordinators & FPJ Volunteers,

Our families had a wonderful Christmas as we have received numerous offers from people wanting to adopt our current and former guests. Douglas J. Eng Photography graciously offered to provide Christmas Portraits once again; and the best news of all is that thanks to all of you Rontanette, Willie, Isadora and their families spent Christmas in their own homes.

You and your volunteers are the essence of Family Promise!

Kathy Nipper

CHILDREN'S HOME

Excerpt from a letter from John Rivas, CFRE
VP of Development at the FLUMCH

Every child at the FLUMCH lives with a sense of anticipation and longing. Many look forward to the day they can return home. Some anticipate being adopted and becoming part of a loving family. Others wait for a visit from a beloved grandparent or family member. Each child knows what it means to wait and expect and hope. It is our desire that as they experience the love of Jesus Christ, made real through the ministry of the Children's Home, they begin to understand that the Christ Child comes to share their pain and struggle and to walk with them and love them.

**JANUARY 29TH IS A FIFTH SUNDAY
PLEASE PLAN TO GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS - THE EDMISTONS



Pat and Mel write in December...

Thank you! Over the past few months, Pat has been able to finish checking various books of scripture for several languages in Papua New Guinea and Nigeria. This means that because of your financial support, these languages may now publish the following books of scripture:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Barok: Galatians

Notsi-Madak: Luke

Notsi: I Timothy

NIGERIA

Mbula: Mark & Colossians

Tula: Revelation

WESTJAX OUTREACH

WestJax Outreach is a coalition of Christian churches who are together reaching out to the community as one body of Christ. Their mission is to fulfill Mathew 25:35-16 (feeding the hungry, clothing the needy and healing the sick) through the love of Jesus Christ. They have three programs; Healing Hands Medical and Dental Ministry, The Lord's Pantry and Baby Luv Pregnancy Center. By the end of 2011 they will have provided more than 17,000 services to our community. The low operating budget allows them to provide these services at less than \$9 a service. There are many ways that you can help spread the word and participate in this urgently needed ministry.

Prayer Support. You can be a vital part of the ministry by making them a part of your daily prayer time.

Volunteer. Volunteers are needed in all areas especially

Medical and Dental professionals.

Coordinate a food drive for The Lord's Pantry. Non-perishable food items are always needed.

Donate. Non-perishable food items, gently used maternity and baby clothes, baby care items, oral hygiene items etc.

Financial Support. Tax Deductible contributions of any amount are vital and greatly appreciated.

For more information visit their website at www.westjaxoutreach.org or contact Mary Ann Cox, Executive Director, at (904) 778-1434 x108 or macox@westjaxoutreach.org.

The Missions Committee sent WestJax Outreach \$1000 from part of the proceeds from the Arts & Craft Show/BBQ.

JANUARY MISSIONS

THE INN & HUBBARD HOUSE

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

The 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

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

MISSION PROJECT:

FAMILY PROMISE OF JACKSONVILLE

We will be collecting various cleaning supplies and hygiene items for the families.

CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS

We will feature monthly Centennial Reflections - all are encouraged to submit articles!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON THROUGH THE YEARS AT ORTEGA

By Anne Killebrew

As far back as our members can remember, Ortega Methodist has celebrated the Christmas season in multiple ways. They range from the live nativity, to the Hanging of the Greens, to the Ortega Playschool's special Christmas play, to wonderful music and programs done by the children, the youth, and the adult choirs.

Old timers remember cutting down the church Christmas tree in the south end of Ortega Forest and letting the children decorate it after it was set up in the Fellowship Hall. Later---so the story goes--- the youth made Chrismons (monograms of Christ) of Styrofoam and decorated the tree with them----it still being in the Fellowship hall.

About thirty years ago Sara Stafford formed a committee who worked diligently for weeks---perhaps months---perfecting Chrismons---decorating them with white and gold beads, ribbon, and glitter. These Chrismons are still used to decorate the sanctuary tree today, though from time to time they have required some re-doing. For several years Margie Fox has formed a committee who decorate the Chrismon tree each year.

For many years the Christmas eve services have been a highlight of the season — packing the sanctuary. Some years ago a New Year's Eve service was held at midnight to bring in the New Year. Whatever the form of decoration or service, we have always stressed the true reason for the season!

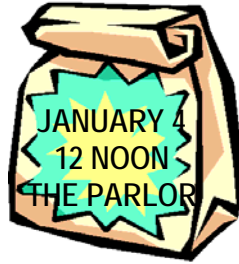
SENIORS

SENIORS ON THE GO!

2012 PLANNING SESSION BROWN BAG LUNCH

The purpose of the Senior Adult Ministry is to bring people together to have fun, enjoy lunch and fellowship. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to join us - people with adult children, retirees, grandparents, widows & widowers!!

JOIN US!



RETIREE BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4
Led by Pastor Mike

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. One of the key activities the organization offers to live-alone-at-home seniors is a weekly, local mission trip. Seniors get out of their homes, and enjoy a day of community service with other seniors.

Contact Ann Blankenship at 388-9833 or
Seniors on a Mission at 509-4784.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



What a spiritually moving experience it was to be led back to "our Bethlehem" on Sunday, December 18th. Through the efforts of Ortega's thirty voice Chancel choir and a twelve member guest orchestra, comprised of players from the Jacksonville Symphony, *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem* will be remembered as one of our most beautiful Christmas presentations.

Many thanks to our cantata narrator, Brenda Chapman, vocal soloists Sherry Buelow, Thelma Jones, Tony Quails, trio member Gwen Smith, and our own Charlie Mann as pianist extraordinaire. Once again George Birnbaum added his special touch to "capture" the entire event on video and apply his talents to ensure optimal amplification balance between choir and orchestra. Brenda Chapman also was responsible for providing

a power point of the *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem* text. Ortega is very fortunate to have musicians who are willing to give their best efforts, whether in the learning of their individual voice part or donating their physical efforts to achieve the necessary chair/riser arrangement. Thanks for your gracious donations of time and energy. God is kind in allowing us to use our talents to help lead minds and hearts to moments of spiritual enrichment through the vehicle of music. May God be always praised and uplifted through those things we attempt in His name.

Joyfully,
Jim Smith



A sincere thank you to the children who presented The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd and to the adults who "shepherded" it into being. You were wonderful and we are all extremely proud of you. As always, we adapt the musical to fit our cast size and gender, and this year, we even altered the script.

Our drowsy shepherd was originally slated to have dreams of becoming a real estate salesperson. We used our creative license and changed her (a "him" in the original script) to a used camel salesman, along with the attendant puns that accompanied that change. The kids always adjust beautifully and do a wonderful job.

Thank you, Blaise Martin and Nadia Nightingale for your beautiful solos. Also, thank you Carolyn Henderson, Jim Smith and Shannon Tempio for your tireless efforts each Wednesday and to Kathi and Bill Bell for designing and constructing our set. Jonathan Jennings did an outstanding job as our sound and lighting technician. You are all loved and appreciated.

I sincerely hope you were able to attend and will let the children's choir members know that you were there and how much you enjoyed it. Children's voices praising God is a perfect way to remind us of the ultimate meaning of Christmas.

Gwen Smith, Children's Choir Coordinator

JANUARY

2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Playschool Returns UMW Board, 10am Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Girl Scouts, 6pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm	4 Seniors Brown Bag Lunch Planning Session, noon Cancer support Group, 5pm Youth Bible Study, 6pm Women's Wesley Group, 6:45pm Men's Wesley Group, 7pm	5 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm NAMI, 7pm	6	7
8 Reaffirmation of Baptism 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Youth Parents Meeting, 3:30pm Youth, 6pm	9 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Ruth/Elisabeth Circle 11am	10 Lydia Circle, 10am Finance, 5:30pm Trustees, 6:30pm Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm	11 Children's Programming, 4:30pm Women's Bible Study, 4:30pm Family Night Dinner, 6pm Youth Bible Study, 6pm Women's Wesley Group, 6:45pm Men's Wesley Group, 7pm	12 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Endowment Committee, 6pm NAMI, 7pm	13 Faux Book Club, 11:30am	14
15 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Girl Scouts, 2pm Youth, 6pm Eddie Piper Concert, 7pm	16 Retiree Bible Study, 10am	17 Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Girl Scouts, 6pm SPRC, 6:30pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm	18 Children's Programming, 4:30pm Women's Bible Study, 4:30pm Cancer Support Group, 5pm Family Night Dinner, 6pm Youth Bible Study, 6pm Women's Wesley Group, 6:45pm Men's Wesley Group, 7pm	19 Playschool Vision Screening, 9am Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm ShAdCo, 7pm NAMI, 7pm	20	21
22 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Youth Protection Seminar, 10am & 3pm TNT Parent Meeting, 3pm TNT Outing Youth, 6pm	23 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm	24 Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm CHURCH COUNCIL, 6:30PM Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm	25 Children's Programming, 4:30pm Women's Bible Study, 4:30pm Family Night Dinner, 6pm Youth Bible Study, 6pm Women's Wesley Group, 6:45pm Men's Wesley Group, 7pm	26 Women's Prayer Group, 10:30am Hubbard House 1st Step for Women, 5:30pm Supper Club, 6pm Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	27	28
29 5th Sunday Giving to FLUMCH 8:30am Communion 8:45 am Contemporary 10am Small Groups 11am Traditional Youth, 6pm	30 Retiree Bible Study, 10am Women's Bible Study, 9:15am & 1pm	31 ELECTIONS Hubbard House 1st Step for Men, 5:30pm Girl Scouts, 6pm Hot Dog Ministry, 7:30pm AA, 8pm				

2012 LAY LEADERSHIP

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: Bob Buelow (1)
Thanks to JP Morgan for serving in 2011
Lay Leader: Scott Lucas (1)
Thanks to Jim Lanier for serving 4 years.
Lay Member: Mary Birnbaum (6) & Drew Story(1)
Alternate Lay Member: Kathy Story
Thanks to Bob Buelow for serving for 5 years
Finance Chair: Ken Baker (6)
Trustees Chair: Bill Bell (1)
Thanks to Mark O'Steen for serving for 2 years
SPRC Chair: Paul Fulghum (3)
Recording Secretary: Kathy Story (4)
Membership Secretary: Anne Killebrew
Treasurer: Ray Van Landingham (3)
Financial Secretary: Winslow Colbert (Paid Staff)

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Kellie Cosner	Jim Cheek	Cooper Nightingale
Ruth Hedge	Don Ingram	Perry Walthour
Ben Jolley	Nancy Liane	Bill Nipper
Susie Lanier	Emily Gardner	Kathy Nipper
Vicki Leary	Jamie Hann	Carl Sandusky
Trey Martin	Josh Hann	Musette Gilberstadt
Christie Martin	Bo Tucker	Donna Gordon
	Kathy Tucker	Chrissy Bodin

Thanks to Class of 2011: Mickie Newman, Lisa O'Steen, JJ Jennings, Mason Wilkinson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Bill Bell (1)

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Mike Donnell	Barry Bransford	Nancy Barnard
Guy Leary	Sherry Buelow	Mason Wilkinson
Terry Weyer	Bill Bell	Phil Risley

Thanks to Class of 2011: Don Alford, Anis Daley, Mark O'Steen

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Paul Fulghum (3)

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Tom Lynch	Paul Fulghum	Margie Huber
Bob Morales	Kathi Bell	Will Kurtz
Jim Tompkins	Carolynn Henderson	Trudi Lockwood

Lay Members to Annual Conference: Mary Birnbaum, Drew Story
Lay Leader: Scott Lucas
Thanks to the Class of 2011: Marge Burgess, Greg Coleman/Frank Yong, Will Kurtz

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Ken Baker (6)
Lay Members: Mary Birnbaum, Drew Story
Treasurer: Ray Van Landingham (3)
Financial Secretary: Winslow Colbert (Staff)
Stewardship Chair: Frank & Vicky Yong (3)
Trustees Chair: Bill Bell (1)
SPRC Chair: Paul Fulghum
Playschool Director: Janie Burroughs
Endowment Fund: John Runion (2)
Terry Scholarship Fund: Margie Fox (1)
Council Chair: Bob Buelow (1)
Lay Leader: Scott Lucas (1)
Stacey McKendree
Barry Swindle
The Pastors

LAY LEADERSHIP

Chair: Senior Pastor
Lay Leader: Scott Lucas

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Gail Atchley	Jeff Christopher	Patti Barksdale
John Fox	Stacey McKendree	Shawn Hurd
John McCorvey	J.P. Morgan	Will Kurtz

Thanks to Class of 2011: Nancy Barnard, Bob Morales, Bill Nipper

ENDOWMENT FUND

Chair: John Runion
Finance Chair: Ken Baker
Trustee Chair or Representative
Treasurer: Ray Van Landingham
Planning: Mark O'Steen
Stewardship: Frank Yong

Jim Loble
Joan Risley
Dr. Bo Tucker
Pastor Dan Casselberry,
Advisor

PLANNING & BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Chair: Mark O'Steen (1)

Don Alford	Jonathan Jennings	Joan Risley
Ken Baker	Scott Lucas	William Shelor
John Barnard	Clayton McKendree	The Pastors
Bart Colbert	Bill Nipper	
	Guy Leary	

Thanks to Jim Lanier for leading as Chair for four years.

C. HERMAN TERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Chair: Margie Fox (1)

Jim Tompkins	Pastor Dan Casselberry, Advisor
Gail Atchley	Shannon Jennings, Advisor
Lynette Fulghum	
Angie Morales	

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

The entire church is invited to meet mid week for fellowship and dinner!

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. ~ Family Dinner

MENUS FOR JANUARY:

January 11 - Wild Rice & Ham Soup, Salad, Bread
Cheese Pizza for the children

18 - Orzo Chicken Florentine, Salad, Bread
Chicken Nuggets for the children

25 - Four Cheese Beef Bake, Salad, Bread
Hot dogs for the children

New Mid Week Programming and times:

Children/TNT Choir ~ 4:30-5:15

Women's Bible Study ~ 4:30

TNT Bible Study (5th - 6th grade) ~ 5:15-6:00

Midweek Powered Up (PK3 - 4th grade) ~ 5:15-6:00

Youth Bible Study (7th - 12th grade) ~ 6:00-8:00

ReDiscovery Class ~ 6:30

Promise Ensemble Rehearsal ~ 6:30

Women's Wesley Group ~ 6:45pm (1st & 3rd Wed)

Men's Wesley Group ~ 7:00 - 8:00

Men's Bible Study ~ 7:00

Sonshine Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal ~ 7:15

Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:30

Live Nativity & Youth Choir December 14, 2011

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Jim Lanier
Joyce & Don Alford
Nancy Barnard
Donna & Phil Baumgardner
Barbara Burns
Pastor Dan Casselberry
Winslow Colbert
Amy & Jason Dean
Anne Killebrew

Pastor Mike Hudson
Margaret & Don Ingram
Marilou & Stan Liddell
Scott Lucas
Bill Nipper
Gayle Runion
Dotty Risley
Maria Shelor

More are always welcome!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Margie Fox
Altar Guild: Sarah O'Steen
Acolytes: Danielle Kessenger
Flowers: Fran Baker, Janet Drew
11am Ushers: John Fox
8:45am Ushers/Greeters: Susan Norville
8:30am Ushers: Vicky Yong
Contemporary Worship Leader: Pastor Mike Hudson
Music Director: Jim Smith
Pastor Dan Casselberry

MISSIONS

Chair: Karen Snooks
Kathi & Bill Bell
Patti Barksdale
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ENDOWMENT FUND



Ortega United Methodist Church
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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
Jim Lobley, Past Chair
Ken Baker, Chair of Finance
Joan Risley, At Large member
Mark O'Steen, Chair of Trustees
Bo Tucker, At Large member
Frank Yong, Chair of Stewardship
*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)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The UMW Board
Tuesday, January 3, 10:00 am in the Parlor

Ruth-Elisabeth Circle
Monday, January 9, 11:00 am Luncheon
Home of Marilyn Pruitt
4401 Lakeside Dr. #302
Bus leaves the church at 10:45am

Lydia Circle
will meet Tuesday, January 10, 10:00am
at the Home of Margie Fox
5117 Imperial Cove Rd.
Co-Hostess: Thelma Wood
Program - A NEW YEAR!
The church bus will leave at 9:45am.

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

SUPPER CLUB

Join us for our new Adult Supper Clubs !!!

Supper clubs have a new format and will meet quarterly.
Anyone wanting to meet new adults in the church can join together quarterly for dinner. Simply bring a side dish to share and RSVP.

Entrée to be provided by the church.

Homes for events have already been secured, so join in!

Think you might be interested?

Call the office to RSVP, 389-5556. Hope to see you there!

January 26
Home of Barney and Anis Daley
4711 Ortega Blvd

THANK YOU!!!!



The UMW would like to thank the anonymous donor of the two beautiful Army Navy tablecloths for the Parlor!

THANK YOU TO MARILYNN PRUITT
for giving the Chrismon Tree
in loving memory of Webb Pruitt.

**THANK YOU TO MARGIE FOX,
SARAH O'STEEN, ERICA GALPIN**
and all the Altar Guild Committee for
decorating the Sanctuary & Chapel for
Christmas, and getting it ready for worship
services all year long.

THANK YOU SUE WILKINSON
for faithfully organizing
Funeral Receptions.

**THANK YOU DOTTY RISLEY, MUSETTE
GILBERSTADT, SARAH O'STEEN, STACEY
MCKENDREE & DONNA GORDON** for your
help with Wednesday Night Dinners

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
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January 26, 6pm * The Parlor
Nursery available upon request.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES



James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's newest 8-session study *James: Mercy Triumphs*. James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put

your faith into action in practical ways.

A new 5-tiered level of participation is introduced: (1) Watch videos, (2) Complete homework, (3) Handwrite James, (4) Read Articles, (5) Memorize James. You pick the level of participation best for you

Monday mornings beginning January 23rd
9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Room 7 of the Adult Education Building.

Thursday evenings beginning January 26th
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Nursery is available for children upon request.
Please make reservations.

For more information, or childcare reservations,
contact Susan Norville at 389-5556.

The Amazing Collection *Learning the Bible Book by Book*

New Study:
The New Testament
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John & Acts

DVD study plus a workbook that includes a study section for each book of the Bible. Study sections include an outline of the teaching, maps and charts, questions for group discussion or personal meditation and five daily lessons.

The daily lessons can be done in two ways:

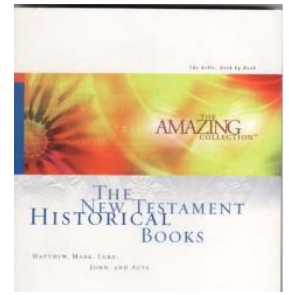
1) Quick Read is for busy women with only 20 minutes a day, or

2) Complete Read for a more in-depth study.

Monday afternoons beginning January 9th
1-2:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building, Room 7

Nursery is available.

For more information, contact Susan Norville at 389-5556



2012 PREACHING WITH STAINED GLASS

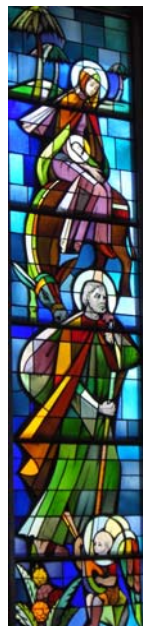
Our theme for the year: ***Lifting High the Cross of Christ for 100 Years***



January: The Light of Christ shines to us and through us!

Epiphany on Jan 1
The Wise Men

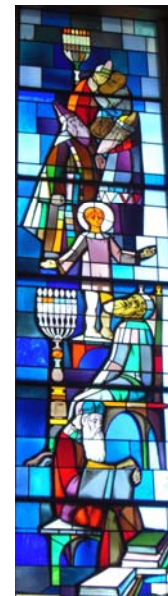
Matthew 2:1-12



Reaffirmation of Baptism on Jan 8

Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-23



Jesus at Twelve
Jan 15

Luke 2:41-52

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

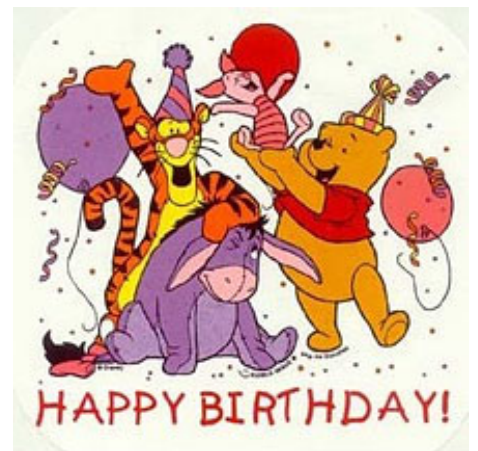
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 Chandler Steedley
 1/4 Jon Jennings
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 1/5 Vernell Adams
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 Evie McCarthy
 Amy Skelton
 1/14 Richard O'Steen
 1/15 Whit Hodge
 Vicki Leary
 Preston Smith
 Nathan Smith
 1/16 Charlie Kurtz
 1/17 Cassandra Chesser
 Barbara Cone
 Emily Thomas
 1/18 Hazel Montgomery
 Alan Perry
 1/19 Susan Kwartler
 1/20 Harlan Johnston
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 1/21 Audra Bancroft
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 Susan Hastings
 1/22 Craig Roberts
 1/23 Jason Kuder
 Shayna Michaels
 1/24 Saralyn Grass
 Terry Houser
 Tracy Meadows

1/25 Lori Lucas
 Tearanee Michaels
 Elizabeth Robertson
 1/26 Will Baldwin
 Marshall Hendrix
 1/27 Christian Culver
 Allison Helwig
 1/28 Tom Booth
 JJ Jennings
 1/30 Mary Louise Howard
 Krissy Liane
 Bill Norris
 Gayle Runion
 Jeanette Schnauss
 1/31 David Armstrong
 Ellen Cochrane
 Laura Evans
 Emily Gardner

Happy Belated November Birthday to:
 11/30 Clayton McKendree

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



FAUX BOOK CLUB - JOIN US!

I'm Perfect, You're Doomed by Kyria Abrahams
 Friday, January 13 at 11:30 a.m.
 Whiteway Deli



Three Cups of Tea
 by Greg Mortenson and David Olive Relin
 Friday, February 10 at 11:30 a.m.
 Whiteway Deli



Youth Stuff



Youth Parent's Meeting

Sunday, January 8

3:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Youth Choir

Kick-Off

Sunday, January 8

4 p.m. in the Music Suite

Winter Retreat 2012

February 17-20, Cost: \$200

Initial \$100 deposit

due Sunday, January 8

Final \$100 deposit due

Wednesday, February 1

There is NO YOUTH
Sunday, January 1

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Happy New Year!

We hope you will join us and bring a friend to the Worship Service of your choice and enjoy the fellowship of one of our many Sunday School and small group classes.

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

