



THE CONNECTION

Orlean United Methodist Church



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Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Pastor's Message

Spring is here and again the earth is renewed and we are awed by the beauty of God's creation. And with Spring comes Easter, and with Easter comes resurrection and hope and the Good News of God's love.

I offer these words from a favorite author of mine, Max Lucado, to help us capture the meaning of the season:

The Message of God to Man

When Jesus tasted the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and died. (John 19:30)

"It is finished."

Stop and listen for a moment. Let the words wind through your heart. Imagine the cry from the cross. The sky is dark. The other two victims are moaning. Jeering mouths of the crowd are silent. Perhaps there is thunder. Perhaps there is weeping. Perhaps there is silence. Then Jesus draws in a deep breath, pushes his feet down on that Roman nail, and cries, *"It is finished!"*

What was finished?

The history-long plan of redeeming man was finished. The message of God to man was finished. The works done by Jesus as a man on earth were finished.....The sting of death had been removed.

It was over!

(Quoted from "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior")

Happy Easter!

Pastor Jim

IMPORTANT DATES! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Praise and Worship VIII ----

April 14, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Live music provided by *Forgiven by Grace, inspirational speakers, light refreshments*

Rising Hope Mission Church

April 15, 2012

During normal worship hour --- speaker from Rising Hope Mission Church

"Hoofin' It for the Homeless Walkathon" April 28, 2012

Airlie Conference Center --- Make a difference in the lives of homeless families in our community --- see Pastor Jim for details

St. John's Bells of Praise

June 3, 2012

During normal worship hour --- Bell Choir from St. John's United Methodist Church will participate in our worship service

New Members

Please welcome **Ellie Casterline** and **Erin Miller** who became members of Orlean United Methodist Church in January.

Tip of the Halo to:

- **Ethel Hume** for donating a booster chair (Note: a changing table has also been added to the nursery.)
- **everyone** who contributed food to the Food Pantry
- **everyone** who donated Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops
- **everyone** who helped with the success of the January 5th Sunday Potluck
- **Sharon Stanberry** for the beautiful bulletin board in the fellowship hall
- **everyone** who contributed to the reception for our new members

Food Pantry & PDF

During the first quarter of this year, the Food Pantry helped 9 families (includes multiple visits as some families come 2 or 3 times a quarter) with food, sundry items, and gift cards. The PDF helped three families with lodging.

The escrip program (Safeway Bonus Card) deposited \$38.70 to the Food Pantry fund during the 4th quarter of 2011. If you would like to link your Safeway Bonus Card to the escrip program, please contact Shaw Moffett.

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The Orlean United Methodist Women meet via email around the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 1931karma@gmail.com and all women are invited to participate; arrangements can be made for those without email access. Every quarter we send Campbell's Labels for Education to the Red Bird Conference and we helped the Red Bird Mission obtain a van for their ministries (a van cost 1,600,000 points---one label is generally one point, some are 5 points). At our next meeting, we will be choosing Kits for Conference.

Notice

If anyone would like to receive the newsletter on-line, please email 1931karma@gmail.com and put "newsletter" in the subject line.

Birthdays and Special Occasions

Stephen G.	April 3	Susan & Harry Russell	June 11
Brenda & Paul Hackett (anniv.)	April 7	(anniv.)	
Juanita R.	April 25	Sue G.	June 16
Mason S. (1 yr. old!)	April 29	Bill & Sandy Gilliam	June 17
Eileen L.	May 2	(anniv.)	
Molly S.	May 3	Shaw Moffett &	June 22
Elizabeth & Steven Miller (anniv.)	May 7	Sandy Swenson (anniv.)	
Beth D.	May 13	Sharon & Tom Stanberry	June 25
Brenda H.	May 14	(anniv.)	
Charles H.	May 17	Paige S.	June 25
Beth Darrough & Rusty Rawson (anniv.)	June 11	Jim Leamon (anniv. of ministry)	June 27

Calendar of Events

April 6 - Good Friday service 7:00 p.m.

April 8 – HAPPY EASTER! Sunrise service at Orlean Cemetery at 6:30 followed by breakfast at Orlean Methodist; in case of inclement weather, service will be held at Orlean United Methodist Church. Regular worship service at 10:00 a.m.

April 12 - Orlean United Methodist Women meet on line

April 14 – Praise & Worship service at 4:00 p.m.

April 15 – Kay Darnes of Rising Hope Ministry will be a guest speaker at Orlean United Methodist Church

April 26 – Ladies Night Out, 6:00 p.m. – place to be announced; all ladies welcome

April 28—Hoofin’ for the Homeless Walkathon

April 29—5th Sunday Potluck after morning worship service

May 10 – Orlean United Methodist Women meet on line

May 24- Ladies Night Out, 6:00 p.m. – place to be announced; all ladies welcome

June 3 – Bell Choir from St. John’s Methodist Church will perform at Orlean during worship

June 14 – Orlean United Methodist Women meet on line

June 21- Ladies Night Out, 6:00 p.m. – place to be announced; all ladies welcome

June 22 thru 24 – Annual Conference in Roanoke; Carol Payne and/or Rusty Rawson to attend