



THE CONNECTION

Orlean United Methodist Church



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Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40b

NOT a Message from the Pastor:

(The pastor is busy with Virginia Conference paperwork and/or data entry year-ending and year-beginning stuff so he asked someone else to write a few words.)

Orlean United Methodist Church is a nondescript structure but the people make up for the lackluster appearance by being a warm, vibrant, giving body of Christ. Visitors (and regulars, too!) are greeted by friendly, smiling faces and a hearty handshake. Children listen to their own sermon before going downstairs for fellowship (aka the nursery). There is adult Sunday School before church. There is an active United Methodist Women unit. A food pantry and a pastor's discretionary fund help people in the community going through a rough patch. In June, we collect Kits for Conference; in August we help FISH gather school supplies for needy students in Fauquier County; in December we participate in Angel Tree and also buy gifts for residents at a local nursing home. This year, we are hosting a Valentine's Day Potluck at Fauquier Family Shelter.

There is a sign at the driveway which indicates that a church sits about 200 feet from the road. Can that brown stucco building without a steeple *really* be a church? To answer that question, one just has to step inside.

--Shaw Moffett

Birthdays and Special Occasions

Ann T.	Jan. 7		
Gus C.	Jan. 13		
Joan B.	Jan. 31		
Sharon H.	Feb 10		
Joan & Ken Poole (anniv.)	Feb. 6		
Gracie Edna W.	Feb. 14		
Erin M.	Feb. 15		
Bill D.	Feb. 18		
Shaw M.	Feb. 26		
Julie T.	Feb. 28		
		Peggy & Mack Baer (anniv.)	Mar. 3
		R. O. U.	Mar. 12
		Bob T.	Mar. 14
		Peggy B.	Mar. 15
		Rose R.	Mar. 16
		Mary & Bobby Tarr (anniv.)	Mar. 19
		Sandra P.	Mar. 26
		Annalise B.	Mar. 29

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 9 – UMW meet via email
- Feb. 8 - Valentine's Day celebration at Fauquier Family Shelter 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 9 – Administrative Council meeting after worship
- Feb. 13 – UMW meet via email
- Mar. 13 – UMW meet via email

escrip

From January through November, the escrip program (Safeway Bonus Card) donated \$185.44 to our Food Pantry fund. If anyone has a question about escrip or would like to sign-up, please contact Shaw Moffett or sign-up by going to escrip.com. A percentage of each purchase using the Safeway card goes to the Food Pantry fund. The exception being that Safeway does not contribute when purchases are made with a credit card.

Food Pantry

~~There was a \$20 cash donation in November plus \$10 left over from An Orlean Christmas stuffing fund.

~~The family of the seminary student who served Thanksgiving week brought a generous donation of non-perishable food for the Pantry.

~~The Culpeper Farmer's Cooperative donated food left over from their office party

~~Providence Baptist Church member donated a 13 lb. turkey.

~~Another person donated several packages of pasta.

~~The chef from Orlean Market called the church to ask for a family he could prepare and deliver a Christmas meal which was to go to one of our Food Pantry families.

~~The Food Pantry was able to provide food and a gift card to a family in November and December.

Summary

The food pantry is currently well stocked and we have one \$40 Food Lion gift card available for distribution. In the freezer there is a 13 lb. turkey, and enough food to prepare a hearty meal for a family. I am considering donating that meal to the Fauquier Family shelter later in January. I had tried to make it available to one of three families displaced by fire the week before Christmas, but the Red Cross POC did not return my phone call.

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The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was able to provide \$75 to help a family with the electric bill.

Tip of the Halo to:

~~**everyone** who contributed snacks for Praise & Worship and the **musicians** for sharing their talents

~~**everyone** who provided food and drinks for Robert's baptism reception

~~**everyone** who contributed finger foods for Charge Conference

~~**everyone** who participated in the potluck following the Bells of Praise Service and to the **bell ringers**

~~**Brenda, Sharon B., and Ellie** for representing the church at the "An Orlean Christmas" meetings

~~the **choir** for singing near the bonfire at "An Orlean Christmas"

~~**everyone** who donated their time, money, and talents at the various events that made the first Christmas event in Orlean a success

~~**everyone** who donated food and money to the Food Pantry

~~**everyone** who donated Campbell's Labels for Education

~~**Carol** for coordinating Angel Tree; **everyone** who sponsored a child; **Ellie** and **Darryl** for loading Carol's car; **Carol** and **Laura Lee** for delivering the gifts

~~**Joan P.** for hanging the doves on the Christmas tree and **everyone** who participated in Lights of Love

~~**Sharon, Joan, Elma,** and **Gus** for getting the inside and outside of the church ready for Advent

~~**everyone** who donated money and **Joan** for shopping for Christmas gifts to give the residents of Overlook

~~**everyone** who contributed to the reception for Shaw to acknowledge her 10 years as Food Pantry Coordinator

~~**Trustees** for having new windows installed downstairs

~~**everyone** who contributed to the reception for Betty after she joined the church