

3rd Qtr Orange UMC Newsletter



VBS 2017 was an amazing week and success! We had a high attendance of 109 and averaged close to 100 each night. 240 packages of Oreo cookies were collected throughout the week that will be sent to our men and women serving in the armed forces overseas. I know I speak for you when I say a big **THANK YOU** to our VBS Director, Bethany Goode, and the incredible team that worked many, many hours to make this VBS a sparkling success. This VBS team is a great example of how **YOU**, the OUMC family, rally together to make great ministry happen! God bless the eternal seeds that were sown in children's hearts at VBS 2017!

When In Rome summer message Series. From June 18-September 17 we'll be mining Paul's spiritual and theological diamonds in the Book of Romans. Unlike Paul's other letters, Paul didn't start the church in Rome. He had never been to Rome before. Consequently, in Romans we have Paul's most comprehensive, systematic theological treatise or exposition in the New Testament. Come each Sunday, bring a friend, neighbor, or colleague. I know you'll find new spiritual knowledge and guidance from the Apostle Paul that will bless and benefit you in your life today. Pick up a Bible Bookmark in the church narthex and follow along in the Series!



Two 9:30AM July Worship Services In order for the Orange Church family to attend worship at Orange AND Holbrook Campground, our worship at Orange will be from 9:30-10:15AM on Sunday July 16th and 23rd. As a special treat, both Orange services will be *outside at the cross!* There are benches at the cross, but feel free to bring something more comfortable if you like! The guest preachers at Holbrook this year are Dr. Scott Miller, a fine Baptist preacher from Cumming and Dr. Jeff Ross,

Senior Pastor at Cumming First UMC. For more campmeeting details go to www.holbrookcampground.org.

So, what's next? Keep the excitement! Let's keep the high spirit, excitement, joy, teamwork in ministry going! I hope that the Spirit in this place during VBS will live, live large, live in unexpected places and ways, and continue to feed and fill your heart and mine. So, let's be in conversation about how to replicate the effectiveness and success we have enjoyed in Bible School. How can we apply that formula to all of our age levels, including adults and older adults as well? How can we reach out to the community in the spirit and excitement of Jesus and offer hospitality and relationship to those who are living and working close to the church? How can we enliven worship through music and participation so others will feel connected and that worship is timely, relevant, and inspirational for their lives?

We can do it. I **KNOW** we can do it. I know **YOU** want to do it. As we go forward from VBS, I hope you and I, everyone in the Orange Church family, feels just like the little girl in this picture: so excited about the present and future that you just can't stand it, you just can't keep it in!



Your Pastor and Friend,

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