

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ROOTED IN CHRIST ... BRANCHING OUT IN FAITH ... DISCIPLES GROWING DISCIPLES

Rejoice! Again I Say, REJOICE!

Easter falls on April Fools Day this year. I think this is very appropriate. For many, those of us who do believe are considered fools. Well, if that is what I am, I will be a fool for Christ. I can understand their skepticism. Who on earth rises from the dead?

In the New Testament, it is reported that Jesus raised several people from the dead—Lazarus was raised by Jesus in John 11:44, and Jairus's daughter in Mark 5:41. Then you have the son of the widow at Nain (Luke 7:11-14), Tabitha in Acts 9:40, and Eutychus in Acts 20:9-10.

But what is amazing to me is that the resurrection of Jesus had such an affect on the world. Because of the witness of his disciples, it literally changed the course of our history from pagan to Christianity. This is the most radical change in all of world history!

And yet that is changing rapidly. The United States, whose coinage declares "In God We Trust," is quickly becoming more and more God–less. We live in a mission field where the norm is no longer Christianity but the "nones"—those who believe in nothing at all.

Either we wake up and change our ways to reach the changing world or our salvation story becomes lost. Jesus Christ died for our sins. Shouldn't we at least share the story—before the world dies from their sins and we along with them for not continuing to tell the story?

This Easter, bring your family for that life-saving story we all need to hear. No fooling—it is that important.

If you and your family have been considering becoming a member of First United Methodist, this would be a wonderful time to make that commitment. Speak to Rev. John following the service THIS SUNDAY!

A BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Dardeau and Patricia Anderson and their crew of workers—Julie Allensworth, Charlotte Alford, Lisa Marie Hodge, Suzanne Magee and Ben, Randall and Sharon Bridges, Greg Defrates, Sherri Fruge and Dalayna Sandlin. You all rocked it for the March 18 "Note-burning" meal! Thanks to all who shared their delicious dishes as well!

Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith Disciples Growing Disciples

Rev. John E. Warren

Senior Pastor

Doug Rogers Director of

Music & Fine Arts

Randall Bridges

Director of

Christian Education & Youth

Donna Rogers

Organist

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Samantha Ziller Nursery Coordinator

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Mission Statement:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation

of the world.

To have information included in the May newsletter, please send it to

news@fumcorange.org

by Friday, April 20, so the newsletter can be

distributed before May 1.

Lord, help us to be a family of faith, to worship you, learn, grow in your likeness, and serve you by serving others. Amen.

Our Faithfulness

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April Worship								
Sermon: Navigating the Geography of	bure: John 20:1-18 hon: Navigating the Geography of Scripture: Deut. 25:11-12 Sermon: Game Changers– Samson		April 22, 2018 Scripture: Genesis 6:5-22 Sermon: Game Changers– Noah		<u>April 29, 2018</u> Scripture: Matt. 14:22-36 Sermon: Game Changers– Peter			
Reality!	ONE SERVICE 11 a.m. Halliburton Pavilion	Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trisha Anderson		iild: Beverly k team & Trisha son	Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson			
RISEN WWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW	Claiborne Park No Children's Sunday School! Other Sunday	 Parking Lot Greeters: 9:00–Jeff & Sherri Frugé 11:00–Drew & Annely Domas 9 am Greeters: Julie & 	Parking Lot Greeters: 9:00–Dale & Barbara Dardeau, Trent Brown 11:00–Nevella Toal & Archie McLellan		Parking Lot Greeters: 9:00–Bart & Ginger Williams 11:00–Charlotte & Ed Foreman			
COMMUNION Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trisha Anderson	School classes are welcome to meet at the park!	Richard Allensworth 11 am Ushers: Team #3 John Griffith, Jerry	& Chr 11 am Us	eeters: Jennifer is Smith shers: Team #4	 9 am Greeters: Trisha & Bobby Anderson 11 am Ushers: Team #5 			
Parking Lot Greeters: D:00–Leighia & Richard Barron 11:00–Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant	Please bring lawn chairs for seating and card tables for eating (and extras for those who may	Windham, Ron Hopperton, Nevella Toal, Vernon Murray, Richard Powell Lay Readers:	Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas, Ed & Charlotte Foreman Lay Readers: 9:00–1st Methodist Kids		Hubert Hancock, Tra Miller, Barry Bates, Don & Deborah Bayl Lay Readers: 9:00–1st Methodist Kids			
am Greeters: Lauren Peet & Greg Defrates	have lost theirs), etc.	9:00–1st Methodist Kids 11:00–Beverly Blalack Welcome Center		ndra Hoke	11:00–Sandra Hoke Welcome Center Greeters:			
11 am Ushers: Team #1 Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean	After worship, enjoy a covered dish luncheon and an afternoon of fun	Greeters: 8:45-10–Pat McCombs 10-11:15–Donna Benefield & Cindy	10-11:15	Volunteer needed –Rose Butler	8.45-10–Volunteer Need			
Whitley, Elaine Cooper Lay Readers: D:00–Lori Kratzer 1:00–Judy Taylor	games (washers, horseshoes, dominoes, bridge, etc.) The church	Reynolds Welcome Center Bakers: Lori Kratzer &			Welcome Center Bake Julie Allensworth & Suzanne McGee			
Welcome Center Greeters: :45-10–Amanda Garcia 0-11:15–Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds Will provide tea and lemonade. April 2 (Easter Monday)		Brittany Allen Easter Sunday Bring your flowers for the	the Quarterly (wing the 11 a.m. service, uncil Town Hall Meeting he Family Life Center.			
Office Closed Every 1st Sunday– OCS Collection Sundays Give money (in envelope marked OCS) or place donated items in OCS containers in the Family Life Center. During Communion, all offerings left at the		3rd Sundays—Bring Donations for Rainbow Room		Please pray for our "Family" of the week				
				April 8 Flip a April 15 Carl (and Florence Evans and Melba Flippen Goodman rly Hanes			
rail go to Orange Chri	stian Services.	Blessing Box		April 29 Betty	James			



Join us in the Family Life Center!

Youth Sunday School at 10 a.m.

We share how God is working in our lives and look more in depth at the Bible!

Sunday Night CREW from 5-7 p.m.

Christians Ready, Equipped, and Willing Join us for a meal, fellowship, worship, music, skits, games, and Jesus.

Social Media

Join our text message group to get reminders about upcoming FUMC Youth announcements by texting @fumcora to 81010

Facebook: fumcorangeyouth Instagram & Twitter: @fumcorangeyouth

Youth Activities:

April 1—No C.R.E.W. (Celebrate Easter!)

April 8—Youth will stay at Claiborne Park following the meal after the service and play games at the park until 3 p.m. instead of regular Sunday evening programming.

April 26—Youth Attend Newsboys & Zealand Concert (*Tickets: \$18*) The Newsboys are headlining a concert at Glad Tidings Church in Lake Charles, LA. We will leave the church parking lot together at 6 p.m. (please eat before coming, snacks and coffee are available at the venue) and return sometime between 10-11 p.m.





Class of 2018 Graduate Breakfast Sunday, April 29 10 a.m. Family Life Center

Honoring our High School Graduates and their families:

> Kaylin Abshire Trent Brown Noah Burns Michael Lee McCartney Miller Zach Shaw Anthony Wimmer Raven Wedgeworth

PLEASE RSVP to Randall, to ensure an accurate count for breakfast.

Randall will be contacting each family to request a baby and graduation picture. He can scan them to return to you OR you can bring him copies.

The Discipleship Team (Christian Education) will need help preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. If you can help, please contact Leighia Barron. No Children's Sunday School on these dates: <u>April 1</u>—Enjoy Easter breakfast in the Family Life Center <u>April 8</u>—See you at the park!

1st Methodist Kids to Lead in Worship This Spring

Beginning Sunday, April 8, at Claiborne West Park, 1st Methodist Kids will be sharing the stories of the great game-changers in our spiritual heritage and singing songs about them as well.

Heroes of the Bible include Esther, Simon Peter, Moses, Noah, Ruth, Jonah, and Samson. The pastor will be preaching a sermon series about these game-changers each week during April and May.



Mr. Doug's First Methodist Kids

1st Methodist Kids meet with Mr. Doug on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. We meet on the playground and have dinner together. K-5th graders welcome.



Call Mr. Doug with questions, 409-779-2143.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - Noon

WORSHIP

9 am - Praise service in the Family Life Center

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Traditional service in the Sanctuary









2018 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader-Carol Allen (Chair), Finance-Chris Abshire & Tom Henry, Trustees-Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR-Theresa Beauchamp & Greg Defrates, Communications-Ginger Williams, Members at Large-Barbara Dardeau, Suzanne Magee & Betty Merchant,

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday—April 12 Next meeting—3rd Thursday—April 19 at 6 p.m.

The 2018 Programming Task Teams will continue the activities started by the VCI teams. The Programming Team Leaders coordinate the volunteer Task Teams (see January 2018 newsletter for Programming Task Team group breakdown).

- Worship—John Warren/Service Planning Team ٠
- Discipleship Making—Leighia Barron & Randall Bridges
- Hospitality—Ginger Williams
- Communications—Trisha Anderson & Marcia Brown
- Caring Ministry—Jeanelle Cochran
- Missions-Stephen Lee

Church Council Update

The next Council Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, after the 11 a.m. service in the Family Life Center.

The council is forming a team for the **sanctuary renovation** project. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact **Greg Defrates** (409-330-6344).

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord is my strength and song; He has also become my salvation. Therefore, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:2-3

April Prayer:



Lord, we thank you for becoming our salvation. Help us to joyfully draw water from your well of salvation. Amen.

Secretary-Sherri Frugé, Pastor-John Warren

FUMC Guiding **Principles and** Church Council **Meeting Minutes** are posted on the FUMC website (under Resources)



While not programming, these two teams provide support and coordinate with the staff, Pastor John, and Norma for building needs or help in the office area:

- Facility—Jeff Frugé
- Administration—Nancy Vincent

Summer Mission Project

One of FUMC-Orange's VCI prescriptions calls for us to reach out to the community in a meaningful way-offering help without cost to them.



Years ago, FUMC started The Last Blast, which over time morphed into Back-to-School Orange. FUMC is now WITHOUT a mission emphasis of our own.

Council has approved a "meals on wheels" program for students at North Orange Early Learning Center. Our VCI community surveys said to reach out to children in the summer. Most children at this school are on school food plans during the school year and have nothing during the summer.

- 1. Julie Allensworth, a FUMC member and a school counselor at North Orange, will choose 30-40 students who have a need. (One church with a similar program initially invited 40 children and fed 30 children. In time, it grew to 50-60 and included recreation at the church.) We need to build a relationship of trust first to grow the program.
- 2. Volunteer church members and mission groups staying in the Malloy will make sandwiches daily.
- 3. Meals would be delivered Monday-Thursday. Most mission groups leave Friday morning and many retired folks take care of grandchildren or travel in weekends.



- 4. The service project will last 35 days—June-August 2 or July 31.
- 5. While FUMC has mission funds—"Change the World" and maybe some other mission earmarked funds—Pastor John is also applying for a grant.
- 6. One FUMC adult will go out with the mission team adults and youth to deliver using mission team vans when possible. If it is our youth, two adults will deliver with them. Sandwiches can be made "conveyer style"-all mission teams do that for themselves daily.

Pastor John has spoken with a congregation similar in size with mainly retired members, and this program has grown their church—so much so that they have four other church groups that help serve! Our advantage is that our helpers will come from mission teams staying at the Malloy this summer, and we will not have to create full teams of our members. The exciting part is the possibility of growing our presence in Orange and lowering the age of our average membership!

SAVE THE DAT **April Events:** See full calendar on church website April 1—Easter, Breakfast served in Family Life Center, No Children's Sunday School COMING (9 a.m. service in Chapel, 11 a.m. service in Sanctuary) UP April 2—Easter Monday—Office Closed April 4—Discipleship Meeting, 4 p.m. April 7—Art in the Park, Visit the FUMC 3G booth April 8—No Children's Sunday School, ONE Worship service at 11 a.m., Halliburton Pavilion, Claiborne West Park, rain or shine April 9—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m. / Missions, 5:30 p.m. April 12—Circle Meetings—Faith & Joy, 9:30 a.m.; Love, 5:30 p.m. y (0) April 12—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda Social April 14—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8 a.m. April 15—Life Share Blood Drive, 9-noon Media April 16—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m. April 19—Church Council, 6 p.m. Like or follow: April 20—Deadline for May newsletter information FUMCOrangeTX April 26—Youth to Newsboys & Zealand Concert, Lake Charles April 29—High School Senior Recognition Sunday, Breakfast at 10 a.m. April 29—Church Council's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting, noon, Family Life Center **Upcoming Events:** June 18-22—VBS, 9-11:30 a.m. July 8-12-Bigstuf Youth Camp, Panama City Beach, Florida

Give blood.



Easter Breakfast April 1, 2018 8-10:30 am. Family Life Center

Enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fruit, pastries, milk, juice, coffee



While breakfast is free, donations will be accepted for the Society of St Andrew's Meals for Millions Program, which is a program supported nationally by the **United Methodist Men**.

Quarterly Town Hall Meeting Sunday, April 29 Noon Family Life Center



Sunday, April 15

9 am-noon

To create a deserted island, we can use help with decorations: driftwood, tiki torches, artificial greenery, brightly colored artificial flowers, the round life preservers (like on a ship), etc.

Collecting these items starts now! Bring them to the first Sunday school class on the right by the Welcome Center.

Many VOLUNTEERS will make this a success!

- Lead the crews around to the different stations
- Run those stations (crafts, games, Bible story, etc.)
- Provide and/or help with snacks

Please let Randall or Leighia know if you can volunteer your time that week and/or if you have any decorations we can use.

Disciples Making Disciples



Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

To volunteer to serve in one of these ministries, please call the church office (886-7466)

3G NEWS



Currently, we are recycling ONLY aluminum cans. Please rinse them before you bring to the church as a collection place.

We have a booth at **Art in the Park on Saturday, April 7**. Volunteers are welcome to help us hand out recycling information.

Do you or your family have a story or experience about recycling you'd like to share? We'd love to hear about it. Please contact Carolyn Hillsten at 409-670-7145 or ckhillsten@att.net.

Random Acts of Kindness

- Send an older relative a card just to let them know you're thinking about them
- Buy coffee for someone behind you
- Send a thank you note to your local police or fire station or ambulance service
- Purchase extra dog or cat food and give it to your local animal shelter
- Find opportunities to give compliments today





Library Cleaning Team

If interested in being part of the Library Cleaning Team ministry, please contact Edee Risher at 409-330-4394.

Thank you from King's Way UMC, Springfield, Missouri

The Mossion Team from King's Way UMC found the hospitality of your church to be so instrumental to bur Mission work the week of Jeb. 264n! Thank you for officing up the Malleny Center for us to stay and your Wednesday night denner to feed us!

Enclosed you will find a love offering we would like to give in gratitude after druktuy. We are also defering up prayne for your church " community as you continue to navigate the after you continue to navigate the after moun of Humane Harvey While moun of Humane Harvey While Caring for your Community. Bussing Pastor Lour Munday

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5:02 (C) Praver Initiative

All church members are asked to pray at 5:02 in the morning or evening for God to work in and through us: "God, we lift First United Methodist Church to you with our prayers. Please do what we cannot do ourselves, including Your changing us without limits. In Jesus name we pray. Amen."



Prayer Requests—For confidential prayers, use form on Intercessory Prayer webpage or send email to **PrayerRequests@fumcorange.org** Include an address to have a note of encouragement sent!

Calendar—To add or update something on the website calendar, please send an email to office@fumcorange.org



Worship & Fellowship Together Halliburton Pavilion Claiborne West Park Sunday, April 8 11 a.m.-dark No children's Sunday School!

The worship service at 11 a.m. will include old time hymns, singing and reading by 1st Methodist Kids, and Randall Bridges preaching on *Samson, A Game-Changer for Israel in his day*.

After worship, we will have a covered dish luncheon.

Please bring the following:



- Lawn chairs for all in your group
 Card tables (as many as you have because many lost theirs in the flood)
- Food (meat dish, vegetables, bread or salad and dessert, all with serving spoons etc.) The church will provide plenty of iced tea and lemonade.
- 4) Games supplies

After lunch, games of all kinds (horseshoes, washers, bridge, dominoes, disc golf, etc.) are encouraged as well as hiking, birdwatching, or just visiting. You can even watch the final round of the Masters on a flat screen TV!





Driving Directions: Claiborne West Park is located on the north side of Interstate 10, right after crossing Cow Bayou.

- <u>From Orange</u>, exit I-10 via Exit 869 (FM 1442) and stay on the access road through FM 1442 and continue on the access road for another half mile or so. Shortly after crossing Cow Bayou, the park entrance will appear on your right.
- <u>From Beaumont</u>, take Exit 864 and continue on the access road about one mile until you bear left to U-turn under the bridge at Cow Bayou. After emerging from under the bridge, the park entrance is very near on your right.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US! Let's make this outing a great success of warm, loving fellow-ship. To help, call Doug Rogers (cell number is 779-2143 or church office is 886-7466).

SENIOR SISTERHOOD



Every third Monday at 10 a.m., the Senior Sisterhood group meets in the



In Memorials: Memory In Memory of

> **Barbara Mulhollan** Ray & Wanda Dal Sasso Pete & Janíce Gresham Wílda Hart

<u>Beth Ann Windham</u>

Philip & Rosa Fuller Wilda Hart David Everett Brenda Barger

Shírley Hudson

James & Ruth Stover Wilda Hart

> <u>**Jerry Wílcox</u>** Wílda Hart</u>

<u>Christopher Day</u> Nevella Toal Malíssie Bailey

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<u>**Pete & Janice Gresham**</u> Gerald & Judy Taylor

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