



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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AUGUST 2018

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

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Mission Statement:
*To make disciples
of Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.*

To have information included
in the September newsletter,
please send it to
news@fumcorange.org
by Monday, August 20,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before September 1.

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

August marks a time of readjustment. The more relaxed time of summer.

Once the last-minute trips are made, we turn our efforts to a new school year, new schools, children off to college, and new places in our own Sunday School as children advance.

It marks a time of getting back to routine with church activities—Wednesday Night Live and choir and music schedules.

It also marks one year since Harvey.

With these changes come fears of things unknown to us. Thus my new August sermon series offers us some support during these changing days.

August 5—What Would Jesus Say about “#Me too”?

(Last sermon in the “What Would Jesus Say About...” series.)

August 12—False Events that Appear Real—Facing Fear Head On

August 19—False Events that Appear Real—Living a Henny Penny Life

August 26—False Events that Appear Real—How Will We Love All God’s Children & A Sunday of Blessing.

A SUNDAY OF BLESSING Our Bishop Jones has asked for a special day to bless our students, teachers, and all who help educate our children. (We already do this each year, so we are ahead of him because we have an awesome group of Educators!) We will bless backpacks and all in our educational endeavors.

Also on Sunday, August 26, following the 11 a.m. service, we will have a luau to celebrate so wear your Hawaiian clothes!

FUMC’s 1st Kids and the Youth will kickoff their activities that evening!

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

Worship Attendance Since Last Newsletter

June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
9:0079	9:0069	9:0059	9:00 69	9:0060
11:0053	11:0043	11:0056	11:00 50	11:0055
TOTAL 132	TOTAL 112	TOTAL 115	TOTAL 119	TOTAL 115

Giving

June 2018		You can also give online!
Income.....	\$34,603.83	
Expenses. ...	\$42,005.34	
	— \$7,401.51	

August Worship

August 5, 2018

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50
Sermon: **What Would Jesus Say About the “Me Too” Movement?**

August 12, 2018

Scripture: Psalm 56:3-4
Sermon: **False Events that Appear Real—Facing Fear Head On**

August 19, 2018

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-3, 7
Sermon: **False Events that Appear Real—Living a Henny Penny Life**

August 26, 2018

Scripture: Matthew 19:14
Sermon: **False Events that Appear Real—How Will We Love All God’s Children?**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00—Jeff & Sherri Frugé
11:00—Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

9 am Greeters: Greg Defrates & Lauren Peet

11 am Ushers: Team #1
Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean Whitley, Elaine Cooper

Lay Readers:
9:00—Tom Henry
11:00—Judy Taylor

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45-10—Lilly Williams
10-11:15—Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center Bakers:
Marcia Brown & Gwen Whitehead

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00—Susan & Jeff Eby
11:00—Charlie & Beverly Blalack

9 am Greeters: Sharon & Randall Bridges

11 am Ushers: Team #2
Brown Claybar, Phil Grooms, Ken Hillsten, Betty Merchant, Pie & David Bridges

Lay Readers:
9:00—Lori Kratzer
11:00—Jonathon Vogt

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45-10—Lilly Williams
10-11:15—Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00—Richard & Leighia Barron
11:00—Drew & Annely Domas

9 am Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth

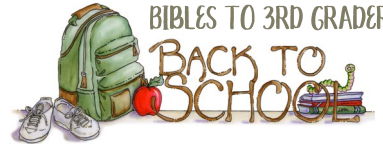
11 am Ushers: Team #3
John Griffith, Jerry Windham, Ron Hopperton, Nevella Toal, Vernon Murray, Richard Powell

Lay Readers:
9:00—Julie Allensworth
11:00—Annely Domas

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45-10—Pat McCombs
10-11:15—Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center Bakers:
Kay Butler & Rose Butler

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS



Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00—Dale Dardeau & Bart Williams
11:00—Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal

9 am Greeters: Chris & Jennifer Smith, Aubri Anna & Joshua Watzlavik

11 am Ushers: Team #4
Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas, Ed & Charlotte Foreman

Lay Readers:
9:00—FUMC Kids—Chloe Abshire & Isaiah Watzlavik
11:00—Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45-10—Jonathan Vogt
10-11:15—Rose Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett

11 a.m. Services will be held in the Slade Chapel through September 2.



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 rail go to **Orange Christian Services.**

2nd Sundays—Bring Cans to Recycle

3rd Sundays—Bring Donations for Rainbow Room

4th Sundays—Bring Items for Blessing Box

Please pray for our “Family” of the week

Aug. 5	John Beeson Family
Aug. 12	John & Brittany Allen
Aug. 19	Louise Fuselier
Aug. 26	Stephen & Jami Lee



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 **R**eady, **E**quipped, and **W**illing
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](https://www.facebook.com/fumcora) to 81010

Facebook: [fumcorangeyouth](https://www.facebook.com/fumcorangeyouth)
Instagram & Twitter: [@fumcorangeyouth](https://www.instagram.com/fumcorangeyouth)

Youth August Activities:

August 5: Last Open Gym of the Summer

August 6-7: Youth Council Retreat

August 19: Youth Parent Meeting/6th graders introduction and tour

4 pm: Youth Parent Meeting in Classroom 4 (FLC upstairs),
6th grade games in Classroom 2 (FLC upstairs)

4:30-5 pm: Youth and parent tour, youth and parent games

August 26: Youth Fall Kickoff

Thanks to everyone who supported us financially and with prayer for BigStuf this summer.



Youth at SPAR



Swim & Scripture

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

A college/young adult group for those single and married below the age of 30 meets in the Youth Lounge (downstairs youth game room in the Family Life Center) at 10 a.m. on Sundays.
Other activities coming soon.

Mark your calendars for
Sunday, August 26

A SUNDAY OF BLESSING

FUMC kids will be participating in the 9 a.m. worship service – through song, scripture, and assisting the greeters

Bibles to our 3rd graders:
Joslyn Pierre, Madison Scott, Jaxon Taylor, Kassidy Burrell, and Danielle Edwards



Blessing of the Backpacks: Remember to **BRING** your backpack to church!

Blessing for everyone returning to school!

1st Methodist Kids

Will Resume on Sunday, August 26!

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. Kids will not meet the day before school holiday (e.g. Labor Day, September 3, is a school holiday so no activity on Sunday, September 2).
Call Mr. Doug with questions, 409-779-2143.



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
Members at Large—Barbara Dardeau, Suzanne Magee, Betty Merchant,
& Ginger Williams
Secretary—Sherri Frugé
Pastor—John Warren

Deadline for agenda items to secretary Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday—August 9

Next meeting—3rd Thursday—August 16, at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns for Church Council, you can now send ONE email to council@fumcorange.org that will go to ALL council members!

**FUMC
Guiding
Principles
and
Church
Council
Meeting
Minutes**

are
[posted on the
FUMC website](#)
(under
Resources)

Council News

The July Council meeting was postponed until July 26 to allow for some reports to be finished for Council review.

The AC has been repaired! The problem turned out to be a broken belt in the water tower, which did not provide cold water for the system.

Summer Mission Project

**Mondays-
Thursdays
9:30 a.m.**



WE LOVE ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN
read • learn • live

From June 4-August 2, FUMC committed to deliver lunches to 42 children four days a week.

We have had a very successful meal program. Notes have been taken. As soon as Susan Pennington returns, we will hold a meeting to reevaluate and tweak the program.

In the meantime, we will keep in contact with these families and invite them to church events in the fall and winter.

The Summer Lunch Program Committee members included Susan Pennington, Leighia Barron, Julie Allensworth, Sherri Fruge, Nicole Watzlavik, Ginger Williams, Angela Abshire, and Dina Defrates.

Great job, everyone!

Part-Time Custodian Position

Job requires cleaning and overseeing FUMC facilities

Duties include changing AC filters and draining drip pans; attending to any maintenance issues such as leaks, broken items; setting up/returning equipment; emptying trash cans/replacing liners; replenishing toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels; sweeping/mopping Family Life Center gym floor; setting up/taking down extra tables and chairs; assisting Altar Guild with Advent/Christmas decorating and cleaning-up/storing decorations, etc.

Please contact the church office if interested! This is a perfect position for a college student or other person interested in part-time work.



November Festival coming November 10!

The Church Council voted in June to have a fundraiser to assist in financing our ministry efforts. The November Festival will include a meal, auction, silent auction, frozen casserole sale, and entertainment.

If you have items, summer cabins, condos, talents such as home cleaning or repair, babysitting or handmade or purchased items to share, please donate them.

Task teams will meet ASAP to get started. Organized people, please join in! We need the whole church to take part.

Sign up sheets for help or donations were passed out in worship services. If we missed you, please call the church office to help or donate!!

The public is invited—be sure to invite your friends!

August Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

August 4—Back-to-School Orange, TX
August 5—Deadline for Canoe Trip reservations
August 6-7—Youth Council Retreat
August 9—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
August 11—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8 a.m.
August 12—Annual Family Canoe Trip
August 13—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
August 14—Program Team Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m.
August 16—Church Council, 6 p.m.
August 16—"Table Talks with Bishop Scott Jones: Conversations on *The Way Forward*," Nederland, TX
August 19—Youth Parent Meeting
August 20—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
August 20—Deadline for September newsletter information
August 26—A Sunday of Blessing (Blessing of Backpacks/Bibles to 3rd Graders)
August 26—All-American Picnic Luau, after 11 a.m. service
August 26—1st Methodist Kids begins (5-7 p.m.)
August 26—Youth Fall Kickoff



Like or follow:
FUMCOrangeTX

Upcoming Events:

September—Churchwide Bible Study begins
September 12—Wednesday Night Live begins
October 14—"Get Your Pink On" Sunday
November 10—November Festival (church fundraising event)



FUMC'S ANNUAL FAMILY CANOE TRIP

Sunday, August 12
(weather permitting)

We will also
have a
devotional
on the water
about baptism!



Anyone wanting
to be baptized, please let
Pastor John know.
Other of us will have an
opportunity to remember our
baptism.

To reserve your canoe
(first come, first served—
\$17/person)
or if you need a partner,
contact Angela Abshire
at (409) 734-7886!
(Deadline: Sunday, August 5)

ALL-AMERICAN PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 26



FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Disciplemakers (Education) will serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and lemonade. Members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.

We will have a variety of activities from 11 to noon in the Family Life Center. If you would like to help with the games or crafts, please let Leighia or Randall know. Thanks!

Also looking for a **cornhole game** to borrow for the Luau.

Luau Contests will include

- ♦ Best SPAM dish
- ♦ Best Pineapple dish or drink
- ♦ Best Dressed – in Luau attire
- ♦ Limbo
- ♦ Can you find the pineapples?? Eating contest
- ♦ Guess how many items in a container

Join with others (clergy and laity) in the SE District and the Texas Annual Conference to learn more about the future of The United Methodist Church at "Table Talks with Bishop Scott Jones: Conversations on *The Way Forward*."

table talks with Bishop Scott Jones

conversations on The Way Forward



Thursday, August 16, Nederland First UMC

5:00-6:30 pm—Clergy

6:30-7:00 pm—District Conference—Clergy & Lay Delegates

7:00-8:30 pm—Laity—Delegates & Church Leaders!



Those in attendance should expect to gain a solid understanding of the three plans that will be presented as options at the special session of the General Conference in February 2019—to address the church's policy on homosexuality. After Bishop Jones' presentation, Table Talk participants will have the opportunity to collaborate on questions for a Q&A session.

In July, the report of the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops was shared on our website: <https://www.txcumc.org/thewayforward>

Visit [here to register](#) to attend the Southeast District event at Nederland. If you need a ride, please contact Pastor John.

Although you are encouraged to attend your designated session in your district, you may attend any session in any district if needed. Sessions posted at <https://www.txcumc.org/thewayforward>.

**The gospel is less about
how to get into the
Kingdom of Heaven after
you die, and more about
how to live in the
Kingdom of Heaven
before you die.**

Dallas Willard

*In
Loving
Memory*

Memorials:

From the Estate of

Gwendolyn Burrows

*In memory of her parents
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Burrows*

Are you or someone you love at risk of suicide?

Suicide is a serious matter that negatively impacts our families. To romanticize it as an option for a better solution to one's problems is a lie we are given from the dark side of our society.

God always has a better plan for us. If you or someone you know is considering suicide, find a friend and talk about it, call one of the hotline numbers below, or if you can't get satisfactory help, call 911.

Hot line numbers:
409-835-3355
1-800-793-2273

NATIONAL
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
LIFELINE™
1-800-273-TALK
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org



Wednesday Night Live begins September 12!

An awesome opportunity to invite your
Family and Friends

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) will begin Wednesday, September 12. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m., with the presentations/classes to follow at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Our first presenter, Orange Mayor Larry Spears, will share about his vision for Orange and what FUMC members can do to help.

On Wednesday, September 19, Heather Graham from Harvest House in Beaumont will present Human Trafficking in Southeast Texas.

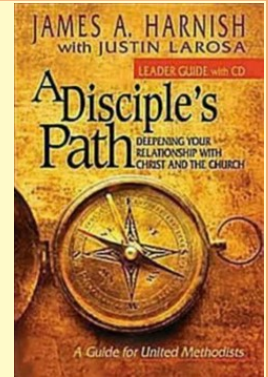
Beverly Blalack is working on additional one night presentations, such as presentations by Shangri La, new Sports Complex, Dealing with Grief, Drug Awareness, etc. If you have **ideas**, or know someone that might like to present, please talk with Beverly.

In addition, we are looking for **two facilitators to teach classes**. If you have a suggestion for a short term, 6-week Bible Study, know a person that would like to facilitate, or would like to lead a study, YELL loudly at Leighia Barron, Randall Bridges, or Beverly Blalack. Classes will run September 26–November 7 (or 14), excluding Halloween night.

Finally, we need cooks!! The Barrons will be the cooks to kick off WNL on September 12 – thinking pot roast with gravy, rice, green beans, and a salad. The other nights are open and all need cooks. Find a friend or two and volunteer to cook for one of the Wednesday nights. YELL!!!! Really loud if you can help with a meal. THANKS!!

Churchwide Bible Study Starting in September

A Disciple's Path, by James Harnish, is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Whether used as an introduction for new members or a renewal course for existing members, the program guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ.



Classes will be offered during the Sunday morning Bible Study, Sunday evenings, and hopefully Wednesday evenings.

Grieving together is growing together.

In our community, we have a number of people dealing with loss—whether you've lost a child or a spouse, a father or mother or your house.

Good Grief Group Starting in September

Several people have volunteered to be organizers. If you would like to take a leader role in organizing this, see Pastor John or if you would like to attend, please sign up. Date and time will be announced. This was also a goal of our Church Council!

Get Your Pink On Sunday Coming October 14

We are asking everyone to wear pink in support of those battling breast cancer and all other forms of cancer. The message will be one of hope strength and faith.

♥ **BY GIVING
SERVICE
TO OTHERS,
I GIVE
SERVICE
TO GOD.** ♥

Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

To volunteer to serve in
one of these ministries,
please call
the church office
(409-886-7466)



CHANGE the WORLD!

Change collected during each Sunday service
supports local mission projects created by
First UMC Orange to serve our community.

BE A MALLOY SHEPHERD!

If you were unable to attend the Malloy Shepherd
training, it can be done on Sunday morning during
Sunday School.
Schedule with the Pastor.

Back to School Orange County TX and First United Methodist Church

The following people have volunteered to help distribute
supplies on Saturday, August 4:

- Sandra Hoke
- Julie and Richard Allensworth
- Lisa Hodge
- Angel Wedgeworth
- Wynter Wedgeworth
- Andrew Glover
- Emily Glover
- Ashlyn Ellis
- Jackson Bacca
- Skylar Murphy
- John Warren
- Randall Bridges
- Ginger Williams
- Sandra Warren will be translating

Others who wish to take part - a run-through will happen
Friday, August 3, at 5 p.m.

5:02 Prayer Initiative



All church members are asked to pray
at 5:02 in the morning or evening
for God to work in and through us:

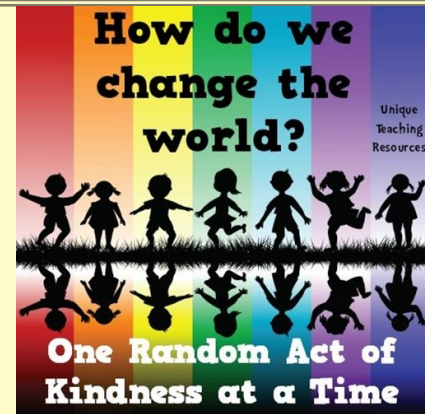
*"God, we lift First United Methodist Church
to you with our prayers.
Please do what we cannot do ourselves,
including your changing us without limits.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen."*

Do you shop at Kroger?

Please take 2 minutes to sign up with your Plus
Card. Once enrolled, you'll earn rewards for
First UMC-Orange every time you shop and use
your Kroger Plus Card! Go to www.kroger.com;
click on Community-Community Rewards.
Our church number is **80600**.

2018 1st Quarter Rewards = \$39.93
2018 2nd Quarter Rewards = \$77.99

**Thank you to all the households who helped
FUMC by shopping at Kroger!**



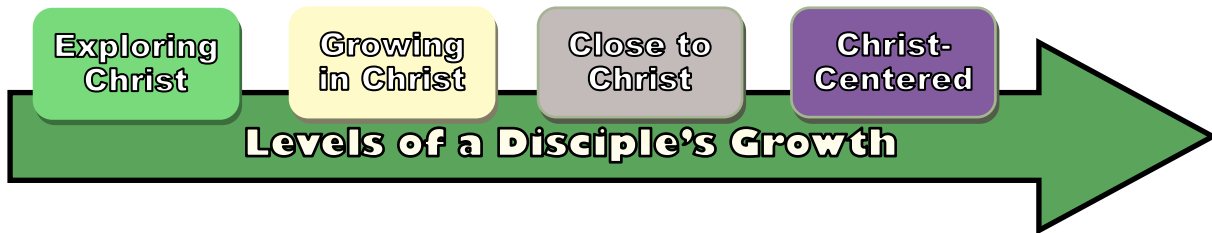
August Random Acts of Kindness

**As our teachers and children return
to school:**

1. Say a prayer for all our schools
2. Send a note of thanks to a teacher
3. Kleenex - buy extras and share
with a classroom
4. Surprise a campus with several
bags of chocolate candy for staff
meeting

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

We are overviewing each of the four levels of growth into becoming a stronger Christian Disciple allowing each of us to reflect and grow in our Christian maturity.



Christ-Centered

Christ Centered: A Christ-centered believer consistently surrenders to God's will, reproduces the Christian faith in the life of others, and lives a life of service.

Prayers and Devotions:

- ♦ I pray daily with others for the church, the city, people I don't know
- ♦ I view prayer as a consistent conversation with God, as opposed to a specific time
- ♦ I read the Bible daily to deepen my relationship with God

Worship and Growth Groups:

- ♦ I attend every Sunday that I am physically able
- ♦ I worship to glorify God, no matter the music, style, atmosphere, or sermon
- ♦ My Growth Group is an essential part of my weekly life
- ♦ I am looking for ways to disciple others

Tithes:

- ♦ I sacrificially give beyond my tithe
- ♦ My first priority in spending money is to support God's work

Service / Missions:

- ♦ I feel confident to go out on my own to meet the needs of others
- ♦ Service is a way of life

Witness / Sharing God's Word:

- ♦ I am walking with another person on his spiritually journey.

From www.centraltolife.com

Communication

News—News@fumcorange.org

When you have something you want others to know about, please use the NEWS RELEASE form located on the church website—at the bottom of the home page or under Resources—FUMC documents. If you have pictures or other attachments you may send ONE email to those who work on the bulletins, newsletters, website, social media, print media, calendar, etc.

Prayer Blasts—Quick way to get prayer requests out = PrayerBlasts@fumcorange.org

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



Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith
Disciples Growing Disciples

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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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—ORANGE'S VISION ROOTED IN CHRIST ... BRANCHING OUT IN FAITH ... DISCIPLES GROWING DISCIPLES

At First UMC-Orange, we grow Disciples who grow Disciples! It is just that simple! It's what we do!

From revival and renewed spirit through worship, we move people from the sanctuary to the community delivering God's message of hope and grace through Jesus Christ. Whenever and wherever we come together, we do so in His name, modeling His Grace and sharing His Word.

For saints and seekers; for individuals and families; for those more or less fortunate; for young and old alike...The *good news* is for all people. We are the voices and the hands branching out in Faith to encourage and support people. We provide worship, programs, and activities for families and individuals that will help you take God's word and apply it to *your* circumstances so He can change *your* life in ways you knew not possible.

Through Christ, we will facilitate the transformation of individuals into His People and our community into His community! At First UMC-Orange, we grow disciples who grow disciples! It is just that simple! It's what we do!