



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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AUGUST 2019

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 next newsletter,
please send it to
news@fumcorange.org
by Tuesday, August 20,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before September 1.

CELEBRATING MINISTRY WITH GRATITUDE

By the time this article goes to press, we will have been in Orange for nearly a month! We arrived with the movers on June 27, the day before our 32nd wedding anniversary. The parsonage was lovely and clean and ready for us as we filled the rooms with boxes. I marvel at how many possessions we move around from place to place. Thank you to all who helped with getting the house ready for us; especially Brown Claybar for his leadership in the parsonage preparation project! We are settling in and the dining room is the final room that needs to be emptied of boxes... we will get there eventually!

It has been so exciting to meet so many of you. I have met some of you on Sunday mornings and others through various meetings here at the church. I know that there is much more to learn about each other. I hope as summer winds down we can have some small gatherings to get acquainted better. I love to hear your stories and want to hear your hopes and dreams for First Orange. You have a wonderful campus and much to be thankful for. But being the church isn't all about buildings, is it? We really must be alive outside our walls as ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Our lives should reflect his no matter where we are. The church should be the place where we refuel...where we are fed and filled to go out and serve others.

As I mentioned in my article last month, this is a time of transition for all of us. I'm getting to know you; you have to get to know me. I have a style that is different from previous pastors. I also know that you miss your previous pastor. In time we will adjust to our being together. Much as we'd like to, we cannot avoid change. It is constant in our lives, so we have to stay focused on Christ and our mission or else we can be distracted by our discomfort.

You've probably already heard the news that Doug Rogers has retired from full-time music ministry here as of June 30. What a legacy of love and ministry he has shared with this congregation! He has graciously agreed to continue leading the Chancel Choir and traditional worship on an interim basis until a new director has been hired. There will be a time to celebrate all the years of service that Doug and Donna have given here at First Orange, and we will let you in on the plans and dates as details are decided. In the meantime, thank him and Donna on Sunday mornings or when you see them around the church. It is another transition, another change, but we will make it.

This month we will be spending some time in the Book of Hebrews and hear Stories of Faith. Hold on to the faith that Christ has given you, there is a cloud of witnesses who have navigated change before and seen the wonder of what God can do!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lani

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 30	July 7	July 14	July 21
9:0065	9:00 86	9:00.....52	9:00 52
11:0052	11:00 68	11:00.....52	11:00 56
TOTAL 117	TOTAL 154	TOTAL 104	TOTAL 108

Giving

June 2019	You can also give online!
Income.....\$31,181.74	
Expenses.....\$41,102.25	
—\$9,921.25	

August Worship

Sermon Series: **Stories of Faith**

August 4, 2019

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Sermon: **Faith in Practice with Purpose**

August 11, 2019

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sermon: **Illogical Faith**

August 18, 2019

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29
Sermon: **Don't Resist the Journey**

August 25, 2019

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Sermon: **Rules of Faith**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters:
Lauren & Sydney Peet

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

Lay Readers:
9—Leighia Barron
11—Jonathon Vogt

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10—Pat McCombs
10-11:15—Kay Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield



Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters:
Charlotte & Ed Foreman

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

Lay Readers:
9—Brittany Harmon
11—Lynn Fields

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10—**Volunteer Opportunity**
10-11:15—Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Marcia Brown & Gwen Whitehead

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters:
Julie & Richard Allensworth

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

Lay Readers:
9—Tom Henry
11—Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10—Pat McCombs
10-11:15—Kay Butler

Welcome Center Baker:
Kay Butler

Sunday, August 18
Celebrate **Gwen Boehme's 99th** birthday during Coffee hour!
Come join us for birthday cake and sign a card for Gwen.

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9—Dale Dardeau & Ken Wheeler
11—Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal

9 am Inside Greeters:
Chris & Jennifer Smith

11 am Ushers: Team #4
Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas, Wayne Mulhollan

Lay Readers:
9—Jim Brown
11—Annely Domas

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10—**Volunteer Opportunity**
10-11:15—Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Bev Blalack & Eunice Barrett

11 a.m. services will continue to be held in the Slade Chapel during the summer months!



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 the Rainbow Room

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

Aug 4	Louise Fuselier
Aug 11	Stephen & Jami Lee
Aug 18	Greg & Dina Defrates
Aug 25	Jacque Phelps



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!

C.R.E.W. will resume in September

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.fumcorangeyouth.com) to 81010

Facebook: [fumcorangeyouth](https://www.facebook.com/fumcorangeyouth)

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

Youth August & Upcoming Activities:

August 7 SPAR Waterpark (Sulphur)—Cost:\$12. Leave at 12:30 pm; Return around 5:00 pm. Eat before you come.

August 8 & 9 Church Fundraiser with OCP—The youth have been asked to help serve the meal (bringing the meals out and refilling drinks) for the fundraiser in the evening (starts at 6:30 p.m.). Dress nicely.

August 11 All American Picnic—If a few youth could help Leighia run games after the Sunday school hour until the 2nd service concludes and the Picnic begins, it would be very appreciated.



**Junior High Youth attended Camp Eagle
 Returned July 1, 2019**



Youth at Crossroads Bowling—July 16, 2019

Summer 2019 Swim and Scripture



2019 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader—Carol Allen (Chair); Finance—Sherri Frugé & Tom Henry;
Trustees—Gary Bonneau & Brown Claybar; SPR—Theresa Beauchamp & Greg Defrates;
Members at Large—Jerry Pennington, Betty Merchant & Trisha Anderson;
Secretary—Suzanne Magee; Pastor—Lani Rousseau

Deadline for agenda items to secretary Suzanne Magee—1st Thursday—Aug. 1
suzanneM97@gmail.com

Next meeting—Moved to August 15 (Fundraiser on August 8) at 6 p.m.

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

FUMC
Guiding
Principles
and
Approved
Church
Council
Meeting
Minutes
are
[posted on the](#)
[FUMC website](#)
(under
Resources)

Doug Rogers – Best Wishes

After 35 years of dedicated service with FUMC in many different roles including leading all of the music for the worship services, hand bells, directing the music ministry for the children, and as youth director, Doug has decided to retire. Over three decades, Doug has had a positive impact and touched the lives of many current and past members of the church. Doug will be missed but has truly earned this opportunity to travel, relax, and enjoy time away with the family.

Soon, the church will be hosting a celebration for Doug. This will be an opportunity for everyone to share special memories, offer best wishes, and probably hear some great music. Keep watching the newsletter and weekly bulletins for more information.

It will be a big task to find a replacement to fill his shoes. Fortunately, Doug has graciously agreed to continue to support the Chancel Choir as Interim Director until we can find a permanent replacement. Doug, thanks for all you have done and continue to do!

FUMC Church Council

Wednesday Night

LIVE

Wednesday Night Live
begins Wednesday, Sept. 11!

Please invite family and friends
to come for fellowship and
growing in our spiritual walk with Jesus.

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**FUMC FALL FESTIVAL
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

A NEW Ladies' Bible Study begins Sunday, September 8

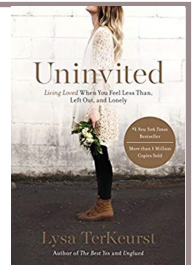
The enemy wants us to feel rejected...left out, lonely, and less than. When we allow him to speak lies through our rejection, he pickpockets our purpose. Cripples our courage. Dismantles our dreams. And blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love.

In *Uninvited*, Lysa shares her own deeply personal experiences with rejection—from the incredibly painful childhood abandonment by her father to the perceived judgment of the perfectly toned woman one elliptical over. She leans in to honestly examine the roots of rejection, as well as rejection's ability to poison relationships from the inside out, including our relationship with God.

With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa will help you:

- Stop feeling left out by believing that even when you are overlooked by others you are handpicked by God.
- Change your tendency to either fall apart or control the actions of others by embracing God-honoring ways to process your hurt.
- Know exactly what to pray for the next ten days to steady your soul and restore your confidence in the midst of rejection.
- Overcome the two core fears that feed your insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging.

Uninvited reminds us we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken—a love that does not reject or uninvite. Please talk with Nicole Watzlavik if interested in taking the class.



August Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Aug 1—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
Aug 2—Deadline to make reservations for Aug 8-9 FUMC/OCP Dinner Theater
Aug 3—Back-to-School Orange
Aug 4—Annual FUMC Canoe Trip
Aug 7—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.
Aug 8-9—FUMC/OCP Dinner Theater at 6:30 p.m. (see below)
Aug 10—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Aug 11—Blessing of the Backpacks & Bibles to 3rd Graders Sunday
Aug 11—Annual Indoor Picnic, after 11 a.m. service
Aug 12—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
Aug 15—Church Council, 6 p.m. (new date for August only)
Aug 19—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
Aug 20—Deadline for September newsletter information

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8—Ladies Bible Study of *Uninvited* begins, 5 p.m.
Sept 11—Wednesday Night Live Fall Semester Begins! Meal at 5 p.m./Classes at 6 p.m.
Sept 22—Christian Education Appreciation Sunday
Oct 12—FUMC Fall Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



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Media

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Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 11

All teachers or students will have their backpacks prayed for and receive a backpack tag.

The following 3rd graders will also receive Bibles from the church:

**Mark Goleman
Logan Scott
Leighton Smith
London Smith
Addison Wuske**

Back to School Orange County TX Saturday, August 3

Thanks to all who donated funds, books, and/or time to help with line flow, handing out school supplies, OR working at the FUMC book table! FUMC volunteers have a **30-minute training on Friday, Aug. 2, at 7 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.** T-shirts and assignments will be distributed at that time.

Dinner Theater

Thursday & Friday, Aug. 8 & 9

On Thursday & Friday, Aug 8 & 9, at 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church and Orange Community Players (OCP) will join forces to produce two elegant evenings of fine dining and theatrical entertainment. Codie Vasquez and Paul Burch, members of First UMC and OCP Board of Directors, will direct the production, which is dedicated to our late friend and treasured colleague, Joshua Scales. The dinner will be produced by Doug Rogers and volunteers from the church. Your \$50 donation includes the show and the gourmet candlelight dinner. The four-course dinner begins with your choice of (1) soup: tomato bisque **or** cream of potato, (2) deluxe garden salad with creamy balsamic vinaigrette dressing, (3) entrée: choice of roasted tenderloin of beef **or** grilled fillet of red snapper with baked russet, **and** choice of spring medley of vegetables **or** asparagus ala Doug, and (4) dessert, coffee and tea.

Reservations should be made **by Friday August 2**, by calling the FUMC church office (409 885-7466) or emailing doug.rogers@fumcorange.org or norma.bergeron@fumcorange.org

When making a reservation for one or more persons, the following information will be needed:
1) Name & night, 2) Soup, 3) Entrée desired,
4) Vegetable desired, and 5) Dietary restrictions

Example:

1) Donna Rogers=8th, 2) Tomato Bisque, 3) Beef, 4) Asparagus, 5) None
2) Doug Rogers=8th, 2) Cream of Potato, 3) Fish, 4) Spring Medley,
5) Low-carb options



FUMC'S ANNUAL FAMILY CANOE TRIP (FOR ALL AGES!)

Sunday, August 4 (weather permitting)

Kayaks and 3- and 2-person canoes available (or you can bring your own for \$5 tip for driver). To reserve your canoe (~\$17.50 *cash*/person) or if you need a partner, contact Angela Abshire at (409) 734-7886! (RSVP Deadline: Sunday, July 28)

Plan to meet in Mauriceville at 12:30 to caravan to the water launch in Silsbee.

Bring WATER, sunscreen, towels, and snacks!



Congratulations!

To *Clayton and Caitlin Baker* on the birth of their twins,
Amelia Grace and **Carter Ray**
born July 12, 2019!

Proud grandparents are
Steven and Theresa Allen.
Proud great-grandparents are
Jimmie and Carol Allen.



AUGUST 3G TIP

Sensible driving is safer and also saves gas money. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and braking) can lower gas mileage by 33% at highway speed. Simply using your cruise control can result in 15% better mileage. Driving more efficiently is a win-win for the environment and your budget.

Have a safe & fun vacation!!



Memorials:

In Memory of

James Wilkinson

Sherry Halfmann

Randi Havlak

Dick Powell

David & Harriet Dubose

Joyce Wilkinson

Tim & Joy Hughes

Mildred Dux

(Nancy Vincent's Mother)

Pete & Janice Gresham

ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 Following 11 a.m. service



We will have activities from 11-12 as we await our sisters and brothers from the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided.

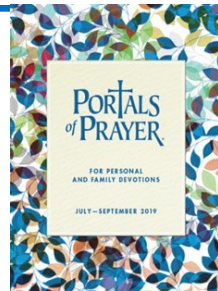
You can participate in all the fun by signing up to bring your homemade ice cream for the ICE CREAM CONTEST or sign up for the baked bean eating contest against our own Youth Director, Randall Bridges.



Sign up with Nicole at 409-782-6296.

Ministry Opportunity:

Looking for a Volunteer to take our recycled Portals of Prayers to the Orange County Jail. The booklet is published every three months; you would need to take them only four times each year. If interested, please talk with Randall Bridges, Leighia Barron, or Norma Bergeron.



Every quarter, we have many unused booklets left. If you pick up a copy to use for your devotional each day, please let Randall, Leighia, or Norma know.

We are thinking more people are using online devotions, and will cut our order next quarter. So, please let us know if you are using it and want to continue; we want to make sure we continue to order for you.

Thanks!!

Growing Stronger Disciples

This summer we will be sharing articles about helping our children grow as disciples.

Preschoolers (4–5 years) - Preschoolers are learning how to play with others. This developmental stage requires opportunities to discover, explore, and examine the world around them. They need a comfortable setting in which to ask questions. Preschoolers are concrete, literal learners who feel and understand with rational thought—but their ability to reason is growing. They are beginning to develop a conscience, and they depend on adults and rules to confirm when they are on the right track. They are starting to understand consequences, cause and effect, and if/then. Preschoolers experience God through story, play, and wondering. Reading Bible stories and singing songs strongly influence this stage of development. Role-playing, puppets, and other active play also help preschoolers grow. Many preschoolers can sit through at least part of a worship service, participate in worship by helping as an usher, and help with age-appropriate service/mission projects.

Early Elementary (K – 2nd) - Early elementary school age children are developing reasoning skills. They are often very physically, socially, and intellectually active and desire independence. They need safe opportunities to practice their new skills. The development of personal values comes to the fore during these years. This is a story centered stage of faith. Children at this stage take on the stories, beliefs, and observances that define belonging to their faith community. They still think in literal ways and need hands-on experiences to learn best. They still depend on rules.

Older Elementary (3rd – 5th) - Older elementary age children are beginning to grasp abstract concepts. They often appreciate a wide range of experiences. They may enjoy competition. Older elementary children have an awareness of justice and fairness. They may sense their need for God. They enjoy working in small groups, humor, and healthy competition. They also are learning Bible skills: how to read, use, and understand). Finally, they love opportunities for active involvement, including missions and service.

Regardless of the age and ability at which children begin their faith journey, their growing faith requires a familiarity with the central Bible stories, as well as an ability to share their own faith stories, relate meaningfully with the people around them, and participate in ministries of compassion and justice.

Rev. Kathy Pittenger www.SeeAllthePeople.org

Communication

News—News Release online form OR 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

Church Council—Send any questions or concerns for Church Council, to council@fumcorange.org that will go to ALL council members!



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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 Chapel in the
summer

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!