



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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AUGUST 2017

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

Tuesday, August 22
so the newsletter can be
distributed before September 1.

SUMMER ROARED IN LIKE A LION This summer started off with a bang!

- At Annual Conference our church earned its 6th "Five Stars of Excellence" Education Award.
- We won the Texas Annual Conference "Best Idea" award for our Facebook posts.
- We topped that off when 100 youth filling our sanctuary choir loft to bursting. They came from Christ United Methodist Church in College Station to sing and share their faith with us and we were blessed.
- That was quickly followed by a bell choir concert by The Cast of Bronze from Dallas.
- Our Senior Sisterhood Group got off to a great start.
- The Blessing Box was dedicated to help serve our community with toiletries, toilet paper and cleaning items.
- Youth from FUMC went to Alto, Texas, to serve in UMARMY and came home inspired in their faith.
- Vacation Bible School reached many new children through online registrations, and the children and adults had a wonderful week!
- We sandbagged and de-sandbagged dodging a tropical storm!
- Youth went to Camp Rock Eagle and were moved by the experience.
- Signage for the church has been popping up all around due to the great work of the Hospitality VCI team and the church support.
- The Malloy Spiritual Retreat Center has hosted 2 Chrysalis Flights and 2 Emmaus Walks and a mission team from Dallas.
- Our Youth returned from an inspiring week at BigStuf in Panama City Beach, Florida.
- New sermon series on the Detours we experience in life and how to deal with them.
- Summer ladies Bible Study gathers on Sunday evenings in Misti Grooms home.
- A group of men called 4G has formed. God's Good Guys Grillin' meets monthly for food and devotion concerning family, marriage, and God and to address other man stuff. They also work on supporting the needs and ministry of the church.
- Orange County UMM and our own UMMen meet and support the church.
- Youth Lock-in.
- Fun was had at our Vacation Bible School follow-up skate party!
- Summer Swim and Scripture with the youth has been a success with our youth.

BUT SUMMER IS NOT OVER YET—MORE STILL TO COME:

- Town Hall Meeting (July 30)
- Back to School Orange
- Church Canoe Trip
- Blessing of Backpacks
- The Glory of Love
- Breakthrough Prayer Month



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

July 2
8:00 19
9:00 48
11:00 50
TOTAL 117

July 9
8:00 15
9:00 53
11:00 32
TOTAL 100

July 16
8:00 21
9:00 43
11:00 32
TOTAL 96

July 23
8:00 21
9:00 82
11:00 38
TOTAL 141

Giving

June 2017
Income \$34,858.08
Expenses \$41,334.55
\$ -6,476.47

Remember
you can
[give online!](#)

August Worship

August 6, 2017

Scripture: Genesis 45:4-5, 7-8
Sermon: "When Your Detour
Takes You to Plan X,
Y and Z"

COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1
8:00 – Kenneth Wheeler,
Jean Whitley, Elaine
Cooper
11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky
Harper, Frank
Beauchamp, John
Cochran

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

9 am Greeters: Greg &
Dina Debrates

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Sherri & Jeff Fruge
11:00 – Sandra Hoke &
Betty Merchant

Lay Readers:
8:00 – Pie Bridges
9:00 – Barbara Dardeau
11:00 – Lynn Fields

Welcome Center Bakers:
Kay Butler &
Rose Butler

August 13, 2017

Scripture: Acts 16: 6-10
Sermon: "International
Detours"

Ushers: Team #2
8:00 – Pie & David Bridges
11:00 – Brown Claybar, Phil
Grooms, Jim Pledger,
Ken Hillsten

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

9 am Greeters: Trisha &
Bobby Anderson

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

Lay Readers:
8:00 – Vernon Murray
9:00 – Brittany Harmon
11:00 – Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Bakers:
Beverly Blalack &
Eunice Barrett

August 20, 2017

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:3-13
Sermon: "The Detour of
Renovation"

Ushers: Team #3
8:00 – Vernon Murry, Jim
Snider
11:00 – John Griffith, Jerry
Windham, Jim
Armstrong, Ron
Hopperton

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

9 am Greeters: Julie &
Richard Allensworth

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Richard & Leighia
Barron
11:00 – Lynn Fields &
Betty James

Lay Readers:
8:00 – Pie Bridges
9:00 – Tom Henry
11:00 – Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center Bakers:
Bridget Teaff &
Debbie Taylor

August 27, 2017

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32
Sermon: "The Detour of
Responsibility"

**Blessing of the
Backpacks/
Bibles to 3rd
Graders**



Ushers: Team #4
8:00 – Charlotte & Ed
Foreman
11:00 – Mat Taylor, Sarah
Boehme, Drew Domas
Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

9 am Greeters: Cindy
Reynolds & Donna
Benefield

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Barbara & Dale
Dardeau
11:00 – Shirley Hudson &
Nevella Toal

Lay Readers:
8:00 – Ken Hillsten
9:00 – Lori Kratzer
11:00 – Gwen Whitehead

Welcome Center Bakers:
Dana Sandlin &
Priscella Burns



HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY, GWEN BOEHME!

On Sunday, August 13, come to the Welcome Center
to help Gwen Boehme celebrate her 97th birthday
(which is on August 17)! Her children are providing the cake.
Drop by, have some cake, and sign a card for Gwen.

Every 1st Sunday—OCS Collection Sundays

Give money (in envelope marked OCS) or
place donated items in OCS containers in 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

August 6 Jean Hammerly
August 13 Robert Jackson
August 20 Phillip & Cathy Kimbrow
August 27 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 Activities:

August 6—Church Annual Canoe Trip

August 13—Kingdom Zoo Visits CREW Youth, 4-5 p.m.

August 24—Kari Jobe Concert (\$20 for a ticket)

August 27—Back to School Bash: Archery Tag from Xtreme Rentals

The Youth Fall & Spring Schedule is being

put together at the Youth Council Retreat!

Stay tuned for updates!

The youth thank everyone for all the contributions you gave through the various fundraisers the last few months so that we may attend life changing camps at a cheaper cost.

We grew in our faith and remained safe.

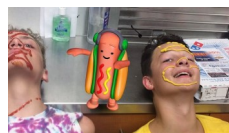
Thanks also for all of your prayers!



Camp Eagle



Swim & Scripture



Hot Dog Challenge



Sharing Testimony



BigStuf



Lock-In



Black Light Room



Archery Tag



Sunday, August 27 At All Services

Blessing of the Backpacks—for all those returning to school, including teachers and college students. PLEASE remember to bring your backpack.

Bibles to 3rd Graders—AubriAnna Watzlavik, Caleb Kratzer, and Arron Wuske

During Sunday School—Children will review summer lessons through science activities, games, and snacks.



Starting Sunday, September 4, the children will resume their regular Sunday School classes from 10-10:50 a.m.

Wednesday Night Live

Meal/Fellowship at 5 p.m.

Classes from 6-7 p.m.

Fall Dates—September 13-November 15

Proposed Fall Studies (Leader) Include:

- *Mark* by Max Lucado's (Suzanne Magee)
- *Five Languages of Love* by Gary Chapman (Bonnie Hopperton)
- *Let it Go - How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith* by Karen Ehman (Gwen Whitehead)
- Youth (Randall Bridges) & Kids Activities
- Nursery Provided

Proposed Stand-Alone Studies Include:

- Human Trafficking
- Drug Awareness
- Opportunities to Serve
- Others to be determined



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon

WORSHIP

8:00a - Traditional service
in the Chapel

9:00a - Praise service in the
Family Life Center

10:00a - Sunday School
(9:40a Pairs & Spares)

11:00a - Traditional service
in the Sanctuary

FIRST UMC-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!



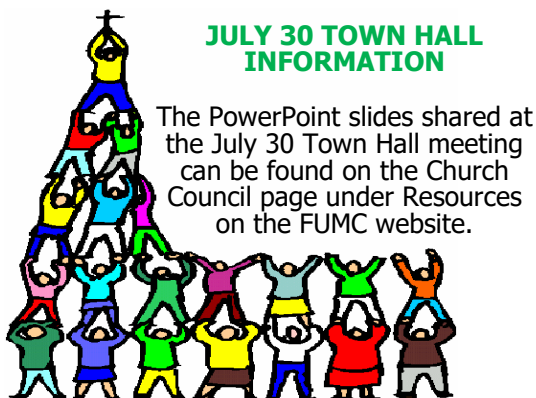
First UMC Church Council

Finance – Chris Abshire & Greg Defrates, Trustees–Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR–Jonathan Vogt, Communications–Ginger Williams, Lay Leader–Carol Allen, Members at Large–Janice Gresham & Betty Merchant, Secretary–Sherri Frugé, Secretary Assistant–Barbara Dardeau, Pastor–John Warren

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday, August 10
Next meeting—3rd Thursday—August 17, at 6 p.m.

FUMC Guiding Principles and Church Council Meeting Minutes

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



JULY 30 TOWN HALL INFORMATION

The PowerPoint slides shared at the July 30 Town Hall meeting can be found on the Church Council page under Resources on the FUMC website.

August VCI Team Meetings with Coach Marilyn Wadkins

Friday, August 11:

6:00 p.m. Community Connection

Saturday, August 12:

9:00 a.m. Space Utilization

10:15 a.m. Communication

Sunday, August 13:

12:30 p.m. Vision

1:45 p.m. Worship Excellence

3:00 p.m. Disciple-making

FACILITY & KITCHEN USE RULES (July 2017)

(posted on FUMC website under Resources—FUMC Documents)

GENERAL RULES:

- Children below the age of 18 must have adult supervision at all times while using the Church facilities.
- A custodian, Church staff member or person designated by the Pastor/Staff must be on premises when the Church is in use.
- Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are prohibited on Church property.
- Smoking is prohibited in the Church buildings.
- No fireworks, firearms or weapons are permitted on Church property.
- Alterations to thermostat settings must be made by the Church representative designated during Church use.
- Decorations to Church property should be undertaken only after presenting details and receiving permission from the Pastor/Staff.
- Confetti, bird seed, raw rice or other small items are strictly prohibited.
- No items shall be glued, taped, stapled, nailed, screwed or tacked to any furnishings, walls, doors or windows.
- Audio/visual equipment is available and may be checked out by contacting the Director of Music & Fine Arts.
- All buildings are to remain locked when not in use.
- Cleaning charges may be waived (with permission) but no harsh chemicals may be used on the floors or other areas.
 - A neutral cleaner must be used, along with mops and cleaning utensils available in the building.
 - Do not use a wet swifter or Fabuloso as it will cause damage to the floors.
- Food or beverages are prohibited in areas with carpet.
- Spills in any area of the facility must be called to the attention of the adult in charge and immediately cleaned.
- The adult in charge should double check that all lights, appliances, and thermostat settings are turned off or set properly.
- Thermostat settings should be left at temperatures per instructions (78 degrees for AC, 60 degrees for Heat).

KITCHEN RULES

- Tables, countertops, stovetop and ovens must be wiped clean of all debris and spills.
- Return all items to their proper place.
- Put all trash in the dumpster (located in parking lot at corner of Sixth Street & Pine Avenue)
- Wash and store all dishes and utensils. This includes any appliances used, such as coffee pots & popcorn machine.
- Remove all left over food and supplies from the premises.
- Please bring your own paper goods and other supplies for non-church related activities.
- If necessary, sweep and mop the area using only neutral cleaners and supplies that will not damage the floors and appliances.
- Double check to ensure that all lights and appliances are turned off—including stove, oven, coffee pots, etc.

NOTE: A CHECK LIST WILL BE PROVIDED FOR COMPLETION UPON LEAVING THE FACILITIES (REQUIRED FOR DEPOSIT REFUND) VIOLATIONS TO THE RULES ABOVE COULD RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF DAMAGE DEPOSIT.

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

By this, my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be my disciples.
John 15:8

August Prayer:

*Father, help us to honor You as we become fruit-bearing disciples.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen*



August Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

August 5—Back to School Orange

August 6—Annual Family Canoe Trip

August 10—Deadline to submit agenda items to Church Council secretary—Sherri Frugé

August 10—Faith & Joy Circles (9:30), Love Circles (5:30)

August 12—United Methodist Men's Breakfast

August 17—Church Council meeting, 6 p.m.

August 20—Annual Dinner Theater Fundraiser—"The Glory of Love," 6 p.m.

August 22—Deadline for information for September newsletter

August 27—Blessing of the Backpacks (all services) / Bibles to 3rd graders

Upcoming Events:

September 13—WNL Classes begin (through November 15)

September 17- Education Sunday (recognize WNL & Sunday School teacher)

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:
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**FUMC'S Annual
Family Canoe Trip**—August 6
(reservations by July 30)

August 27—At All Services



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*PLEASE remember to bring your back-
pack.*

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FUMC Senior Adults
meet to play dominoes
on **Mondays at 10 a.m.**
in the Administrative Center.
Bring a snack to share and invite
your friends and neighbors.



SENIOR SISTERHOOD



Every third Monday at 10 a.m.,
the Senior Sisterhood group meets in the Family
Life Center. All women in the community that
consider themselves a senior are welcome to
attend.

In July, 22 sisters enjoyed
"Red, White, and Blue Day"!



Join us for some great food
from the new men's 4G group
and
a wonderful musical performance
by Caroline Armstrong, Blake Dennis,
and Doug and Donna Rogers.

Miss Armstrong and Mr. Dennis will sing some
of the great standards of romance, focusing on
those early days in relationship when the power of
love can be overwhelming while the Rogers, who
are celebrating their 40th anniversary, will be
singing about aspects of love that couples deal
with in the long term.

To reserve your seat, call 409-886-7466.
Tickets are \$50. Experience an inspiring and
humorous look at the story of the glory of love.

♥ 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
(886-7466)

Ministry Service Opportunities

Caring Ministry Team—Send out cards to
our sick and homebound once a month.

Malloy Center Team—Serve as a
Shepherd.

Kitchen Team—Keep the kitchen in order.

Church Maintenance Team— Help with
small repair projects at the church
(changing light bulbs, etc.)

Call church office at 886-7466 to serve!



First United Methodist Church Sunday School students
made cupcakes and a “Heroes Have Heart” poster to share
with local firefighters on July 2!



CHANGE the WORLD!

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

Do you shop at Kroger?

Rewards

1st Quarter = \$65.07

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**.

Scribes Take Up Their Pens

Help with Office Correspondence
An hour once a month on
Monday or Tuesday.

Jul 31-Aug 1	Carolyn Spiers
Aug 7-8	Donna Bell
Aug 14-15	Isabell Burke
Aug 21-22	Deborah Bayliss
Aug 28-29	Elaine Cooper
Sept 5	Louise Fuselier
Sept 11-12	Carol Izer
Sept 18-19	Betty James

If unable to attend at the
scheduled time, please trade
with someone on the list.
Thank you for serving!



Welcome Center Greeters

Once a month, serve as a Welcome Center Greeter. Choose
from 8:45-10 a.m. OR from 10-11 a.m.

A Greeter welcomes members and guests, assists by
answering questions, passes out brochures, directs people to
their destinations (nursery, sanctuary, etc.), and makes sure
food is replaced when necessary. (Every Sunday, Ricky Harper
sets up and makes the coffee, and he cleans up after 11.)

If you can serve regularly one Sunday each month, please text
or call Ginger Williams at 882-4657 or email Priscella Burns at
priscella@twc.com.



Each month, the Disciple-Makers
(formerly Christian Education) suggests
several Random Acts of Kindness that we
all can do in our community. These hands-
on mission opportunities can serve as a
testimony to our love—our love for God
and our love for neighbor. **Be the Light of
the World** through your service to others.

Random Acts of Kindness for August (as we prepare for school):

- Buy extra deodorant to pass out at the FUMC booth
at Back to School Orange.
- Buy extra boxes of Kleenex, (teachers always need
them).
- Give a teacher a bag of chocolate and a card for
encouragement. Teachers live off chocolate the first
few weeks of school.
- Prayers for an AWESOME school year
- Talk with Randall about volunteering at Lamar
Orange on Tuesday mornings.

*No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*



Memorials:

Mary Louise McKee

Gerald & Judy Taylor

Nevella Toal

Pete & Janice Gresham

Malissie Bailey

Beverly Hanes

Phil & Jackie Grooms

Doris Byrd

Ron & Carrie Woliver

George & Beverly Millsap

Kenneth & Ruby Steppe

Beth Holm

Dick Powell

Yvonna Boehme

Jim & Joane Pledger

Pierre & Peggy Delafosse

Tom & Sue Stephenson

Ray & Wanda Dal Sasso

Richard & Patsy Herrington

Marilyn Powell

Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Stalnaker

Doris Byrd

Communication

News—News@fumcorange.org **NEW FORM!**

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.** Send this form using 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

New Documents posted on the FUMC Website (www.fumcorange.org)

Under Resources, you will find a new menu item named [FUMC Documents](#) that includes the following:

- Facility & Kitchen Use Rules
- Guiding Principles
- News Release Form
- Safe Sanctuary



Congratulations to
Emily Hughes
and **Joshua Garcia**,
who were married
July 15!

BUILDING STRONGER DISCIPLES

“You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.” (Acts 1:8b NLT)

The most effective way to let other people know about the great things that God can do in their lives is to tell them the story of what God has done in your life. That is what makes a difference.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, “You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere” (NLT). When I hear the word “witness,” I think of a courtroom. It’s a perfect picture of what God’s asking us to do to make a difference in the world. He doesn’t tell us to be the attorney, arguing the case. He doesn’t tell us to be the judge, judging other people. He wants us to be his witnesses.

What does a witness do? A witness just says, “Here’s what I’ve seen. Here’s what I heard.” A witness just tells other people the story of what God’s done in their life.

Friends don’t keep good news from other friends. You tell them the good news of what God has done in your life so that it can make an eternal difference in their lives.

Above excerpt from Rick Warren’s *Tell Others Your Great God Story*

CHALLENGE—Are you unsure how to get started? Here’s a simple action step: Write out your story—2 to 3 minutes, and share it with your Sunday School, Bible Study, and small groups. Start sharing with the people that are close to you so you can get some practice. Then, God will give you the opportunity to share your story with someone who needs to hear the Good News.

WHAT’S YOUR STORY?



“Come and listen ... and I will tell you what [God] has done for me.” (Psalm 66:16 TEV).

If you would like to share an 8-10 sentence God Story / Praise Report / My Witness / Opportunity to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ in the newsletter OR give a 2-3 minute talk in church, please contact Leighia Barron, Beverly Blalack, or Nicole Watzlavik.

We ALL have them—Let’s begin to share them with others.