



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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DECEMBER 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 January newsletter, please send it to news@fumcorange.org By Friday, December 15, so the newsletter can be distributed before January 1.

What does it matter in light of eternity?

In light of God's gift of grace, what will you give to his mission here in Orange for 2018?

Make your estimate of giving pledge by filling out a card in your bulletin or in our mailout to you. The needs of our community are great help support the work of his church here.



Conference teams are coming with workers and materials. The workers are skilled and the building materials will be supplied by the Texas Conference work teams. Our first team arrives January 5. Contact John with a detailed list of work needed to get matched up with skilled workers and materials.

If You Want a Long, Happy Life, Do THIS!

As we count our blessings as a church, I have been reading about the happiest people in the world. As we prepare for our ministry needs for the coming year, please be generous. If each of us gave an extra \$18 a month for 2018, it would help greatly. Or consider giving a percentage more this year. In light of eternity, that is small change. The latest studies show generous people live 4-7 years longer and are happier, and folks who attend worship 4 times a month live 7-14 years longer!

The message is clear—if you want a shorter life, don't be generous or go to church.
I wish you all a LONG HAPPY LIFE.

A gift of Walmart gift cards has been received from St. Matthews UMC Mataireie, Louisiana, and are being distributed to those flooded.

The week before Thanksgiving, we had a group from New Orleans and Plano. The week after Thanksgiving, the team will be from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Thanks Be To God!

Family Life Center is very busy in December—FUMC's 1st Kids will have their "The First Leon" musical with the gumbo fundraiser for the Youth Angels & Elves Shopping Trip on Sunday, December 3. On December 8-9, the Orange Community Players will present "Yuletide VII: Joy to the World" with 10% of the proceeds donated to the Youth Angels & Elves Shopping Trip. **ALL 9 a.m. services will be relocated to the Chapel in December.**

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

October 29	November 5	November 12	November 19
ONE SERVICE	9:0086	9:0076	9:00..... 69
10:1595	11:0060	11:0059	11:00..... 41
TOTAL 95	TOTAL 146	TOTAL 135	TOTAL 110

Giving

October 2017		Remember you can give online!
Income	\$34,822.06	
Expenses	\$34,754.15	
	+ \$ 67.91	

December Worship

December 3, 2017

#1 Advent Candle—Hope
Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9
Sermon: **Come Down Home**

COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1—Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik Team

9 am Greeters: Greg & Dina Defrates

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

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Julie Allensworth
11:00 – Sandra Hoke

Welcome Center

Bakers: Gloria Jackson & Leighia Barron

ALL 9 a.m. services on December will be held in the Chapel.

December 10, 2017

#2 Advent Candle—Love
Scripture: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Sermon: **Home Is Where We Meet**

Ushers: Team #2—Brown Claybar, Phil Grooms, Ken Hillsten, Jim Pledger,

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik Team

9 am Greeters: Trisha & Bobby Anderson

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

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Greg Defrates
11:00 – Jonathon Vogt

Welcome Center

Bakers: Sandra Warren & Barbara Dardeau

The church office will be closed **December 25** for Christmas. Year-end contributions need to be submitted by December 26.

December 17, 2017

Advent #3 Candle—Joy
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Sermon: **Joy is Our True Home**
Christmas Cantata @ 11 a.m. service

Ushers: Team #3—John Griffith, Jerry Windham, Ron Hopperton

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik Team

9 am Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth

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

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Sandra Warren
11:00 – Annely Domas & Donna Rogers

Welcome Center

Bakers: Dina Defrates & Theresa Allen

December 24, 2017

Advent #4 Candle—Peace
Scripture: Luke 1:46-55
Sermon: **God Makes This World Our Home**
No Sunday School ONE SERVICE 10 a.m. in the Chapel



Ushers: Team #4—Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik Team

Parking Lot Greeters:
Shirley Hudson & Nevella Toal

Lay Reader: Gwen Whitehead

Welcome Center Bakers: Sandra Hoke & Debbie Bayliss

December 31, 2017

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40
Sermon: **Coming Home**



Ushers: Team #5—Hubert Hancock, Travis Miller, Barry Bates

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik Team

9 am Greeter: Gerald Ziller

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Bart & Ginger Williams
11:00 – Archie McLellan

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Tom Henry
11:00 – Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center

Bakers: Lori Kratzer & Brittany Harmon

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Please invite someone to celebrate with us!

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

December 3	Tim & Barbara Allen
December 10	Ann & Jimmy Glover
December 17	Hubert & Katy Hancock
December 24	Robert Jackson
December 31	Joyce Kleinknect

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



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](#) to 81010

Facebook: [fumcorangeyouth](#)

Instagram & Twitter:
[@fumcorangeyouth](#)

Youth Activities:

December 10—Youth Angels & Elves Shopping Trip (see below for ways to help support)

December 16—9-11:30 a.m. Jesus' Love Never Melts (Winter VBS)

Seeking youth and parent volunteers willing to help guide kids from station to station that morning.

December 17— 5-7 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, Parsonage

Bring a white elephant gift \$5 or less; Last name A-L bring a dessert, Last name M-Z bring a drink. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater (for our contest), and bring a white elephant gift as we celebrate Jesus' birth and the end of the semester!

Mark your calendars now for Family Youth Night on **February 25** where the whole family (parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc.) are invited to come and hang out with us and see what we do and worship with us.

It's No Shave November.

Did you shave last month?

The youth celebrated by making their own beards at C.R.E.W.



Help Support Annual Angels & Elves Shopping Trip



To give to needy families this Christmas, click [here](#), login. Be sure to write "For the Youth Angels & Elves Shopping Trip" in the Additional Information box so 100% of your donation goes to buying gifts for needy families.

If you are an adult and would like to take a group of youth to shop, or volunteer in any way that day, contact Randall [here](#).

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

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!

2017 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, December 14
Next meeting—3rd Thursday—December 21, at 6 p.m.

Thanks to those who served for 2017—Jim Armstrong, Janice Gresham & Jonathan Vogt
Welcome New Members for 2018—Theresa Beauchamp, Tom Henry & Suzanne Magee

2018 First UMC Church Council

Finance—Chris Abshire & Tom Henry, Trustees–Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR–Theresa Beauchamp & Greg Defrates, Communications–Ginger Williams, Lay Leader–Carol Allen, Members at Large–Suzanne Magee & Betty Merchant, Secretary–Sherri Frugé, At Large–Barbara Dardeau, Pastor–John Warren
A Chair will be elected when the new Council convenes in January.

Amended FUMC Guiding Principles

updated Vision Statement (MP 2.0), Council Meetings (AP 2.0 & 2.1)
and Added Chairman for a total of 13 council members (AP 7.0)

and Church Council Meeting Minutes

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

Monthly VCI Team Meetings with Coach Marilyn Wadkins

No meetings in December. The next monthly meetings will be January 12-14.

Church Council Update

Amended Guiding Principles—The Church Council meetings are now open to everyone. If members want to bring a topic to the Council, they must submit their topic to the Council Secretary by the agenda deadline (at least one week before the meeting) and may have 10 minutes to address the Council. Council agenda will now be posted 5 days prior to the meeting on the Church Council's page on the church website. (Read complete amended info on link above.)

After the tragedy in the church near San Antonio, a team is now assigned to look into safety issues for our congregation while activities are in progress.

The Malloy Foundation will provide our Trustees with \$117,800 for building upkeep and improvement.

Texas Annual Conference will be bringing experienced work teams in who will bring their own materials and work at no cost to those still in need. You must give Rev. John a detailed list of needs. They will have a supply of sheetrock and other materials. The only thing at this time that they will not do is roofing. These teams will start January 5. The conference will also pay for housing these work teams. Work on the church due to leaks and repairs may be addressed as well.

VCI Team Updates

Worship Excellence—At the last two November Sunday services, the members received information shared at the Town Hall concerning proposed updates to the sanctuary. This [handout](#) is also posted on the church website under Resources-FUMC Documents.

Communication—At the last two November Sunday services, members received business cards to invite others to the December activities. Please share them with others!

An Event Proposal /Planning form is being created to help communicate ALL the activities that occur. Each event form will identify which rooms will be reserved and items such as kitchen use, technology use, administrative, personnel, and financial needs. A contact person and an "owner" will be identified to be sure an event is complete from start to finish.

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

December Prayer:

As we enter into this Advent season, may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

December Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Sundays until December 17—Ladies' Bible Study "Advent in Narnia," 5 p.m.

December 3—The First Leon (1st Kids Christmas Musical), 5-5:45 p.m.

—Gumbo Dinner Fundraiser for Youth shopping trip with secular Christmas standards as dinner music, 5:45-6:30 p.m.

December 10—Youth "Angels & Elves" Shopping Trip

December 14—Deadline to submit agenda items for Church Council to Sherri Fruge

December 15—Deadline for January newsletter information

December 16—Winter VBS "Jesus' Love Never Melts," 9-11:30 a.m., K-5th Grade

December 17—"Christmas Canticles" Cantata, 11 a.m. service

December 20—Blue Christmas service, Chapel, 6-7 p.m.

December 21—Church Council, 6 p.m.

December 24—ONE SERVICE—Chapel, 10 a.m. (No Sunday School)

—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

January—Ladies' Bible Study, *Daniel Prayer*

SAVE THE DATE

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UP



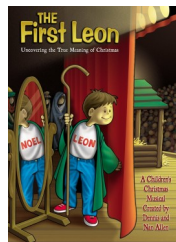
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Sunday, December 3

5 p.m.—The First Leon by 1st Kids

**5:45 p.m.—Gumbo Fundraiser Dinner
w/ Christmas Songs**

Come enjoy First Methodist Kids Christmas musical **The First Leon** at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The kid's musical is the story of Leon, a boy who discovers his name spelled backwards is Noel. He would like, more than anything, to have a part in the town's Christmas play.



At 5:45 p.m. enjoy fellowship and a **gumbo dinner by the The Grillin' Group** with dinner music by the singers of FUMC performing your favorite Christmas songs.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support the annual Youth Christmas Shopping Trip, **Angels and Elves**.

1st kids, Mr. Doug, and Ms. Donna will warm your hearts. Ms. Brittany is choreographer. Plan to come support our children and youth.



Jesus' Love Never Melts

**2nd Annual Winter VBS
Saturday, December 16
9-11:30 a.m.
K-5th Grade**

Be our guest for a morning of activities for children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will learn Christmas songs, make crafts, make snow, learn the story of the birth of Jesus, play games, and enjoy a snack.

Parents are invited to come at 11 a.m. to enjoy the songs at our closing.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Randall at 886-7466.

Blue Christmas

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and many other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities.

On **Wednesday, December 20**, the night before the longest night of the year (Winter Solstice), join us at **6 p.m. in the Chapel** for a reflective service, accepting where we really are, and holding out healing and hope.

Sunday, December 17, at 11 a.m.

Christmas Canticles

A Christmas Cantata of Carols in Four Suites
by Benjamin Harlan
Presented by the Chancel Choir and soloists

Poinsettias

For this year only, Altar Guild will order two large arrangements of poinsettias to decorate both altars for Christmas. The arrangements will be moved from one service to the other each Sunday morning.

The cost for the arrangements is \$250, and all donations in memory/honor of someone will be gladly accepted!



♥ **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)

Do you shop at Kroger?

Rewards = \$228.92
 1st Qtr = \$65.07; 2nd = \$81.18
 3rd Qtr = \$82.67

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

If you would like to do so,
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**.

HURRICANE HARVEY FINANCIAL HELP

To financially help people
in our area, please
donate through this link
(<https://tinyurl.com/fumcharveyvictims>)

Heartspring
 Methodist Foundation
Financial Partner to the Texas Conference

Be sure to put "Myra
McDonald Fund" in the
Memorial Box to make
sure 100% of your
donation goes straight
towards flood victims in
the Orange area. You
can also write a check
with "Myra McDonald
Fund" in the memo line.



CHANGE the WORLD!

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

2018 Task Teams Forming

At the October Town Hall and the last few Sundays, members have had an opportunity to volunteer to serve on a Task Team. These teams will be starting in 2018, although several are already completing tasks. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer, please let the church office know how you would like to serve in 2018. If you are already working on a team and didn't sign up, be assured you will still be on the team. However, if you didn't sign up because you want to serve in a different way, please let the church office or the present coordinator know as soon as possible! Thank you for offering to share your gifts and serve!

The Task Group Leaders (shaded boxes below—Worship, Disciple-Making, Hospitality, etc.) **will meet on Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m.** Each leader will get the names of their task team members and will be able to "train" them to be ready to start January 2018!

Below is a general grouping of the some of the teams.
As you can see, it takes EVERYONE's help to be the church!

Worship	Disciple-Making	Hospitality	Communications	Caring Ministry	Administrative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Design Team Choir Praise Team Readers Altar Guild Ushers Greeters Worship Shepherds Flowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends & Fellowship Sunday School VBS Good Guys Grilling UMW UMM Youth Nursery 1st Kids College Senior Sisters Unfinished Crafters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen Member Orientation Visitor Gift Bags Connect Cards Scribes Welcome Center Bakers Welcome Center Greeters Shepherds for Malloy Wedding Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website Newsletter Bulletins Community Concerns Email Notices Church Calendar Photographer Announcements Press Releases Social Media Brochures Special Event postcards, flyers, business cards, etc. Malloy ministry ads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bereavement Prayer Ministry Caring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with mailouts Answer office telephone Financial support (count offering) Office scribes (write letters) Librarian Historian
Facilities			Missions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make repairs and care for all the buildings and grounds on church property as well as the vans and playground 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes ALL mission activities, including Back to School, OCS, Rainbow Room, Blessing Box, Seafarers, UMARMY, 3G, etc. 		

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

SOCIETIES, CLASSES, AND BANDS - OH MY!
History Lesson – John Wesley



The **Methodist movement** was not a church at the start. The early Methodists offered three types of groups to help Christians become better followers of Jesus. These were not to replace, but in addition to regular church attendance.

The Society Meeting was the largest of the three groups. Methodists would gather each week for instruction and preaching from John Wesley, Francis Asbury, or another early leader.

The Class Meeting was a small group of about a dozen people who shared life together. At their weekly meetings each member of the Class answered the question, "How is it with your soul?" Attendance in a Class was mandatory for admittance to a Society meeting.

The Band Meeting was a very small group of approximately 5 people who would confess their sins and struggles together. Members would talk specifically about their temptations, successes, and failures. Not every Methodist was part of a Band.

John Wesley's weekly Class / Small Group Meetings had a singular purpose. Each person was asked to answer this question, "How does your soul prosper?" **Today, we might say, "How is your spiritual life?"**

Some United Methodist congregations and pastors have a renewed interest in small groups. Rather than devising strategies to grow congregation size, they are investing their time and energy into growing individuals into better disciples of Jesus Christ. This helps United Methodist congregations live into the mission of our denomination: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs."

Article written: August 10, 2015. Joe Iovino

FUMC invites each member to join a small group to help grow in your Christian maturity. We have three Adult Bible Classes, as well as classes for children and youth. For more information, please talk to Randall Bridges – Director of Christian Education.

Look for additional small group opportunities in the bulletins / newsletter. If interested in starting a small group, please contact Randall.

Communication

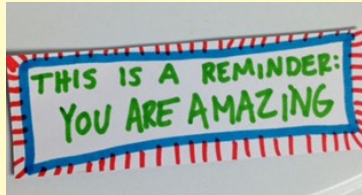
News—News@fumcorange.org

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



Random Acts of Kindness for December

Every small interaction with someone is an opportunity to have a positive impact on both of your lives. ... is an ACT of KINDNESS:

1. Find opportunities to give compliments. It costs nothing, takes no time, and could make someone's entire day. Don't just think it. Say it.
2. One easy way to ensure you write a nice note or give at least one compliment a day...When you open your inbox for the first time each day, write a short email — praising someone.
3. Take five minutes to send postcards to sick children who are fighting serious illnesses and want to receive mail.
4. Through [Send Kids the World](#) you can send postcards to the siblings of seriously ill children. Siblings often don't understand what is going on and feel left out because of all the attention and cards a sick sibling receives.
5. Sign up to get 30 free ["You Matter" cards](#). Give them out to people who make a difference in your life.
6. When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take one card, write a special message, and send it to this address:
A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
9300 DeWitt Loop
Fort Belvoir VA, 22060

If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people, who have sacrificed so much would get.



Memorials:

In Memory of

Hurricane Relief

New Life Class

UMC Rockdale TX of St. Johns

Mary L. McKee

Wilda Hart

Mary Frances Hartley

Wilda Hart

Evelyn Foster

Wilda Hart

Yvonna Boehme

Wilda Hart

Paul & Kaylard Lebouef

Mason Smith Son of Becky Robins

Wilda Hart

Helen Gresham

Barbara Allen

Tim & Joy Hughes

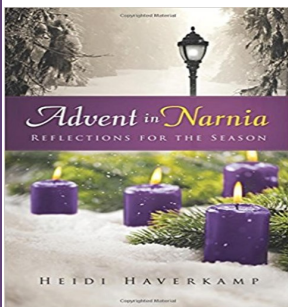
Randy Jones

Tim & Joy Hughes

Ladies' Bible Study—"Advent in Narnia"

November 26—December 17

Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. / Good News or Fidelis Classroom



With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope—and even an appearance by Father Christmas—C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, these twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small group discussion and ideas for creating a "Narnia Night" for families. Readers will ultimately come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.

The book is \$10.50 w/shipping through Cokesbury or \$15 through Amazon.

Trunk or Treat, October 31

Thanks to all who provided candy and trunks for FUMC's Trunk or Treat!
If unable to be there, you missed some very creative costumes and trunks!



Family & Friends Dinners

Several families and friends enjoyed Wednesday night dinners together.

Thanks to the cooks—
Angela Abshire, Doug Rogers,
Donna Bell, and John Warren—
and everyone who helped!!



Friends staying at the Malloy from St. Paul Presbyterian Church in New Orleans

You don't have to be a large church to make a difference.

A tiny United Methodist in Colorado made and sold pies. The sales proceeds were used to buy gift cards from Walmart and Home Depot. Our guardian angel there had to drive 50 miles to Walmart and 75 miles in the opposite direction to Home Depot to get the cards.

To top it off, they came and worshiped with us in Orange!



Pastor John with Ginny & William Bultman