

Disciples Growing Disciples

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2018

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

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Senior Pastor

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

To have information included in the March newsletter, please send it to **news@fumcorange.org by Monday, February 19,** so the newsletter can be distributed before March 1.

February is the Month of Love

February is the month that Cupid shoots his arrow and casts a spell on someone, and you realize that you have an unsuspected admirer.

This romantic notion is not so old. Not too many years ago, marriages and relationships happened in a different way. Families, or should I say parents, chose the persons their children would become partners with, even in our society. And in some cultures that still goes on today.



In fact, I was an adult when I learned that my own grandfather and grandmother had just such an arranged marriage. My mother's grandfathers got together and decided that Mr. Stegall's son John should marry Mr. Meredith's daughter Mary (John Stegall's school teacher!). They lived happily having 14 children and raising 10 as two sets of twins passed in childbirth. They lived for richer and poorer through the depression and in sickness and in health. My grandfather cared for my grandmother for 8 years as she was bedridden from a stroke.

Love is love though thick and thin. I did not get the chance to know this couple as they had passed before I was born, but I know what that kind of love is like. To love someone unconditionally is a precious thing.

Not putting that aside, we get the rare opportunity to share Valentine's Day with Ash Wednesday where we remember a God who loves us unconditionally, who did so in such great degree that he gave his son to atone for our sins. Because of that combination, we are offering ashes at two times—

- (1) 12 noon—Randall and I will be on the Lamar-Orange campus near the Student Center. Walk up, receive ashes, share a prayer.
- (2) 5:00-5:45 p.m.—Traditional service in the Slade Chapel (held earlier so those with Valentine's Day plans can continue with their evening).

We hope that you will either meet us on campus or come to the Chapel at 5 p.m.

In Christ's Love, John

SHOW GOD YOU LOVE HIM BY SUPPORTING HIS MISSION

Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to love your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself; and this is the mission of FUMC.

The mission of First United Methodist church continues as we reach out to the community with work teams and help in the clean up. We may call on you to help provide a meal. As you know, there is a financial base to all we do – without that foundation, we are unable to continue these much needed ministries.

If you still need to pledge for 2018, please do so by Ash Wednesday (February 14). Turn in a pledge card or call Norma with the amount you wish to pledge. Remember, too, we get a tax break starting in February so that will result in extra funds as well.

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

Christmas Week Blue Christmas 19	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Dec. 2017	2017	Remember
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February Worship

February 4, 2018

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31 Sermon: **Focus**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

- 9 am Greeters: Lauren Peet & Greg Defrates
- 11 am Ushers: Team #1— Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean Whitley, Elaine Cooper

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

Lay Readers: 9:00–Jim Brown 11:00–Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Greeters: 8:45-10–Amanda Garcia 10-11:15–Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center Bakers: Kay Butler & Rose Butler

February 11, 2018 Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Sermon: God is Speaking

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

9 am Greeters: Sharon & Randall Bridges

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

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

Lay Readers: 9:00–Kaylin Abshire 11:00–Jonathon Vogt

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

Welcome Center Bakers: Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke

team & Trisha Anderson

Sermon: Wilderness

Scripture: Mark 1:9-13

February 18, 2018

9 am Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth

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

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

Lay Readers: 9:00–Trent Brown 11:00–Gwen Whitehead

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

Welcome Center Bakers: Bridget Teaff & Debbie Taylor

February 25, 2018 Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 Sermon: Intervention

Giving

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

9 am Greeters: Jennifer & Chris Smith

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

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00–Dale & Barbara Dardeau, Trent Brown 11:00–Nevella Toal & Archie McLellan

Lay Readers: 9:00–Greg Defrates 11:00–Donna Bell

Welcome Center Greeters: 8:45-10–TBA 10-11:15–Rose Butler

Welcome Center Bakers: Dana Sandlin & Priscella Burns

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

Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. in the Chapel (Ashes at noon at LSCO))

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

February 4 Lewis and Linda SimsFebruary 11 Mat and Debbie TaylorFebruary 18 Gary and Nancy VincentFebruary 25 Jeremy and Nicole Watzlavik



Join us in the Family Life Center!

Youth Sunday School at 10 a.m.

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

Sunday Night CREW from 5-7 p.m.

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

Youth Activities:

February 11—Valentine's Bake Sale, before and after both services Youth will be selling Valentine's goodies for a camp fundraiser

February 17—Winter Olympics Gym Event, 1-5 p.m.

Join us in the Family Life Center for a Winter Olympics Themed Game Day in the Family Life Center! Events include (our unique versions of) Skeleton, Bobsled, Speed Skating, Biathlon, Hockey, Hockey Skills Test, Curling, Bobsledding and Figure Skating.

February 21—Family & Friends Meal, 4:30-7 p.m.

Youth help cook and serve for Friends & Family (Camp Fundraiser)

February 25—Family Youth Night—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.

> Meals are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, or \$15 for a family.

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

Feb. 17 Winter Olympics

If you are willing to loan the following items for the day, I'd appreciate it:

- Orange Cones
- 2 Nerf Guns with Darts
- 4 Automotive Creepers
- Pool noodles
- Small plastic Balls
- Wax Paper pre cut into 1ft by 1 ft sheets
- Sleeping bags
- 15-20 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals (party supply)
- An Olympic Stand for each event winners to stand on while taking 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

FRIENDS FAMILY

Wednesday Night Live has a new name:

Friends & Family Night

Invite your family and friends to the short-term lessons and, of course, the meals.

During the year, we may have folks staying in the Malloy who would like to join us for a meal and or a class. (We will ask each group who will be staying to be sure to let us know if they are coming for the meal so we can have enough to eat for all.) We will be blessed by their participation.

It looks to be an exciting time in our church.

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.

Friends & Family Night

Wednesdays, January 24 - March 21 (Skip Feb. 14-Ash Wednesday & March 14-Spring Break.)

Meal/Fellowship at 5 p.m. Feb 7-Kids (hotdogs, baked beans, mac & Topics/Classes at 6 p.m. cheese) At 5 p.m., enjoy a light meal and fellowship in the Family Life Center.

Feb 14—No meal / Ash Wednesday service

Feb 21—Youth (TBA)

Feb 28-TBA

At 6 p.m., the following classes will begin. A nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers.

The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate

by Gary Chapman (facilitators: Ron & Bonnie Hopperton) Learn the five ways to express and experience love that Chapman calls "love languages": gift giving, quality time, words of affirmation, acts of service (devotion), and phycal touch. Examples are given from his counseling practice, as well as questions to help determine one's own love languages. Chapman suggests that to discover another person's love language, one must observe the way they express love to others, and analyze what they complain about most often and what they request from their significant other most often. He theorizes that people tend to naturally give love in the way that they prefer to receive love, and better communication between couples can be accomplished when one can demonstrate caring to the other person in the love language the recipient understands.

Max Lucado's Life Lessons: The Study of Mark – A Life Changing Story

(facilitator: Suzanne Magee) The Life Lessons series brings the New Testament to life through lessons filled with

intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. This group will finish the lessons which they started during Spring 2017.

Youth (6th-12th)

Topics include Appearance, Community, & Serving Others

Children (PreK-5th)

Lessons will be on Friendship - Being a Better Friend

Invite a friend and come enjoy fellowship during a light supper and then grow in your Christian life through a variety of classes.





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OFFICE HOURS

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

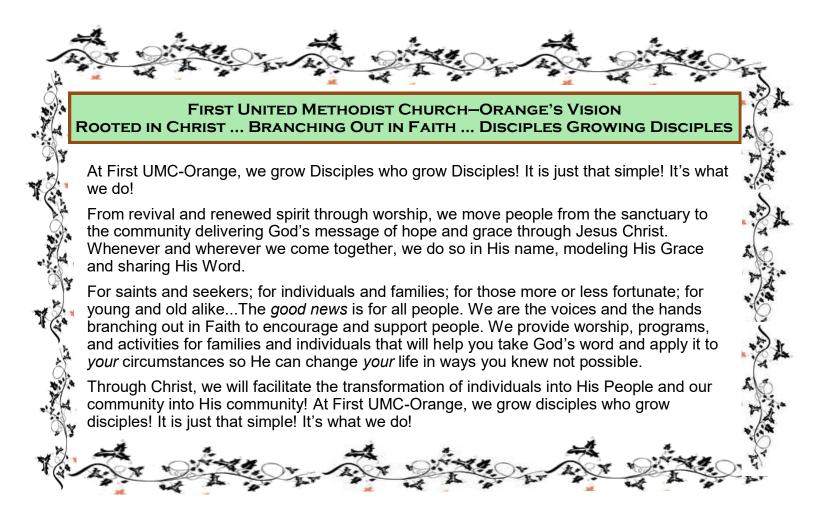
Friday 8:30 am - Noon

WORSHIP

9 am - Praise service in the Family Life Center

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Traditional service in the Sanctuary









2018 First UMC Church Council

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

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday, February 8 Next meeting—3rd Thursday—February 15, at 6 p.m.

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

Church Council / VCI Updates

Carol Allen has accepted the position of Chair of the Church Council.

The Guiding Principles were updated in January 2018 and the revised Principles were posted on the website—Changes were reducing the number for a guorum from 9 to 7 attendants.

The next Town Hall is scheduled for April 29the 5th Sunday in April.

Each VCI team whose goals have not been reached needs to meet BEFORE Marilyn comes on February 24. Let Pastor John know when and where the team is meeting. It is time to get back to our goals. If your team is struggling, we can help. Contact John ASAP.

February VCI Team Meetings with Coach Marilyn Wadkins

Saturday, February 24

9:00-10:00-10:15-11:15—Communications 1:45-2-45—Worship Excellence 11:30-12:30-12:45-1:45-LUNCH 2:00-3:00-3:15-4:15-4:30-5:30-

Sunday, February 25 12:30-1:30-Vision 3:00-4:00-

(Teams Scheduled at printing)

Sunday, March 18! ONE service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary **Service of Dedication** of the Family Life Center Debt Free

and the

Naming of the Education Building

Bishop Jones will preach. Following the service, we will share a lunch in the Family Life Center at which time we will burn the mortgage of the Family Life Center!

Mark your calendar! This is a major milestone for our church, and we owe a gratitude of thanks to Pete and Janice Gresham for their faithful generosity.



VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

February Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your love. Help us to receive it and to pass it on to others. Amen

February Events:

See full calendar on church website

- Wednesdays in February (Not Feb 14—Ash Wednesday)—Friends and Family Night, 5-7 p.m.
- February 2—Meet Mardi Gras Royalty, 5:30-6:30 pm, Family Life Center (see below)
- February 3—Mardi Gras Parade followed by Gumbo, Family Life Center (see below) February 8-Deadline to submit agenda items for Church Council to Sherri Fruge
- February 11—Youth Valentine's Bake Sale, before/after services (to raise funds for camps) February 11—Ladies Tea, after 11 a.m. service, Family Life Center (see below)
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Service, 5 p.m., Chapel
- February 15—Church Council, 6 p.m.
- February 18—Ladies' Bible Study, Daniel Prayer begins on Sunday nights (see below)
- February 19—Deadline for March newsletter information
- February 24—Orange Community Trash Off, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (see below)
- February 25—Family Youth Night—come and hang out with our Youth C.R.E.W.

Upcoming Events:

Malloy Center.

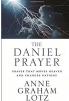
March 18—ONE Service at 11 am in the Sanctuary—Celebrate Payoff of Family Life Center March 25—Palm Sunday / Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Egg Drop



and rice should call the church office or talk to

Leighia Barron or Randall Bridges.

Ladies Lenten Bible Study The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz Sundays, beginning February 18 5-7 p.m. in Fidelis Parlor Leighia Barron & Brittnay Allen, Facilitators If you have not already purchased a book, please call Leighia Barron (409-745-1119) or church office reserve a \$10 book.



In Daniel chapter 9, Daniel poured out his heart in prayer. What happened? Heaven was moved, a nation was changed, and generations felt the impact. This is the kind of prayer that's possible for your life, and one that Anne Graham Lotz will help you understand in *The Daniel Prayer*. This is not an everyday type of prayer. It's a prayer birthed under pressure. Heartache, Desperation, Grief, Or it can be triggered by a sudden revelation of hope. An answer to prayer. A promise freshly received. A miracle that lies just over the horizon. But whether you pray out of triumph or tragedy, The Daniel Prayer works.



Like or follow: **FUMCOrangeTX**

23nd Annual Community Trash-Off

Saturday, February 24 8 am-1 pm

FUMC is putting together this year's teams to clean up the community of Orange during the 23nd Annual Community Trash Off on Saturday, February 24.

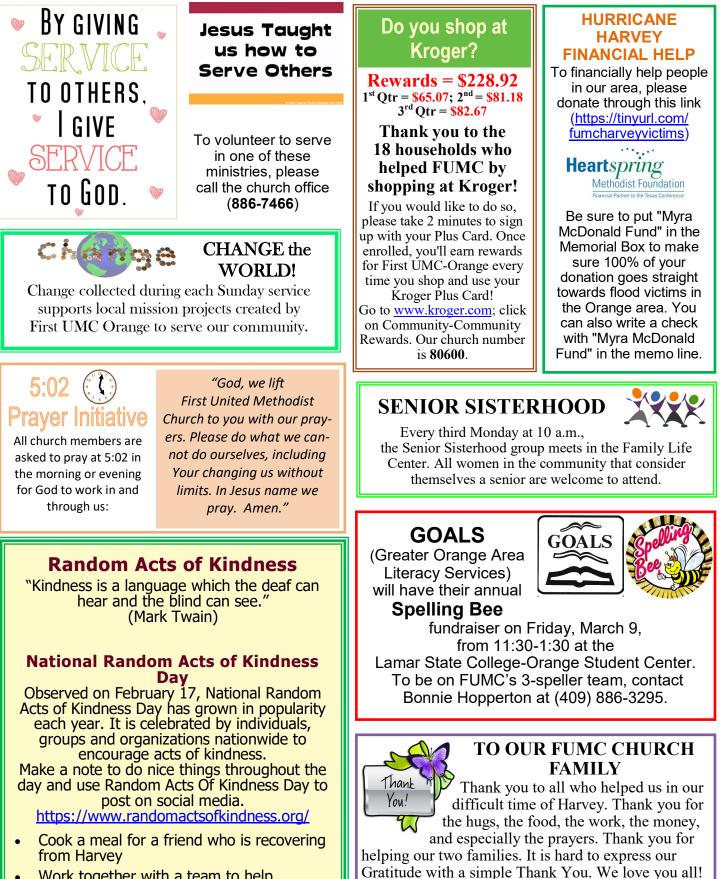
Teams will meet in the Infocus parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and supplies will be passed out. They will have gloves, but they are too big for kids.

We will be requesting Strickland Drive towards Luigi's (both sides). When we finish, we will enjoy pizza and prizes at the boat ramp.

Please pick up registration form in the Welcome Center and turn in to Randall Bridges.

If you have any questions, pléase contact Randall.





- Work together with a team to help someone recovering from Harvey – there is still SO MUCH to do!!
- Write a thank-you note to someone that has made a difference in your life.

Richard & Julie Allensworth Alyssa Allensworth and Aaliyah & Alaynna Morris

Blessings,

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

First United Methodist Church's Discipleship Team is charged with helping the members and the community to grow in their faith and become stronger disciples that can then share the "Good News" with others. One way to help us grow is through the use of small groups: Sunday School, Bible Studies with others, Online Bible Studies, and personal Bible studies. We all need to be growing in our disciplemaking skills.

Sometimes the issue is that we believe certain myths about disciplemaking:

Myth #1: Disciplemaking will just take care of itself.

Do you sometimes think that we can make disciples without changing anything in our daily lives; that as we go about doing our own thing that new disciples will be made and multiplied?

Myth #2: Effective disciplemaking will come naturally.

Are your disciplemaking efforts really just dreams and aspirations, and not efforts backed by a well-engineered plan? Do you have a well-structured blueprint for effective disciplemaking?

Myth #3: Disciplemaking doesn't *really* require any training.

Maybe you've bought into the myth that effective disciplemaking will happen without any training or education.

Myth #4: I'm not capable.

Have you convinced yourself of the myth that you aren't capable for some reason - lack of experience, lack of skill, etc.–of making and multiplying disciples?

Article excerpt from Stew at Verge Network – Because effective disciplemaking will *not* just take care of itself, it does *not* come naturally, and it *does* require real training and accountability!

FUMC'S Discipleship Team would like to offer classes on how to facilitate a small group Bible Study – a step to help recruit volunteers, in order to offer a variety of Bible studies through Small Groups at church and in members' homes. Please let Leighia Barron, Randall Bridges, or Carol Allen know if you are interested in attending a training.

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



Three groups from Texas A&M—Texas A&M, A&M UMC college group, and Prairieview A&M—led both worship services on Sunday, January 7. Chaplain Rev. Max Mertz gave the message, and Ben Sinclair led the music. They shared their talents with the congregation and their skills with the community helping households affected by Harvey.



The Christmas Eve Candlelight service!



Malissie Bailey, Leslie and Katy Williams, John and Sandra Warren, and Randall and Sharon Bridges helped pack Salvation Army Christmas boxes.





<u>Mavís Powell</u> Tom & Jamie Loveless

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> <u>Yvonna Boehme</u> Sarah,& Gwen Boehme

& Family

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January 10, 2018

Pastor John Warren First United Methodist Church 502 N Sixth Street Orange, TX 77630

Dear Pastor Warren,

Thank you for welcoming us in the Malloy Center during our recent Volunteer in Mission trip to your area. What a wonderful blessing for the community to have a facility like this to help house volunteers coming to help with the recovery efforts! We truly hope that the enclosed donation will help to continue these efforts and support the facility maintenance.

We very much enjoyed our week in Orange and being able to help the residents. Sorry that we brought our winter weather with us. I wish we could have gotten there in time to attend a Sunday worship service, but at least two of our team members were able to attend and very much enjoyed it.

Blessing go with you and your church family and all the teams coming to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our world.

Sincerely,

Uny + andy Hess

Amy and Andy Hess Wisconsin VIM team

Poinsettia Donations

John & Lana Ostermaier In Memory of Jamie Martin

Charlie & Beverly Blalack In Memory of all the Saints that have died this year.

Mat & Debbie Taylor

In Memory of my mother Betty Kibodeaux My sister Alice Rothrick

Gerald & Judy Taylor In Honor of Our Family

Nevella Toal In Honor of our Granddaughters Sophia & Salma Carmack



A work team member from Wisconsin! Thankful for ALL workers who travel to our area to help those recovering from Harvey!

REBUILDING AFTER HARVEY

Several groups have stayed the Malloy as they help our community. In addition to Texas A&M, another college Wesley Foundation was here as well from Indianapolis University, a UMC University in Indianapolis.

If you check the online church calendar, you will see we have had or will have groups from Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Ohio with more still coming!

Jean & Glenda Whitley

In Honor of Elizabeth Whitley Harrison

Dræw & Annely Domas In Loving memory of Dan Domas, Joe McClelland & Danny Domas

Gwen & Sarah Boehme In Memory of Lawrence H. Boehme Sr.

Julia, Robert & Sandra Hoke In Memory of Michael Hoke

Ruth Mason In Memory of Ron & Carl Mason