



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2019

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

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Senior Pastor

Doug Rogers

Director of
Worship and Music

Randall Bridges

Director of
Christian Education & Youth

Norma Bergeron

Administrative Assistant

Scott Lawson

Part-time Custodian

Donna Rogers

Organist

Mary Grimes

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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 Wednesday, Feb. 20,

so the newsletter can be
distributed before March 1.

TO LOVE IS TO GIVE YOUR TIME

We begin February with Day 19 of our 100 days of devotions. It is a great way for focus your day. You can find the devotionals complete with added art on First United Methodist United Methodist Church, Orange, Texas on Facebook. I post a new one each day about 5:30 a.m. You may request a paper copy of all 100, but they will not have the artwork included. It would have been 36 pages! Enjoy.

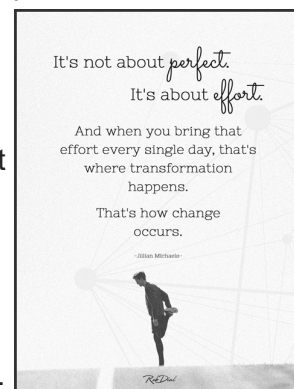
DAY 19—You Can't Bargain With God

When I was a teen, I thought I had my life all planned. I would be a commercial artist, even though God had called to ministry. I spent two and a half years in school training to that end, and then I spent another six years working in that industry.

But one Sunday morning, God called me again in church as the last hymn was being played. God said as plain as day, "How long are you going to make me wait for you?" That began my journey of negotiating with God concerning my life.

"I will train to be a youth director. God; will that satisfy you?" I found a two-year training program in Nashville to attend and registered. As the time approached, I got a call from the school letting me know that the program was ending because the school was closing. I would have to look elsewhere. A door closed. The closing of Scarett College in Nashville opened a door for me at Southwestern University in Georgetown; then on to seminary where my call to ministry was galvanized. When God closes a door, look for an open window—the window of opportunity.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3



Council Meeting—Date Change: The Church Council will be meeting on Thursday, February 21, due to our regular schedule falling on Valentines Day. This means all items you wish to come before the board need to be sent to Suzanne Magee by Thursday, February 14, smagee@lcmcisid.org or by calling the church office.

Rev. Warren to Retire: I feel God is opening a new chapter in my life. I do not know what God has in store for me, but I look forward to living under the same roof as Sandra. I sincerely thank you for putting your trust in us. We have come a long way. Rev. Alicia Besser, our District XXX?, will be speaking to the church council on February 21 about our future ministry needs. My upcoming retirement does not mean I am going to lay back and wait for Conference to get here. We have ministry to do together still.

Save the Date!

Coming soon! The Texas A&M Wesley worship team will be back to bring us bluegrass worship on Sunday, March 10! More details to come in the March newsletter.

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

Dec. 23	Christmas	Dec. 30	Jan. 6	Jan. 13
9:00 59	Eve	9:00 60	9:00 68	9:00 79
11:00 56		11:00 31	11:00 62	11:00 65
TOTAL 115	TOTAL 219	TOTAL 91	TOTAL 130	TOTAL 144

Giving

December 2018		You can also give online!
Income.....	\$47,927.64	
Expenses. ...	<u>\$39,964.26</u>	
+ \$7,963.41		

February Worship

February 3, 2019

Scripture: Matthew 6:33
Sermon: **One Guiding Word:**
PRIORITY

February 10, 2019

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: **I am a Junkie**
You are a Junkie
We are ALL
Junkies!

February 17, 2019

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: **It Takes a Village**
Guest Pastor:
Rev. Amy Walker

February 24, 2019

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38
Sermon: **Are You Willing to Hear?**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters: Greg Defrates & Lauren Peet

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

Lay Readers:
9:00—Jim Brown
11:00—Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10:00—Pat McCombs
10:00-11:15—Kay Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

The 11 a.m. service will be in the Sanctuary until Sunday, May 12, when they move back to the chapel.

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters: Ed & Charlotte Foreman

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

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

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10:00—Jonathan Vogt
10:00-11:15—Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Marcia Brown & Gwen Whitehead

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth

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

Lay Readers:
9:00—Leighia Barron
11:00—Judy Taylor

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10:00—Pat McCombs
10:00-11:15—Kay Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Kay Butler

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00—Dale Dardeau & Ken Wheeler
11:00—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:
9:00—Brittany Allen
11:00—Annely Domas

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10:00—Jonathan Vogt
10:00-11:15—Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett



2018 Giving

Income.....	\$523,589.89
Expenses. ...	\$498,281.29
+ \$25,308.60	

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

Feb. 3	Louis & Linda Sims
Feb. 10	Mat & Debbie Taylor
Feb. 17	Gary & Nancy Vincent
Feb. 24	Jeremy & Nicole Watzlavik



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



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 C.R.E.W. 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.fumc.org) to 81010

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

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

Youth February & Upcoming Activities:

February 4—No C.R.E.W (Super Bowl)



February 10—Valentine's Bake Sale before/after services

If your youth can please help by making baked goods and bringing them to church Sunday morning by 8:45am to sell, the Bake Sale should be very successful again.

We will sell before and after both services that Sunday from 8:45 am-12 noon

February 21: Camp Deposit Deadlines

February 24—Seeking Guest Speaker!

Please consider speaking that night to our youth or let Randall know of someone you have in mind who would do a great job. Speaking can be anywhere between 10-25 minutes.



Can you help feed the youth?

This meal would serve about 15-20 people and can be something simple like hot dogs, pizza, soups, lasagna, corn dogs, sandwiches, etc.

YOUTH—If you are willing to feed the youth on Sundays, March 24 is still available.

CONFIRMANDS—He is also looking for someone to feed the confirmation class after WNL ends on April 17 and April 24.

Email or call Randall to claim one!

Confirmation Classes January 16 through April 24



Confirmation in Spring 2019 is for students in the 6th grade as well as any other 6-12th graders who have yet to go through Confirmation.

Confirmation class runs alongside WNL in the Spring but participants usually eat together from 5-5:30 p.m. and then started class 30 minutes before the other classes start.

Confirmation is a time for students to learn more about their faith and the Methodist Church. The last day, we will confirm the students into the church as they become official members of FUMC.

Keep these students in your prayers!

1st Methodist Kids

Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m.

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.



COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

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

February Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Wednesdays—Wednesday Night Live—Meal at 5 p.m., Classes at 6 p.m.

February 4—Good Grief Group, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

February 6—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.

February 9—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.

February 10—Valentine's Bake Sale—Youth Fundraiser (before/after services)

February 11—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.

February 14—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda

February 18—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.

February 21—Church Council, 6 p.m. (*moved to 3rd Thursday this month*)
meet with District Superintendent Rev. Alicia Besser

February 20—Deadline for March newsletter information

February 23—Mardi Gras Parade followed by gumbo & King Cake (see below)

Upcoming Events:

March 2—24th annual Community Trash-Off from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

March 10—Texas A&M Wesley Worship Team will lead services

March 23—Church wide Garage Sale (watch for more details!)

April 14—Easter VBS, Kid's Egg Drop & Easter Egg Hunt

June 24-27—Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:

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Wednesday Night Live

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

Wednesday Night
LIVE

Share a Meal at 5 p.m.

February 6—Taco Soup / cornbread (3 G)

February 13—King's Ranch Chicken (Good News SS Class, Barbara Dardeau)

February 20—Chicken Spaghetti (Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds)

February 27—Pasta e Fagioli and salad (Ed & Charlotte Foreman)

If interested in cooking a WNL meal, please talk with Leighia Barron or Randall Bridges.

Learn Together at 6 p.m.:

† Disciple Fast Track —Luke / Acts

Facilitator: Beverly Blalack

Disciple Fast Track Into the Word Into the World is an adaptation of the original, bestselling *Disciple Bible Study Into the Word Into the World*. The study is ideal for busy people who want to fit an in-depth Bible study into their schedule. The study retains the familiar *Disciple* format with its theme word, theme verse, statement of the human condition, daily and weekly assignments, and prayer. Into the Word helps readers deepen their understanding of Scripture and make connections between what they already know and what they are reading. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and how you can engage those disciplines. The first discipline varies from week to week, then moves into Sabbath and prayer. In every session, you commit to how you will respond to Scripture in terms of ministry in the world.

† Max Lucado's Bible Study — Ezra & Nehemiah

Facilitator: Suzanne Magee

Twelve lessons on Ezra and Nehemiah, key leaders who left Babylon for the reconstruction of Jerusalem. With scripture reading, inspirational readings, questions to answer, space for journaling, and a prayer, it's like studying the Bible with Max Lucado. This class is finishing the study that started in the fall. If you would like to join, they have two additional books.

† **Confirmation** for youth in 6th and 7th grades and their sponsors. Confirmation class will begin at 5:30.

† **Classes for youth 8th–12th grades and children K-5th.**
A nursery is provided for younger children.

It's not too late to join a class!
Talk with Beverly or Suzanne!



Mardi Gras Parade February 23!

Orange's Mardi Gras parade will be February 23. We'll meet at the Family Life Center around 5:15 p.m. and walk down to the corner of 5th and Green. Remember your lawn chairs, bags to gather your beads, etc.

Following the parade, we will enjoy gumbo and King Cake.

Invite your family and friends to come and enjoy the parade and a good meal.

If you'd like to help cook gumbo or help with the cakes, please talk to Randall or Leighia. All help is greatly appreciated!!!



2019 First UMC Church Council

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

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019

Trisha Anderson, Brown Claybar, Jerry Pennington, and Betty James

**Deadline for agenda items to secretary Suzanne Magee—2nd Thursday—
February 14**

Next meeting—3rd Thursday—February 21, at 6 p.m. (moved for Valentine's Day)

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
Church
Council Meeting
Minutes**
are
[posted on the
FUMC website](#)
(under Resources)

Churchwide Garage Sale in March

Save your treasures
from your
"Spring Cleaning!"



- Working items in good condition are accepted—furniture, working appliances, household items etc.
- Sorry no clothes.
- Items may be left in the office area.
- Proceeds will go to the ministries of First United Methodist Church.
- If you are interested in serving as chairperson or volunteering to help organize, please talk with Pastor.
- Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

24th Annual Trash Off Looking for a FUMC coordinator!!

Orange County residents are encouraged to take pride in the community and help clean up trash from area neighborhoods and waterways. Join us for a morning of good CLEAN fun!

Cleaning stations are given to groups on a first-come, first-served basis. If there's a certain station where your team would like to work, please let us know and register in advance!



The 24th annual Community Trash-Off is scheduled for **Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This event is supported by the City of Orange, Texas, and organized by Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center; headquarters are at the City of Orange Boat Ramp on Simmons Drive. (409.670.9113)

Gather your team to help clean the streets and waterways of the Orange, West Orange and Pinehurst communities. **For participants, lunch is provided.**

Teams will consist of 3-5 volunteers and will be assigned to an area to clean up.

On the day of the event, team leaders can pick up supplies at the park for use at their assigned clean-up sites.

If you are interested in help organize the FUMC trash off team, please let Pastor John or Randall Bridges know. Thanks!!

Mark your calendars—Vacation Bible School will be June 24-27.

Please invite your family and friends
to come join the fun!!
(Ages preschool through 5th grade)

Talk to Randall or Leighia if you would like to volunteer
to help with rotations, be a crew leader, or
donate materials and snacks.

Also if you have any African savannah theme decorations
that we could use—YELL!!



Growing Stronger Disciples

Article from *Ascending Leaders*, Natalie Lavalley

STAGE 1: come and see (FUMC's **Knowing Christ**)

Every journey has a beginning, and our walk with Christ is no exception. Jesus' first invitation to the disciples is "Come and See." We see it most clearly in John 1:38-39, when the disciples ask, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" and Jesus replies, "Come, and you will see." Essentially, the disciples are wondering who Jesus really is. Jesus invites them to come and see what He does so they can learn for themselves that He truly is the Messiah. **The "Come and See" stage applies to people who are not yet believers but who are interested in discovering what Jesus is all about.**

People in this stage are often curious about Christianity, but they may also have skepticism or even hostility toward aspects of it. They commonly ask questions such as "Can I be loved?" "Is there hope?" "Do I have another chance?" To take the step into the next stage and become followers of Christ, they need an environment of authentic Christians who engage with them relationally, responding to their needs and questions.

John 1 shows that the disciples are at this stage. They meet Jesus and begin to ask Him questions. His response, "Come and see," invites them to begin a relationship with Him (John 1:39, 46). These disciples then invite others to come with them to see Jesus: "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah'" and likewise "Philip found Nathanael and told him" (John 1:41-42, 45).

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Paul writes about how he relates to people in their early stages of faith. In 1 Thessalonians 2:7, he is writing to the church that he planted in Thessalonica and reminds them that when they were infants in the faith, he was gentle ". . . as a nursing mother nurtures her own children." So **when a seeker walks into your church, it is important to remember that this is a very tender person that God has entrusted to you. It's crucial for them to see the reality of Christ's love in a relationship.**

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!

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

Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

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



Update

Kroger has a new Community Rewards system,
and First United Methodist Church has
a new account number = **NV689**

Go to www.kroger.com; click on Savings &
Rewards—Kroger Community Rewards. To
enroll now, new members can search for the **new**
number or the **name of your organization**.

FUMC by shopping at Kroger!

Acts of Kindness for February

- ♥ Make a dinner for a family that needs a
night from cooking
- ♥ Treat someone to a dinner by paying for
their meal
- ♥ Clip the “Dinner’s on Us” coupon below
and give with the meal – maybe adding a
personal note or scripture
- ♥ Richard and Leighia Barron were treated
to free subways—the couple in front of
them paid for the meal—a very
thoughtful gesture!



Memorials:

In Memory of

Debra Strahan

Malissie Bailey

Lana Ostermaier

Sarah Boehme

In Honor of

Haddock Grandchildren

John & Joan Haddock

DINNER'S
ON US!

JUST BECAUSE
WE WANT YOU TO KNOW
YOU'RE LOVED.

Enjoy!

ORDER A SHIRT!

Lisa Marie, is making an order for the shirts; cost is \$15. If
interested, please message or talk to Lisa. You can find her working
the nursery on Sunday mornings or at Confirmation on Wednesday
evenings. Her email is lisahodge81@yahoo.com.

Mustard- Mustard Seed Faith
Moves Mountains

Mayo –Shine for Jesus Spread it
Around!

Ketchup – Lettuce Praise and Relish
Him 'Cuz He love me from
head to-ma-toes

Relish - Sweet Jesus Let's exalt His
name together





Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith
Disciples Growing Disciples

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

8:30 am - Noon

WORSHIP

9 am - Praise service in the
Family Life Center

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Traditional service
in the Sanctuary

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

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

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

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

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