



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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](mailto:news@fumcorange.org)  
by **Thursday, February 20**,  
so the newsletter can be  
distributed before March 1.

It's a Leap Year! That means we are blessed with one additional day this month, so February gets 29 days. We have a lot of wonderful plans packed into these 29 days. There will be several opportunities for the church to gather together for fellowship.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will meet here at the church to watch the Mardi Gras Parade as it passes by on Green Avenue. After the parade, we will come back to the Family Life Center to share a meal of Gumbo and King Cake.

Then on Tuesday, Feb 25, the youth will be hosting a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper from 6-7:30 p.m. as a fundraiser for their summer camps and activities.

There is nothing like getting together as a whole church for activities. It is easy to forget that we have work to do *together* as the Body of Christ. At the beginning of January, Don and I hosted an open house at the parsonage. Several people commented how nice it was to sit and visit with folks they only see briefly at worship or in passing. We need to continue to look for opportunities to serve together and worship and fellowship together. Your church leaders have some great ideas for the coming year to do just that.

On fifth Sundays, we will all worship at one service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School, and we will have something special planned for worship each time. A time of luncheon will also be part of our special *Fabulous Fifth Sunday Fellowship*. Mark your calendars now for March, May, August, and November. We know that sometimes we haven't communicated as clearly as we could, so we are working to change that.

So with that in mind, we have already calendared other church events well in advance so you can plan ahead to partner with us in ministry and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday is in the final week of February this year. (The day after Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday.") We will have a light supper at 5 p.m. and then join together for worship in the Slade Memorial Chapel at 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Lent is a special season where we choose to grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. With that intention, this year we will be studying together a new book by Rev. Adam Hamilton called *The Walk*. I will teach the weekly lessons in a new small group class at Wednesday Night Live and can add another daytime class if there is a need. I hope that you will consider joining a small group study or reading the book along with us as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and companions on the journey.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Lani

Lord, help us to be a family of faith, to worship you, learn, grow in your likeness, and serve you by serving others. Amen.

# Our Faithfulness

## Worship Attendance Since Last Newsletter

Christmas Eve	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
	10:00.....83	9:00 ..... 81 11:00 ..... 44	9:00 ..... 76 11:00 ..... 44	9:00 ..... 80 11:00 ..... 46
<b>TOTAL 208</b>	<b>TOTAL 83</b>	<b>TOTAL 125</b>	<b>TOTAL 120</b>	<b>TOTAL 126</b>

## Giving

December 2019	You can also give online!
Income.....\$55,305.25	<a href="#">give online!</a>
Expenses.....\$34,423.68	
<b>+ \$20,881.57</b>	

## February Worship

February 2, 2020

Matthew 5:1-12

**The Sermon on the Mount, Part 1: The "Be"-Attitudes**

### COMMUNION

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**

9–Jeff & Sherri Frugé  
11–Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

**9 am Inside Greeters:**

Lauren & Sydney Peet

**11 am Ushers:** Team #1

Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Lynn Fields

**Lay Readers:**

9–Bryce Williams  
11–Sarah Boehme

**Welcome Center Greeters:**

9:30-10–Pat McCombs  
10:30-11:15–Kay Butler

**Welcome Center Bakers:**

Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

The 11 a.m. services will continue to be held in the Slade Chapel!

February 9, 2020

Matthew 5:13-20

**The Sermon on the Mount, Part 2: Salt & Light**

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**

9–Jerry & Susan Pennington  
11–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–Lori Kratzer  
11–Donna Bell

**Welcome Center Greeters:**

9:30-10–**Available**  
10:30-11:15–Suzanne Magee

**Welcome Center Bakers:**

Kay Butler & Dana Sandlin

**Valentine's Bake Sale**

**February 9**



Valentine's treats to be sold from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. (before and after services).

February 16, 2020

Matthew 5:21-37

**The Sermon on the Mount, Part 3: Listening to What Jesus Says**

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**

9–Leighia & Richard Barron  
11–Drew & Annely Domas

**9 am Inside Greeters:**

Julie & Richard Allensworth

**11 am Ushers:** Team #3

Richard Powell, Jerry Windham, Nevella Toal, Vernon Murray

**Lay Readers:**

9–Angela Abshire  
11–Lynn Fields

**Welcome Center Greeters:**

9:30-10–Pat McCombs  
10:30-11:15–Kay Butler

**Welcome Center Bakers:**

Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett



**Fat Tuesday Pancake and Ice Cream Sundae Meal**

Tuesday, February 25  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center

February 23, 2020

Matthew 17:1-9

**Mysterious Happening on the Mountain**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**

9–Dale Dardeau & Ken Wheeler  
11–Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal

**9 am Inside Greeters:**

David & Pie Bridges

**11 am Ushers:** Team #4

Don & Debbie Bayliss, Sarah Boehme, Wayne Mulhollan

**Lay Readers:**

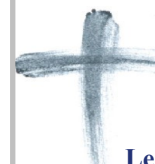
9–Jim Brown  
11–Gwen Whitehead

**Welcome Center Greeters:**

9:30-10–**Available**  
10:30-11:15–Suzanne Magee

**Welcome Center Bakers:**

Bridgett Teaff & Debbie Taylor



**Wednesday, February 26**

**Ash Wednesday**

— Lent Begins  
**Lenten Soup at 5 p.m.**  
**Service at 6 p.m. in Chapel**

**OCS**

**Every 1st Sunday—OCS Collection Sundays**

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

**4th Sundays:** Bring books for Back to School

**2019 Giving**

Income.....\$480,536.06

Expenses...\$485,583.70

**— \$ 5,047.64**



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.instagram.com/fumcora) to 81010

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

## Youth February Activities:

**February 2: No C.R.E.W.**

**February 9: Valentine's Bake Sale**—Valentine's treats to be sold from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. (before and after services).

**February 16: Bonfire at Abshire's House, 5-7 p.m.**

**February 25: Fat Tuesday Pancake & Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser, 6-7:30 p.m.**

## One Word Paintings and Ana Golemon sharing a Mexican Epiphany Cake



## KIDS @ FIRST

Sundays from 5-7 p.m.

Ana and Harry Golemon have volunteered to lead a children's ministry (K-5th grade).

The first night will be Wednesday, February 5.

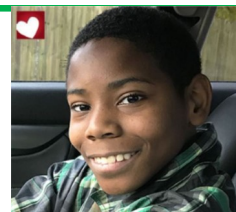


## B.L.A.S.T.

(Believe, Learn, and Share Together)

Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.

Throughout the next year, FUMC-Orange is participating in the "One Child Campaign" and will **pray for Dayton**—a local 15-year-old boy awaiting adoption. On his profile, Dayton says, "When I look in the mirror, I say, 'You're handsome, you're smart, you're funny.' I want a mom and dad and my forever home."





## 2020 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader—Greg Defrates (Chair); Finance—Tom Henry, David Bridges & Betty Merchant; Trustees—Brown Claybar & Sandra Hoke; SPR—Theresa Beauchamp, Jerry Pennington & TBD; Communications—Trisha Anderson; Member at Large—Betty James; Secretary—Suzanne Magee; Pastor—Lani Rousseau

**Deadline for agenda items—2nd Thursday, February 13**

Email to [suzanneM97@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneM97@gmail.com)

**Next meeting—3rd Thursday, February 20, at 6 p.m.**

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

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 (under  
 Resources)



Welcome,  
**Christine Bodin!**  
 She will be a  
 new face in the  
 nursery  
 on Sunday  
 mornings!

The church office received this message recently from one of the volunteers at **First Presbyterian's Soup Kitchen**:

“This is just on my heart today. Many of us are blessed beyond measure. I know that I am certainly blessed. I have been volunteering 4 to 5 days a month at the First Presbyterian Church of Orange in the Soup Kitchen. I began volunteering in May of 2019 and we were feeding between 40 to 50 people. Today we served 81 first helpings and 18 seconds. For many of those served this is the only hot meal they eat in a day. The reason for my post is that the Soup Kitchen runs solely on donations of money. If you find it in your heart to give, it will bless so many people right here in Orange.”

The address is First Presbyterian of Orange  
 Soup Kitchen Donation  
 902 Green Avenue  
 Orange, Texas 77630

If you can volunteer (Tuesday and Friday) to help in the soup kitchen, call the church at 409-883-2097.



Wednesday Night



## Wednesday Night Live

A Time for Christian Fellowship as We Grow into a Stronger Disciple for Jesus.

Light meal at 5 p.m.; classes/service projects at 6 p.m.

### Spring semester classes/activities (begin at 6 p.m.):

- † **Acts** (facilitated by Suzanne Magee)  
 The class will continue using Max Lucado's Acts Bible Study (meets in the Fidelis Parlor).
- † Beginning March 4, Pastor Lani will lead a class on Adam Hamilton's *The Walk*

### February Service Projects

- † 2/5 Tie Blankets
- † 2/12 Tie Blankets
- † 2/19 Pack Care Packages for our Military
- † 2/26 ASH WEDNESDAY (Meal then 6 p.m. service)

Kindergarten through senior high will participate in service projects and begin studies.

### February meals at 5 p.m.:

- ♦ **Feb 5:** Taco Soup  
 —3G (proceed go toward 3G ministries)
- ♦ **Feb 12:** Gumbo  
 —by Charlotte & Ed Foreman
- ♦ **Feb 19:** Taco Salad  
 —by Altar Guild
- ♦ **Feb 26: Ash Wednesday Soup**  
**EACH family** is asked to bring 1-2 cans of vegetables for our "Stone Soup." We will make the soup on Tuesday night February 25, if you can PLEASE bring your veggies by Sunday, February 23, and leave in the Family Life Center Kitchen. THANKS!!

## February Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Feb 5—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.  
Feb 8—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.  
Feb 9—C.R.E.W. Valentine's Bake Sale  
Feb 9-May 3—Unfinished Crafters Bible Study—John  
Feb 10—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.  
Feb 13—Deadline for Council agenda items  
Feb 15—Orange Mardi Gras Parade, meet 5:30 p.m. (Gumbo & King Cake after)  
Feb 17—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.  
Feb 20—Church Council, 6 p.m.  
Feb 20—Deadline for March newsletter information  
Feb 21-23—Ignite Midwinter at Carolina Creek (Youth)  
Feb 25—Fat Tuesday Pancake & Ice Cream Sundae (C.R.E.W Fundraiser), 6-7:30 p.m.  
Feb 26—ASH WEDNESDAY (Lenten Soup at 5 p.m., Service at 6 p.m. in Chapel)

## Upcoming Events:

Mar 15—UM Men Gumbo Fundraiser  
Mar 29—Fifth Sunday Fellowship—ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.; meal; activity  
Apr 4—Art in the Park (visit our 3G booth)

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP



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## Orange's Mardi Gras Parade & Gumbo Saturday, February 15

We will join as a church to watch the Crewes travel down Green Avenue – meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. (parade begins at 6 p.m.).

Following the parade, we will gather at the church and enjoy a hot bowl of chicken gumbo and King Cake.

The Allensworth and Cornell families have cooked the past couple of years. If someone new would like to cook, please let Randall Bridges or Leighia Barron know. THANKS!!!!

## UMM Gumbo Sale

March 15, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Eat in or Take out:

Cup of gumbo w/rice, potato salad, crackers & drink = \$5  
2 cups gumbo w/ rice = \$10  
3 cups gumbo w/ rice = \$15  
Proceeds support local projects.



## C.R.E.W. Valentine's Bake Sale Sunday, February 9

Valentine's treats to be sold from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. (before and after services).



## Fat Tuesday Pancake and Ice Cream Sundae meal

Tuesday, Feb. 25—6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center  
All funds go to youth scholarship fund for summer camps!

## FEB 3G TIP



How about beginning this new year with a new theme:

**Less Is More: Less clutter=more space**

- Eat less food (most of us overeat)= better health. Also less money spent for food=more money in bank account
- Fewer clothes in closet (donate those out of style/don't fit to OCS or Salvation Army)=more closet space, plus you're sharing and helping others
- Carpool when possible=less gas used, some money saved
- Fewer trips (consolidate errands)= more free time or more peace of mind

Think about this concept. It can simplify your life in many ways, maybe even saving some money.

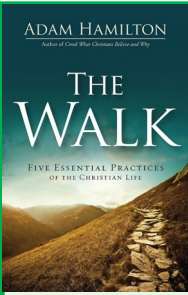


## Mission Project for American Soldiers Churchwide Collection deadline February 16, 2020

We are blessed to have a formerly deployed soldier, Zackery Anderson, give us tips on what servicemen need most when newly deployed.

Our church will be collecting items until February 16 to send to our soldiers overseas. We will gather on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. during WNL to pack the box to mail and handwrite cards and scripture verse cards to include for the troops. You will find a *Camo Collection Basket* in the Family Life Center, Welcome Center, and Chapel. Our troops will need the following items (\*\*high demand):

- \*\*Baby wipes (soft pack)
- Chapstick
- Razors
- Toothbrush
- Tampons
- Feminine Pads
- Black or Brown** Ponytail holders
- Bobby pins
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size conditioner
- Travel size soap
- \*\*Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size shaving cream
- Playing cards



## ***The Walk*** A Church-wide Study for Lent **Examine five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God this Season of Lent**

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

Join us this Lenten season as we take part in this new study by Rev. Adam Hamilton. In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

Pastor Lani will lead a small-group on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm during Wednesday Night Live beginning on March 4. Books will be available with a pre-order through the church office. Let Norma in the church office know how many copies you will need.



### ***Memorials:***

*in Memory of*

*Nancy Finchum*

*Ebb & Kim Moore*

*Jim & Ann Glover*

*Sam & Dee Culpepper*

*Gerald Taylor*

*Ebb & Kim Moore*

*Alice Rothrock*

*William & Kay Butler*

*Richard Powell*

*Mat & Debbie Taylor*

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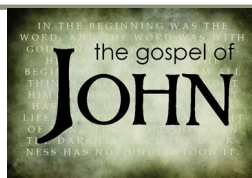
*David & Peggy Claybar*

*Jim & Joanne Pledger*

*Donna Stagner*

*Darrell Finley*

*Chris & Joyce Buchanan*



### **Unfinished Crafter's John Bible Study February 9-May 3 5-7 p.m.**

Unfinished Crafter's is a Sunday evening Bible study group for women. We will be studying the book of John this semester. February 9 will be an introduction to our Bible study, and we will have a craft. You must **RSVP** to Nicole Watzlavik at [mrsjcwatz@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjcwatz@gmail.com) for the February 9 class by Sunday, February 2.

The book of John is a Gospel that was written so that all may believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who gives eternal life. John's gospel uses the word "Believe" 98 times, and the word "Life" 36 times to illustrate the importance that one must believe in order to live eternally.

Please join us this semester on Sunday evenings to learn more about John's gospel.

# Growing Stronger Disciples

## Growing Stronger Families

*Get Them Talking* is a series of resources to help families start conversations about faith during dinner, devotions or anytime. For the next few months, we will share a relevant topic and offer a Bible passage, a short reflection, some starter questions, a prayer, and an activity to help live into what we talk about. Each resource is designed to be used daily or weekly throughout the month. Imagine what your family will learn about God, the church, and each other when you get them talking! They are provided by the United Methodist Church.

**Scripture**—“Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
*1 Thessalonians 5:18, Common English Bible*

### Reflection

Parents often teach their children to say *thank you* at an early age. When the child receives something from a parent, grandparent, sibling or friend, mom or dad will ask, “What do you say?”

As we grow, we learn that gratitude is more than a polite response. It is a way of life. When we live with an attitude of gratitude, we remind ourselves that all that we have – time, faith, family, and more – is a gift from God to be cherished and cared for in the ways God would.

### Get them talking

- ♥ Who taught you to say “thank you”? What are some ways to express gratitude without saying it?
- ♥ Our Bible verse says we should give thanks in every situation. Have you ever had trouble saying thank you? Why?
- ♥ How might caring for others be a way of expressing gratitude toward God?

### Prayer

Thank you, God, for all the gifts you provide. Teach us to give thanks in every situation in both our words and actions. Amen.

### Activity

Have each member of your family share something for which they are thankful. Plan something you can do to express your gratitude by serving someone else. For example, if you are grateful for food, how might you share food with someone who is hungry?

*This devotion was first posted on October 28, 2019.*

## Communication

**News**—Send ONE email to those who work on the bulletins, newsletters, website, social media, print media, calendar, etc. = [News@fumcorange.org](mailto:News@fumcorange.org)

**Prayer Blasts**—Quick way to get prayer requests out  
= [PrayerBlasts@fumcorange.org](mailto:PrayerBlasts@fumcorange.org)

**Prayer Requests**—For confidential prayers, use form on Intercessory Prayer webpage or send email to [PrayerRequests@fumcorange.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@fumcorange.org)

**Church Council**—Send any questions or concerns for Church Council, to [council@fumcorange.org](mailto:council@fumcorange.org) that will go to ALL council members!





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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday- Thursday**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Friday**

8:30 am - Noon

### WORSHIP

**9 am - Praise service in the  
Family Life Center**

**10 am - Sunday School**

**11 am - Traditional service  
in the Chapel**

## 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!