



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 2019

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 next newsletter,
please send it to
news@fumcorange.org
by Monday, Jan. 21,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before February 1.

HOLD ON TO THE JOY

The decorations are down, the tree is put away—so quickly the new year has come upon us whether we are ready or not. You cannot stop time. I feel a calm after the storm. It can be unsettling, even sad, as we put away the decorations.

But we do not have to put away the joy!
The LORD HAS COME!
The gift of Christmas has not left us!

A new year has begun. Our youth will be searching for their guiding word for the year. We too will begin a series focusing on our word as well. Soon our program team leaders will gather for a calendar planning day, a new board will take office, and new Trustees will elect their president—we will be off to the races again!

To help us in this new beginning, I am writing a devotional booklet that will start with our One Word Series. I will produce both paper copies and post each day on our Facebook page. So look for it by January 13 as we begin the ONE GUIDING WORD sermon series. I hope you will enjoy reading it as you get your year started.

First 100 DAYS of 2019: Scriptures to start your year off on the right foot.

Our presidents have made promises of things they hope to accomplish in their first 100 days in office. We will be twisting that idea as a way to focus and begin our new year rooted in scripture! Those who Facebook can see a new one each day on the church Facebook page. Look for the devotional booklet for those who do not get our Facebook page of one-a-day scriptures for the new year that will go along with our New Year Sermon Series.



THANK YOU—Sandra and I thank you for your love and support and gifts of love this year. You have made our separation more bearable in so many ways.

Thank you and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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. 2
9:0077
11:0043
TOTAL 120

Dec. 9
9:00 82
11:00 59
TOTAL 141

Dec. 16
9:00 62
11:00 78
TOTAL 140

Giving

November 2018
Income..... \$32,533.28
Expenses. ... \$54,559.17
— \$22,025.79

You can
also
[give
online!](#)

January Worship

January 6, 2019

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: **Prepare the
Way: FIND**



Epiphany

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack
team & Trish Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters: Greg
Debrates & Lauren Peet

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

Lay Readers:
9:00—Greg Debrates
11:00—Lynn Fields

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Sandra Hoke &
Debbie Bayliss

January 13, 2019

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20
Sermon: **One Guiding
Word: WHY**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack
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—Barbara Dardeau
11:00—Judy Taylor

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Lori Kratzer &
Brittany Allen

January 20, 2019

Scripture: Psalm 139:14
Sermon: **One Guiding
Word: AMAZING**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack
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—Pie Bridges
11:00—Beverly Blalack

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Trisha Anderson &
Ginger Williams

January 27, 2019

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:14-16
Sermon: **One Guiding
Word: HOLINESS**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack
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—Julie Allensworth
11:00—Gwen Whitehead

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Julie Allensworth &
Suzanne Magee

The Church Office be closed
Tuesday, January 1
for New Years.



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

Please pray for our “Family” of the week

Jan. 6	Joyce Kleinknect
Jan. 13	Ruth Mason
Jan. 20	Chris & Jennifer Smith
Jan. 27	Stephen & Theresa Allen



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 Ready, Equipped, and Willing
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 January & Upcoming Activities:

January 6: C.R.E.W. One Word Paintings

January 18 Confirmation Class Visits Temple Emmanuel

January 20: Youth Bonfire at Abshire's House (6-12th graders), 5-7 p.m.

Keep warm in January during our Youth Bonfire.

January 25-26: Hot Hearts

January 27: No C.R.E.W.

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



Thanks to the Goleman's for sharing their traditions and hosting a Posada with us for our Christmas party.



Angela Abshire teaches the kids from Angels & Elves about Jesus



Youth Programming

Would you like to come speak to our youth for 10-30 minutes on a Sunday night?
Contact Randall to share with our Youth.

Can you help feed the youth at 5 p.m. on Sundays?

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

If you are willing to feed the youth, available Sundays for spring include Jan. 6, Jan. 27, and March 24.

Email or call Randall to claim one!



Confirmation Classes January 16 through April 24

Confirmation will be held in Spring 2019 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.

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.

January Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

January 1—Office Closed for New Years
January 3—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
January 7—Good Grief Group, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
January 8—Programming Team Leader Meeting, 4 p.m.
January 9—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.
January 10—Church Council, 6 p.m.
January 12—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.
January 13—Bible Study
January 12—Programming Team Leader Calendar Planning Meeting, 9:30-noon
January 14—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
January 16—Wednesday Night Live Spring semester begins
January 16—Confirmation class begins
January 20—Youth Bonfire at the Abshire's
January 21—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
January 21—Deadline for February newsletter information
January 25-26—Hot Hearts
January 27—2019 Leadership Training, Wesley UMC, Beaumont, 2-6 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:
FUMCOOrangeTX

Upcoming Events:

February 10—Valentine's Bake Sale—Youth Fundraiser

Wednesday Night Live begins January 16

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



Share a Meal at 5 p.m.

January 16—Chili (the Barrons)
January 23—Gumbo (Christian Education Committee)
January 30—TBA

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.

PROGRAMMING TEAM LEADER MEETING Saturday, January 12

Leaders of programs areas will meet
Saturday, January 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon
to plan the first six months of the church calendar. We
will have all lists of people who have signed up at that
time to add to your current lists.

BIBLE STUDY

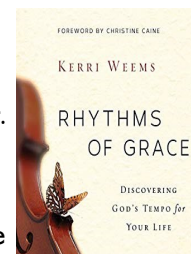
January 13—February 24
Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in the Parlor

Unfinished Crafters will study
*Rhythms of Grace: Discovering
God's Tempo for Your Life* by Kerri
Weems to help ring in the new year.
Rhythms of Grace will help you find
the tools to establish sacred
rhythms in your everyday life so
that the time slots on your schedule
reflect the priorities in your hearts.

Burned out and exhausted, Kerri Weems discovered
that keeping in step with the Holy Spirit, rather than
the world's pressures, means being led rather than
driven.

The study will be from January 13-February 24 (skip
Super Bowl Sunday) in the Parlor from 5-7 p.m.
Bring your favorite drink and a light snack to share,
along with your Bible and a copy of the book.

The first class will cover Chapter 1 and include a
craft (craft details will be emailed to class
participants). Sign up with Nicole at 409-782-6296
and reserve a copy of the book (limited number of
pre-ordered copies). We pray you will begin 2019
setting your priorities with us in God's word.



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

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS COMPLETING THEIR SERVICE ON COUNCIL

David Bridges, Chris Abshire, Ginger Williams, and Barbara Dardeau

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

Deadline for agenda items to secretary Suzanne Magee—1st Thursday—January 3

Next meeting—2nd Thursday—January 10, at 6 p.m.

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

In Loving *Memory* **Memorials:**

In Memory of

Lana Ostermaier

Ron & Bonnie Hopperton

Doris Byrd

Pam Stelly

Rodney & Eunice Barrett

Gerald & Judy Taylor

Sam & Dee Culpepper

Chancel Choir

Robert & Dottie Hoepner

Tim & Joy Hughes

Charlie & Beverly Blalack

Bob Izer

Ron & Bonnie Hopperton

Greg Rogers

Gerald & Judy Taylor

Enola Gholson Voss

Jeff & Patricia Dyson

Welcome our newest Member—Marilyn Martin

Marilyn writes, "I have been a Methodist since my high school days in MYF in the Rio Grande Valley. Coming most recently from FUMC Beaumont, I have enjoyed singing "semi-suprano" in the choir since my husband Raymond and I moved here this summer. We knew no one in Orange, but the choir and Senior Sisters have welcomed us. We are both retired teachers who enjoyed traveling far and wide, but now our itineraries are primarily medically oriented. We have three grown children and a Boston terrier. Our two granddaughters are at Lamar University, and our grandson is somewhere underwater on a nuclear submarine. Our Boston's name is Benny Houdini, so we are never sure where he is!"



Welcome Marilyn (and Raymond)!

Jesus' Love Never Melts



Advent Vacation Bible School

Advent VBS

THANKS to everyone that
volunteered to help with
"Jesus' Love Never Melts"

Congratulations!

To *Bart and Ginger Williams*
on the birth of their grandson
Harbor Jase Williams
born December 4, 2018, to
Jake and Nicole Williams!



Growing Stronger Disciples

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" (Psalm 42.1-2)

This image from Psalm 42 of a deer panting for water has always grabbed my attention. Here is an animal so thirsty that it pants for flowing streams of cool water. Everything in him is calling out for the quenching of his thirst. A deer, which usually is dignified and composed, now runs with his tongue hanging out of his mouth in search for water. The psalm doesn't talk about it, but I picture the deer finding that stream, running into the water, and drinking deep. Drinking, drinking, and drinking until the thirst is quenched. Then, lying down on the bank by the stream he rests, taking time every once in a while to drink deep again.

Sometimes I see people walk into worship on Sunday mornings and I can tell by the look in their eyes, they are panting. They are hungry and thirsty. I see them stand to sing that first worship song and no words come out of their mouth. They just stand with their eyes closed and soak it all in. I see them in the Communion line making that walk to the front. Waiting for them is the best meal I know. Waiting for them is a God who wants to quench that longing of the soul.

There are some Sunday mornings I walk into church before anyone has arrived and find myself panting. Mornings I am hungry. Mornings I feel totally inadequate for the day and job before me. There are mornings when I don't feel that I need to be telling others about God. Instead, I just need God. I will kneel on the gym floor and ask God to fill that place that day, and fill me. As I stop, I often can feel it come pouring down from above.

For a church to mature it must remain hungry and thirsty. For a church to grow and become "self-sufficient," it must become more and more dependent on what God can do and what God wants to give. We never grow out of the desperation for more and more of God. Instead as we grow up we (should) become hungrier for what only God can give. Churches like this become places where the hungry for God can be fed, but who never stop wanting more of God.

How do you think churches can better demonstrate their growing desire for God in worship and mission?

How do we keep our growing churches from becoming content instead of striving for more?

Soul Food for a Growing Church by Jacob Armstrong

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)

Acts of Kindness for January



You often hear about people performing random acts of kindness... they involve spontaneous, selfless good deeds, often performed for total strangers, in order to make their lives a little bit better. If a random act of kindness can do a little good in the world, how much more good can you do if you plan ahead? With a little bit of forethought, you can perform intentional acts of kindness. What are intentional acts of kindness?

Here are a few examples:

- 1) Leave a note in your mailbox for the post carrier, saying thank you and telling him/her how much you appreciate all of his/her hard work.
- 2) Bake a batch of homemade cookies or brownies for a friend who recently did you a favor, or helped you out when you needed it.
- 3) Send a text to each of your top contacts or favorite contacts in your phone, to let them know that they're important to you, and maybe tell them each something that's special about them.
- 4) Go to the house of a friend or relative who may be getting older, or who otherwise has trouble performing certain tasks on their own, and offer to help them out. Change some light bulbs, mow the lawn, clean and vacuum the house, maybe just cook dinner for them. Make a schedule to continue coming back to help them out on a regular basis, say once a month or so.

Life on Fire Newsletter



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**.

2018 1st Quarter Rewards = \$39.93

2018 2nd Quarter Rewards = \$77.99

2018 3rd Quarter Rewards = \$53.04

Thank you to all the households who help FUMC by shopping at Kroger!



5:02 Prayer

"God, we lift First United Methodist Church to you with our prayers.

Please do what we cannot do ourselves, including your changing us without limits.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Senior Sisterhood

enjoyed Christmas
luncheon at
Old Orange Cafe.



Salvation Army Angel Tree Thank You!



God Bless you one and all for your wonderful support for the Salvation Army Angel program! They were so excited when I asked for 35 angel names and were even more thrilled when I delivered your gifts! All of their Angels were adopted this year because of the generosity of Orange County citizens.

What a blessed Christmas for the Salvation Army and these children, as well as others that they serve.

Thank you!!

Carolyn Hillsten and the 3G committee



POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTARS



Thank you to all who helped decorate the altars
in honor and/or in memory of another!

Doris Byrd

In Memory of Darby Byrd

Tad & Terese McKee

In Memory of Clyde & Mary Louise McKee

Gerald & Judy Taylor

In Honor of Our Children

Mat & Debbie Taylor

In Memory of Betty Pace Peveto

Frank & Theresa Beauchamp

In Honor of Our Children & Megan, and
Grandchildren: Georgia, Dale & Annabelle

Doug & Donna Rogers

In Memory of Lana Ostermaier, Greg Rogers,
and Our Parents

Kate Dean

In Memory of Herbert Dean

Wayne Mulhollan

In Memory of Barbara Mulhollan

Nevella Toal

In Memory of E.S. & Virginia White

Drew & Annely Domas

In Memory of Dan Domas, Joe McClellan &
Danny Domas

In Honor of Our Children: Elise, Emily & Luke. and
Grandchildren: Vincent, Charles & Annemarie

Denise St. Pierre

In Memory of Fritz & Mertie St. Pierre

Sandra, Julia & Robert Hoke

In Memory of Michael Hoke

Ray & Wanda Dal Sasso

In Memory of Loved Ones

Richard & Julie Allensworth

In Memory of Jan & Bobbie Ivey

Lynn Fields

In Loving Memory of Arlon Fields

Bobby & Trisha Anderson

In Honor of Sgt. Zackery Anderson

Rodney & Eunice Barrett

In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren

Bart & Ginger Williams

In Memory of Lannie McMillan & Bill Griffin

Chris & Angela Abshire

In Honor of John & Sandra Warren,
Percy & Connie Abshire, Tom Sr. & Sue Stephenson

Jerry Windham

In Memory of Beth Ann Windham

Jerry & Susan Pennington

In Memory of Vernon & Wilma Pennington
& Patsy Graff

William & Kay Butler

In Honor of Richard & Leighia Barron

John & Sandra Warren

In Memory of Our Parents

Archie McLellan

In Memory of Laqueta McLellan & Barbara McLellan

Jeff & Sherri Fruge

In Honor of Our Parents

Noah & Emily Burns

In Memory of Rayford West

Gwen & Sarah Boehme & Family

In Memory of Grandparents & Lawrence H. Boehme Sr.

Betty Merchant

In Memory of Jewel Merchant

Betty James

In Memory of Vernon L. James

Elaine Cooper

In Memory of John Cooper

Ruth Mason

In Memory of Ron Mason & Carl Mason

Sam Mangham & Janet Bland

In memory of Loved Ones

Nana Dardeau

In Honor of Owen, Ellen & Reid

Dale & Barbara Dardeau

In Memory of Luther & Nita Dardeau

In Honor of Our Grandchildren Owen, Ella & Reid
And Our Children: Hayley & Jeff, Lindsey & Keith,
Kelsy & Jordan, & Jaycie

Allen Family

In Memory of Catherine & Cecil Allen

Chris & Jennifer Smith

In Memory of Glen Neswick, Ben & Edith Rhodes

Charles & Donna Bell

In Honor of John & Sandra Warren and

Doug & Donna Rogers

Mary Behnke

In Honor of God's Gift of Christianity

Charles & Beverly Blalack

In Memory of Loved Ones

Jonathan & Leah Vogt

In Honor of The Extended Vogt Family

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten

In Memory of Denise Hillsten Taylor

Wilda Hart

In Memory of Bill Force & Duane Force

In Honor of Brent Force

Christmas Greetings Norma,

Very warm wishes from your friends at Disaster Ministries of the United Methodist Church in Beaumont. We hope this letter finds you, your employees, and your family well.

As we complete our first year of helping our community with recovery from Hurricane Harvey, we wanted to take a moment and share with you how much we value working with FUMC Orange. By having the opportunity to house our volunteers at the Malloy Center, we have gotten to complete repairs on 71 homes in 2018.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you- we hope the new year brings you great joy. Again, we appreciate you and look forward to working with you as we go forward with our work.

Blessings,

Disaster Ministries
Texas Annual Conference

Kera

Linda

Monna

*Have a very
Merry Christmas*

Dalene

Jessica

Kristyn

Maura

Joh

2019 Leadership Training Event

Sunday, January 27
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wesley UMC, Beaumont

3810 N Major Dr • Beaumont, TX 77713

For more information, call (409) 833.9510

All Laity and Clergy are encouraged to attend!



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jill Daniel,
Director of We Love All God's Children

with **Bradley Doherty**, Program
Coordinator at Lakeview MCC

Followed by **two workshop** sessions

Session 1 Workshops • 3:10-4:30 p.m.

- ♦ VBS & We Love All God's Children (WLAGC)
- ♦ Models of Discipleship

The following workshops designed to help chairpersons & committee members understand their roles and duties:

- ♦ Staff Parish Relations
- ♦ Trustees
- ♦ Administrative Council
- ♦ Finance

Session 2 Workshops • 4:40-6:00 p.m.

- ♦ VBS & We Love All God's Children (WLAGC)
- ♦ Evangelism
- ♦ Hospitality
- ♦ Strengthening the Black Church
- ♦ Strengthening the Small Membership Church
- ♦ Technology and Social Media

We Can Do It!

In 2019

Small Church Combined Choir

The Worship Team for TAC 2019 is asking that small membership churches (or churches with a choir of less than thirty members) sign up 3-4 quality singers to participate in a TAC Combined Choir at Opening Wor-



ship on Sunday, May 26, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Hilton Americas Houston. Churches are encouraged to sponsor these choir members to attend Annual Conference. Two rehearsals are required for being in the choir. One rehearsal will be held in each district some-

time in May and the second will be on Sunday afternoon, May 26. An evening meal will be provided by the TAC prior to the service.

Please send the names of these persons, their church name, cell phone number, and email address to Craig Gilbert: craig@theworshipdoctor.com. The deadline to sign up is January 31.

Bishop Meets with Pastors

Bishop Scott Jones will be in our district on **Wednesday, January 9**, to meet with the pastors to discuss what might happen after the vote is taken at the special called General Conference. Pastor John will meet and relay the information to you. Please pray for our delegates and for the Holy Spirit to lead in their work.



CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Read Your Bible 20 Minutes a Day, Every Day
- 2) Go to Church Every Week Without Fail
- 3) Set Aside 15 Minutes Each Day to Pray
- 4) Join a Sunday School Class/Bible Study
- 5) Try Fasting
- 6) Ask a Friend to Church
- 7) Begin Volunteering
- 8) Start Tithing
- 9) Read a Certain Number of Christian Books Each Month
- 10) Memorize Scripture

Source: equippinggodlywomen.com/faith/christian-new-years-resolutions/



Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith
Disciples Growing Disciples

502 NORTH SIXTH ST.
ORANGE, TX 77630

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!