



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JULY 2018

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

## Rev. John E. Warren

Senior Pastor

**Doug Rogers**

Director of  
Worship and Music

**Randall Bridges**

Director of  
Christian Education & Youth

**Donna Rogers**

Organist

**Norma Bergeron**

Administrative Assistant

**Mary Grimes**

**Lisa Hodge**

Nursery Caregivers

### Mission Statement:

*To make disciples  
of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation  
of the world.*

To have information included  
in the July newsletter,  
please send it to  
[news@fumcorange.org](mailto:news@fumcorange.org)  
by Friday, July 20,  
so the newsletter can be  
distributed before August 1.

## We Grow Through Life Changes and Challenges

Sandra and I moved to Orange just six months after getting married. It has been a growing experience for us, and you have been very gracious to us as we grew to know one another and build our lives together. Our move for Sandra brought a new calling and career in teaching. She loves her work, and her students love her as well. LCM High School has been a great experience for her, and we are glad for their support.

Beginning in August, Sandra will embark on a new challenge as she will begin teaching at Marble Falls High School in Marble Falls, Texas. I am happy for her as she expands her knowledge of teaching. She will be living in our home in Wimberley, and we will be living long distance. She will come to Orange once a month, and I will be going to Wimberley usually on Thursday evening and come back Saturday as my day off is Friday and Saturday. Of course, this will be flexible as the calendar holds I am still your pastor and look forward to our ministry together. This is not the first time we have lived separately—she lived in Houston with her father for our first five months, but we are mature and know and trust one another completely and are deeply in love. So I have to say I am so proud of her.

The main question we were asked when we made the announcement at church was “Who gets Astro?” For the time being, Astro will be here because I can come home at lunch to let her out while Sandra will not be able to do that, and we have no fence there just yet. Please keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,  
John and Sandra

## July Sermon Series—WWJS (What Would Jesus Say)

Our world today is filled with challenges, questions and conflicts, judgments and arguments, and opinions and reactions come from all directions. The free speech we enjoy also has its affect upon our lives.

How would Jesus speak to the issues we face today? Find out July 15, 22, and August 5.

We welcome W.C. Hall back to FUMC July 8 and 29 as Sandra and John will be out of town.

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

May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17
9:00 ..... 56	9:00 .....96	9:00 .....99	9:00 .....53
11:00 ..... 53	11:00 .....62	11:00 .....67	11:00 .....59
<b>TOTAL 109</b>	<b>TOTAL 158</b>	<b>TOTAL 166</b>	<b>TOTAL 112</b>

## Giving

May 2018	
Income. ....	\$35,819.95
Expenses.....	\$41,369.04
	<b>— \$5,549.09</b>

You can also [give online!](#)

## July Worship

### July 1, 2018

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43  
Sermon: **From Brokenness to Restoration**

### COMMUNION

**Altar Guild:** Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson

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

**9 am Greeters:** Greg Defrates & Lauren Peet

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

**Lay Readers:**  
9:00—Greg Defrates  
11:00—Gwen Whitehead

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
8:45-10—Lilly Williams  
10-11:15—Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Dina Defrates & Theresa Allen

### July 8, 2018

Rev. W.C. Hall  
Scripture: Luke 5:27-32  
Sermon: **Do You Need a Doctor?**

**Altar Guild:** Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson

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

**9 am Greeters:** Sharon & Randall Bridges

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

**Lay Readers:**  
9:00—Brittany Harmon  
11:00—Judy Taylor

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

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Sandra Hoke & Debbie Bayliss

### July 15, 2018

Luke 7:36-50  
Sermon: **What Would Jesus Say About the Me Too Movement?**

**Altar Guild:** Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson

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

**9 am 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—Barbara Dardeau  
11:00—Sandra Hoke

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

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Lori Kratzer & Brittany Allen

### July 22, 2018

Scripture: Matthew 26:52  
Sermon: **What Would Jesus Say About School Shootings?**

**Altar Guild:** Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**  
9:00—Dale Dardeau & Bart Williams  
11:00—Nevella Toal & Archie McLellan

**9 am Greeters:** Jennifer & Chris Smith

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

**Lay Readers:**  
9:00—Angela Abshire  
11:00—Donna Bell

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
8:45-10—**Volunteer needed**  
10-11:15—Rose Butler

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Trisha Anderson & Ginger Williams

### July 29, 2018

Rev. W.C. Hall  
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21  
Sermon: **Rooted and Grounded in Love**

**Altar Guild:** Beverly Blalack team & Trish Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**  
9:00—Bart & Ginger Williams  
11:00—**Volunteers needed**

**9 am Greeters:** Trisha & Bobby Anderson / Charlotte & Ed Foreman

**11 am Ushers:** Team #5  
Hubert Hancock, Travis Miller, Barry Bates, Don & Deborah Bayliss

**Lay Readers:**  
9:00—Jim Brown  
11:00—Sarah Boehme

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
8:45-10—**Volunteer needed**  
10-11:15—**Volunteer needed**

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Julie Allensworth & Suzanne McGee

**11 a.m. Services will be held in the Slade Chapel**



**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**

**Please pray for our  
“Family” of the week**

July 1	Stephen & Theresa Allen
July 8	Richard & Leighia Barron
July 15	Butch & Shirley Choate
July 22	Robert & Nikki Scott
July 29	Carl & Laura Floyd



## Join us in the Family Life Center!

### Youth Sunday School at 10 a.m.

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

### Sunday Night **CREW** from 5-7 p.m.

Christians **R**eady, **E**quipped, and **W**illing  
Join us for a meal, fellowship, worship, music, skits, games, and Jesus.

### Social Media

Join our text message group to get reminders about upcoming FUMC Youth announcements by texting [@fumcora](https://www.facebook.com/fumcora) to 81010

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

### Youth July Activities:

**July 1: Open Gym** 2-4:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)

**July 5: Help with Feed the Children**, 10-11 a.m.

(Main Office)

**July 6: SPAR Waterpark** (\$12)

**July 8-12: Big Stuf** (Senior High Camp), Panama City Beach, Florida

**July 15: Open Gym** 2-4:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)

**July 18: Swim & Scripture**, Lee's House, 3-5 p.m.

(30 Knotty Pine Lane)

**July 19: Help with Feed the Children**, 10-11 a.m.

(Main Office)

**July 20: Sleep Over** 7:30 p.m.-9 a.m. (Guys @ Peets, Girls @ Abshires)

**July 22: Open Gym** 2-4:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)

**July 25: Swim & Scripture**, Lee's House, 3-5 p.m. (30 Knotty Pine Lane)

**July 26: Help with Feed the Children**, 10-11 a.m. (Main Office)

**July 27-28: Youth Council Retreat**

**July 29: Open Gym** 2-4:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)



Thanks for supporting our car wash fundraiser!

The money has made camp a little cheaper for us!



## Young Adult Group

One goal is to provide a ministry to young adults who are just out of high school, in college, or in their 20's, single and married.

### Got Couch?



They are updating the downstairs youth game room in the Family Life Center and are looking for a couch. If you have a couch you

can provide, please call the office.

For the future, they may be looking for a home for a fall retreat or financial support to organize and reach out to Lamar State College-Orange.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

A college/young adult group is now meeting in the downstairs youth game room in the Family Life Center during the Sunday school hour.



## Youth in Mission

During July, FUMC has scheduled several open gym dates (see above) for youth of the community to gather with our youth for recreation. This was one of our requests from our community survey. Randall will be looking for persons willing to help supervise or enjoy the fun with too!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Kids

### Will Resume in August!

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.





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!



## 2018 First UMC Church Council

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

**Deadline for agenda items to secretary Sherri Frugé—  
2nd Thursday—July 12**

**Next meeting—3rd Thursday—July 19, at 6 p.m.**

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

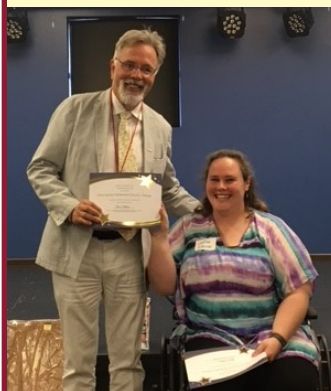
NEW—If you have any questions or concerns for Church Council, you can now send ONE email to [council@fumcorange.org](mailto:council@fumcorange.org) that will go to ALL council members!

### Council News/Update

The June meeting was rescheduled for June 28. Please check the [FUMC website](#) (under Resources) for the Council minutes

### FUMC receives Five-Star Award again!

The hard work and dedication pays off!



Congratulations to Leighia Barren and Randall Bridges and the great number of folks who have elevated our Christian Education at FUMC again this year!

This is FUMC's 7th year to win!

### Summer Mission Project Mondays-Thursdays 9:30 a.m.



From June 4-August 2, FUMC committed to deliver lunches to 42 children four days a week. The Summer Lunch Program Committee members are Susan Pennington, Leighia Barron, Julie Allensworth, Sherri Fruge, Nicole Watzlavik, Ginger Williams, Angela Abshire, and Dina Defrates.

By the newsletter deadline, our third week of meal deliveries was completed and it has gone great, except for one day when all the chips and cookies were taken overnight by an uninvited visitor.

A special thanks to Randall and the Youth Group for their participation and support of the program. Volunteers include 13 members who donated cookies, 14 members who prepared lunches, 9 members who deliver lunches and 9 members who have given monetary donations.

Jerry and Susan Pennington delivered lunches last week, and Susan said it was heartwarming to see the kids and some parents eagerly waiting for their lunches.

You can still volunteer for July! Please send Susan Pennington an email at [spennington@gt.rr.com](mailto:spennington@gt.rr.com), or text her at 409-670-7546 if you can help with cookies, preparing lunches, or delivery. We meet in the Administration Center near the old kitchen where the supplies for the meals are stored.

We hope our connection with these children and families grow.

## **July Events:**

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Monday-Thursday mornings—Summer Mission—Feed the Children  
July 6—Youth to SPAR Waterpark  
July 8-12—Bigstuf Youth Camp, Panama City Beach, Florida  
July 9—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.  
July 14—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8 a.m.  
July 12—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda  
July 16—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.  
July 18-22—Emmaus Women's Walk  
July 19—Church Council, 6 p.m.  
July 20—Deadline for August newsletter information  
July 20—Deadline to volunteer to help with Back-to-School Orange, TX  
July 26—Directory Pictures Make-Up Day, 2:30-8:30 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events:**

August 4—Back-to-School Orange, TX  
August 5—Deadline for Canoe Trip reservations  
August 12—Annual Family Canoe Trip  
August 14—Program Team Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m.  
August 26—Blessing of the Backpacks, Distributing Bibles to 3rd Graders  
August 26—All-American Picnic Luau

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING  
UP**



Like or follow:  
**FUMCOrangeTX**



**Miss your June  
Church Directory  
Photo  
Appointment?**

**Directory Picture  
Make-up Day  
Thursday, July 26**

**Call the church office at  
886-7466 to schedule an  
appointment between  
2:30 and 8:30 p.m.**



**FUMC'S ANNUAL  
FAMILY CANOE TRIP  
Sunday, August 12  
(weather permitting)**

**\$17/person**

To reserve your canoe (first come, first served)  
or if you need a partner,  
contact Angela Abshire at (409) 734-7886!  
(Deadline: Sunday, August 5)

**Vacation Bible School just ended and  
another fun activity is being planned!**

**Mark August 26 on  
your calendars for an**

**ALL-  
AMERICAN  
PICNIC  
LUAU**

**Lunch, games,  
and fellowship.**



## **SENIOR SISTERHOOD**

Every third Monday at 10 a.m.,  
the Senior Sisterhood group  
meets in the Family Life Center. All women in  
the community that consider themselves a senior  
are welcome to attend.



♥ 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)



## CHANGE the WORLD!

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

## BE A MALLOY SHEPHERD!

If you were unable to attend the Malloy  
Shepherd training, it can be done on Sunday  
morning during Sunday School.  
Schedule with the Pastor.

## Back to School Orange County TX and First United Methodist Church

**Big News**—FUMC will be in charge of  
handing out the school supplies for the first  
time!

If you would like to help, please sign up with  
Pastor John **before July 20** in order to get  
a t-shirt. You can sign up during worship  
service in July. Back-to-School Orange will  
be held the first Saturday in August (August  
4) at Lamar State College—Orange.

On Thursday, July 12, you can also  
participate in a fundraiser for school supplies  
at Sabine Ford. Proceeds go to buy school  
supplies.

## 5:02 Prayer Initiative



All church members are asked to pray  
at 5:02 in the morning or evening  
for God to work in and through us:

*"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."*

## Do you shop at Kroger?

Please take 2 minutes to sign up with your Plus  
Card. Once enrolled, you'll earn rewards for First  
UMC-Orange every time you shop and use your  
Kroger Plus Card! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com); click on  
Community-Community Rewards.  
Our church number is 80600.

**2018 1st Quarter Rewards = \$39.93**

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

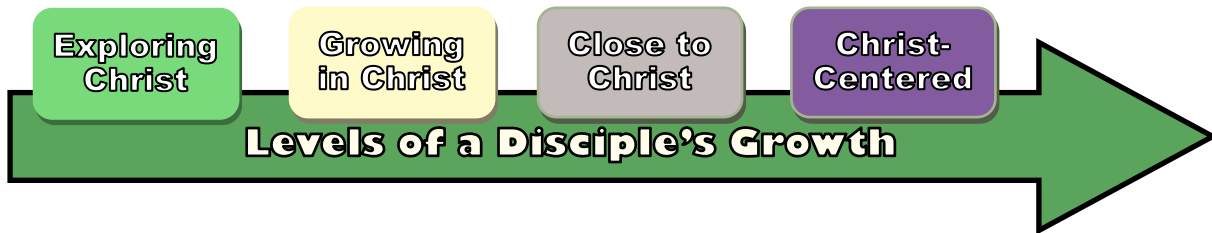


## July Random Acts of Kindness

1. Hand out small American flags.
2. Call or visit a person that lives alone.
3. Praise a child in front of their parents.
4. Turn off your cell phone for a day!!!!
5. Leave out water for the birds and small animals.

## GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

We are overviewing each of the four levels of growth into becoming a stronger Christian Disciple allowing each of us to reflect and grow in our Christian maturity.



### Close to Christ

“Mature believer who desires a deeper level of shared life with others while also seeking ways to unselfishly serve.”

#### Prayers and Devotions:

- I pray regularly with others and for others.
- I engage in spiritual disciplines like fasting, journaling, solitude, Sabbath, scripture memorization, etc.
- I regularly read the Bible to apply God's teachings to my life.

#### Worship and Growth Groups:

- I practice my faith every day of the week.
- Attending worship is a high priority (three out of four Sundays).
- I regularly (three out of four weeks) attend a Growth Group.

#### Tithes:

- I tithe 10% of my income to the church, and I try to manage the other 90% according to God's principles.
- I recognize that God owns everything.

#### Service / Missions:

- I feel equipped to lead a Growth Group or a ministry team at the church.
- I believe God calls me to be involved in the lives of the poor and suffering.
- I regularly serve in ministry using my spiritual gifts.
- I've participated in a short-term local or international mission trip.

#### Witness / Sharing God's Word:

- My behavior and actions reflect my faith.
- I feel fully equipped to share my faith with non-Christians.
- I am comfortable sharing my faith in every aspect of my life.

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## Communication

#### News—[News@fumcorange.org](mailto: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](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)





Congratulations

to the creative

**WATZLAVIK FAMILY!**

They won the

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL**

**VBS DECORATING CONTEST**

**SANDCASTLES!!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 18-22, 2018**

**Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues**

A big thanks to everyone that worked as a volunteer, donated game supplies, food donations, and offered up prayers for a great week.

We had 46 volunteers, including 15 visitors. We served 39 kids, of which 31 were visitors.

The children's daily collection will be given to the Kids' Summer Lunch Mission project.

Thank you from Curt Leger:

First AMC -

When we found out Curt had cancer we were devastated! He had another blow when we learned of the cost associated with his treatment. You all lifted us up with your prayers, phone calls and encouraging cards, as well as a very generous donation toward his treatment.

The love and support we have felt these past few months has been so amazing. God has shown us so many miracles during this trying time. Curt has responded very well to treatment and on the road to complete recovery.

You guys have been an awesome blessing! Thank you from the bottom of our heart!

Curt & Julie Leger





# Jesus Rescues!

