



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JULY 2017

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

Rev. John E. Warren

Senior Pastor

Doug Rogers

Director of
Music & Fine Arts

Randall Bridges

Director of
Christian Education & Youth

Jeff Harris

Donna Rogers
Organists

Norma Bergeron

Administrative Assistant

Samantha Ziller

Nursery Coordinator

Mary Grimes

Lisa Hodge
Nursery Caregivers

Mission Statement:

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

The next newsletter will be for
the entire month of August.
To have information included,
please send it to

news@fumcorange.org
by

Thursday, July 22
so the newsletter can be
distributed before August 1.

Message from Pastor John:

Almost a Year!

My first experience of awaiting a tropical storm in Orange has been a learning experience. So many of you are pros at this waiting game. It gives me such comfort to rely on the wisdom of those who have weathered the storms here before. Working together, we move forward in faith.

This past August you voted to accept the VCI prescriptions and goals placed before us after an extensive study of our church and community needs. We have had some significant groups and work done over the last year, and we are beginning to see some fruit from our efforts.

On Sunday, July 30, we will hold our second Town Hall Meeting as set forth by our Guiding Principles of the Church Council. These principles are posted on the FUMC website under Resources.

This special day includes CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP—meaning we will be worshipping in one service in one place together. The service will be a blended service in the Family Life Center. If you have a favorite song, please let Marcia Brown know—it may become one for the service. (Doug will be on vacation.)

In order not to choose anyone's worship time, we are creating a new time schedule for the day:

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School

10:00 a.m.—Worship

11:00 a.m.—Town Hall followed by Covered Dish Lunch

During the TOWN HALL, we will CELEBRATE accomplishments / talk about where we are and where we need work.

THANKS to ALL (adults and youth) who helped with –

VBS: Leighia Barron, Coordinator (50 VBS volunteers including 12 visitors!)

- **Preschool**—Samantha Ziller, Leighia Barron, Kymber Wagner, Jaya Richard, Alyana Rash, Ruthie Landry (4 of these were visitors)
- **Crew Leaders**—Sharon Bridges, Kaitlyn Morris, Dawson Sandlin, Gracen Shaw; Emily Glover (and friends Allee and Kaylee); Kaylin Abshire; Ashlyn Scott; Trent Brown; DaeLeigh Sandlin; Matt Harrison; Molly Abshire; Albany Wagner; Suzanne McGee; Ian Shaw; Dalayna Sandlin; Rebecca Brown; Alexis Drake; Andrew Glover (8 visitors)
- **Rotation Leaders**—Angela Abshire, Dana Sandlin, Ginger Williams, Barbara Dardeau, Randall Bridges, Aiden Taylor, Elijah Bryant, Connor Ziller, Nicole Watzlavik, Nikki Scott, Theresa Allen, Lori Kratzer, Dina Defrates, Marcia Brown, Gloria Jackson, Sandra Hoke, Betty Merchant, Richard Barron, Kendall Barron, Richard Allensworth, Pat McComb, John Warren (4 visitors)

Sandbagging the church: Jerry, Connor and Samantha Ziller; Chris, Angela, Molly, Kaylin, and Chloe Abshire; Richard, Leighia, and Elvin Barron, Diane McClemore, Kelsey Miles, James Armstrong, Suzanne McGee, Randall and Sharon Bridges, Nathan Crisp, and John Warren



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 28 (Youth Choir)	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Choir Team..... 114	8:00 22 9:00 50	8:00 18 9:00 59	8:00 18 9:00 61	8:00 18 9:00 75
11:00 155	11:00 32	11:00 44	11:00 49	11:00 54
TOTAL 269	TOTAL 104	TOTAL 118	TOTAL 128	TOTAL 147

Giving

May 2017
Income..... \$26,427.24
Expenses..... <u>\$42,947.29</u>
\$ -16,520.05

Remember you can [give online](#) even while on vacation!

July Worship

July 2, 2017

W.C. Hall
Preaching



COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1

8:00 – Kenneth Wheeler,
Jean Whitley, Elaine
Cooper

11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky
Harper, Frank
Beauchamp, John
Cochran

Altar Guild: Sandra
Hoke Team

9 am Greeters: Greg &
Dina Defrates

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Sherri & Jeff
Fruge

11:00 – Sandra Hoke &
Betty Merchant

Lay Readers:

8:00 – Pie Bridges
9:00 – Leighia Barron
11:00 – Gwen Whitehead

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Lori Kratzer &
Brittany Harmon

The church office is
closed July 4.

July 9, 2017

Randall Bridges
Preaching

Ushers: Team #2

8:00 – Pie & David
Bridges

11:00 – Brown Claybar,
Phil Grooms, Jim
Pledger, Ken
Hillsten

Altar Guild: Sandra
Hoke Team

9 am Greeters: Trisha
& Bobby Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Jeff & Susan
Eby

11:00 – Beverly &
Charlie Blalack

Lay Readers:

8:00 – Vernon Murray
9:00 – Julie
Allensworth
11:00 – Theresa
Beauchamp

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Trisha Anderson &
Ginger Williams

July 16, 2017

To Be Announced

Ushers: Team #3

8:00 – Vernon Murry,
Jim Snider

11:00 – John Griffith,
Jerry Windham, Jim
Armstrong, Ron
Hopperton

Altar Guild: Sandra
Hoke Team

9 am Greeters: Julie
& Richard
Allensworth

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Richard &
Leighia Barron
11:00 – Lynn Fields &
Betty James

Lay Readers:

8:00 – Pie Bridges
9:00 – Greg Defrates
11:00 – Sandra Hoke

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Julie Allensworth &
Suzanne McGee

July 23, 2017

To Be Announced

Ushers: Team #4

8:00 – Charlotte & Ed
Foreman

11:00 – Mat Taylor,
Sarah Boehme,
Drew Domas

Altar Guild: Sandra
Hoke Team

9 am Greeters: Cindy
Reynolds & Donna
Benefield

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Barbara & Dale
Dardeau
11:00 – Shirley Hudson
& Nevella Toal

Lay Readers:

8:00 – Ken Hillsten
9:00 – Sandra Warren
11:00 – Beverly
Blalack

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Cindy Reynolds &
Donna Benefield

July 30, 2017

To Be Announced

One Service & Town Hall Meeting

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. – Service
11 a.m. – Covered Dish
Meal
11:30 a.m. – Town Hall
Meeting

Altar Guild: Trisha
Anderson

Greeters:
Gerald Ziller

Parking Lot Greeters:
Bart & Ginger
Williams

Lay Reader:
Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Marcia Brown &
Gwen Whitehead

Staff Away on Vacations/Youth Camps

Pastor John Warren—June 30-July 15 / Doug Rogers—July 24-August 10
Randall Bridges—Camp Eagle (June 30-July 3) & BigStuf Camp (July 13-17)

2nd Sundays

Bring Cans
to Recycle

3rd Sundays

Bring Donations
for Rainbow Room

Please pray for our “Family” of the week

July 2	Linn Cardner
July 9	Gerry & Virginia Decker
July 16	Robert & Ann Edwards
July 23	Nancy Finchum
July 30	Wade Gillet

Every 1st Sunday—OCS Collection Sundays

Give money (in envelope marked OCS) or
place donated items in OCS containers in Family Life Center.
During Communion, all offerings left at the rail
go to **Orange Christian Services.**





Join us in the Family Life Center!

Youth Sunday School at 10 a.m.

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

Sunday Night CREW from 5-7 p.m.

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

Social Media

Join our text message group to get reminders about upcoming FUMC Youth announcements by texting @fumcora to 81010
Facebook: fumcorangeyouth
Instagram & Twitter: @fumcorangeyouth

Youth Have Busy Summer 2017 Planned:

June 30-July 3—Camp Eagle at Rocksprings, TX (6-12th graders) Cost: \$285/person
Zakk Revelle will be leading Camp Eagle through the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John while we are there. We also will have the chance to trust God while doing once in a life time obstacles while we are there! For more information, visit [Camp Eagle](http://camp.eagle).

Youth Swim & Scripture, Sunday nights, 3-5 p.m.

- ♦ July 9—at the Ziller's house
- ♦ July 23—at the Lee's house
- ♦ July 30—at the Lee's house

July 13-17—Big Stuf Summer Camp at Panama City Beach, FL (9-12th graders) Cost: \$393/person
Big Stuff is a camp with quality Biblical teaching, passionate worship, and a beautiful place to be with God. Their mission and vision is to inspire students to live life with Jesus by creating experiences that will make a difference in the lives of students. For more information visit: <http://bigstuf.com/>

July 21-22—Youth Lock In at FUMC-Orange in the Family Life Center, (6-12th graders)
Cost: \$15/person

July 28-July 29—Youth Council Retreat at Tom and Becky Henry's house (Bridge City)

August 6—Kingdom Zoo Visits CREW Youth, 4-5 p.m.

June 10, 2017

Youth attended the Astros Faith & Family Night—Baseball game followed by a MercyMe concert.



June 11-17, 2017

Five FUMC Youth and Randall & Sharon Bridges attended UM ARMY in Alto, Texas.



My UM ARMY Experience

by Noah Burns

"My experience at UM ARMY was a week to remember. UM ARMY was one of the best weeks of my life! I learned so many new skills—not only in construction but in building my faith and keeping strong—physically and spiritually. It makes my heart grow stronger to know that we ministered to the people of Alto, Texas, with our love and hard work. It was a pleasure to work for our clients and to work for the Lord!"





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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon

WORSHIP

8:00a - Traditional service
in the Chapel

9:00a - Praise service in the
Family Life Center

10:00a - Sunday School
(9:40a Pairs & Spares)

11:00a - Traditional service
in the Sanctuary

FIRST UMC-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!



First UMC Church Council

Finance – Chris Abshire & Greg Defrates, Trustees–Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR–Jim Armstrong (Board Chair) & Jonathan Vogt, Communications–Ginger Williams, Lay Leader–Carol Allen, Members at Large–Janice Gresham & Betty Merchant, Secretary–Sherri Frugé, Secretary Assistant–Barbara Dardeau, Pastor–John Warren
Next meeting - 3rd Thursday, July 20, at 6 p.m.; deadline for agenda items - 2nd Thursday, July 13



FUMC
Guiding
Principles
and
Church Council
Meeting Minutes

are [posted on the FUMC website](#)
(under Resources)

Monthly VCI Team Meetings with Coach Marilyn Wadkins

Sunday, July 16:

12:30-1:30 p.m. Vision
1:45-2:45 p.m. Worship Excellence
3:00-4:00 p.m. Community Connection
4:15-5:15 p.m. Space Utilization
5:30-6:30 p.m. Disciple-making

Monday, July 17:

5:00-6:00 p.m. Communications

JUNE VCI NEWS

Malloy Spiritual Enrichment Center—A team is being formed to improve our Malloy Spiritual Enrichment Center. Jeanelle Cochran and John Warren are surveying prior renters to determine needed building improvements. Potential new renters include retired folks in tour groups touring points of interest in Orange and coordinators of ACTS retreats. Nadine Harris is designing a brochure. Sherri Frugé is reviewing the current rules and charges. Jeff Frugé is looking into the mechanical needs such as AC issues and lighting. Anyone interested in helping with the Malloy Spiritual Enrichment Center should contact Pastor John.

Communications—The communication team has ordered a banner for the Welcome Center and are also looking at ordering business cards that can be distributed by church members.

Hospitality—The hospitality team is checking on the progress of our signs, which should be installed very soon.

Worship—The worship team had someone look at our buildings to suggest appropriate changes. The church council approved money for hiring young men to fill needed positions in our traditional choir. Doug will begin searching for these singers.

July 30—2nd Town Hall Meeting—Our Town Hall Update meetings will be on the fifth Sundays—July 30. On that day, Sunday School will meet at 9 a.m. with ONE service at 10 a.m. The Town Hall meeting will be at 11 a.m. with a covered dish lunch to follow. Please plan to attend to ask questions and get updates!

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:4



July Prayer:

Father, as we abide in You, help us to be fruitful branches so that we may reach out and serve according to Your will. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

July Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

All Month—Collect Items for Back-to-School Orange (personal hygiene kits with items such as deodorant, combs, or hairbrushes.)

June 30-July 3—Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, TX (Youth)

July 2—LifeShare Blood Drive

July 13—Deadline to submit agenda items to Church Council

July 13-17—BigStuf Summer Camp, Panama City Beach, FL (Youth)

July 20—Church Council

July 22—Deadline for information for July newsletter

July 30—5th SUNDAY—Sunday School at 9 a.m.; ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the 2nd VCI Town Hall meeting

Upcoming Events:

August 5—Back to School Orange

August 6 or 13—Canoe Trip (dates still tentative)

August 27—Blessing of the Back Packs / Promotion Sunday / Bibles to 3rd graders



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP



Like or follow:

FUMCOrangeTX

Congratulations to our VBS Robot Design Contest Winners

Chloe Abshire—Grand Prize
Best Silver Barbie

Will Kratzer—Best Chillin' Ready for Summer

Elvin Barron—Best Cancer Awareness
Joshua Waltzavik—Best Use of Pinchers
Darian Sandlin—Best Ready for Work
Ella Burns—Best Super Hero—The Flash

Bryce Williams—Best Little Warrior
Dara & Braylee Grooms—Best Largest Pink

Trish and Bobby Anderson—Best Patriotic



FUMC'S Annual Family Canoe Trip



Mark your calendars for early in August. Angela Abshire has volunteered to coordinate this annual event.



On May 28, the Prime Time Youth Choir from Christ UMC College Station provided a concert for our service. One hundred voices of 7th-12th graders!

Women's Summer Bible Study



The Women's Summer Bible Study kicked off **Wednesday, June 28**, at Misti Groom's home (1504 Lindenwood Drive). The group meets each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. until the last class on August 2. Share a meal and fellowship the first 30 minutes.

This year we are studying Beth Moore's *Entrusted, A Study of 2 Timothy*. The study guide costs \$13.

If you need a ride, please let Nicole know (mrsjcwatz@gmail.com or 782-6296), and she will arrange a ride for you.

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.



On June 19, the Sisters toured the Museum of the Gulf Coast followed by lunch at Luby's.



♥ 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
(886-7466)

Ministry Service Opportunities

Caring Ministry Team—Send out cards to
our sick and homebound once a month.

Malloy Center Team—Serve as a
Shepherd.

Kitchen Team—Keep the kitchen in order.

Church Maintenance Team— Help with
small repair projects at the church
(changing light bulbs, etc.)

Call church office at 886-7466 to serve!

Back to School Orange Items (#4 below) collected at ALL JULY services!

Back to School Orange is set for Saturday, August 5.
The goal is to distribute 1,100 school supply kits this
year, including pre-K kits.

First UMC-Orange can contribute and support the
event in any of these ways:

- 1) Encourage any Orange County child to pre-
register.
- 2) Support the barbecue fundraisers this summer.
- 3) Volunteer for line control during the event.
Committed volunteers need to provide their
shirt size (for Back-to-School t-shirt) to Angela
Abshire and will need to attend the volunteer
walk-through on Thursday afternoon, August 3.
- 4) Volunteer to work our First UMC Orange
table. Wear your personal First UMC Orange
shirt. We distribute **personal hygiene kits with
items such as deodorant.**
- 5) Donate items (see #4) to distribute at our
table.

Do you shop at Kroger?

**1st Quarter Rewards =
\$65.07**

Check August newsletter to
see 2nd Quarter Rewards!
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; click on
Community-Community
Rewards. Our church number
is **80600**.

Scribes Take Up Their Pens

Help with Office Correspondence
An hour once a month on
Monday or Tuesday.

July 3	Elaine Cooper
July 10-11	Louise Fuselier
July 17-18	Carol Izer
July 24-25	Betty James
Jul 31-Aug 1	Carolyn Spiers
Aug 7-8	Donna Bell
Aug 14-15	Isabell Burke
Aug 21-22	Deborah Bayliss

If unable to attend at the
scheduled time, please trade
with someone on the list.
Thank you for serving!



Welcome Center Greeter

Once a month, serve as a Welcome Center Greeter. Choose
from 8:45-10 a.m. OR from 10-11 a.m.

A Greeter welcomes members and guests, assists by answering
questions, passes out brochures, directs people to their
destinations (nursery, sanctuary, etc.), and makes sure food is
replaced when necessary. (Every Sunday, Ricky Harper sets up
and makes the coffee, and he cleans up after 11.)

If you can serve regularly one Sunday each month, please text
or call Ginger Williams at 882-4657 or email Priscella Burns at
pburns@gt.rr.com.

VBS 2017 THANKS!

The DiscipleMakers (Christian Education) Committee thanks
everyone who helped with Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible
School. Thank you for your prayers, donations, and your
service. This year, we had 74 kids (63 visitors), 25 youth, and
25 adult volunteers (12 youth/adult visitors). Besides Tropical
Storm Cindy coming to town, we had an AWESOME time!!!!
It is always exciting to see children coming to church to learn
more about Jesus.

Leighia Barron's God story from VBS: *I asked a teen if she
wanted to help us as a crew leader. She quickly said yes, she
would love too. Before the kids left on Tuesday, she came and
found me to ask could she please come back on Wednesday
and help again. Of course, that was a big YES!*





Memorials:

Marilyn Powell

Donald & Deborah Bayliss

Gus & Sue Harris

Jerry & Beth Windham

Mr. Clifford Burrows

Gwen Burrows

Dorothy Henry

Lance & Terry George

Martha "Jean" Beasley

(Becky Henry's mother)

Lance & Terry George

Communication

News—News@fumcorange.org

When you have something you want others to know about, now you can send ONE email to those who work on the bulletins, newsletters, website, social media, print media, calendar, etc. *Be sure to include enough information so that it can be correctly publicized!*

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

BUILDING STRONG DISCIPLES

What is a disciple? How are they formed? And most importantly: Why are we called to make them?

Do we believe that the world needs more disciples? Have we been the kind of disciples that Jesus called? Do we reflect what Jesus taught? **Making disciples starts first with being disciples.**

Disciples are generous, they worship daily, they are outward focused, they serve in the world around them, and disciples are always growing in their faith. Being a disciple, following Jesus, and growing as a disciple is not something we check off a list, it is not made up of things that we have to do. Once we encountered the living Christ, being a disciple is something that we cannot help. Sometimes we forget this. Sometimes we forget why we became a follower of Jesus in the first place. Our church and our world doesn't need more programs, or checklists, or guilt trips, we need more people following Jesus. **We need more disciples.**

Discipleship Ministries believes that for too long The United Methodist Church has looked for a quick fix to help guide our discipleship efforts. Therefore, we are called to be in relationship with the communities that surround our churches. We are called to recapture a spirit of movement. We must shift our thinking from fixing churches to true discipleship. Check out <http://www.seeallthepeople.org/> to these and other important questions as we seek to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church - **To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Discipleship Ministries is an agency of The United Methodist Church @ 2017 Discipleship Ministries. Check out their Face Book too.



*No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*

Each month, the DiscipleMakers (formerly Christian Education) will list several Random Acts of Kindness that we all can do in our community. These hands-on mission opportunities can serve as a testimony to our love—our love for God and our love for neighbor. Be the Light of the World through your service to others.

Random Acts of Kindness for July:

- Send a thank-you card to a VBS Volunteer
- Write a positive sticky note and leave for a family member or friend
- Be kind to your server at a restaurant—Make an effort to make eye contact with the person serving you. Smile. Ask how they are doing. They are often dealing with many things behind the scenes both personally and in their job that the customer never knows about. Begin to build a relationship that can lead to you sharing your faith with them – inviting them to church, etc.
- Bring a donation to the Blessing Box
- Leave quarters at a laundromat