



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE 2018

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 July newsletter,
please send it to
news@fumcorange.org
by **Wednesday, June 20,**
so the newsletter can be
distributed before July 1.

United Methodists, Bishop Respond to School Shooting

By Sherri Gragg . Date Posted: 5/18/2018

The mother of a United Methodist district superintendent was at Santa Fe High School where 10 people, most of them students, were killed on May 18. The Rev. Alicia Coltzer-Besser said her mother, 76-year-old Margaret Henck, was among those who fled with students to the sound of gunfire. A 17-year-old boy carrying a shotgun and a revolver opened fire at the school. The suspect, who was in custody, also had explosive devices, authorities said.

Henck, who has served as a substitute teacher in Santa Fe High School for many years, was leading her students out of the building while assisting a wheelchair-bound student, when another teacher approached her with the news of the shooter. "My mom is elderly and has a bad ankle. The teacher took her by the arm and said, 'We are going to run. When I say drop, you drop,'" Coltzer-Besser said. Coltzer-Besser said that her mother dropped to the ground and the other teacher lay his body over hers to shield her. Both teachers ultimately made it to safety, along with their students.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Department reports 10 fatalities, nine of whom were students. Two law enforcement officers are among the injured. Other United Methodists responded quickly, with a local church announcing it would open to offer the community a place to pray on May 19. Bishop Scott Jones of the Texas Conference issued a statement calling the shooting "a cruel and senseless act of violence." "I grieve, pray and weep with the families of the victims at Santa Fe High School and others involved," Jones said.

Authorities have warned the public to exercise extreme caution, as multiple explosive devices — including pipe bombs and pressure cooker IEDs — have been found both on and off the school campus. Citizens are urged to report any "suspicious items" to law enforcement immediately.

The Rev. Yohan Baek, pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Santa Fe, opened the church sanctuary Saturday morning, May 19, between 9 a.m. and noon, to provide the community with a place to pray and grieve. The Rev. Vincent Harris, South District superintendent, will join Baek to meet with families and learn how The United Methodist Church can best help. Coltzer-Besser is deeply grateful for her mother's well-being, but the family and entire community have taken their first steps on a journey dark with grief. "This is a small community," Coltzer-Besser said, "Everyone will know someone who was lost. They will know the shooter ..."



**Sunday, June 3:
Self-Assessment Forms Due to Church Office or Offering Plate!**

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

April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
9:00 103	ONE SERVICE	9:00 91	9:00 58
11:00 53	11:00 120	11:00 69	11:00 60
TOTAL 156	TOTAL 120	TOTAL 160	TOTAL 118

Giving

April 2018	You can also give online!
Income. \$57,324.04	
Expenses. \$39,153.70	
+ \$18,170.34	

June Worship

June 3, 2018

Scripture: TBA
Sermon: **TBA**

June 10, 2018

Scripture: TBA
Sermon: **TBA**

June 17, 2018

Scripture: TBA
Sermon: **TBA**

June 24, 2018

Scripture: TBA
Sermon: **TBA**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00–Leighia & Richard Barron
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–Beverly Blalack

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45–10–Amanda Garcia
10–11:15–Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center Bakers:
Bridget Teaff & Debbie Taylor

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal 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–Leighia Barron
11:00–Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45–10–Lilly Williams
10–11:15–Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Dana Sandlin & Priscella Burns



Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00–Jeff & Sherri Frugé
11:00–Drew & Annelly 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–Julie Allensworth
11:00–Lynn Fields

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Gloria Jackson & Leighia Barron

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00–Dale & Barbara Dardeau
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–Lori Kratzer
11:00–Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Greeters:
8:45–10–Volunteer needed
10–11:15–Rose Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Sandra Warren & Barbara Dardeau

11 a.m. Services will be held in the Slade Chapel June through Labor Day.

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.**

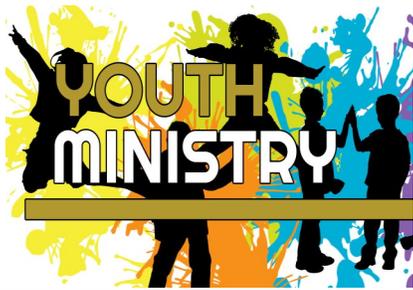
2nd Sundays—Bring Cans to Recycle

3rd Sundays—Bring Donations for Rainbow Room

4th Sundays—Bring Items for Blessing Box

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

June 3	Edee Risher
June 10	Jim & Marilyn Snider
June 17	Ron and Bridgett Teaff
June 24	Kenneth & Beth Wheeler



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.instagram.com/fumcora) to 81010

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

Youth Activities:

June 3: Car Wash (Camp Fundraiser)

June 18-22: VBS, 9-11:30 a.m.

July 8-12: Bigstuf Youth Camp, Panama City Beach, Florida

CAR WASH—JUNE 3

Youth are having a Car Wash on Sunday, June 3. Funds raised will help with summer camp costs.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18-22, 2018

9-11:30 a.m.

Preschool through 5th grade

This year's theme is
**Shipwrecked:
Rescued by
Jesus!**



**ALWAYS looking for
VOLUNTEERS!!!**

- ◆ **CREW Leaders (15 needed)**—lead the crews (kids) around to the different stations (have 7 volunteers now). Youth, please let Randall know if you can help—we need you!!
- ◆ **Snack Leaders**—Thanks to Cindy Reynolds and Donna Benefield for volunteering to help with snacks!
- ◆ **Cupcake Preparers**—Volunteers to help prepare snacks for Thursday (white cupcakes)—if you can help, please call Leighia or Randall
- ◆ **Decorations**—Looking for driftwood, shells, any beach finds!

2nd Annual Decorating Contest: Sandcastles!!



Sandcastles need to be at church by
Sunday, June 17.

Please make a sandcastle from recyclables.
Be as creative as you want.

They will be added to our decorations on
the stage and in the Family Life Center.

1st 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
 Communications—Ginger Williams
 Members at Large—Barbara Dardeau, Suzanne Magee & Betty Merchant
 Secretary—Sherri Frugé
 Pastor—John Warren

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

**Deadline for agenda items to secretary Sherri Frugé—
 2nd Thursday—June 14**

Next meeting—3rd Thursday—June 21 at 6 p.m.



WE LOVE ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN
 read • learn • live

Summer Mission Project
**Mondays-
 Thursdays**
June-July, 2018

Doug Rogers Expands Job Duties

Starting in May, Doug's new job title became **Director of Worship and Music**. His job duties include

- overall coordinating and executing all worship services, traditional and praise
- providing direction for Altar Guild, Ushers, 3rd parties
- defining the appropriate music for all services
- leading the Praise Team, Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and Children's Choir
- maintaining audio and visual equipment used in worship as well as musical instruments
- other specified events (Annual Fundraiser, etc.) and responsibilities of a periodic nature.

FUMC receives Five Star Award!



The hard work and dedication pays off!

During Annual Conference at the end of May, Pastor and FUMC delegate Betty Merchant added ribbons to their nametags to proudly display our Five Star church status!

June 3 Deadline!

Each group, committee, Sunday school class, church council, etc. needs to complete the **self-assessment form** and return it to the office or offering plate by June 3, 2018.

The Guidelines and the Self-Assessment form are [on the FUMC website under Resources](#).

Please complete it with your team getting input from everyone in your group, returning only one form of combined answers. This information will help our church evaluate current ministries as well as future needs.

June Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

June 3—Youth Car Wash
June 6—Discipleship Meeting, 4 p.m.
June 9—Art in the Park, Visit the FUMC 3G booth
June 9—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8 a.m.
June 11—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
June 11—Missions, 5:30 p.m.
June 14—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
June 14—Back to School Community Planning Meeting, 5:30-6:30, LSCO Student Center
June 17—Deadline for VBS Sandcastle Decorating Contest
June 18-22—VBS, 9-11:30 a.m.
June 18—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
June 20—Deadline for July newsletter information
June 21—Church Council, 6 p.m.
June 25-27—Church Directory Pictures Taken

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:
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Upcoming Events:

July 8-12—Bigstuf Youth Camp, Panama City Beach, Florida



New Professional Church Photo Directory

Picture Dates:
June 25, 26, and 27

3G NEWS



Currently, we are recycling **ONLY** aluminum cans. Please rinse them before you bring to the church as a collection place.

We have a booth at **Art in the Park on Saturday, June 9**, (rescheduled from April). Volunteers are welcome to help us hand out recycling info.

Do you or your family have a story or experience about recycling you'd like to share? We'd love to hear about it. Please contact Carolyn Hillsten at 409-670-7145 or ckhillsten@att.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18-22, 2018

9-11:30 a.m.

Preschool through 5th grade

This year's theme
is
**Shipwrecked:
Rescued by
Jesus!**



Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

PLEASE visit the church's webpage and share the VBS post with friends and family. Share the post directly to their FB page with a personal invite, give them a call, volunteer to pick them up for VBS—
SPREAD THE WORD!!

♥ 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)

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.”

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.

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; 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!

In Loving Memory

Memorials:

In Memory of

Melba Flippen

Judy & Gerald Taylor

If we all do one random act of kindness daily. We just might set the world in the right direction.



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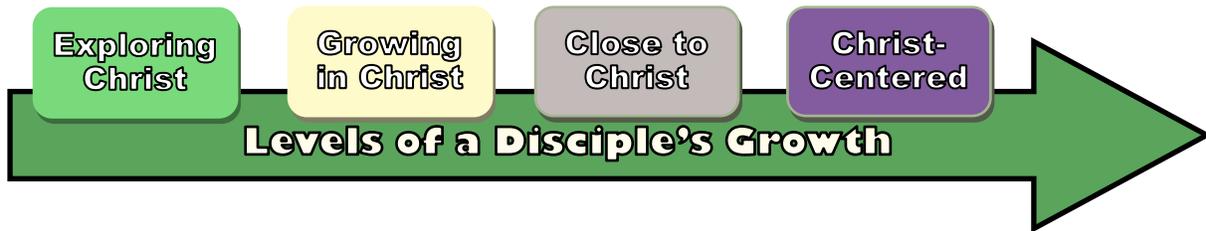
June Random Acts of Kindness

A couple of these are not so random – but much needed:

1. Buy a BibleStory book from the Dollar General - will be placed in the lunches for kids this summer.
2. Bake cookies for the kids' lunches
3. Smile and say hello to a stranger – especially when standing in line at the grocery store
4. Invite a friend to VBS and STAY to help
5. PRAY for the Kids' lunch program and Vacation Bible School as we reach out to the children in our community

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.



Growing in Christ

“I believe in Jesus and I am working on what it means to get to know Him.”

Those **Growing in Christ** are moving from an intellectual acceptance of Christ to a relationship characterized by interaction and intimacy—it is the most dramatic shift on the spiritual continuum. It is within this movement that faith travels from the head to the heart; where the word personal begins to describe how people relate to Jesus in their daily lives. No longer abstract or distant, Christ becomes, instead, a real person—someone they depend upon for guidance, wisdom and encouragement in the course of everyday events.

Those Growing in Christ are developing a routine of personal spiritual practices that make space and time for a growing intimacy with Christ. These newest-to-the-faith believers are typically huge fans of churches that foster spiritual growth. A key characteristic of those in this segment is that they represent the largest segment on the spiritual continuum—38 to 50 % of church membership. (MOVE by Greg Hawkins, pp. 50-53.)

Those in the Growing in Christ segment are indeed making progress, moving from an acknowledgement of God that was largely irrelevant to their daily lives to a personal relationship with him that directly impacts their everyday experiences.

1. Believe in a personal God—I believe that God is actively involved in my life.
2. Praying to seek guidance daily
3. Reading and Reflecting on Scripture frequently—beginning to journal your thoughts
4. Having six or more meaningful spiritual conversations with non-Christians in a year
5. Tithing (giving ten percent or more to the church)
6. Servanthood through church activities—both in the church and the community
7. Attendance in Small Groups
8. Ready for great spiritual advances and impact in the church

(from MOVE by Greg Hawkins, pp. 48-64.)

Reminder: Individual spiritual growth is not linear or predictable. Each individual will follow a unique growth pathway. Growing and moving forward

Communication

News—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