

Disciples Growing Disciples

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE 2019

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

Rev. John E. Warren

Senior Pastor

Doug Rogers Director of Worship and Music

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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 Thursday, June 20,** so the newsletter can be distributed before July 1.

GOOD-BYE THANK-YOU NOTE

I am finding this hard to do. Always before, I had a new church and relationships waiting in the wings; but I have trusted God with my life and I won't stop now. I have had the honor and privilege of being in ministry with you for eight years. For the first time, I had the joy of having a wife, Sandra, by my side. I don't know how I did it without her. I have to be honest and say there were days that I didn't feel honored or blessed to be here. There were days early on when I thought I was being punished, but realize now we were just being refined together.



Thank you for trusting me to lead and experiment mission and ministry with you. Not every church would be open to dumping a truckload of potatoes in their parking lot or having a Lenten Trial of Judas! Thank you to the staff and wonderful people I have had to work with. We have a great team effort. Thank you for your support—you proved the rumors wrong. Thank you for your hard work of forgiveness and moving forward. Thank you for the strides you have taken and the many, many hours of work through VCI. You don't realize how labor intensive a contemporary service is until you are involved; many weeks of having two practices plus coming in at 8 a.m.

This church has so many heroes! I feel blessed to have worked with you—Carol Allen, Gwen Boehme, Ruby Parks, Leighia Barron, and Ron Hopperton—so many, many amazing people. Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to fine folks like John Haynes, Darby Byrd, Bill Bailey, Mike Hoke, Charles and Christy Day and Chris, Mary Louise McKee, Hubert Hancock, etc. I laugh inside every time I remember Laquita McLellan telling me she has something that is fake, too.

I thank the families who work with our youth and confirmation mentors—you are so important to our children. Thank you to our Sunday School class who allowed Sandra and me to be us! Thanks to the guys who rescued me from girls night out. Thanks to all of you who shared a meal with me when Sandra headed for the hills!

See more thanks from both John and Sandra in newsletter.

Always seek Christ. Always show love. You are the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ—act like it, be like it, live it. There is too much negativity in the world. Be the refreshing word of love. That is my prayer for you and the WHOLE United Methodist Church.

Blessings! John

Saturday, June 1—John's Retirement reception, 2-5 p.m., Family Life Center

Sunday, June 2—John's farewell message—ONE service at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center (elevator to Sanctuary not working)

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 | | | | | |
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| Worship Attendance Since Last Newsletter Giving | | | | | |
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| June Worship | | | | | |
| | June 9, 2019 Stephen Greer Scripture: John 15:10-15 Sermon: A Friend Indeed | | <u>June 23, 2019</u> Rev. W. C. Hall Scripture: Genesis 45:2-11, 15 Sermon: Forgive but Don't Forget | June 30, 2019 Rev. W. C. Hall Scripture: Matthew 7:24-2 Sermon: Saying and Doing | |
| ONE SERVICE at 11 a.m. in the | Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson | Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson | Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson | Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson | |
| Family Life Center | Parking Lot Greeters: 9–Susan & Jeff Eby 11–Charlie & Beverly Blalack 9 am Inside Greeters: | Parking Lot Greeters: 9–Jeff & Sherri Frugé 11–Drew & Annely Domas | Parking Lot Greeters: 9–Dale Dardeau & Ken Wheeler 11–Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal | Parking Lot Greeters: 9–Bart & Ginger Williams 11–Volunteer Opportunity | |
| COMMUNION Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson | 11 am Ushers: Team #2 Brown Claybar, | 9 am Inside Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth 11 am Ushers: Team #3 | 9 am Inside Greeters: Chris & Jennifer Smith | 9 am Inside Greeters: Trisha & Bobby Anderson | |
| Parking Lot Greeters: 11–Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant | Phil Grooms, Ken Hillsten, Betty Merchant | John Griffith, Jerry Windham, Nevella Toal, Vernon Murray, Richard Powell | 11 am Ushers: Team #4 Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas, Wayne Mulhollan | 11 am Ushers: Team #5 Travis Miller, Barry Bates, Don & Debbie Bayliss | |
| 11 am Ushers: Team #1 Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, | Lay Readers: 9–Jim Brown 11–TBA Welcome Center | Lay Readers: 9–Leighia Barron 11–TBA | Lay Readers: 9–Tom Henry 11–TBA | Lay Readers: 9–Barbara Dardeau 11–TBA | |
| Jean Whitley L ay Readers: 11–Sandra Hoke | Greeters: 9:30-10–Volunteer Opportunity 10-11:15–Suzanne | Welcome Center Greeters: 9:30-10–Pat McCombs 10-11:15–Kay Butler | Welcome Center Greeters: 9:30-10–Volunteer Opportunity | Welcome Center Greeters: 9:30-10–Volunteer Opportunity 10-11:15–Volunteer | |
| Welcome Center Greeters: 9:30-10—Pat McCombs 10-11:15–Kay Butler Welcome Center | Magee Welcome Center Bakers: Dana Sandlin & Priscella Burns | Welcome Center Bakers: Gloria Jackson & Leighia Barron | 10-11:15–Suzanne Magee Welcome Center Bakers: Sue Stephenson & | Opportunity Welcome Center Bakers: Dina Defrates & Theresa Allen | |
| Bakers: Bridget Teaff & Debbie Taylor | | FATHER'S DAY | Barbara Dardeau Please p | ray for our | |
| Give money (in en donated items in Life Center. During | Every 1st Sunday— S Collection Sundays velope marked OCS) or pla OCS containers in the Fam Communion, all offerings ange Christian Servic | ily left Interview Bring Donation | June 2 Edee Ri June 9 John & June 16 Ron & E June 23 Kenneth | of the week | |



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* to 81010

Facebook: fumcorangeyouth Instagram & Twitter: @fumcorangeyouth

Youth June & Upcoming Activities:

June 2: Safe Sanctuary Training, 10 a.m.

If you haven't been Safe Sanctuary trained in the last two years and want to work with youth and children, you need to be trained. Safe Sanctuary is a policy that promotes child safety. All adult leaders in our church are required to certify that they are familiar with the policy and will follow it when working with children and youth in the church.

June 17-21: Big Stuf (Sr. High), Panama City Beach, Florida

June 24-27: Vacation Bible School

June 28-July 1: Camp Eagle (Jr. High)



Youth Car Wash

Thanks to all who supported our Youth Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, May 19.



1st Methodist Kids

Will Begin Again in the Fall! 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.



Have you always wanted to see the Holy Land but can't travel there?

Join the New Beginnings Sunday School class through the summer as we journey



with Ray Vander Laan to the Holy Lands. His fascinating video Bible studies, filmed on location in the Holy Lands, brings the Word to life with astounding relevance.

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.







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

Deadline for agenda items to secretary Suzanne Magee—1st Thursday—June 6 suzanneM97@gmail.com

Next meeting—2nd Thursday—June 13, at 6 p.m.

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

FUMC Guiding Principles and Approved Church Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the UMC website (under Resources)

John's final official Sunday with FUMC will be on Sunday, June 2.

Rev. John Warren's Retirement Reception Saturday, June 1, 2019 2–5 p.m.

John will be retiring after having had a very full ministry. He and Sandra will begin a new chapter in their life in Wimberly

> On <u>Saturday, June 1, from 2–5 p.m.</u> <u>in the Family Life Center</u> we will be celebrating John and Sandra.



This will be a gathering of their immediate family, their church family, and their ministry family. Please come join the festivity as we recognize and thank them for all that John and Sandra have done for our church. Hope to see you all there.

It has been eight years since John and Sandra began their journey in Orange. In that time, FUMC has become a family of faith. We have worshipped, learned about living God's mission, and grown as a body of Christ. With John's leadership, we have served God by serving the community in many ways. Now, it is time to show them our appreciation for all that they have done.

For the reception on June 1, some help from the entire congregation is still needed:

• Volunteers to help serve and clean up

Please contact either Greg Defrates or Trisha Anderson if you would like to help.

Additionally, we will be collecting a love offering to help John and Sandra as they remodel their new home in Wimberly.

June Events:

See full calendar on church website

- June 1—Farewell Gathering for John and Sandra Warren, 2-5 p.m., Family Life Center
- June 2—John's last service as Pastor at First United Methodist-Orange—ONE SERVICE at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center (elevator to Sanctuary not working)
- June 2—Safe Sanctuary Training, 10 a.m.
- June 3-Good Grief Group, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- June 5—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.
- June 6-Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
- June 8—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- June 10—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
- June 17—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
- June 17-21—Sr. High Youth to Big Stuf Camp
- June 18—Church Council, 6 p.m.
- June 20—Deadline for July newsletter information
- June 24-27—Vacation Bible School
- June 28-July 1—Jr. High Youth to Camp Eagle

Upcoming Events:

July 1—Pastor Lani Rousseau begins at First United Methodist-Orange July 14—Phil & Debbie Jones—Sunrise Ministries, 6 p.m., Family Life Center Aug 8-10—FUMC/OCP Dinner Theater (see below)

Vacation Bible School is June 24-27 from 9-11:30 a.m.



Please invite your family and friends to come join the fun!! (Ages preschool through 5th grade)

> This year's theme is the African Safari. We can use help with decorations: Stuffed animals (elephants, tigers, lions, zebras, and giraffes); African print material, Safari hat, and anything that you think looks like the African Savannah. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

> We are starting to collect items now in the first Sunday school class on the right by the Welcome Center. Please let Randall or Leighia know if you can volunteer your time that week and/or if you have any decorations we can use.

ALWAYS looking for VOLUNTEERS!

We need volunteers to lead the crews around to the different stations and volunteers to run those stations.

YOUTH – please let Randall or Leighia know if you can help!!

A very special thanks to the volunteers that have already said YES!!!!!

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Their mission is to share God's loving kindness and healing power through an alive and exciting Christian ministry of music, witness, and prayer that engages the soul and inspires the mind.

This will be an awesome opportunity to come together for a night of fun and fellowship and also a chance to meet our new Pastor, Lani Rousseau!





SAVE THE DATE

Like or follow: FUMCOrangeTX Continued from front page....

Thank you for your love and support of my family when my brother Eddie passed and my father-in-law it meant so much to us. Thank you for laughing at me when I put my foot in my mouth, and when on Earth Day I rode my bike to church and was late and you laughed at me! I will never forget special moments we didn't plan, but God provided like baptisms in Village Creek and someone we had never met coming forward asking "Will he baptize my son?" Ben's hugs. Lisa Marie helping with communion. Harry and Ana teaching us about the Posada. Thank you to the youth who looked past my age and allowed me to be your pastor; some choose not to open that door, but you did and we were both blessed.

If you are ever in Wimberley, Sandra and I will grab an inner tube and float in the river with you—just call ahead.

I will no longer be your pastor. Pastors come and go, but friends are friends forever.

Oh and PS—Sandra thanks you for loving our rowdy dog Astro! I hope you will be able to erase the image of our crazy Halloween costumes from your mind—although it may take years!

Blessings! John



I want to personally thank you all for your love and kindness you showed John and me, but especially me as your PW (Pastor's Wife), aka First Lady.

Thank you for allowing me to be me. Thank you for allowing me to lower the A/C in the Family Life Center on the Sunday mornings I was there. Thank you

for allowing me to park wherever there was space available as I arrived late and sped into the parking lot most Sundays. Thank you for allowing me to publicly respond to my husband from my seat as he was talking about me during his sermon and allowing me to "clarify" the truth. Thank you for allowing me to complain about the long scriptures he assigned me when it was my turn to read.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Pastor's Wife. I especially enjoyed walking down the aisle each Sunday morning after the 11 o'clock service, with my husband to greet each of you at the door. I told John I wanted to do that when we married. I remember my godmother, a former PW, doing that with her husband at the Methodist church where I grew up in Houston and all the other PW's after her. I did this to get to know each of you and to show my love to you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve communion each month at the 11 o'clock service with John as well. Thank you for allowing me to laugh and cut up during the services with those around me and those in the choir...Paul, Kevin....LOL!

Thank you for your love and prayers during my father's illness and passing. Thank you for all the memorials in his name, for the meals, and for the trip to Houston some of you made for his funeral.

My family and I are forever grateful to you all. I did not only gain a new career, but I gained so many new family members! Thank you for your life-long friendships. Thank you for including me in Sunday school, bunco groups, outings, parties, showers, weddings and unfortunately funerals, surgeries, graduations, dance recitals, etc., etc.

Thank you for introducing me to the Southeast Texas wildlife...I think...LOL! Thank you for introducing us to gumbo with potato salad, yum!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank God for all of you!!! I will miss you all so much, but know that you will always be welcomed at our home in Wimberley. We will also see each other daily on social media. This is Us. This is not goodbye, but see you later.

I love you all and God Bless, Sandra



Our Confirmation Class of 2019!

Right—Most of our Confirmation and mentors group up in the bell tower.



FUMC ORANGE Sunday School Kids cleaning up our city for Earth Day 2019













First United Methodist Church-Orange's account number = **NV689**

Go to <u>www.kroger.com</u>; click on Savings & Rewards—Kroger Community Rewards. To enroll, search for the **account number** or the **name of your organization**.

Feb. 2019-Apr. 2019 Total Donations = \$63.39

Thank you to the 25 households who helped FUMC by shopping at Kroger!



Memoríals:

In Memory of

Hubert Hancock

Antíque Study Club Pete & Janíce Gresham Frank & Theresa Beauchamp Tím & Joy Hughes

Intentional Acts of Kindness for June

Volunteer at FUMC:

- Help with Sunday School or VBS
- Provide meals for Youth
- Clean the icebox
- Deep clean a Sunday School classroom

ALL Help is greatly appreciated!!!



Growing Stronger Disciples

This summer we will be sharing articles about helping our children grow as disciples.

Why Minister to Children?

Children have an incredible ability to understand God and their world. Children are part of the family of God, a vital piece of God's reign. The church community must include them. They are learning about the world around them, the community of the church, and God. Children often profoundly impact the spiritual development of parents or caregivers.



Their questions, insights, and general curiosity create reasons for the adults in their lives to become part of a faith community. Children are the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow. They create an atmosphere of wonder, laughter, and acceptance that our world needs. Adults who take the time to listen to and wonder with children find their faith deepened and strengthened.

In our world, people often experience uncertainty, fear, and divisiveness. Children need to know the love and acceptance of God through relationships with caring adults. The church can provide a safe place for children to find meaningful relationships with others, especially safe and trustworthy adults; build community with people of all ages; and process the emotions of our sometimes crazy world. The church has an opportunity to be a refuge for families from the chaos of the world and a launching point to make a positive difference in the world. We need to make room for the unique gifts, questions, and needs of children and their families; to affirm our care for the faith development of all children.

Rev. Kathy Pittenger- " Developing an Intentional Discipleship Program for Children" <u>See All the People Resources</u>

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!

DISTRICT INITIATIVE HYPE FREEDOM SCHOOL, INC

Hosted by SOUTHEAST DISTRICT at MCCABE-ROBERTS AVE. UMC

Freedom School is a 6-week (June 17–July 25) summer program that provides free, literacy-based learning experiences that promote social, cultural, and historical awareness. The goal is to improve literacy skills, build strength of character, and provide our scholars with a supportive learning community.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. Be A Read Aloud Guest Visit HYPEFS.ORG to sign up
 - Recommend persons of diverse cultures and occupations (if you provide contact information, we will do the rest)
 Every morning from 8:55 am - 9:30 a.m. during Freedom School, we host a high-energy morning pep rally designed to energize, empower and motivate our scholars for the day. Best of all, there's a special guest reader each day who gets to participate in the singing, cheers and chants – and we'd love for that guest to be you!



- Provide Snacks and/or Meals Visit Freedom School Meals & Snacks (or website above) to sign up
 Please remember to comment on what you will provide. Meals and Snacks need to be provided for 45 (children
 and adults) each day.
- 3. Greeters Visit Freedom School Greeters (or website above) to sign up Welcome!!! We are happy to see you today!!! - Have a good evening and night; we can't wait to see you tomorrow!!!!!On this sign up genius, we are seeking greeters to welcome and send off the scholars each day. Hours 8 am-9 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

4. Supplies - Visit Freedom School Supplies (or website above) to sign up Can you help us in providing supplies? We need quite a few supplies to make this successful. Please review the list and let us know what you can bring. For the items listed, you do not have to provide all of the selected item; just let us know how many you can bring. Please deliver the supplies by June 7 to McCabe Roberts Avenue UMC at 1205 Roberts Ave., Beaumont, TX 77701. Please call us 409.833.1831 so that we can make sure someone is available at the church to receive your donations.

OUR MISSION

Freedom School Partners promotes the long-term success of children by preventing summer learning loss through igniting a passion for reading and inspiring a love of learning. Freedom School Partners fulfills this mission by:

- 1. Delivering a culturally diverse curriculum that affirms our scholars with engaging literature and exposure to the broader community.
- 2. Serving families and children who lack access to quality summer enrichment opportunities.
- 3. Addressing the whole child by supporting their academic, social and emotional needs.
- 4. Offering a work-force development opportunity for college students to gain professional experience, serve as positive role models and enter the teacher pipeline or social service pipeline.
- 5. Collaborating with diverse community stakeholders who contribute to and benefit from the partnerships.

WHEN YOU OPEN BOOKS, YOU OPEN DOORS

Freedom Schools are unlike other summer programs because they give children three resources needed to develop their potential and inspire a love of reading and learning – literacy skills, character strengths and a community that believes in them.

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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

