



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE 2017

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.*

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

news@fumcorange.org
by

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

First United Methodist To Receive Award for “Best Idea” Communications Contest!

On Wednesday, May 31, at the Annual Conference, Betty Merchant, your Lay Delegate, will accept the award for “Best Idea” Communications Contest. Below is what Pastor John submitted. During Advent (December), our Facebook page had over 2,100 “likes” and 22 people shared what he had posted as well!

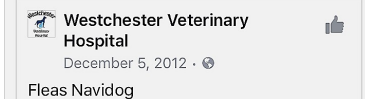
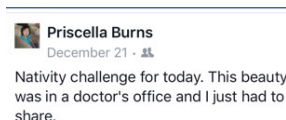
***What?** I challenged the congregation and anyone who follows our Facebook posts to “flood Facebook” with their favorite nativity scenes each day of Advent.*

***Why?** To refocus the community away from all the current trials and societal skirmishes going on after a turbulent election to focus on the coming of Jesus Christ.*

***When?** Each day of Advent I posted a different nativity and others posted in response. I got posts from across the country. Several of our conference pastors posted; one person posted a manger made by Rev. Clayton Gilpin, who is now deceased. Some were beautiful; others were humorous as you can see below.*



Nativity Challenge! Let's fill Facebook with Good News! Share this challenge with others! Reply with a picture of your nativity scene. If you have enough share a new one each day. I will post a new one each day until Christmas.



First United Methodist Church wins “The 5 Star Award for Excellence in Education” for the 6th year in a row!

Thanks to the hard work of all our teachers and staff.
Spiritual growth is important for the enrichment of our lives.



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 30
8:00 18
9:00 64
11:00 45
TOTAL 127

May 7
(Confirmation)
11:00 137
TOTAL 137

May 14
8:00 19
9:00 76
11:00 36
TOTAL 131

May 21
8:00 19
9:00 50
11:00 40
TOTAL 109

Giving

April 2017
Income \$35,778.26
Expenses \$41,612.19
\$ -5,833.93

June Worship

June 4, 2017

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Sermon:
I Didn't Start the Fire!



Pentecost Sunday

COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1
8:00 – Kenneth Wheeler, Jean Whitley, Elaine Cooper
11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik 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 – Greg Defrates
11:00 – Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Bakers:
Gloria Jackson & Leighia Barron

June 11, 2017

WC Hall Preaching

Ushers: Team #2
8:00 – Pie & David Bridges
11:00 – Brown Claybar, Phil Grooms, Jim Pledger, Ken Hillsten

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik 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 – Tom Henry
11:00 – Jonathon Vogt

Welcome Center Bakers:
Sandra Warren & Barbara Dardeau

The church office is closed
May 29 (Memorial Day)
and May 30--June 1
(Norma on vacation).
Contact Doug (779-2143) or
Randall (832-226-4074)
if you need church access.

2nd Sundays

Bring Cans
to Recycle

3rd Sundays

Bring Donations
for Rainbow Room

June 18, 2017

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:8
Sermon: **From Chaos to Community: Birth**



Ushers: Team #3
8:00 – Vernon Murry, Jim Snider
11:00 – John Griffith, Jerry Windham, Jim Armstrong, Ron Hopperton

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik 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 – Julie Allensworth
11:00 – Lynn Fields

Welcome Center Bakers:
Dina Defrates & Theresa Allen

June 25, 2017

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39
Sermon: **From Chaos to Community: Weaning**

Bring items for the
Blessing Box to any
service!

Ushers: Team #4
8:00 – Charlotte & Ed Foreman
11:00 – Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas

Altar Guild: Nicole Watzlavik 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:
Sandra Hoke & Debbie Bayliss

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

June 4	O'Neal Waldrop
June 11	Gerald & Samantha Ziller
June 18	Dorothy Akers
June 25	Don & Kathryn Barclay

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 **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 to 81010
Facebook: fumcorangeyouth
Instagram & Twitter: @fumcorangeyouth

Youth Have Busy Summer 2017 Planned:

Saturday June 10—Astros Faith & Family Night Cost: \$14 + food money

Leave the church at 1 p.m. We will watch the Astros and then stay for a concert by MercyMe following the game.

June 12-17—UM Army Mission's Trip in Alto, TX (9-12th graders) Cost: \$250/person

This year we will be in Alto, TX at A. Frank Smith UMC. UM Army is a 7-day camp where participants combine their strengths to provide free home repairs for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners who are physically or financially unable to make needed repairs. The work at U.M. ARMY provides an opportunity to practice Christian faith and love through action. The worship and devotional materials provide opportunities for spiritual development, learning, and discussion. More information can be found at <http://tx.umarmy.org/>

June 19-23—Vacation Bible School at First UMC—Orange

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](#). **Spots are still open to go. Contact Randall ASAP!**

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/>

2017 Confirmation Class

Trent Brown

Mentor: Sandra Warren

Kelsy Miles

Mentor: Sharon Bridges

Carson Peet

Mentor: Greg Debrates

Sydney Peet

Mentor: Angela Abshire

Dawson Sandlin

Mentor: Carl Svebek

Connor Ziller

Mentor: Jerry Ziller



IN THE NEWS!

Our FUMC youth were featured in the conference April 2017
Cross Connection.

**First UMC Orange Youth
Lead by Example**

Check out the article here and click "read more" by our story:

<http://www.txcumc.org/files/fileslibrary/ccapril272017.html>

**Vacation
Bible
School**

**June 19-23
9-11:30 a.m.**





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ORANGE, TX 77630

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

June 19-23, 2017
Vacation Bible School @
First United Methodist
Church
9-11:30 a.m.
Preschool thru 5th grade



Online registration:

vbspro.events/p/e67d07

Cast of Bronze

Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m.
at First United Methodist
Church



Sponsored by First United Methodist Church
and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Join us for a fun-filled informal and interactive concert that
is free and open to the public. Hear the largest and
smallest handbells ever manufactured!

Cast of Bronze performs on 331 handbells and chimes!

This year's program "Bronze Mosaic" features original
handbell compositions by Karen Buckwalter, Cathy
Moklebus, Arnold Sherman and others. The Cast of
Bronze will also play marches, classical and sacred
music, and other familiar tunes.

Following the concert, audience members may come and
ring bells or chimes and ask questions of the ringers and
director.

Cast of Bronze has released their first CD
titled "Opening Night."

Have you noticed? This beautiful marble plaque was recently placed on the front of The Gresham Education Building. Thank you, Janice and Pete, for your love and generosity given to the ministry of First United Methodist Church.



Visit the Prayer Garden and enjoy the new bird feeder and birdhouse also.



First UMC Church Council

Finance – Chris Abshire & Greg Debrates, 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, June 15, at 6 p.m.; deadline for agenda items - 2nd Thursday, June 8



Church Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the approved Church Council meetings are [posted on the website](#) (under Resources!)

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE



I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Prayer:

Help us to stay connected to You through prayer and reading your word daily. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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!

June Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

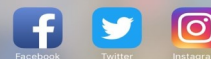
- June 6—Cast of Bronze Bell Choir, 7 p.m., Family Life Center
- June 8—Deadline to submit agenda items to Church Council
- June 10—Astros Faith & Family Night (Youth)
- June 11—Deadline for Family “Design a Robot” Contest for VBS (see contest info below)
- June 12-17—UM Army Mission Trip to Alto, TX (Youth)
- June 15—Church Council
- June 19-23—Vacation Bible School “Maker Fun Factory,” 9-11:30 a.m.
- June 22—Deadline for information for July newsletter
- June 25—Bring Blessing Box items to any Sunday service (see article)
- June 28—Women’s Summer Bible Study begins (info below)
- June 30-July 3—Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, TX (Youth)

Upcoming Events:

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

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Social
Media

Like or follow:
FUMCOrangeTX

Family Design a Robot Contest

Robots must be completed by 6/11

Bots will be judged and a prize will be awarded

Be Creative use: recyclables, craft supplies, junk yard finds

Robots will be on display during VBS

Robots should be 2 feet or taller

Join the FUN!! And make a robot to share at VBS

Created by God Built for a Purpose

Vacation Bible School
June 19-23
9-11:30 a.m.
Preschool thru 5th grade



PLEASE share with family and friends.

Register Online:
vbspro.events/p/e67d07

FUMC First Kids presented their spring musical presentation of “Kingdom Connection” on Sunday, May 7.



Women’s Summer Bible Study



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

This year we will study Beth Moore's *Entrusted, A Study of 2 Timothy*. The study guide costs \$13. To reserve your book and a chair, RSVP by **June 18** to Nicole at mrsjcwatz@gmail.com or 782-6296.

Do you need a ride? Please let Nicole know, and she will arrange a ride for you.



Caring Ministry Team is looking for help to send out cards to our sick and homebound once a month.

Please call the church (886-7466) to volunteer!



Welcome Center
Bakers for Christ

Many people enjoy the time of fellowship between services and Sunday School in our Welcome Center. Guests too!

If you like to bake or would be willing to help with this ministry, please contact Priscella Burns at Pburns@gt.rr.com.

VBS—June 19-23

Volunteers needed to

- Help in the kitchen with snacks
- Help in the nursery (we'll have 4 little ones).
- Donate snacks or money for snacks
- Assist with props for Bible Storytelling and Opening / Closing

If you would like to volunteer to help,
**please let Leighia Barron
know as soon as possible!**
(leba@woccisd.net)

Do you shop at Kroger?

1st Quarter Rewards = \$65.07

Let's earn even more before July 1!

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

Thanks to these people for volunteering to help with office correspondence for roughly an hour once a week on Monday-Tuesday.

June 5-6	Carolyn Spiers
June 12-13	Donna Bell
June 19-20	Isabell Burke
June 26-27	Deborah Bayliss
July 3	Elaine Cooper
July 10-11	Louise Fuselier
July 17-18	Carol Izer
July 24-25	Betty James

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

Blessing Box Sunday—June 25

Have you checked out our Blessing Box at the entrance of the Family Life Center? It's under the portico for ease of access and protection from the elements and will have a sign soon!

The community has found it and shops from it often! The items most in demand are toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. Food does not seem to move very quickly.



You can add items directly to the box at anytime, but we'll have a **special blessing day on Sunday, June 25**. Bring your Blessing Box items to the altar at any service. We'll cover each item in prayer during the service and ask God to continue to use our church as a vessel of generosity and love for our neighbors.

Communication

News—News@fumcorange.org

If 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—If you want to add or update something on the website calendar, please send an email to Office@fumcorange.org

Back to School Orange—August 5

Back to School Orange is set for Saturday, August 5, and organizers hope to keep it on the first Saturday from now on. The goal is to distribute 1,100 school supply kits this year, including preK kits.

First UMC-Orange can contribute and support the event. In any of these four 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, combs, or hairbrushes.
- 5) Donate items (see #4) to distribute at our table.



Memorials:

Marilyn Powell

David & Pie Bridges
Ron & Bonnie Hopperton
Pete & Janice Gresham
Gerald & Judy Taylor
Bonnie Carpenter & Diane Caris
Tuesday Bridge Club
Beverly Blalack, Dean Barrios & Janice Jones
Tim & Joy Hughes
George & Beverly Millsap
Betty Jagen
Malissie Bailey
Bart & Ginger Williams
Joseph & Marilyn Murphy
Rodney & Eunice Barrett
Sarah Boehme & Gwen Boehme
Valerie Nies & Katherine Gonzales
Beth Holm
Bettye Melton
David & Deborah Swindell
Leaf Petal Garden Club
Mary Louise McKee
Yvonna Boehme
Elaine Cooper
Donald & Shirley Marshall
Barbara Allen
Jerry Roberts
Ken & Carolyn Hillsten
Vernon Murray
Chris Obrien & Rita Pittard
Dee Culpepper

William "Bill" Bailey

First United Methodist Men

William "Bill" Triggs

First United Methodist Men

Frank Finchum

First United Methodist Men

Evelyn Foster

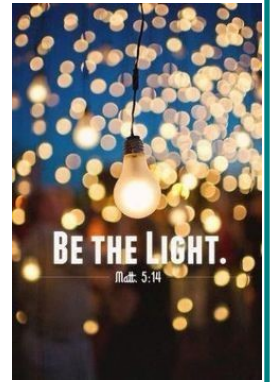
Bart & Ginger Williams
Rodney & Eunice Barrett
Pete & Janice Gresham
Mat & Debbie Taylor
Yvonna Boehme
Jimmie & Carol Allen
Jim & Ann Glover
Barbara Allen
Dee Culpepper
First United Methodist Men

Mrs. Annie Laura Burrows

Gwen Burrow's Mother

BUILDING STRONG DISCIPLES

We live out of our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another, and to the world. The Christian faith is grounded in the love and grace of God, experienced through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is our response to God's love and grace.



The church calls our response to God "Christian discipleship." Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus. As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world. Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families, workplaces, communities, and the world. (umc.org)

RENEWED and TRANSFORMED

Loving our neighbors means responding to specific needs—hunger, illness, imprisonment, loneliness, and so forth. Love is more than a feeling; it is behavior. It is practical and concrete. Secondly, our neighbors include many people. Within the context of the Christian community, our neighbors are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Random Acts of Kindness for June:

- Take baked goods to your neighbor
- Offer to wash an elderly person's car
- Donate your time to the Field of Plenty
- Offer a ride to a senior member of First UMC to church or Bible Study
- Send a card of encouragement to a friend

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

Aesop