

Disciples Growing Disciples

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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 April newsletter, please send it to **news@fumcorange.org by Tuesday, March 20,** so the newsletter can be distributed before April 1.

What do you do when you cross a milestone? Celebrate and Praise the Lord!

When I came to First Orange in 2011, we had just moved back into the Education Building, thanks to the work and skill of faithful members. But a portion of the building was still unusable because of the latest hurricane, and our offices were still in the Family Life Center. In the next year through the leadership of our Trustees, we were able to improve our working conditions and move the offices back to their present locations with needed improvements debt free. We had a church that, by the grace of God and the love of the interim Rev. W.C. Hall, was able to welcome Sandra and me into our ministry here in Orange.

On March 21, 2007, the church took out a loan to apply to the cost of building the Family Life Center, which was slated to cost \$2,200,000. In 2008 the Family Life Center became the hub of the church after the rest of the church was damaged by the hurricane. We were so thankful to be able to put the building to use even though it had to be crowded. When I arrived, the building had been refinanced, and we had an outstanding debt of \$950,171.99.

Now almost eleven years to the day, we will celebrate the retirement of that debt due to the generosity of our beloved members Pete and Janice Gresham. In honoring them for their dedication to the church, as well as Janice's love of music and teaching, we have named the education building The Gresham Education Building.





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The marker on the Family Life Center reads, "...if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...nothing will be impossible to you." Matthew 17:20

Thanks to the generosity of these folks and so many others, including Ann Olliff, we will be burning the note of this wonderful building.

Please invite your family and friends as we worship on March 18 at 11 a.m. with the Bishop Scott Jones preaching.

Following the service we will walk to the Family Life Center and burn the note and enjoy a meal together. The church will provide pork tenderloin and members will provide the sides, salads and deserts.

Please contact Barbara Dardeau if you are willing to help in any way.

Pastor John



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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Jan. 28 Feb. 4 9:00		9:00	January 2018 Income\$37,407.06 Expenses <u>\$40,591.52</u> - \$ 3,184.46 Remember you can give online!			
March Worship						
March 4, 2018 Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 Sermon: Program	March 11, 2018 Scripture: John 3:14-18 Sermon: Recovery	March 18, 20 Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10 Sermon: Blessed ar Blessing	0 Scripture: Mark 11:1-11			
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11 am Ushers: Team #1— Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean Whitley, Elaine Cooper	 9 am Greeters: Sharon & Randall Bridges 11 am Ushers: Team #2— Brown Claybar, Phil Grooms, Ken Hillsten, 	Ron Hopperton, Ne Vernon Murray, Rie Powell Parking Lot Greeters 11:00–Drew & Annely	evella Toal, 11 am Ushers: Team #4— Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas Ed & Charlotte Forema s:			
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Youth Activities:

March 11-No C.R.E.W.

March 13—Youth Open Gym, 1-5 p.m., Family Life Center 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for a time of organized games in an open gym during Spring Break.

March 14—No Family & Friends / Spring Break

March 15—Youth Serve at the Southeast Texas Food Bank

(must have <u>signed permission form</u>) Meet at the church at 11 a.m. (please eat lunch before coming or bring a sack lunch to eat on the way). We will drive to the Food Bank, help them sort food from 12-3 p.m., and be back to the church around 3:45 p.m.

March 25 (Palm Sunday)-

3:00-The Great Surprise—Easter Family activity
4:00-Egg Drop—Youth will drop the egg from the 2nd floor of Family Life Center.
4:30ish-Easter Egg Hunt—Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 5th grade.

April 26—Youth Attend Newsboys & Zealand Concert

(Ticket Deadline: March 21 / Tickets: \$18) The Newsboys are headlining a concert at Glad Tidings Church in Lake Charles, LA. We will leave the church parking lot together at 6 p.m. (please eat before coming, snacks and coffee are available at the venue) and return sometime between 10-11 p.m.

Youth Sunday School at 10 a.m. We share how God is working in our lives and

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

Join us in the Family Life Center!

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

Free Weekly Lenten Family Devotions

Each devotional includes a Bible verse, ideas for family activities, and conversation-starters. We know families are busy, so the devotionals are created to fit easily into your family's weekly routine.

You'll receive them in your inbox from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Get yours by signing up here: https://info.1517.media/ acton/media/33371/thepromise-of-easter? sid=TV2:gWjSY6eii

Youth Winter Olympic Games, February 17, 2018





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.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

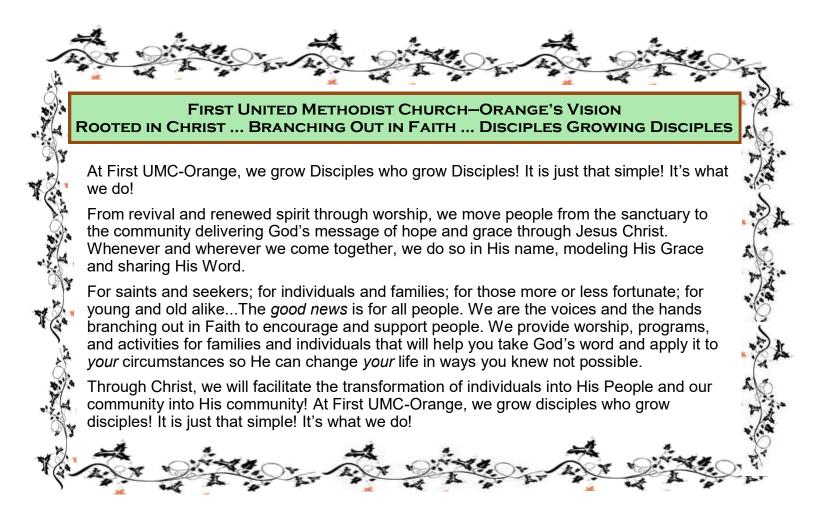
Friday 8:30 am - Noon

WORSHIP

9 am - Praise service in the Family Life Center

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Traditional service in the Sanctuary









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

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—3rd Thursday, March 15 Next meeting—4th Thursday—March 22 at 6 p.m. (moved for spring break!)

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

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

We do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we areyet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15

March Prayer:



Dear Lord, help us to have the confidence to approach you in order to receive mercy in our time of need. Amen

Church Council / VCI Updates

Thanks to a generous donation from the Slade Foundation, FUMC will hire a part-time worker to assist with maintenance like changing light bulbs, cleaning windows, and other tasks not contracted to our housekeeper. This person will work from a list managed by our Building and Grounds team and maintained in our church office. Please contact the office or Jeff Frugé, the Building and Grounds team leader, if you see something that should be added to the list.

At the February Council meeting, VCI Worship Excellence Team leader Jim Brown presented architectural drawings for our sanctuary updates. These drawings will be shared during announcements at our February 25, March 4, and March 11 services. We will do this together and need and appreciate the input of the congregation. If you would like to participate in the team that will be obtaining proposals and planning, please contact one of the Council members above.

The next Town Hall is scheduled for April 29—the 5th Sunday in April.

Friends & Family Niaht



Wednesdays, March 7 & 21 (Skip March 14-Spring Break.)

Meal/Fellowship at 5 p.m. Class at 6 p.m. Enjoy a light meal & fellowship in the Family or \$15-family.

March Meals Prepared by Life Center. Meals are \$5-adults, \$2-children, March 21—Altar Guild

At 6 p.m., the following class will begin. A nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers.

- Max Lucado's Life Lessons: The Study of Mark -A Life Changing Story (facilitator: Suzanne Magee) The Life Lessons series brings the New Testament to life through lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. This group will finish the lessons which they started during Spring 2017.
- Youth (6th-12th) Topics include Appearance, Community, & Serving Others
- Children (PreK-5th) Lessons will be on Friendship -Being a Better Friend

Invite a friend and come enjoy fellowship during a light supper and then grow in Christian life.

A Prayer for Unity in the Body of Christ

Holy God, we thank You for Your tender mercies and loving-kindness. Thank You for calling the Body of Christ around the world to pray and unite. Thank You for increasing Your presence, power, anointing and abundance throughout the world. You are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God.

Let Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven for the Body of Christ. Lord, as Your people, we humble ourselves, pray and seek Your face today. We believe that as we turn from our wicked ways, You will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our landscape. We will be humble, gentle and patient with each other; making allowance for each other's faults in love. We will be kind to one another,

tenderhearted and forgiving, even as You, Lord, have forgiven us in Christ. Holy Spirit, help us to live out the Word we just prayed to You. Remove the obstacles that hinder the formation of peaceful and loving relation-ships between our churches.

Forgiving Lord, forgive us, the Body of Christ, for our many sins. Forgive our churches for being at times self-centered and self-absorbed. Forgive us when we have had a form of Godliness, but denied Your power. Forgive us for not always being Kingdom-minded. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive.

Holy Spirit, help us as the Body of Christ not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You are Holy. Just and true are Your ways. Who can be compared to You? Who is Your equal? Yours is the Kingdom, power and glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen,

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 86:8-10, Matthew 6:10, II Chronicles 7:14, Ephesians 4:2-3, Ephesians 4:32, Revelation 15:3, Isaiah 40:25, Matthew 6:13

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March Events:

See full calendar on church website

Wednesdays in March (Not March 14—Spring Break)—Friends and Family Night, 5-7 p.m. Sundays during Lent—Ladies' Bible Study, *Daniel Prayer*, 5-7 p.m. (see info below)

March 9—GOALS Spelling Bee, LSCO Student Center, meal at 11:30; Spelling Bee at noon

- March 15-Deadline to submit agenda items for Church Council to Sherri Frugé
- March 18—ONE Service at 11 am in Sanctuary—Celebrate Payoff of the Family Life Center & Naming of the Education Building / Covered-Dish Lunch following with mortgage burning
- March 19—Deadline to order Easter Lilies/Hydrangeas (order form in bulletin)
- March 19—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
- March 20—Deadline for April newsletter information
- March 22—Church Council, 6 p.m. (moved for spring break)
- March 25—Palm Sunday / The Great Surprise/Egg Drop/Easter Egg Hunt (info below)
- March 29—Maundy Thursday Communion service, 6-7 p.m., Chapel
- March 30—Good Friday (Church Office Closed)

Upcoming Events:

April 1—Easter

April 8—Worship at the Claiborne West Park at 11 a.m., rain or shine. The church has the Halliburton Pavilion all day. After worship, enjoy a covered dish luncheon and an afternoon of fun games (washers, horseshoes, dominoes, bridge, etc.) Bring card tables and lawn chairs. The church will provide tea and lemonade.

Sunday, March 18! ONE Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service of Dedication of the Family Life Center Debt Free and the Naming of the Education Building Bishop Jones will preach.

Thanks to Pete and Janice Gresham for their faithful generosity in retiring the debt for the building of the Family Life Center.

After the service, share a covereddish luncheon (meat provided) in the Family Life Center, at which time we will burn the mortgage of the Family Life Center!

Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) invite your family and friends to visit FUMC and

enjoy some fun while learning more about Jesus/Easter.

<u>3:00–The Great Surprise</u>—Families will rotate through a variety of centers –

science, Bible story, crafts, and snack. Seeking VOLUNTEERS (especially those without children through 5th grade) to "man" the centers. Please let Leighia know if you can help.

4:00–Egg Drop—Secure your raw egg in a container–use a parachute–be as creative as you want to be. Youth will drop the egg from the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. Here's hoping everyone's egg survives!

4:30ish–Easter Egg Hunt–Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 5th grade. The Egg Hunt will begin

after Egg Drop. Youth will be "stuffing" eggs with candy.

Please bring individually wrapped candies by Sunday, March 18.



Disciples Making Disciples

Ladies Lenten Bible Study The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz Sundays during Lent, 5-7 p.m. in Fidelis Parlor Brittnay Harmon Allen, Facilitator



In Daniel chapter 9, Daniel poured out his heart in prayer. What happened? Heaven was moved, a nation was changed, and generations felt the impact. This is the kind of prayer that's possible for your life, and one that Anne Graham Lotz will help you understand in *The Daniel Prayer*. This is not an everyday type of prayer. It's a prayer birthed under pressure. Heartache. Desperation. Grief. Or it can be triggered by a sudden revelation of hope. An answer to prayer. A promise freshly received. A miracle that lies just over the horizon. But whether you pray out of triumph or tragedy, *The Daniel Prayer* works.



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Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

To volunteer to serve in one of these ministries, please call the church office (886-7466)

MARCH **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Lots of opportunities to serve on this page and throughout the newsletter!

Be a part of FUMC's **Spelling Bee Team**



at the GOALS (Greater Orange Area Literacy Services) annual Spelling Bee fundraiser on Friday, March 9, at the Lamar State College-Orange Student Center.

To get the words, contact Bonnie Hopperton by March 1 at 886-3295!

Everyone invited to support our team! Lunch at 11:30; Spelling bee from 12-1:30. Tickets for \$15 are available from Bonnie Hopperton.

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 April 7. Volunteers are welcome to help us hand out recycling information.

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.

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."



Look for Easter Flowers **Order Forms** in your Sunday bulletin.

Easter Lilies (\$15) or Hydrangeas (\$20)

Deadline is March 19!

Library Cleaning Team



We are putting together a Library Cleaning Team. If interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Edee Risher at 409-330-4394.

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 March 19, Diane Grooters will be giving a book review on *Lineage of Grace*

If time allows, please prepare by reading a chapter or two.

Do you shop at Kroger?

4th Quarter = \$39.93 2017 Rewards = \$268.85

Thank you to all the households who helped FUMC by shopping 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**.



CHANGE the WORLD!

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

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

How to Grow as a Disciple

by Freedom Corker

Freedom Corker, the author, is part of the Division on Ministries with Young People. Last summer, that group discussed ways our voices as young leaders could be shared in the UMC. Blog posts were one of the ideas. **"How to Grow as a Disciple"** was the topic given to her:

We grow as a disciple through our RELATIONSHIPS:

- **Relationship with Christ** Being a disciple means we are a follower of Christ, and in following him, we must definitely know him and establish a solid relationship with him.
- Relationship with the Community Christ lived his life walking the streets and being with the people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and sailed with fishermen. John 15:12 commands us to love as Christ has loved us and I believe this is our greatest calling as his disciples: to journey with our community, to stand with people who are experiencing injustices, to walk with the lost, last, and least, and to live a life that promotes God's love for all. Luke 9:23 says "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me".
- **Relationship with other disciples Occhiolism** is a word I learned when I attended this year's DMYP meeting. It means "the awareness of the smallness of your perspective"...despite the differences in culture, context, and opinions,...I learned how we make an impact on a global scale and this is through the relationship that we have as a church.

We need our fellow disciples to be accountable with us and remind us to fix our eyes on Jesus. Other disciples such as your church, family, friends, or colleagues, can also be your mentor on your lifelong journey and continuous process of discipleship. It is a journey, wherein we cannot neglect the reality that we can be tired, we may get lost, and that we will stumble every now and then. So we definitely need our fellow disciples to be accountable with us and remind us to fix our eyes on Jesus.

This might all sound easy, but I trust you know that relationships aren't always easy to maintain; however, inconvenience could also mean the beginning of growth.

Growing as a disciple takes hard work. And I pray that as we take these things into heart and put a little more effort into our relationship with Christ, our community, and our fellow disciples, that we may experience inconvenience; inconvenience that leads to growth.

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



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!

To create a deserted island, we can use help with decorations: driftwood, tiki torches, artificial greenery, brightly colored artificial flowers, the round life preservers (like on a ship), etc.

Collecting these items starts now! Bring them to the first Sunday school class on the right by the Welcome Center.

Many VOLUNTEERS will make this a success!

- Lead the crews around to the different stations
- Run those stations (crafts, games, Bible story, etc.)
- Provide and/or help with snacks

Please let Randall or Leighia know if you can volunteer your time that week and/or if you have any decorations we can use.

Disciples Making Disciples



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Memoríals: In Memory of

Beth Ann Windham

Helen & Floyd Broussard Judy & Gerald Taylor Carolyn & Ken Hillsten Dorís Byrd Sue & Tom Stephenson Dee & Sam Culpepper Jewel & Larry Gurney Joy & Tim Hughes Gail & John Griffith Dick Powell Betty Jagen Joyce Kleinknecht Bonnie & Ron Hopperton Janíce & Troy Waddell Malíssie Bailey Beth Holm

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<u>Pat Snell</u>

<u>(Katy Hancock's Brother)</u> Janíce & Pete Gresham

<u>Jerry Willcox</u> <u>(John Warren's Brother in Law)</u> Sue & Tom Stephenson

<u>Barbara Mulhollan</u>

Joanne & Jím Pledger Beverly & Charlíe Blalack Joy & Tím Hughes Ruby Parks Judy & Gerald Taylor Wendí & Randall McCarver Jerry Wíndham

<u>Helen Gresham</u>

Malísse Baíley <u>Nína Dílbert</u> Malísse Baíley

Loís Beeson Malísse Baíley

