



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAY 2018

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

**Donna Rogers**  
Organist

**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.*

To have information included  
in the June newsletter,  
please send it to  
[news@fumcorange.org](mailto:news@fumcorange.org)  
by **Monday, May 21**,  
so the newsletter can be  
distributed before June 1.

## Celebration Sunday—May 6!

We have a lot to celebrate!

For one, we have completed a majority of our Vibrant Church Initiative prescriptions, and we want to celebrate your hard work.

Second on Saturday, May 5, we will have a **LEADERSHIP TRAINING** at our church for all our group Leaders. SO if you are a leader of ANY sort of group in the church, you need to be a part of this 4-hour workshop led by our VCI Coach, Marilyn Wadkins. The workshop's purpose is to teach us how to help leaders get started and how to cultivate the leaders we need. I will need a count of folks attending so I can order your book. PLEASE take part! A STRONG church leadership is what is needed to take us into our mission goals as an important part of this community.

I asked myself a hard question, and you need to ask it too—

**If (and this is a hypothetical IF) the doors of this church did not open, would people in this community know it? Would they miss it?**

And then I asked myself, "What can we do to make a difference in the lives of people right here in Orange?"

Here is the need:

1. Our surveys have said the children in our community need help in the summer.
2. Meals delivered to their home will help build relationships and trust. For some, this may be their first relationship with a black or white person.
3. Several mission teams in the Malloy Center this summer have a need for work other than construction.

The Time is Right!

1. We have a connection with the North Orange Early Learning Center. Through members of our church—Julie Allensworth and Leighia Barron—we can hand pick the families that need help.
2. We have the extra help from the mission teams
3. This can become our next mission for the church—bringing children and youth and eventually families to our church. Our open gym days have proven successful. This mission would encourage more contact
4. Starting with children gives a longer time to make lasting connections.
5. An emphasis of 35 days is a more condensed time than a weekly project.
6. This summer would be our beginning year which we would use as a tool to get the bugs out and have a better program next year. We have good reason to believe that next summer we can get grant funds for the continuation of this project.
7. **WHAT WE WILL NEED IS YOUR PARTICIPATION.** It can be one day a week or one or two days a month. I need one leader that will work with me and two people to share the shopping. We had a great organizational meeting with 8 good folks in attendance but we will need your help as well. We will have a sign up sheet and calendar. I will share more at TOWN HALL on Sunday, May 6.
8. We have been saying the church prayer for 5 years; now is the time to start doing it!

See you Sunday, if not before!  
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

## Worship Attendance Since Last Newsletter

March. 25 (Palm Sunday)	March 29 (Maundy Thursday)	April 1 (Easter)	April 8 (Worship at Park)	April 15	April 22
9:00 .....66		9:00 .....164		9:00..... 103	9:00 .....0
11:00 .....73		11:00 .....110		11:00..... 63	11:00 .....0
<b>TOTAL 139</b>	<b>TOTAL 80</b>	<b>TOTAL 274</b>	<b>TOTAL 65</b>	<b>TOTAL 166</b>	<b>TOTAL 0</b>

## Giving

<b>March 2018</b>	You can also <a href="#">give online!</a>
Income. ....\$34,843.72	
Expenses. ....\$38,449.70	
<b>- \$ 3,605.98</b>	

## May Worship

### May 6, 2018

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Sermon: **Game Changers—Jonah**

### May 13, 2018

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22  
Sermon: **Game Changers—Ruth**

### May 20, 2018

Scripture: Deut. 18:15-20  
Sermon: **Game Changers—Moses**

### May 27, 2018

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-13  
Sermon: **Game Changers—David**

**ONE BLENDED SERVICE**  
**11 a.m. in the Sanctuary**  
**Followed by**  
**Quarterly Town Hall**

### COMMUNION

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team

**Parking Lot Greeters:**  
11:00—Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

**11 am Ushers:** Team #1  
Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean Whitley, Elaine Cooper

**Lay Readers:**  
1st Methodist Kids & Jonathon Vogt

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

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Marcia Brown & Gwen Whitehead



**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha 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—1st Methodist Kids  
11:00—Donna Bell

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
8:45-10—Lilly Williams  
10-11:15—Suzanne Magee

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

### Pentecost



**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**  
9:00—Jeff & Sherri Frugé  
11:00—Drew & Annely 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—1st Methodist Kids  
11:00—Sarah Boehme

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

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Kay Butler & Rose Butler



**Altar Guild:** Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

**Parking Lot Greeters:**  
9:00—Dale & Barbara Dardeau, Trent Brown  
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—1st Methodist Kids  
11:00—Annely Domas

**Welcome Center Greeters:**  
8:45-10—Volunteer needed  
10-11:15—Rose Butler

**Welcome Center Bakers:**  
Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett

**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

May 6	Billy & Lori Kratzer
May 13	Sarah Lowe
May 20	Pat & Debra McCombs
May 27	Daniel & Lauren Peet



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 Activities:

**May 13: No Youth** (Mother's Day)

**May 20: Car Wash** (Camp Fundraiser)

**May 27: No Youth** (Memorial Day Weekend)

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

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



### CAR WASH MAY 20

Youth are having a  
Car Wash  
on Sunday, May 20.

Funds raised will help with  
summer camp costs.



### Class of 2018

Congratulations to our  
High School Seniors!

**Kaylin Abshire**  
**Trent Brown**  
**Noah Burns**  
**Michael Lee**  
**McCartney Miller**  
**Zach Shaw**  
**Raven Wedgeworth**  
**Anthony Wimmer**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Kids Continue to Lead in Worship This Spring

1st Methodist Kids will continue to share the stories of the great game-changers in our spiritual heritage and singing songs about them as well.



May's heroes will be  
Jonah, Ruth, Moses,  
and David.

Rev. Warren will be continuing his sermon series about these game-changers each week during May.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Kids

1st Methodist Kids meet with Mr. Doug on  
Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.  
**through May 20.**

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

**Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday—May 10**

**Next meeting—3rd Thursday—May 17 at 6 p.m.**

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

The 2018 Programming Task Teams will continue the activities started by the VCI teams. The Programming Team Leaders coordinate the volunteer Task Teams (see January 2018 newsletter for Programming Task Team group breakdown).

- ♦ **Worship**—John Warren/Service Planning Team
- ♦ **Discipleship Making**—Leighia Barron & Randall Bridges
- ♦ **Hospitality**—Ginger Williams
- ♦ **Communications**—Trisha Anderson & Marcia Brown
- ♦ **Caring Ministry**—Jeanelle Cochran
- ♦ **Missions**—Vacant



While not programming, these two teams provide support and coordinate with the staff, Pastor John, and Norma for building needs or help in the office area:

- ♦ **Facility**—Jeff Frugé
- ♦ **Administration**—Nancy Vincent

## Church Council Update

Town Hall has been moved from April 29 to May 6 to coincide with VCI Coach Marilyn's visit and a celebration of our accomplishments with the VCI program.

The Summer ministry program planning is underway and will involve feeding approximately 40 children from families of the North Orange Early Learning Center in June and July from Monday through Thursday.

Other ideas for fundraisers are being considered to meet our budget.

The job description for the part-time Buildings and Grounds person has been approved, and we are actively looking to fill the position.

## Summer Mission Project



One of FUMC-Orange's VCI prescriptions calls for us to reach out to the community in a meaningful way—offering help without cost to them.

Years ago, FUMC started The Last Blast, which over time morphed into Back-to-School Orange. FUMC is now WITHOUT a mission emphasis of our own.

Council has approved a "meals on wheels" program for students at North Orange Early Learning Center. Our VCI community surveys said to reach out to children in the summer. Most children at this school are on school food plans during the school year and have nothing during the summer.

1. Julie Allensworth, a FUMC member and a school counselor at North Orange, will choose 30-40 students who have a need. (One church with a similar program initially invited 40 children and fed 30 children. In time, it grew to 50-60 and included recreation at the church.) We need to build a relationship of trust first to grow the program.
2. Volunteer church members and mission groups staying in the Malloy will make sandwiches daily.
3. Meals would be delivered Monday-Thursday. Most mission groups leave Friday morning and many retired folks take care of grandchildren or travel on weekends.
4. The service project will last 35 days—June-August 2 or July 31.
5. While FUMC has mission funds—"Change the World" and maybe some other mission earmarked funds—Pastor John is also applying for a grant.
6. One FUMC adult will go out with the mission team adults and youth to deliver using mission team vans when possible. If it is our youth, two adults will deliver with them. Sandwiches can be made "conveyer style"—all mission teams do that for themselves daily.



Pastor John has spoken with a congregation similar in size with mainly retired members, and this program has grown their church—so much so that they have four other church groups that help serve! Our advantage is that our helpers will come from mission teams staying at the Malloy this summer, and we will not have to create full teams of our members. The exciting part is the possibility of growing our presence in Orange and lowering the average age of our membership!

## May Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

May 5—Leadership Training Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
May 6—ONE Blended service at 11 a.m. / Town Hall meeting immediately after  
May 7—Discipleship Meeting, 4 p.m.  
May 10—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda  
May 10—Back to School Community Planning Meeting, 5:30-6:30, LSCO Student Center  
May 12—United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8 a.m.  
May 14—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.  
May 14—Missions, 5:30 p.m.  
May 17—Church Council, 6 p.m.  
May 21—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.  
May 21—Deadline for June newsletter information  
May 28—Office Closed for Memorial Day

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UP



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## Upcoming Events:

June 9—Art in the Park, Visit the FUMC 3G booth (rescheduled from April)  
June 14—Back to School Community Planning Meeting, 5:30-6:30, LSCO Student Center  
June 18-22—VBS, 9-11:30 a.m.  
June 25-27—Church Directory Pictures Taken  
July 8-12—Bigstuf Youth Camp, Panama City Beach, Florida

### Saturday, May 5 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

For all leaders of any church group!  
Our VCI Coach Marilyn Wadkins will teach us how to help leaders get started and how to cultivate the leaders we need. A STRONG church leadership will take us into our mission goals as an important part of this community.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day!

### 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 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.

### Sunday, May 6 ONE Blended Celebration service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary Town Hall meeting immediately after

Topics for the Town Hall meeting include:

1. Presentation by the VCI Program Review team and a Low Key questionnaire
2. Present the task team approved by the Council for the Sanctuary Project
3. Present the plans for the Summer program to provide sandwiches to children

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18-22, 2018

9-11:30 a.m.

Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**New Professional Church Photo  
Directory is Coming!  
Picture Dates:  
June 25, 26, and 27**

♥ 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."*

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**ALWAYS looking for  
VOLUNTEERS!!!**

- ♦ **CREW Leaders**—lead the crews (kids) around to the different stations (15 crew leaders)
- ♦ **Snack Leaders**—2 volunteers each day to help with snacks volunteer for a day or the whole week)

To help with the VBS decorations, we will be having our  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Also looking for driftwood, shells, any beach finds!

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



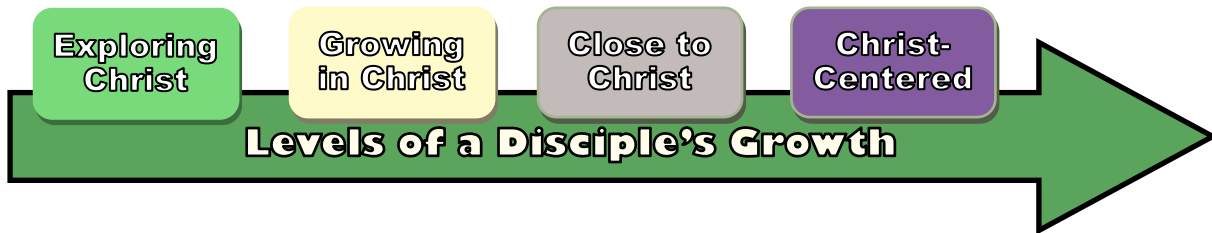
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## May Random Acts of Kindness

- ♥ Leave a thank-you note for your mail carrier or trash collector.
- ♥ Give three honest compliments
- ♥ Send notes of encouragements to graduates
- ♥ Hide inspirational messages on sticky notes around the office / church
- ♥ Talk to a manager about a great worker

## GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

Over the next few months, we will be looking at the four levels of growth into becoming a stronger Christian Disciple. We will overview each of the levels, allowing each of us to reflect and grow in our Christian maturity.



**Exploring Christ:** Perhaps you find yourself thinking, *"I believe in God, but I'm not sure about Jesus Christ. I'm curious about spiritual things and wondering what a relationship with Jesus Christ means."* We are excited that the Holy Spirit is prompting you to consider the most important questions of life and faith.

Below are some common characteristics of people in this stage of Christian maturity.

### **Prayers & Personal Devotional Practices:**

- ⇒ When I pray, I focus on my needs.
- ⇒ I seek to grow closer to God through prayer.
- ⇒ I seldom read the Bible.

### **Presence through Worship and Growth Groups:**

- ⇒ Attending worship is not a high priority.
- ⇒ I'm starting to see the value of joining a Growth Group and have visited one.

### **Gifts through Tithes and Offerings:**

- ⇒ I give as I am able.

### **Service to the Church and Community:**

- ⇒ I participate in acts of Christian service when I can.
- ⇒ I am interested in taking the spiritual gifts assessment to learn how to serve to learn how to serve others

### **Witness – Sharing God's Love with the World:**

- ⇒ I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God –Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ I believe that Christ suffered and died for my sins.

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## Communication

### **News—[News@fumcorange.org](mailto: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](mailto:PrayerBlasts@fumcorange.org)**

**Prayer Requests—**For confidential prayers, use form on Intercessory Prayer webpage or send email to [PrayerRequests@fumcorange.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@fumcorange.org)





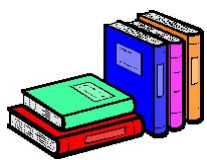
Located inside the Port of Beaumont, the **Seafarers' Center of Beaumont** is an ecumenical ministry serving all foreign and domestic seafarers. Here, seafarers can rest, relax, worship and enjoy a few hours on land before returning to sea. Transportation is provided from the ship to the Center and to a variety of destinations.

Donations of toiletries (travel size hotel items accumulated during travels, pens, notepads, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, or any other variety of little items along this line), magazines, and money can be placed in the labeled containers in the Family Life Center.



## CHANGE the WORLD!

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



### Library Cleaning Team

If interested in being part of the Library Cleaning Team 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.



## Memorials:

### In Memory of

#### Christopher Day

*Bill, Kay & Jonathan Butler  
Baptist Orange Radiology Team  
Rodney & Eunice Barrett  
Pete & Janice Gresham  
Jim & Joanne Pledger  
Bart & Ginger Williams  
Jonathan & Leah Vogt  
Sam & Dee Culpepper*

#### Barbara Mulhollan

*Rodney & Eunice Barrett*

#### Paul Jagen

*Betty Jagen*

#### Jerry Wilcox

*Sam & Dee Culpepper*

#### Shirley Hudson

*Bart & Ginger Williams  
Larry & Vergie Moreland*

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**2017 Rewards = \$268.85**

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# Happenings around First UMC- Orange

## Easter Sunday April 1

Breakfast  
provided by  
United Methodist  
Men



## Easter Sunday—Ben's Baptism, Flowering cross. Pastor John & Sandra



## Earth Day

April 22, 2018  
Sunday School  
classes planted trees  
under guidance of  
Sandra Hoke

