



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAY 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 May.
To have information included,
please send it to

news@fumcorange.org
by

Monday, May 22

so the newsletter can be
distributed before June 1.

Message from Pastor John

What is the purpose of a logo? And what is the difference between the Cross and Flame? The Cross and Flame was created in 1968 to symbolize the union of two denominations creating the United Methodist Church—The former Methodist Church and The Evangelical Brethren Church. That is our trademark.

A logo is different in that it says something about the character and focus of a group. In researching our church and seeking to put forth goals to grow the church, we went with something more organic that can represent growth and life—a tree. For example we have the tree of life and the family tree.

The Vision Team's goal was to create a logo that can translate into our goals and actions.

We are a group of people—not just a building—so the trunk of the tree looks like an arm and the branches like a hand reaching out.

We are a group of people rooted in the life of Jesus Christ—we are not just any tree. We will see our tag lines as the roots of the tree—we are rooted in Christ.

Our goal is to reach out to the community and world beyond what we can do, always trusting in what God can do through us—so we are branching out in faith.

As a tree that bears fruit, the crop we bear is to become and produce disciples of Jesus Christ. So we are disciples growing disciples.

Finally, notice the words encircling the tree—First United Methodist Church—in orange type because that is who we are and it represents the fruit of an orange tree.

At First UMC-Orange, we **grow** Disciples who **grow** Disciples! It is just that simple! It's what we do!



Malloy Mission Team

Would you like to help expand the ministry and mission of our Malloy Center?

We need folks with a financial business understanding, a hospitality gift who like meeting people, building renovation experience or programming to help create a retreat we can market.

We will be working on a plan to improve our rental and mission of the facility to enrich our lives and the lives of our community.

Speak to me if you feel moved to add your creative talents to this ministry.
Rev. John



This year's confirmation class preparing to wash each other's feet in the Upper Room.

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

April 2	April 9 (Palm Sunday)	Maundy Thursday	April 16 (Easter)	April 23
8:00.....20	8:00.....18		8:00.....25	8:00.....18
9:00.....66	9:00.....94		9:00.....143	9:00.....52
11:00.....51	11:00.....54		11:00.....73	11:00.....53
TOTAL 137	TOTAL 166	TOTAL 66	TOTAL 241	TOTAL 123

Giving

March 2017
Income \$38,117.03
Expenses \$39,909.14
\$ -1,792.11

May Worship

May 7, 2017

Scripture: John 16:12-15

Sermon:

***Faith Journey –
There's More!***

May 14, 2017

Scripture: John 10:2-10

Sermon:

***Hear the Voice
of Love***

May 21, 2017

Scripture: John 4:4-14

Sermon:

***Faith Journey –
What's Next?***

May 28, 2017

***Prime Time
Youth Choir
Concert***



**Confirmation
Sunday**

**ONE SERVICE
at 11 a.m.
Sanctuary**

Communion

Ushers: Team #1

11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky
Harper, Frank Beauchamp,
John Cochran

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

Parking Lot Greeters:

11:00 – Sandra Hoke &
Betty Merchant

Lay Reader:

11:00 – Annely Domas

Welcome Center Bakers:

Kay Butler & Rose Butler



Ushers: Team #2

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

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
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 – Leighia Barron
11:00 – Jim Armstrong

Welcome Center Bakers:

Beverly Blalack &
Eunice Barrett

2nd Sundays—
Bring your Cans to
Recycle

Ushers: Team #3

8:00 – Vernon Murry, Jim
Snider

11:00 – John Griffith, Jerry
Windham, Jim Armstrong,
Ron Hopperton

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
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 – Brittany Harmon
11:00 – Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center Bakers:

Bridget Teaff &
Debbie Taylor

3rd Sundays—
Bring Donations for
Rainbow Room
(see article in this newsletter)

**ONE SERVICE
at 11 a.m.
Sanctuary**

Ushers: Team #4

11:00 – Mat Taylor, Sarah
Boehme, Drew Domas

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal
Team

Parking Lot Greeters:

11:00 – Shirley Hudson &
Nevella Toal

Welcome Center Bakers:

Cindy Reynolds &
Donna Benefield



*Invite a
friend to
the concert!*

**Please pray for our
“Family” of the week**

May 7	Don Reasonover
May 14	David & Dana Sandlin
May 21	Julie Taliaferro
May 28	Al & Codie Vasquez

During Communion, all offerings left at the rail go to **OCS**
Orange Christian Services.
Every 1st Sunday—**OCS Collection Sunday.**
Give money (in envelope marked OCS) or
place donated items in OCS containers in Family Life Center.



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 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

May 12-13—30 Hour Famine at FUMC (6-12th graders) Cost: Donations

It's students around the world loving God and fighting hunger. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. unite to do the Famine. This year, we will join multiple churches nationwide during our famine. Participants learn about hunger, raise funds to help hungry kids, and experience hunger for themselves. Learn more about the famine by going to <https://www.30hourfamine.org/>



Looking Ahead to the Summer of 2017:

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/>

July 13-17—Big Stuf Summer Camp at Panama City Beach, FL (9-12th graders) Cost: \$393/person

Big Stuf 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 Defrates

Sydney Peet

Mentor: Angela Abshire

Dawson Sandlin

Mentor: Carl Svebek

Connor Ziller

Mentor: Jerry Ziller

Join us for a reception following the service in the Administrative Hall (below the Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 7 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

5:30 p.m.—Youth Meal Fundraiser

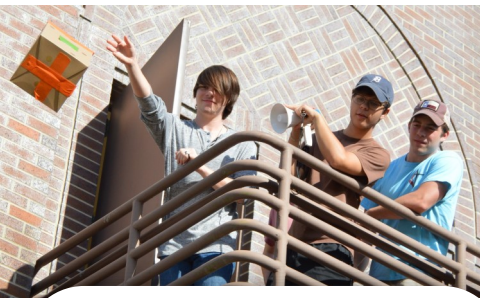
Donations will help with summer expenses.

6 p.m.—1st Methodist Kids present

"The Kingdom Connection"

A musical about some of the greatest kings of Israel from Saul to Solomon and more including Jesus, the King of kings.

Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Drop were a success!



Youth Drama did a great job on e-Bunny

Thanks for supporting the FUMC Youth during our March Car Wash!





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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



**Prime Time Youth Choir from Christ UMC-College Station
Concert at First UMC Orange
Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The 100 voice **Prime Time Youth Choir** from Christ UMC in College Station, Texas, is made up of students from grades 7-12. The group rehearses each Sunday afternoon and they regularly sing for worship. During the year the group participates in special services and concerts. Each summer the Youth Choir takes a tour. Past locations include: Disney World, Hollywood, Colorado Springs, Atlanta, Branson, Tennessee, Florida and throughout Texas. The choir is under the direction of Chris Caffee and James Faith.



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, May 18, at 6 p.m.; deadline for agenda items - 2nd Thursday, May 11

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Want to know what's happening? Minutes of the Church Council meetings are posted on the website (link below) under Resources!

Did you miss the Quarterly Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 5?

The PowerPoints presented are posted on the [Church Council](#) page under the Resources tab on the FUMC-Orange website.

APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

First United Methodist is collecting funds to help meet the funeral expenses for Evelyn Foster. Please consider contributing to this fund.

Members who want to bring a concern to the church council are asked to write it up and send it to John or any member of the council by the agenda deadline. Be sure to fully explain the concern so it can be properly addressed.

The Worship Excellence Committee is meeting with Larry Habetz of Gulf Coast Sound to look at lighting and sound needs to enhance worship for the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary. The committee will also be advertising for a "Band/Blend Advisor" to assist the Praise Band with song arrangements.

A new checklist will soon be posted in the kitchen and on the website to notify members of responsibilities associated with using the kitchen.

News signs will be appearing very soon!

After the church council meeting minutes are written up and approved, they will be posted on the website.

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE



And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Prayer:

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Redeemer, may we be changed to be more like Him. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

FIRST UMC-ORANGE'S VISION (UPDATED):

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!

May Events:

May 7—Confirmation Sunday, One Service at 11 a.m.
—Youth Fundraiser Meal, 5:30 p.m., Family Life Center prior to
—1st Methodist Kids present “The Kingdom Connection” at 6 p.m.

May 11—Deadline to submit agenda items to Church Council

May 12-13—Youth participating in 30-Hour Famine (see Youth page)

May 18—Church Council meeting, 6 p.m.

May 28—Prime Time Youth Choir Concert (One Service at 11 a.m.)

Upcoming Events:

June 11—Deadline for Family “Design a Robot” Contest for VBS (see contest info below)

June 11-17—UM Army Mission Trip to Alto, TX (9th-12th graders)

June 19-23—Vacation Bible School “Maker Fun Factory,” 9-11:30 a.m.

June 30-July 3—Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, TX (6th-12th graders)

July 13-17—BigStuf Summer Camp, Panama City Beach, FL (9th-12th graders)

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Social
Media

Like or follow:

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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

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by GOD Built for a Purpose

Mark your calendars
Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

9-11:30 a.m.

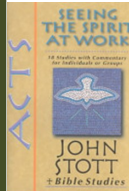
Preschool thru 5th grade

We NEED volunteers to help in the kitchen with snacks and in the nursery (we'll have 4 little ones). We will also be asking for snack donations, as well as props for Bible Storytelling and Opening / Closing. PLEASE start sharing our VBS dates with family and friends.



New Sunday School Bible Study

God wants you to know Him, and we get to know Him better through His Word. Are you getting as much out of your Bible study as you'd like? Now you can.



ACTS by John Stott is taught by Carol Allen. This devotional commentary is your guide to a deeper walk with God. These inductive studies will transform your life. With each lesson, you get observation

questions asking about the facts; interpretation questions delving into the meaning of the passage; application questions helping you discover the implications of the text; commentary notes designed to help with complex verses; a summary of the lesson helping you keep your bearings; prayer sections showing you how to focus on God.

If you are looking for an adult Bible class or want to learn more about the book of Acts, please join the class. The **Good News class, located on the second floor of the Education Building, begins at 10 a.m. following the Praise Service** on Sundays. Please remember to bring your Bible.

Women's Summer Bible Study

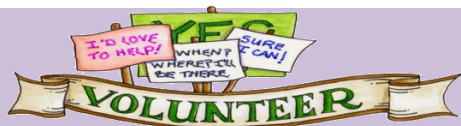
Women—Mark your Calendars!



The Women's Summer Bible Study will kick off on **Wednesday, June 28**, at Misti Groom's home from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Share a meal and fellowship the first 30 minutes. We will meet weekly 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, please RSVP to Nicole mrsjcwatz@gmail.com or 782-6296.

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



How can you help?

Any skill can be helpful!

Answering the phones, helping in the kitchen, stuffing envelopes, yard work, etc.
Please call the church (886-7466) to volunteer!

Evelyn Foster Family Needs Your Help

The Myra McDonald fund is taking donations and memorials in Evelyn's name to pay for her funeral services. Evelyn served First Methodist with a friendly smile, and this is our way of honoring her. We have a bill of \$2,512 outstanding. Your help is appreciated.



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.

The Rainbow Room

The 3rd Sunday of each month is designated as **Rainbow Room Collection Sunday**. The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center that distributes new items, such as clothing, diapers, and formula, to clients of CPS case-workers free of any overhead or administrative costs.

The most basic needs of a family in crisis are often unavailable, and caseworkers typically cannot provide the necessities from their personal resources. With the introduction of the Rainbow Room, assistance with basic needs becomes available. This helps to keep families together through traumatic times and can be equally critical in developing a helping relationship between caseworkers and client families.

When children are removed from their homes the parents are not able to pack their things, that is if they have things to pack and sometimes the children are not old enough to gather all their things together. The children are usually scared and confused and the parents are usually not there or are incapacitated and unable to help.

Here is a "Wish List" of what is needed. Remember, this is one of FUMC's missions.

Diapers	New children's clothing
Formula	Children's Books
Car Seats	School supplies
Toys	Personal hygiene items
Blankets	Shoes
Baby wipes	Household cleaning supplies

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 FUMC Orange every time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus Card!

To enroll in Community Rewards, go to www.kroger.com; click on community. Our church number is 80600.

Just some of the FUMC members helping plant trees and other plants at the Field of Plenty on April 22.



Scribes Take Up Their Pens

Pastor John recently asked for people to help with office correspondence once a week for roughly an hour on a Monday or Tuesday.

Eight persons responded and are helping as follows:

April 17	Donna Bell
April 23-24	Isabell Burke
May 1-2	Deborah Bayliss
May 8-9	Elaine Cooper
May 15-16	Louise Fuseler
May 22-23	Carol Izer
May 30	Betty James
June 5-6	Carolyn Spiers

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

PAINTING OF CHURCH

Jim Finklea, a recently departed member of FUMC, painted our church with detailed accuracy and beauty.

Please stop by to see the painting, which was recently hung in the sanctuary foyer closest to the elevator.

Given to the church by his sister-in-law, Jeanie Jordan.

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



The beautiful Easter Lilies and Hydrangeas decorating the Easter altars were purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Thank you to all who provided these flowers:



Memorials:

William "Bill" Bailey

James & Kay Hobstetter

David Lawson Dick II

(Carolyn Spiers' brother)

Pete & Janice Gresham

(for the Prayer Garden)

Evelyn Foster

(Myra McDonald Fund)

Mary L. McKee

Betty Jagen

David & Pie Bridges

Sarah Boehme

Gwen Boehme

Malissie Bailey

David & Harriet Dubose

Mick & Nancy Weidner

Ron & Bonnie Hopperton

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten

George & Beverly Millsap

Don Reasonover

Tim & Joy Hughes

Marilyn Powell

Beverly Hanes

Rosalie Jones

Louise Fuselier

John & Lana Ostermaier

Mat & Debbie Taylor

Jim & Joanne Pledger

Robert & Eunice Batchelor

Doris Byrd

Bobby & Trisha Anderson
in honor of SPC Zachery Anderson

The Armstrong Family
in honor of John & Sandra Warren
in memory of Louis & Ann Armstrong,
Lottie Hays & Harriet Chavanne,
Colleen Armstrong, Brian Christman

Rodney & Eunice Barrett
in honor of children & grandchildren

Dick & Mary Behnke
to the Glory of God

Charles & Donna Bell
in memory of Ann Olliff,
and our mothers
Adele Bell & Eleanor Mancil

Isabel Birk
in memory of my husband

Charlie & Beverly Blalack
in memory of our parents

Gwen Boehme & Family
in memory of
Lawrence H. Boehme, Sr. and
Grandparents

Doris Byrd
in memory of Darby Byrd

Greg & Dina Defrates
in memory of
Marilyn Defrates & Tom Davis

Drew & Annely Domas
in memory of Dan Domas,
Joe McClelland, and Danny Domas

Lynn Fields
in memory of Arlon Fields
in honor of Duane, Travis, Greg,
Donnie & Stacey

A friend
in honor of Shirley Hudson

Louise Fuselier
in memory of Ralph Fuselier

Hubert & Katty Hancock
in memory of Jack Jones

Brittany Harmon
in honor of Brooklyn & Josh Pierre

Wilda Hart
in memory of Bill & Duane Force

Tom & Becky Henry
in memory of Earl & Dorothy Henry

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten
in memory of Denise Hillsten Taylor

Sandra Hoke
in honor of newest grandchild,
Evelyn Ann Hoke

Beth Holm
in memory of John Holm
in honor of children & grandchildren

Shirley Hudson
in memory of my parents,
Beatrice & Emory Webb, and
my brother, Emory Webb, Jr.

Betty J. James
in memory of Vernon L. James

Jacob, Carson, Adalynn, Tucker
Worthy, & Olivia Jeanise
in memory of Cecil & Catherine Allen

Ruby Parks
in honor of Betty James,
Beverly Blalack, Lynn Fields, and
Julie & Richard Allensworth

Craig & Cindy Reynolds and
Donna & Ricky Benefield
In memory of Cecil & Catherine Allen

Doug Rogers
in honor of Donna Rogers
& Jeff Harrison

Secret Sister
in honor of Louise Fuselier

Secret Sister
in honor of Mary Louise McKee

Secret Sister
in honor of Edee Risher

Debra Strahan
in memory of Bill Bailey

Molly Stringer
in memory of Arlon Fields

Nevella Toal
in memory of E.S. & Virginia White

Nancy Vincent
in memory of Joyce Hughes

Jonathan & Leah Vogt
in honor of
First United Methodist Church-Orange

Jean & Glenda Whitley
in honor of granddaughter
Elizabeth Whitley Harrison

Bart & Ginger Williams
in honor of children & grandchildren

Jerry & Beth Windham
in honor of grandchildren

A VERY GRACIOUS THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with Evelyn Foster's Bereavement Meal.



We had an abundance of food and help serving the meal. The family was most appreciative.

Also a huge thank you to all who helped take down the 15 extra tables and chairs. After that, the "moppers" came and mopped the floor. It takes a village of a church to do a bereavement meal. (We planned for 150!)

I am so grateful for a loving, generous church family to make it all happen.

With Appreciation
Carolyn Hillsten, Bereavement Chair