



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 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.*

To have information included in the
December newsletter,
please send it to

news@fumcorange.org
by

Wednesday, November 15
(Thanksgiving break)
so the newsletter can be
distributed before December 1.

November Focuses on Remembering, Looking Forward and Giving Thanks

We begin the month with All Saints Sunday, which will be observed during the 11 am service in the sanctuary on November 5. We will gather with the saints to take part in communion. We will remember those of our membership who have passed this year as family members will be asked to light a candle in remembrance of them during the worship service. We remember the following members this year, and honor their contribution to God's mission here:

*Millie Arnold, Lois Beeson, Yvonna Boehme,
Evelyn Foster, Helen Gresham, Mary Louise McKee, Mavis Powell*

5:02 Prayers – Keep the prayers coming! We are not over yet—we have much that God wishes us to do in his name. *God, let your spirit fall upon me that the gifts you have blessed to me I will share with your church—as I pray, as I study, as I speak with friends and invite them to join us as we seek to do your will. Savior like a shepherd lead us. AMEN.* And lead us as sheep rather than old goats! Sandra and I have prayed in some interesting places – on the freeway, at Talladega raceway, in the grocery store, I even interrupted a phone call and explained to the caller that an alarm was going off on my phone and asked them to pray with me and they DID!

A Big Thank You – Sandra and I thank you for the wonderful book written for us and the many cards and gifts of appreciation of our work here with you. It touched our hearts! We will bring the book for you to read.



How We Show our Thanks as a Christian and a member of this church is by taking the vows of membership seriously. If you have forgotten them, they are:

- **Prayers**—I will be a praying person. I will pray for my church and my ministry in and through it.
- **Presence**—I will attend worship and take part in it. I will seek to strengthen my faith and fellowship by taking part in various growth groups and ministries and missions of the church
- **Gifts**—I will share my resources for the better good of this church. I give to God in thanks allowing the church to do it's mission through those gifts.
- **Service**—I will take part in planning and implementing the ministry of the church with others so the ministry of Christ will flourish.
- **Witness**—I will seek to invite friends and family to take part in our growth groups activities and worship. I will conduct myself in such a way as others will not be surprised to know I am a Christian.

Check out the ministry opportunities to help you grow in your faith and purpose for your life.

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

October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22
9:0069	9:0076	9:0070	9:00..... 59
11:0041	11:0059	11:0043	11:00..... 42
TOTAL 110	TOTAL 135	TOTAL 113	TOTAL 101

Giving

September 2017	Remember you can give online!
Income\$26,911.89	
Expenses\$29,038.10	
- \$ 2,126.21	

November Worship

November 5, 2017

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17
Sermon: All Saints Sunday:
Clothing of the Saints



COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1
11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran

Altar Guild:
Nevella Toal Team

9 am Greeters: Greg & Dina Defrates

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Sherri & Jeff Fruge
11:00 – Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Leighia Barron
11:00 – Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Bakers:
Kay Butler & Rose Butler

November 12, 2017

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Sermon: Stories of the Saints

Ushers: Team #2
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 – Charlie & Beverly Blalack

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Angela Abshire
11:00 – Gwen Whitehead

Welcome Center Bakers:
Beverly Blalack & Eunice Barrett

November 19, 2017

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Sermon: Thanksgiving of the Saints

Ushers: Team #3
11:00 – John Griffith, Jerry Windham, 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:
9:00 – Julie Allensworth
11:00 – Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center Bakers:
Bridget Teaff & Debbie Taylor

November 26, 2017

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Sermon: Christ the King, Shepherd of the Saints

Ushers: Team #4
11:00 – Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas

Altar Guild:
Nevella Toal Team

9 am Greeters:
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

Parking Lot Greeters:
9:00 – Dale & Barbara Dardeau
11:00 – Shirley Hudson & Nevella Toal

Lay Readers:
9:00 – Lori Kratzer
11:00 – Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Bakers:
Dana Sandlin & Priscella Burns

The church office will close at noon on Wed, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving and will reopen Monday, Nov. 27.



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.**



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

November 5	Dennis & Susan Cerkiewicz
November 12	Greg & Dina Defrates
November 19	Ruby Einkauf & Linda Cole
November 26	Charles, Christy & Chris Day



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](#)

Youth Activities:

November 19—No C.R.E.W

December 10—Youth Angels & Elves Shopping Trip

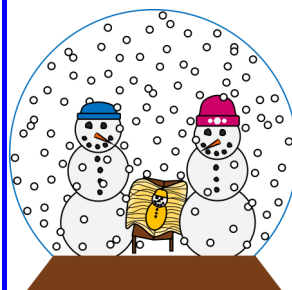
December 16—9-11:30 a.m. Jesus' Love Never Melts (Winter VBS)

Seeking youth and parent volunteers willing to help guide kids from station to station that morning.

December 17— 5-7 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, Parsonage

Mark your calendars now for Family Youth Night on **February 25** where the whole family (parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc.) are invited to come and hang out with us and see what we do and worship with us.

Youth had a great time being together again going to CM Farms on Saturday, October 14.



Jesus' Love Never Melts

2nd Annual Winter VBS

**Saturday,
December 16
9-11:30 a.m.
K-5th Grade**

Be our guest for a morning of activities for children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will learn Christmas songs, make crafts, make snow, learn the story of the birth of Jesus, play games, and enjoy a snack.

**Vacation
Bible
School**

Mr. Doug's First Methodist Kids



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

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!

First UMC Church Council

Finance – Chris Abshire & Greg Defrates, Trustees–Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR–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

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday, November 9
Next meeting—3rd Thursday—November 16, at 6 p.m.

3rd Town Hall Meeting Sunday, October 29

At the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 29, the Worship Excellence team presented reasons why they are looking to make improvements to our main place of worship. They are in the very beginning stages of considering these improvements that will enhance all services in a manner that will honor the building and the ministry of God.

Also at the Town Hall meeting, members had an opportunity to sign up for the various ministry opportunities offered by the church. If you missed the Town Hall meeting, please prayerfully consider signing up in the area that you feel that God is leading you.

The PowerPoints presented at the Town Hall meetings are always posted on the Church Council webpage after the meeting.

FUMC Guiding Principles and Church Council Meeting Minutes

are [posted on the FUMC website](#)
(under Resources)

Monthly VCI Team Meetings with Coach Marilyn Wadkins

Friday, November 3:

4:00-5:00 p.m. - Community
Connections

Saturday, November 4:

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Communications
10:15-11:15 a.m. -
11:30-12:30 p.m. - Disciple-making
2:00-3:00 p.m. -
3:15-4:15 p.m. -
4:30-5:30 p.m. -

Sunday, November 5:

12:30-1:30 p.m. - Vision
1:45-2:45 p.m. - Worship Excellence
3:00-4:00 p.m. -

The following VCI teams had not scheduled their meetings as of press time:

- Space Utilization
- Ministry Review
- Hospitality

VCI update

The various VCI teams are getting back on track after Harvey.

Vision Team met Sunday, October 22, to refocus on goals of supporting vibrant worship services, improving the ministry of the Malloy Center and our connection to Lamar State College-Orange through a study hall for students in the youth room.

Worship Excellence Team is preparing a presentation and discussion about why it is important to make our worship areas the best they can be to reach more people and offer them Christ.

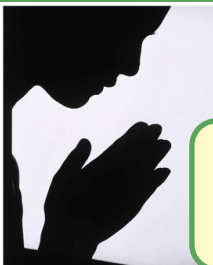
Missions has started a Friends and Family Night Fellowship from 5:30-6:30 for the first three Wednesdays in November and the last Wednesday of October. Visit around a meal and, when workers are in the Malloy and share the meal with us, meet our missionaries. Come and eat and give a donation as you would WNL.

VCI VIBRANT PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

November Prayer:

Father, help us to have love for one another that all may know that we are your disciples.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



November Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

November 1, 8, 15—Family & Friends Dinners, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Family Life Center
November 9—Love Circle Meetings (Faith & Joy at 9:30 a.m.; Love at 5:30 p.m.)
November 9—Deadline to submit agenda items to Council Secretary
November 11—United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
November 15—Deadline for December newsletter information
November 16—Church Council, 6 p.m.
November 26—Thanksgiving
November 29—Altar Guild decorates Sanctuary/Chapel

Upcoming Events:

December 3—The First Leon (1st Kids Christmas Musical), 5-5:45 p.m.
Gumbo Dinner Fundraiser with secular Christmas standards
as dinner music, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
December 10—Youth "Angels & Elves" Shopping Trip
December 16—Winter VBS "Jesus' Love Never Melts," 9-11:30 a.m., K-5th Grade
December 20—Blue Christmas service, 6-7 p.m.
December 25—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.
January—Ladies' Bible Study, *Daniel Prayer*

SAVE THE DATE

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UP



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Family & Friends Dinner Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Family Life Center October 25-November 15

While this is not Wednesday Night Live, it is a time to simply come together in fellowship and eat with your church family and friends (and possibly work teams staying with us at the Malloy) without having to worry about where or how you will get dinner that day. Many have expressed feeling disconnected since the storm, so join us as we reconnect around the table.

Nov. 1—Doug Rogers' pot roast, carrots, potatoes & onions over rice

Nov. 8—Donna Bell's gumbo

Nov. 15—TBA

HURRICANE HARVEY INFORMATION

If you need help ASAP, please contact Pastor John or Randall, and they can put you on the list for work crews. If you have not talked with either since October 12 about your house, please call/email them so they can update your information in their system.

To keep updated on changes due to Harvey, be sure to keep checking the blog at the bottom of our website titled

"Hurricane Harvey Updates."

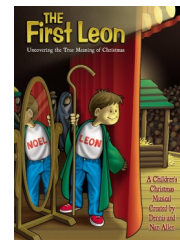
We are continuing to update that page when new changes are being made here at FUMC.

www.fumcorange.org

Sunday, December 3

5 p.m.—The First Leon by 1st Kids
5:45 p.m.—Gumbo Fundraiser Dinner
w/ Christmas Songs

Come enjoy First Methodist Kids Christmas musical **The First Leon** at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The kid's musical is the story of Leon, a boy who discovers his name spelled backwards is noel. He would like, more than anything, to have a part in the town's Christmas play.



At 5:45 p.m. enjoy fellowship and a **gumbo dinner by the The Grillin' Group** with dinner music by the singers of FUMC performing your favorite Christmas songs.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support the annual Youth Christmas Shopping Trip, **Angels and Elves**.

Our kids, Mr. Doug, and Ms. Donna are going to warm your hearts. Ms. Brittany is our choreographer. Plan to come support our children and youth.

FUMC Senior Adults
meet to play dominoes
on **Mondays at 10 a.m.**
in the Administrative Center.



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.



Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

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

"Harvey Recovery" Opportunities

Daycare Bus Greeter—Around 2:30 p.m., escort children from bus drop off to Education Building. At least one person each school day can serve.

Malloy Cooks—Several churches are helping the volunteers staying at the Malloy coming to rebuild our community. FUMC is providing meals on Tuesday evenings (if they request meals).

Harvey Help Team—Several members of our FUMC family are trying to rebuild! If you can help provide meals, wash clothes, provide rides, etc. The church office has a list of families and how you can help!

Orange Christian Services—Requesting laundry detergent. Can bring during 1st Sunday collection or any time.

Call church office at 886-7466 to serve [or volunteer online](#).



CHANGE the WORLD!

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

Random Acts of Kindness, in honor of our Veterans:



1. Pay for lunch, a drink or dessert when you see a military person in a restaurant.
2. Write a letter through [Operation Gratitude](#) to deployed soldiers, wounded warriors and veterans of previous conflicts. Have your kid draw a picture or write a card as well.
3. Say "thank you for your service" when you see people in uniform.
4. Surprise a veteran by raking his/her leaves, washing their car, or something else.
5. Go to <http://www.bradaronson.com/thank-you-veterans/> for other ideas and organizations that serve our Veterans.

HURRICANE HARVEY FINANCIAL HELP

To financially help victims in our area, please donate through this link (<https://tinyurl.com/fumcharveyvictims>) and be sure to put "Myra McDonald Fund" in the Memorial Box to make sure 100% of your donation goes straight towards flood victims in the Orange area. You can also write a check with "Myra McDonald Fund" in the memo line.



New Begininz Academy

Children from the New Begininz Academy started arriving at FUMC on Wednesday, September 20. Their facility on Meeks Drive was damaged in the storm.

They will continue to use the first floor of the Education Building as well as Tow Inn from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (or later) At this time, this temporary arrangement may be until Christmas.

After-school WOS students must have an adult escort them from the bus drop off to the Education Building. If you can help at least one day each week about 2:30-3 p.m., please contact the church office.

FUMC Ministry Service Opportunities

Caring Ministry Team—Send out cards to our sick and homebound once a month.

Malloy Center Team—Serve as a Shepherd.

Kitchen Team—Keep the kitchen in order.

Church Maintenance Team— Help with small repair projects at the church (changing light bulbs, etc.)

Call church office at 886-7466 to serve!

DISCIPLESHIP MESSAGE



Photo by Courtney Carmody, courtesy of Flickr.

**Prayer is placing ourselves
in the presence of God.
This does not always require words.**

"Lord, teach us to pray," the disciples request of Jesus (Luke 11:1 CEB). Many of us who lack confidence in our prayer lives ask the same of our pastors and others who seem to have a better handle on that spiritual discipline. Learning to pray is like learning to ride a bicycle. What we can learn from a book or class is not enough. Proficiency comes through practice. Additionally, because prayer is a form of communication, there is no one-size-fits-all technique. Each of us needs to find our unique style.

Spending a day or season invigorating your prayer life is time well spent. Experiment with some new-to-you ways of praying. You might be surprised to find what works best for you. Spend some time developing a richer prayer life by finding what works for you. This will allow you to re-energize your conversations with God.

Suggestions include:

- Be Still
- Breath Prayer
- Labyrinth Prayer
- Praying the Scriptures
- Multisensory Prayer
- Pray by checking in with God

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino --
for the full article check out:

[http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/
re-energize-your-prayer-life-with-a-new-practice](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/re-energize-your-prayer-life-with-a-new-practice)



Memorials:

In Memory of

Mary Louise McKee
Robert & Anne Edwards

Mavis Powell
Robert & Anne Edwards
Tim & Joy Hughes

Hurricane Relief
Elizabeth Lawley
Garrett & Katherine Keener
Vernon Murry

Yvonna Boehme
William & Deborah Butler
Barbara Allen
Mat & Debbie Taylor
Ron & Bridget Teaff
Robert & Sara Snell
Tim & Joy Hughes

Betty Peveto
Jim & Joanne Pledger
Ron & Bridget Teaff

In Honor of
John & Sandra Warren
Nevella Toal

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