



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2019

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 next newsletter,
please send it to
news@fumcorange.org
by Wednesday, Nov. 20,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before December 1.

November is here, and we've already had a taste of brisk weather. It feels so wonderful outside, doesn't it? Baseball has ended, and there are new Champions. High school football is winding down and preparing for play-offs. Thanksgiving is late this year, on the 28th of the month, and a tiny baby is expected on that day! Randall and Sharon Bridges will be welcoming their first child, a son on or around that Thanksgiving Day (the 28th is Joseph's due date.). We are all excited for them and for us.

November begins with All Saints' Sunday. Our Wesleyan tradition teaches that Christ's Body the Church is the exclusive heritage of no single generation of Christians: all the faithful, in every age, have an equal share and part in it: all true believers, who have been, who are, and who shall be, belong to it. Our union with Christ, in His Body the Church, does not begin with life, it does not end with it; this is a spiritual relationship over which death has no power. We will read the names of those departed since last All Saints' Sunday from our congregation and light a candle in remembrance. There will be additional candles available during Holy Communion for us to remember friends or family members beyond our congregation who also died this year.

I hope that you will make every attempt to join us for worship this month. We will explore gratitude in our lives in many ways. I know that our schedules are full and we have many obligations, but God commands us to keep the Sabbath holy. A day set apart for worship and prayer. When you are absent from worship, we miss you.

I give thanks for each of you. We have some wonderful things coming up in the weeks ahead. I hope you will join us as often as is possible, but especially on Sundays for worship.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lani



Thank You for Your Outpouring of Love

I want to express my gratitude for all of the cards and notes, flowers and beautiful cake for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It felt a little strange being thanked and blessed so graciously only a week after a sermon about "Doing our Duty." Being a Pastor is what God called me to do, and I am honored to serve as your Pastor. Don and I are enjoying the sights and tasty delights of this area. I am blessed beyond measure each day. Thank you for making our lives sweeter. I am so looking forward to the wondrous adventures God has in store for us in ministry.

Communication

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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

Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
(Doug's Retirement)	9:00.....64	9:00.....66	9:0076	9:0080
	11:00.....41	11:00.....44	11:0057	11:0037
10:30 200	TOTAL 105	TOTAL 110	TOTAL 133	TOTAL 117

Giving

September 2019	You can also give online!
Income.....\$31,358.61	
Expenses.....\$38,003.19	
- \$ 6,644.58	

November Worship



Sermon Series: **ThanksLiving**

November 3, 2019

Scripture: Luke 6:20-31
Sermon: **Blessings and Woes Go Together**



COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Jeff & Sherri Frugé
11-Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

9 am Inside Greeters:
Lauren & Sydney Peet

11 am Ushers: Team #1
Ricky Harper, Frank Beauchamp, John Cochran, Jean Whitley

Lay Readers:
9-Lori Kratzer
11-Donna Bell

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10-Pat McCombs
10:30-11:15-Kay Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Cindy Reynolds & Donna Benefield

November 10, 2019

Scripture: Deuteronomy 24:19-22
Sermon: **A Little Means A Lot**

Nov 10 = Stand Sunday at FUMC

Wear blue for awareness to show support for children in foster care.

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Susan & Jeff Eby
11-Charlie & Beverly Blalack

9 am Inside Greeters:
Charlotte & Ed Foreman

11 am Ushers: Team #2
Brown Claybar, Phil Grooms, Ken Hillsten, Betty Merchant

Lay Readers:

9-Tom Henry
11-Sarah Boehme

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10-Available
10:30-11:15-Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center Bakers:
Marcia Brown & Theresa Cronin

November 17, 2019

Scripture: Isaiah 12
Sermon: **Partners in Prayer and Praise**

Commitment Sunday

Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Leighia & Richard Barron
11-Drew & Annely Domas

9 am Inside Greeters:
Julie & Richard Allensworth

11 am Ushers: Team #3
John Griffith, Jerry Windham, Nevella Toal, Vernon Murray, Richard Powell

Lay Readers:
9-Julie Allensworth
11-Theresa Beauchamp

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10-Pat McCombs
10:30-11:15-Kay Butler

Welcome Center Bakers:
Kay Butler & Dana Sandlin

11 a.m. services will continue to be held in the Slade Chapel!

November 24, 2019

Scripture: Colossians 1:11-20
Sermon: **All Things Hold Together**



Altar Guild: Sandra Hoke team & Trisha Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Dale Dardeau & Ken Wheeler
11-Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal

9 am Inside Greeters:
David & Pie Bridges

11 am Ushers: Team #4
Mat Taylor, Sarah Boehme, Drew Domas, Wayne Mulhollan

Lay Readers:
9-Leighia Barron
11-Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Greeters:
9:30-10-Available
10:30-11:15-Suzanne Magee

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 Welcome 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 the Rainbow Room

4th Sundays: Bring books for Back to School

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

Nov 3	Drew & Annely Domas
Nov 10	Dale & Priscilla Burns
Nov 17	Pete & Janice Gresham
Nov 24	Rodney & Eunice Barrett



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 C.R.E.W. 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](https://www.fumcora.com) to 81010

Facebook: [fumcorangeyouth](https://www.facebook.com/fumcorangeyouth)

Instagram & Twitter:
[@fumcorangeyouth](https://www.instagram.com/fumcorangeyouth)

Youth November & Upcoming Activities:

November 17: 5-7 p.m. Colorado Canyon

November 24: No C.R.E.W.

December 14—Jesus Love Never Melts, Advent VBS

December 15—Angels & Elves Shopping Trip

October 6 District Youth Gaga Ball Tournament



October 20 CM Farms (Dry Creek, LA)



2019 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader—Carol Allen (Chair); Finance—Sherri Frugé & Tom Henry;
Trustees—Gary Bonneaux & Brown Claybar; SPR—Theresa Beauchamp & Greg Debrates;
Members at Large—Jerry Pennington, Betty Merchant & Trisha Anderson;
Secretary—Suzanne Magee; Pastor—Lani Rousseau

Deadline for agenda items —1st Thursday—October 31 (week before)

Email to suzanneM97@gmail.com

Next meeting—November 7 at 6 p.m.

(new date to prepare for Nov 10 Charge Conference)

If you have any questions or concerns for Church Council, send ONE email
to council@fumcorange.org that will go to ALL council members!

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



A Time for Christian Fellowship and
a Time to Grow into a Stronger Disciple for Jesus.
Meal at 5 p.m., followed by classes at 6 p.m.

**Please invite family and friends to come for
fellowship and growing in our spiritual walk
with Jesus.**

November meals at 5 p.m.:

- ♦ **Nov. 6:** sausage, hotdogs, links, baked beans, salad, dessert
—by United Methodist Men, for missions
- ♦ **Nov. 13:** sausage & potatoes, salad, cornbread, desserts
—by Good News Sunday School class

Classes for the fall semester (ends Nov. 13):

- † **Acts** (facilitated by Suzanne Magee) - Max Lucado's Acts Bible Study
- † **Mental Health—Taking Your Power Back** (facilitated by Allisha Bonneaux) - Course helps recognize mental illness and what to do about it—includes depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- † **Kindergarten through 5th graders**—Meet with Ana Goleman
- † **Youth**—Meet with Randall

71ST ANNUAL
ORANGE CHRISTMAS PARADE
A "Disney" Christmas

*Dress as your
favorite Disney
character!*



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

The 71st Annual Orange Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Orange, will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019. Parade forms can be downloaded from the Kiwanis Club of Orange, TX Facebook page or picked up at Mann Insurance Agency, 1505 Park Ave., Orange. Forms are also available at the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce. All registration fees offset the cost of the parade. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 is the deadline to submit registration forms. Registration is required. On-site entries will not be accepted.
For more information: www.facebook.com/orangetxkiwanis




Kiwanis



FUMC Float in Parade

FUMC is planning to have a float in the upcoming Kiwanis parade on Friday, December 6!

Possible themes—"The Real Gift of the Season," "Let His Word Unwrap the Magic of *Christmas*" or something like that with a large manger with hay and maybe a beam of light shining up from it.

If you would like to help with the float (design, put together, walk beside, ride on, provide Disney costumes, etc.) please let Lani know!

November Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Sundays—Ladies Bible Study of *Uninvited*, 5 p.m.

Wednesdays—Wednesday Night Live, Meal at 5 p.m./Classes at 6 p.m. (ends Nov. 13)

Nov 6—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.

Nov 7—Church Council, 6 p.m. (**new date** to prepare for Nov 10 Charge Conference)

Nov 9—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Nov 10—Deadline to bring toiletries for Seafarer's Christmas Boxes

Nov 10—District Charge Conference, Wesley UMC, Beaumont

Nov 11—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.

Nov 11—Church Office Closed (Veterans Day)

Nov 12—Seafarers Christmas Boxes Prepared/Assembled, 5 p.m.

Nov 13—Last WNL for Fall 2019

Nov 18—Senior Sisterhood, 10:30 a.m. (lunch at Luby's)

Nov 20—Deadline for November newsletter information

Nov 24—Decorate church for Christmas after services (lunch provided)

Nov 28-29—Church Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

Upcoming Events:

Dec 6—Kiwanis Christmas Parade

Dec 12—Salvation Army Angels Deadline

Dec 14—Jesus Love Never Melts, Advent VBS

Dec 15—Angels & Elves Shopping Trip

Dec 22—Christmas Cantata at 11 a.m. service

Dec 24—Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

Dec 29—Senior Sisterhood Blanket Drive Ends

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**



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**TIS THE
SEASON!!**

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 24**

It's time to decorate
our beautiful worship
venues for the
Advent season!

On Sunday, November 24, we will join in
fellowship after church with a meal and a
church-wide decorating party!

Everyone is welcome to participate and
get into the Christmas spirit!

Time to Clean the Refrigerator/Freezer

The freezer and refrigerator in
the Family Life Center kitchen
have been home to lots of food
items. However, some have
outlasted their welcome!



Please put your name and the date on any food you leave in
the refrigerator—if you intend to use it in a short amount of
time. Please don't leave anything in the refrigerator
OR freezer unless you plan to use it for an upcoming activity.
Unmarked items will be removed soon!

Senior Sisterhood is sponsoring a "Give & Take Blanket Drive"

Give & Take means:

give a blanket if you can and take a blanket if you know someone
who needs one. Please help us reach our goal of 50 blankets to be donated to
Orange Christian Services.

Our Blanket Drive will end on **December 29.**

Donations on Sunday mornings can be dropped off at the Family Life Center
or the Welcome Center. Donations during the week can be dropped off
at the church office.

Thank you for your support!

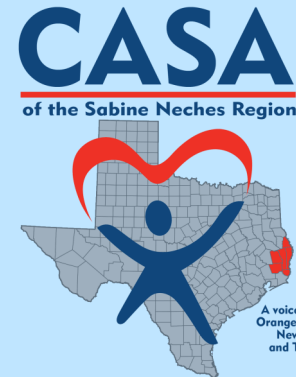


Stand Sunday on November 10, 2019

We will pray for children affected by foster care or waiting to be adopted by a forever family.
Stand Sunday is a day to learn ways we can pray, stand and change the destiny of children in foster care.

Last year in Orange County:
280 children were confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect.
244 children remained in state care.
122 children were removed from their homes.
261 children are still awaiting adoption in Region 5.
77.8% children are placed outside of Orange County

Please contact Codie Vasquez at (409) 363-2541
or cvasquez@casasnr.org if you want to know how you can get involved to help children impacted by the child welfare system.



SEAFARER'S CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are collecting travel-size toiletries for the Seafarers.

If you have some that we could use,
please bring them to the church by

Sunday, November 10, so they can be sorted.

On Sundays, you can drop off in a box in the Welcome Center.

During the week, you can drop off at the church office.



We will be preparing the Seafarer's Christmas boxes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12.

If you would like to help put the boxes together, please join us!

A light meal will be provided.

Thank you for your help!

For information call Ken Hillsten at 409-330-2660.

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.



HELP BRING RECYCLING TO ORANGE COUNTY!

PRE-SIGN UP FOR RECYCLING!
ONCE 300 HOMES PRE-SIGN UP
SERVICES WILL BEGIN!

- ONLY \$10/MONTH
- TWICE-MONTHLY PICK UPS

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
RECYCLOPS.COM/ORANGE



HONORING VETERANS

North Early Learning Center would

like to invite all Veterans to a

Veterans Day Program on

Monday, November 11,

tentative time is 9:30. The children will provide a very short program followed by refreshments.

If you would honor them with your presence, and let them tell you thank you for your service, talk to Leighia Barron or you can call the school office at 8825434. THANKS!!

Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served





SENIOR SISTERHOOD

Our Senior Sisterhood will gather on Monday, November 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. We will have ladies ready to drive everyone to Luby's in mid-county for lunch.

All members AND their guests are encouraged to come for an early Thanksgiving meal!

For more information,
call Betty Merchant at 409-779-1470
or Lynn Fields at 409-313-0078.



Memorials:

in Memory of

Gerald Taylor

James & Linda Womack
Ed T. Malloy Foundation
John & Jeanelle Cochran
Martha Rathburn
Jerry Windham
Beth Holm

O'Neal Waldrop

Paul & Kaylard Lebouef

Kyle Stephenson

Beth Holm

in Honor of

Doug & Donna Rogers

Sarah Boehme

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Angels for the Salvation Army Angel Tree will be available to church members on Sunday, November 24, and need to be turned in by **Thursday, December 12.** Call Carolyn Hillsten at 409-670-7145 if you have any questions.



Please consider serving in one of these areas on a Sunday morning!

♥ **Welcome Center Greeter**—

For 30-45 minutes, greet/visit with people who stop by for a bite or welcome/assist guests finding a service, a Sunday School class, or the nursery. Available times 9:30-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:15 a.m. (contact Ginger Williams)

♥ **Reader for 9 a.m. service**—Share the good news by reading the Sunday scripture. You receive it before the end of the week so you can prepare. (contact Trisha Anderson)

♥ **Substitute Nursery Worker**—Care for our littlest ones when our regular workers have to be away. (contact Randall Bridges)

♥ BY GIVING
SERVICE
TO OTHERS,
I GIVE
SERVICE
TO GOD. ♥



NOV 3G TIP

Recycle

Hearing Aid Batteries

Lamar Speech & Hearing Department recycles them!
Look for a round white container in the Welcome Center.

Empty Prescription Bottles & Vitamin Bottles

Wesley UMC Orange is sending them to countries where they're not available. Must be empty (PLEASE REMOVE ALL LABELS).

Please bring to Welcome Center.
Look for 3G container with light green lid.

FUMC MEMBERS SHARING GOD'S LOVE!!

On September 24, FUMC Orange members were asked to help FUMC Vidor, who had been affected by Imelda. Members were asked to contribute paper lunch bags, individual hand sanitizer wipes, granola bars, pudding cups, fruit cups, individual snack packs, plastic spoons, or anything else that might be non-perishable and yummy on the go and then drop them off at our church office. On September 25, members were asked to help assemble the food bags.



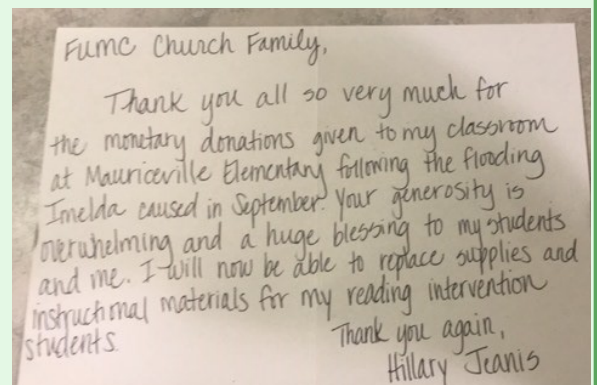
Thank you to all who donated snack foods and other supplies to help out our sisters and brothers at FUMC Vidor for aid to their community!



Intentional Act of Kindness

On Sunday, October 6, the congregation filled the donation basket for Hillary Benefield Jeanis, whose Mauriceville Elementary 3rd grade classroom flooded for the second time in two years.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Here Hillary receives your donations at the 9 a.m. service.



Growing Stronger Disciples

Engaging Your Community – Part 1

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

– MATTHEW 9:35-38

The harvest is still plentiful, and the laborers are still few. Today, not unlike the time of Jesus, people still have deep spiritual needs and long for greater meaning for their lives. Some, as in Matthew’s text, feel harassed and helpless. Some are searching for good news. Some need healing. Jesus still looks out over our cities and villages and has compassion for all of the people ... and so should we as his disciples.

I remember the nursery rhyme taught to us in Sunday school when we were young ... Here’s the church; here’s the steeple, open the doors and see all the people. Unfortunately, many churches today might rewrite that rhyme, “open the doors; where are all the people?” Although there are a few examples of towns and cities where jobs and people have left entirely, an overwhelming majority of cities and towns still report growth in population year after year. The problem is not a lack of people. The problem is our inability to see and reach them. We have forgotten why as disciples we are called to reach out in the first place.

When we talk about engaging our communities, we must make sure that our people find and embrace a vision rooted in a deep love for all of God’s people—not unlike a love and yearning for a vast and endless sea. Such a love pulls us forward, giving us the courage and the willingness to go wherever God leads. **Do we have a heart for all God’s people—even the people not personally known to us? even the people who reject God or reject us? even our enemies? Engaging our communities begins here.**

See All the People – Engaging Your Community, Junius Dotson (SeeAllThePeople.org.)

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up the men and women to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.”

Communication

News—News Release online form OR 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

Church Council—Send any questions or concerns for Church Council, to council@fumcorange.org that will go to ALL council members!



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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 Chapel

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!