



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 2017

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 October newsletter,
please send it to

news@fumcorange.org

by

Friday, October 20

so the newsletter can be
distributed before November 1.

First Church Responds to Breakthrough Prayer

Each day at 5:02 I have called you to stop and pray for God's direction in our ministry to one another and the community. We are now seeing more of our church being used during the week.

BUS BARN DISTRIBUTION

In our bus barn, we have a distribution center for water, cleaning supplies, food, and flood buckets. A number of folks have manned the booth. Wesley UMC is taking care of Mondays. We would like for you to sign up for Tuesday (8-noon or 3-5) or Saturday (8-noon). Call John, Randall, or Norma to sign up. [Or go online and sign up.](#)

NEW BEGINNINGZ ACADEMY BUS MINISTRY

We are hosting a day school in the Gresham Education Building. All three Orange daycares flooded. We look forward to getting to know these precious little ones and their families.

Due to West Orange Stark bus drivers not willing to enter our parking lot, the children are being dropped off at the street. You can help these little ones to safely get across the parking lot by meeting them and walking them to the door. The buses arrive from 2:30-3:30 p.m.. Monday through Friday. Thanks to you, we have Tuesdays covered. We have one person for Wednesday and still need folks for Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Sign up Sunday.

MALLOY WORK TEAM MEALS

We have a good number of folks signed up to provide an evening meal or breakfast. We would like to welcome the groups their first day with a meal and send them off with breakfast. We will let you know when our next group is coming.

CONTINUE THE PRAYERS AT 5:02!

WORSHIP SURVEY:

Number preference 1 or 2

_____ ONE Blended service in sanctuary at 10:15

_____ TWO Services—1 Contemporary Service at 9:00 and
1 Traditional Service at 11:00

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

August 27	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 23
8:00..... 10	NO	One Service	One Service	One Service
9:00..... 68	SERVICES			
11:00 CANCELED	(HARVEY)	10:00..... 106	10:15..... 93	10:15..... 115
TOTAL 72		TOTAL 106	TOTAL 93	TOTAL 115

Giving

August 2017	
Income	\$27,117.00
Expenses	\$36,426.72
	- \$ 9,309.72

Remember
you can
[give online!](#)

October Worship

October 1, 2017
***BRANCHING
OUT IN FAITH***

October 8, 2017 / October 15, 2017
***DISCIPLES GROWING
DISCIPLES***

October 22, 2017

Scripture: TBD
Sermon: TBD

October 29, 2017

Scripture: TBD
Sermon: TBD

COMMUNION

Ushers: Team #1

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

Altar Guild:

Sandra Hoke 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 – Greg Defrates
11:00 – Beverly Blalack

Welcome Center

Bakers:

Lori Kratzer &
Brittany Harmon Allen

Ushers: Team #2

11:00 – Brown Claybar,
Phil Grooms, Jim
Pledger, Ken
Hillsten

Altar Guild:

Sandra Hoke Team

9 am Greeters: Trisha
& Bobby Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00 – Jeff & Susan
Eby
11:00 – Beverly &
Charlie Blalack

Lay Readers:

9:00 – Sandra Warren
11:00 – Lynn Fields

Welcome Center

Bakers:

Trisha Anderson &
Ginger Williams

Ushers: Team #3

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

Altar Guild:

Sandra Hoke 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 – Barbara Dardeau
11:00 – Annely Domas

Welcome Center

Bakers:

Julie Allensworth &
Suzanne McGee

Ushers: Team #4

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

Altar Guild:

Sandra Hoke Team

9 am Greeters:

Cindy Reynolds &
Donna Benefield

Parking Lot Greeters:

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

Lay Readers:

9:00 – Tom Henry
11:00 – Jonathon Vogt

Welcome Center

Bakers:

Cindy Reynolds &
Donna Benefield

Ushers: Team #5

11:00 – Hubert
Hancock, Travis
Miller, Barry Bates

Altar Guild:

Sandra Hoke Team

9 am Greeters:

Gerald Ziller

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00 – Bart & Ginger
Williams
11:00 – Archie
McLellan & Jim
Armstrong

Lay Readers:

9:00 – Lori Kratzer
11:00 – Judy Taylor

Welcome Center

Bakers:

Marcia Brown &
Gwen Whitehead

Our Sunday schedule this October:

9 a.m.—Contemporary Service in Family
Life Center
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Traditional Service in Sanctuary



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

October 1 Gerald & Judy Taylor
October 8 Rico & Sydney Vasquez
October 15 John & Sandra Warren
October 22 Barbara Allen
October 29 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 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:

October 1—2017-2018 Preview, 4-4:45, Family Life Center, Classroom 2

Parents of 6-12 graders are welcome to join Randall as he walks you through the 2017-2018 youth year. Agenda items include:

- The Vision of FUMC's Youth Ministry
- What a regular scheduled night at CREW would look like
- Communication of the Youth Ministry
- The year's events
- Deposits
- and more!

The Youth Council has come up with some great things for our program over the next year and I can't wait to share them with you!

Mark your calendars now for Family Youth Nights on **October 1** and **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.

**Wednesday Night Live
has been canceled for this fall,
but WNL will resume in the spring.**

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.



**Trunk or Treat
on Halloween night (October 31)
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
FUMC Parking Lot**

During October, Disciplemakers will be collecting candy – look for boxes in the Family Life and Welcome Centers. Thanks for your support!!

Sponsored by Disciplemakers
(Christian Education)

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 be using 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 3 p.m., please contact the church office.



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ORANGE, TX 77630

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon

OCTOBER WORSHIP

9:00a - Praise service in the
Family Life Center

10:00a - Sunday School

11:00a - 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

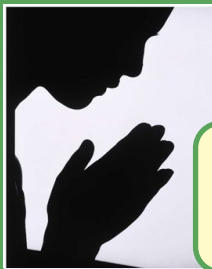
Finance – Chris Abshire & Greg Defrates, Trustees–Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges, SPR–Jonathan Vogt, Communications–Ginger Williams, Lay Leader–Carol Allen, Members at Large–Janice Gresham & Betty Merchant, Secretary–Sherri Frugé, Secretary Assistant–Barbara Dardeau, Pastor–John Warren

Deadline for agenda items to secretary, Sherri Frugé—2nd Thursday, October 12
Next meeting—3rd Thursday—October 19, at 6 p.m.

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

The September Church Council meeting was canceled.

Sunday, October 8, at noon
All VCI Teams will have lunch with
Coach Marilyn Wadkins.



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

October 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.

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

God uses people to form people—That is why what happens between you and another person is never merely human-to-human interaction — the Spirit longs to be powerfully at work in every encounter. Referring to this dynamic, some writers of Scripture speak of “the fellowship of the Spirit.” Fellowship has become a churchy word that suggests basements and red punch and awkward conversation. But it is really a word for the flow of rivers of living water between one person and another, and we cannot live without it.

Spending meaningful time with people who care about us is indispensable to human flourishing. Social researcher Robert Putnam writes, “The single most common finding from a half-century’s research on life satisfaction, not only from the U.S. but around the world, is that happiness is best predicted by the breadth and depth of one’s social connections.”

Part of what it means to be made in God’s image is our capacity for connectedness because God created human beings and then said, “It isn’t good for man to be alone.” Paul paints a picture of that connectedness in writing to the church in Ephesus that they are “being rooted and established in love.”

When a tree puts roots into the ground, those roots are able to take in nutrients and water, and the tree grows and has life and strength — but only if it is rooted. In the same way, we are rooted and our souls are nourished in the love of God and other people. We experience this both physically and emotionally when we connect with somebody.

Connectedness is not the same thing as knowing many people. People may have many contacts in many networks, but they may not have any friends. When you are loved, it is not just that you receive more from someone else, but also that you become more yourself. You-ier.

Love brings the power to become the me I want to be.

Loving people are literally life-givers. That is connectedness. Likewise, we flourish when we are connected with God and people, and we languish when we are disconnected.

We were designed to flourish in connectedness.

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October Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

October 19-22—Emmaus Women's Retreat, Malloy Center
October 20—Deadline for November newsletter information
October 31—Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7 p.m., FUMC Parking Lot

PostPoned/Canceled Events:

—Wednesday Night Live (**canceled for fall—will begin again in spring**)
—*Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* Bible Study in
New Beginnings Sunday School Class (**postponed**)
—Ladies Bible Study -*The Daniel Prayer*, 5-7 p.m. Good News Classroom/Education
Building (six week study) (**postponed**)
October 15—ONE 11 a.m. service at Halliburton Pavilion, Claiborne Park followed
by a Covered Dish Lunch (**canceled since Claiborne flooded**)

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



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Memorials:

Hurricane Relief for FUMC Members

Ernest Valverde

Deborah & Julian Hardaker

Nedra & Eugene Sahr

Gerald & Judy Taylor

Tommy Zitzmann

Basalt Community United Methodist

Raymond & Barbara Theriault

Gail Noonan

Jim & Ruth Barnes

Judith & Laurie Gorlick

Dorothy Grodahl & Janette Godwin

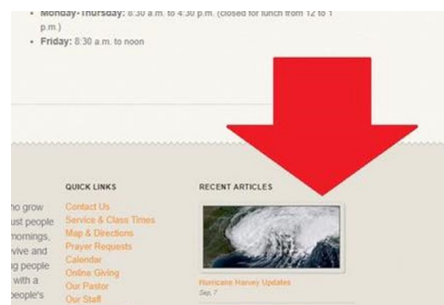
Jerry Roberts

Memory of Betty Peveto

Pete & Janice Gresham

HURRICANE HARVEY INFORMATION

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

5:02



Prayer Initiative

*"God, we lift
First United Methodist
Church to you with our
prayers. Please do
what we cannot do
ourselves, including
Your changing us with-
out limits. In Jesus
name we pray.
Amen."*

Join Pastor John in focused prayer for the ministry and mission of the church.

All church members are asked to pray for God to work in and through us at 5:02 in the morning or evening. Use the "Breakthrough Prayer" in the orange box. Take a picture of where you are when you pray and post it on our Facebook page or on your Facebook and Instagram, etc. When two or more are gathered in Jesus' name, especially in prayer for God's will to be done, we will see an outpouring of His power upon us.

May we open ourselves up to hear the very voice of God, which may come in an audible voice or a gentle nudge in a certain direction. We are seeking a breakthrough in our thinking and understanding of what God hopes and wishes to do in and for us as a church in ministry to the world around us. Our guiding scripture is Ephesians 3: 20 "Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine, by his power at work within us."

Let's see the exciting prayer work in and through us as we join together in prayer.

♥ 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)

“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!

Distribution Center—Help distribute items
(fans, bleach, etc.) from the center located
in our bus barn.

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](#).

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act of kindness

We have been given the opportunity to
share our Love with others during
Harvey Recovery.

- PRAY for their recovery efforts.
- If you have a working kitchen, cook a
meal for a family in recovery—or
share a gift card with them for meals.
- Offer to wash a load of clothes.
Many families have lost their washer
and dryer.
- Pick families up for church—many
have lost their vehicles.



Children's Books for Little Cypress & for Mauriceville Elementary Schools

Bring children's books to help replace
those lost in the floodwaters.
Collection boxes in Family Life & Welcome Centers.
Please see Julie Allensworth.



DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY

Bring candy for the Trunk or Treat.
Collection Boxes in the Family Life Center
and Welcome Center.
Thanks for your support!!

FUMD 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!



Our church distributed water, flood buckets, food, clothes, diapers, masks, and more! Several churches contributed donations!



HURRICANE HARVEY

SEPTEMBER 2017 and beyond!

Some FUMC members help others clean up after the storm.



FUMC members prayed in each building on September 10.



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