



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 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 **Monday, October 21**,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before November 1.

This is a time once again for new beginnings! We are thrilled to announce that FUMC Orange's very own Caroline Armstrong Dennis has joined our church staff as the Director of Music and Worship Arts. Caroline and her family have been involved with the music ministries for most of her life, and your SPR and Board were thrilled when she indicated interest in the position as Doug Rogers announced his retirement. Caroline has hit the ground running and is working with the Praise Band and singing with the Chancel Choir. October will be her first full month in charge of worship planning with me and the groups. Her husband Blake will also be part of the music ministry beginning this month. We will also welcome Marcia Perrine as our organist at the traditional 11 o'clock service.

Doug and Donna Rogers have served in ministry here for 35 years. What a legacy of music and inspiring moments they have shared with this congregation. Caroline is a product of their teaching from her childhood. We are celebrating their ministry among us with one special worship service on Sunday, September 29, in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. After worship, all are invited to a special reception hosted by the Music Ministry and the Church Family. There will be good food and storytelling as we honor the work Doug and Donna have done among us all these years. I know that people will want to write down their congratulations and special memories in cards and notes so a basket will be provided at the reception.

This congregation is truly blessed with incredible talent. I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us in the years ahead. Music is part of who we are as God's people and continues to be a vehicle for God's Word and the growth and formation of our faith.

Thank you, Doug and Donna Rogers, for all your contributions to the kingdom of God. Welcome, Caroline Dennis! We are so happy you are with us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lani



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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. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
9:00 69	9:00.....86	9:0092	9:00.....69
11:00 43	11:00.....54	11:0047	11:00.....53
TOTAL 112	TOTAL 140	TOTAL 139	TOTAL 122

Giving

August 2019	You can also give online!
Income.....\$45,283.08	
Expenses.....\$43,270.68	
+ \$ 2,012.40	

October Worship

October 6, 2019

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10
Sermon: **Doing Our Duty**



COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trisha Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters:
Leighia & Richard Barron

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

Lay Readers:
9-Debbie Tutt
11-Theresa Beauchamp

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Sandra Hoke & Debbie Bayliss

October 13, 2019

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
Sermon: **One in Ten**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack 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-Brooklyn Pierre
11-Sandra Hoke

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Lori Kratzer & Brittany Harmon

October 20, 2019

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8
Sermon: **Justice Prevails**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trisha Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Lauren & Sydney Peet
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-Leighia Barron
11-Annely Domas

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Trisha Anderson & Ginger Williams

October 27, 2019

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14
Sermon: **Admitting the Truth**

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack team & Trisha Anderson

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

9 am Inside Greeters:
Chris & Jennifer Smith

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

Lay Readers:
9-Bryce Williams
11-Jonathon Vogt

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

Welcome Center Bakers:
Julie Allensworth & Suzanne Magee

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



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

Oct 6	Gwen Whitehead
Oct 15	Richard & Julie Allensworth
Oct 22	Wade & Nikki Barron
Oct 28	Gary & Allisha Bonneaux



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.instagram.com/fumcora) to 81010

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

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

Youth October & Upcoming Activities:

October 6, 3-6 pm: District Youth Gaga Ball Tournament

Cost: \$5/student

Join us for a gaga ball tournament, food, worship, friends, fellowship with other youth in our district, and more! Hosted by the Wesley Center on Lamar University in Beaumont. Leave church parking lot at 2:30 p.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP by September 29 if you can make this event so we can know how many to plan for transportation.

October 20, 12:30-6:30 pm: Youth go to CM Farms (Dry Creek, LA)

Cost: Pay by October 6 = \$14; by October 13 = \$15; after October 13 = \$17.

We will eat lunch together after Sunday School, then ride over together afterwards coming back to the church around 6:30 p.m.

October 23: Youth Cook (Taco Bar) for Wednesday Night Live

October 31: Shine the Light (Family Life Center)

We need your help running game stations for our community that night. Don't forget to come dressed up in your costume for the night!



Youth Playing Grow Tag—Spiritual Growth topic for September

2019 First UMC Church Council

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

Deadline for agenda items —1st Thursday—October 3

Email to suzanneM97@gmail.com

Next meeting—2nd Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m.

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



Wednesday Night Live

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.

Classes for the fall semester:

- † **Acts** (facilitated by Suzanne Magee) The class will be using Max Lucado's Acts Bible Study (a study Suzanne did several years ago) with new knowledge and insights she has learned through other Bible Studies.
- † **Mental Health—Taking Your Power Back** (facilitated by Allisha Bonneaux) Have you ever wondered what Mental Illness looks like?? And how you can recognize it in family and friends and then what to do about it?? Allisha will lead an eight-week course in helping to answer those questions – including discussions on depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- † **The Kindergarten through 5th graders**—Meet with Ana Goleman
- † **Youth**—Meet with Randall

October meals at 5 p.m.:

- ♦ **Oct 2:** Taco Soup & Cornbread
—by 3G
- ♦ **Oct 9:** Pulled Pork Sandwiches
—by New Beginnings
Sunday School class
- ♦ **Oct 16:** Potatoes and Sausage,
Cornbread, & Salad
—by Good News
Sunday School class
- ♦ **Oct 23:** Taco Bar
—by Youth
- ♦ **Oct 30: NO WNL**
(prepare for Oct. 31 Shine With
the Light of Jesus/Halloween)

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



SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS

Thursday, October 31—5-7 p.m.

All activities will be in the Family Life Center.
There will be no Wednesday Night Live classes on Wednesday,
October 30.

Everyone is encouraged to **come out and HELP** with the hotdog meal, Halloween related games, set up and clean up. All volunteers should come early (4:30) to help Randall and youth set up the games.

Donations of bagged **Halloween candy** to pass out at the games will be greatly appreciated.

**Please invite your friends and family to come out
for a safe and fun Halloween.**



October Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

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

Wednesdays—Wednesday Night Live, Meal at 5 p.m./Classes at 6 p.m.

Oct 2—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.

Oct 3—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda

Oct 8—Programming Team Leader Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

Oct 10—Church Council, 6 p.m.

Oct 12—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Oct 14—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.

Oct 21—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.

Oct 21—Deadline for November newsletter information

Oct 31—Halloween's Shine the Light on Jesus

Upcoming Events:

Nov 10—District Charge Conference

Dec 14—Jesus Love Never Melts, Advent VBS

Dec 15—Angels & Elves Shopping Trip

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



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Intentional Act of Kindness

Hillary Benefield Jeanis, third grade teacher at Mauriceville Elementary, had her room flood for the 2nd time in two years – first to Harvey and now Imelda.

With the help of her husband and mom, Donna, they were able to clean the room but also took six loads of wet materials and books to the trash.



Christian Education would like to help Hilary replace her many personal materials lost in the flood by adopting her and her class. We will have a list of items that you can buy for her OR if you prefer, make a donation of money so she can go shopping for the class. You can also make a check out to FUMC and put Hilary on the memo line.

On Sunday, October 6, we will have a donation basket in each service for those that can help.
All help is greatly appreciated!! Thanks!!

**The donation boxes
for four of our
church missions
are in the
Welcome Center.**



On the first Sunday of each month, the monetary donations given during communion go to OCS.

Please watch the bulletins for any other donations that might be needed for our missions.

Please help us to serve our community by donating to the following missions:

- ♥ **Orange Christian Services (OCS)** (toiletries and non-perishable foods)
- ♥ **Rainbow Room** (diapers...especially larger sizes, underwear, socks, and blankets)
- ♥ **Back to School Orange County** (new and gently used books for ages 3-17)
- ♥ **Seafarers** (toiletries and magazines)





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.

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



Memorials:

in Memory of

Gerald Taylor

Sarah & Gwen Boehme

Ruby Parks

Pete & Janice Gresham

Rodney & Eunice Barrett

Jimmie & Sherrill Porterfield

Kenneth & Ruby Steppe

Dick Powell

Jim & Joanne Pledger

Richard & Patsy Herrington

Doris Byrd

Donald & Shirley Marshall

Pete & Patty Cloeren

Joyce Kleinknecht

Charlie & Beverly Blalack

John & Gail Griffith

Kyle Stephenson

Judy Taylor

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

♥ **Bakers for Christ**—Once every
four weeks, you and another
provide a treat—donuts, fruit, or
something homemade—in the
Welcome Center.

(contact Priscella Burns or Kay Butler)

♥ **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. ♥



OCT 3G TIP

Hearing Aid Batteries

Lamar Speech & Hearing Department accepts them

Prescription bottles & vitamin bottles

Wesley UMC Orange is sending them
to countries where they're not available.

Must be empty and have labels removed.

Please bring to WELCOME CENTER.

Look for marked containers.



Community Rewards

First United Methodist Church-Orange's
account number = **NV689**

Go to www.kroger.com; click on Savings & Rewards—
Kroger Community Rewards. To enroll, search for the
account number or the **name of your organization**.

May 2019-July 2019 Total Donations = **\$66.27**

Thank you to the 23 households
who helped FUMC by shopping at Kroger!

Growing Stronger Disciples

For an easier understanding of “what is a disciple?” we will use the following:

A disciple is someone who knows Christ, is learning about Christ, is growing in Christ, is giving like Christ, and is serving like Christ.

It is important to remember that a disciple is being transformed along the journey. This means that a maturing disciple will have some differing characteristics than say an exploring, searching, or even beginning disciple would. Consider these example characteristics of disciples and mature disciples:

Disciple

- A disciple worships.
- A disciple is part of a community.
- A disciple commits to spiritual practices.
- A disciple is generous and serves.
- A disciple is seeking to be Christ-like

Mature Disciple

- A maturing disciple begins to worship every day, including the Sabbath; invites others to worship.
- A maturing disciple builds relationships with others and shares with them the life and community they have found in God and their faith community.
- A maturing disciple enjoys and practices spiritual disciplines and begins to show others how to use them to grow in their faith and be drawn closer to God.
- A mature disciple tithes and gives beyond a tithe as God leads and restructures their life and resources to join Jesus in ministry to others.
- A maturing disciple partners with God and invites others to explore the life and teachings of Jesus

Decatur UMC Church – The Pathway of Discipleship

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!