



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2018

ROOTED IN CHRIST ... BRANCHING OUT IN FAITH ... DISCIPLES GROWING DISCIPLES

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Senior Pastor

Doug Rogers

Director of
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Randall Bridges

Director of
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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 Thursday, September 20,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before October 1.

A Three-Hour Tour Ends in Baptism

On Sunday, August 12, we had an awesome day on Village Creek. This year, 38 brave souls took to the water. This is the third year that we have not had to drag a single boat! Nor did we have to escape the creek and run for shelter from a rainstorm. But do not get the idea that there was no excitement. There was!

This year, I was asked to have a little devotion and baptize two people who wanted to be baptized. I said, "Sure, we can do that."

As many of you know, we stop to play on the sand beaches several times on the trip each year, and each time we stopped, I asked, "Is this the spot for the baptism?" Finally, we agreed on the place in the creek where the beach is in the middle. It is a fork in the creek where people have to choose which way to go. I thought that is a appropriate place for a baptism.

I spoke of John the Baptist and the people who came to see him baptize folks and others gathering and asking to be baptized too. It wasn't something that they had to understand. First, they didn't have to complete a confirmation class. Instead, they simply knew they wanted to trust God to take hold of their lives. So after the devotional, I asked the two men—David and Chris—to come forward, and as they came forward, Randall Bridges said he wanted to be baptized too. By the time, I finished with them, there was a whole line of folks wishing to be baptized.

I did not know this, but as I baptized the folks from our church, others on the creek stopped to watch. One lady came forward and asked if I would baptize her son. She said that all of her children had been baptized but him. She explained that all the ministers of her church said they would not baptize him because he did not have the mental capacity to understand what was happening. I

remembered the people holding the children back from Jesus, and his response was, "Let the little children come to me."

Even though her son was in his 20s, he was still a child. The lady had tears in her eyes when I said I would baptize him. I baptized Ronald in Village Creek that day. He may not have understood what was happening, but God knew his and his mother's heart.



A Disciple's Path

"Have you ever felt there was something you wanted, something you were missing, something you needed to do but did not know how? Have you ever thought there ought to be something more to being a member of the church than just attending worship, making a pledge, and sitting on a committee?"

Starting September 9, we begin our sermon series and study ways to deepen our relationship with Christ as we take a faith-building journey together on A Disciple's Path. (See more details inside newsletter.)

WELCOME TO FUMC!

The Greer family joined
FUMC on
Sunday,
August 19.

Stephen
Lisa
Gracie, 15
Emrys, 5



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

July 29	August 5	August 12	August 19
9:0055	9:0067	9:0071	9:0079
11:0067	11:0057	11:0057	11:0057
TOTAL 122	TOTAL 124	TOTAL 128	TOTAL 136

Giving

July 2018	You can also give online!
Income..... \$39,632.74	
Expenses. ... \$39,027.70	
+ \$ 605.04	

September Worship

September 2, 2018

Scripture Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Sermon: **Good Beginnings--Planting Seeds**

September 9, 2018

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-15
Sermon: **A Disciple's Path: The Way of Grace**

September 16, 2018

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15
Sermon: **A Disciple's Path: The Way of Prayer and Scripture**

September 23, 2018

Scripture: John 15:15
Sermon: **A Disciple's Path: You Need to Be Present to Win**

September 30, 2018

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33
Sermon: **A Disciple's Path: A Generous Hand Follows a Thankful Heart**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00--Jeff & Sherri Frugé
11:00--Sandra Hoke & Betty Merchant

9 am Greeters: Greg Defrates & Lauren Peet

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

Lay Readers:

9:00--Greg Defrates
11:00--Beverly Blalack

Welcome Center

Greeters:
8:45-10--Lilly Williams
10-11:15--Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center Bakers:

Bridget Teaff & Debbie Taylor

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

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

9 am Greeters: Sharon & Randall Bridges

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

Lay Readers:

9:00--Leigha Barron
11:00--Lynn Fields

Welcome Center Greeters:

8:45-10--Lilly Williams
10-11:15--Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Dana Sandlin & Priscella Burns

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00--Richard & Leighia Barron
11:00--Drew & Annely Domas

9 am Greeters: Julie & Richard Allensworth

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

Lay Readers:

9:00--Jim Brown
11:00--Gwen Whitehead

Welcome Center Greeters:

8:45-10--Pat McCombs
10-11:15--Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Gloria Jackson & Leighia Barron

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00--Dale Dardeau & Bart Williams
11:00--Archie McLellan & Nevella Toal

9 am Greeters: Chris & Jennifer Smith

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

Lay Readers:

9:00--Brittany Allen
11:00--Betty Merchant

Welcome Center Greeters:

8:45-10--Jonathan Vogt
10-11:15--Rose Butler

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Sue Stephenson & Barbara Dardeau

Altar Guild: Nevella Toal team & Trish Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:

9:00--Trisha & Bobby Anderson
11:00--Volunteer needed

9 am Greeters: Charlotte & Ed Foreman

11 am Ushers: Team #5:
Hubert Hancock, Travis Miller, Barry Bates, Don & Deborah Bayliss

Lay Readers:

9:00--Barbara Dardeau
11:00--Sandra Hoke

Welcome Center Greeters:

8:45-10--Volunteer needed
10-11:15--Suzanne Magee

Welcome Center

Bakers:
Dina Defrates & Theresa Allen

September 3--Church Office Closed (Labor Day)
11 a.m. Services will remain in Chapel until Advent

Please pray for our "Family" of the week

Sept. 2	Lana Ostermaier
Sept. 9	Suzanne Magee & Ben Duhon
Sept. 16	Jacque Phelps
Sept. 23	Harriette Risinger
Sept. 30	Terry & Nancy Sonnier



Every 1st Sunday-- OCS Collection Sundays

Give money (in envelope marked OCS) or place donated items in OCS containers in the 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



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 **R**eady, **E**quipped, and **W**illing
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 September & Upcoming Activities:

September 2: No C.R.E.W. on Labor Day Weekend

September 23: Special Guest Speaker Carol Allen

September 26: Lion's Club Carnival. All families and youth are welcome to join us for the carnival. If you need transportation to and from the church to the carnival, be sure to let Randall know ahead of time. Otherwise, we will plan on meeting at Orange City Lions Park (1802 S Main Orange TX) at 6:30 p.m.

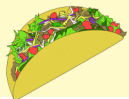
October 28: Spooked Fundraiser. This fundraiser works a lot like the flamingo "flocking" or frog "frogging." However, we deliver goodie bags to people and ask who they'd like to "Spook" next. The youth will make goodie bags beforehand. On October 28, we will deliver them to a house asking for a donation to see who that person would like to "Spook." We then deliver the spook candy to the next house.

November 25: Friendsgiving. Bring a covered dish (can be leftovers). Teens invite their friends to our Friendsgiving. Share a Thanksgiving meal together and play games.

December 9: Angel & Elves Christmas Shopping Trip. A time for us to bless our community by buying gifts for less fortunate families in our city. We get to spend a little bit of time with one of the kids from each family as they help us shop. We all gather back at the church to play games with the kids and then take them home to bring their gifts to their families.

Randall is looking for people or groups to feed the youth Sunday nights at 5 p.m.

This would be a meal for about 15-20 people but doesn't even have to be an in-depth recipe; for example, hot dogs, lasagna, soups, sandwiches, corn dogs, pizza, etc. have all been done in the past.



If you are willing to feed the youth, available Sundays this fall include October 28, November 4, November 11, and December 9. Email Randall or give him a call at the church office.



COLLEGE/ YOUNG ADULTS

A college/young adult group for those single and married below the age of 30 meets in the Youth Lounge (downstairs youth game room in the Family Life Center) at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

1st Methodist Kids

Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. No meeting September 2!

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. Kids will not meet the day before school holiday (e.g. Labor Day, September 3, is a school holiday so no activity on Sunday, September 2).

Call Mr. Doug with questions,
409-779-2143.

August 26—FUMC kids participated in the 9 a.m. service — through song, scripture, and assisting the greeters!



Bibles to our
3rd graders:
Joslyn Pierre,
Madison Scott,
Jaxon Taylor,
Kassidy Burrell, &
Danielle Edwards



2018 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader—Carol Allen (Chair); Finance—Chris Abshire & Tom Henry; Trustees—Gary Bonneaux & David Bridges; SPR—Theresa Beauchamp & Greg Defrates; Members at Large—Barbara Dardeau, Suzanne Magee, Betty Merchant, & Ginger Williams; Secretary—Sherri Frugé; Pastor—John Warren

**Deadline for agenda items to secretary Sherri Frugé—
1st Thursday—September 6**

Next meeting—2nd Thursday—September 13, 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!

Note new dates!

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

The Programming Task Teams (Leaders below) continue the activities started by the VCI teams.
(see January 2018 newsletter for Programming Task Team subgroup breakdown).

- ♦ **Worship**—Doug Rogers & John Warren
- ♦ **Discipleship Making**—Leighia Barron & Randall Bridges
- ♦ **Hospitality**—Ginger Williams
- ♦ **Communications**—Trisha Anderson & Marcia Brown
- ♦ **Caring Ministry**—Jeanelle Cochran
- ♦ **Missions**—Bev Blalack

While not programming, these two teams provide support and coordinate with the staff, Pastor John, and Norma for building needs or help in the office area:

- ♦ **Facilities**—Jeff Frugé
- ♦ **Administration**—Nancy Vincent



November Fall Festival November 10!

The Church Council voted in June to have a fundraiser to assist in financing our ministry efforts.

The November Festival will include a meal (brisket, baked beans, and coleslaw or potato salad), auction, silent auction, sweet shop, and meals in a minute (frozen dinners).

Team leaders are getting organized:

- ♦ Brisket Meal—Charlotte Foreman (looking for cooks for the brisket)
- ♦ Sweet Shop—Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds
- ♦ Auction—TBA*
- ♦ Silent Auction—TBA*
- ♦ Meals in a Minute—TBA*
- ♦ Publicity—Trisha Anderson & Marcia Brown
- ♦ Clean up—Janet Bland & Sam Manghan

*TBA—if interested,
call the church office,
Leighia Barron, or
Betty Merchant

Team leaders will be calling for donations and volunteers to help. If you have items, summer cabins, condos, talents such as home cleaning or repair, babysitting or handmade or purchased items to share, please donate them.

The whole church should take part!

The public is invited—be sure to invite your friends!

Council News

Council Meetings will now be the **second Thursday** of the Month have better attendance.
Items to be put on the agenda should now be submitted by the **first Thursday**.

Please see the minutes posted on the website.

Part-Time Custodian Hired **WELCOME Scott Lawson**

Scott works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Friday until noon. If you know of a repair need, burned out lights or have a need to set up a room, contact Scott, or come visit him during those days.

Scott's duties include changing AC filters and draining drip pans; attending to any maintenance issues such as leaks, broken items; setting up/returning equipment; emptying trash cans/replacing liners; replenishing toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels; sweeping/mopping Family Life Center gym floor; setting up/ taking down extra tables and chairs; assisting Altar Guild with Advent/Christmas decorating and cleaning-up/storing decorations, etc.

September Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

September 3—LABOR DAY (church office closed)
September 5—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.
September 6—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda (**now 1st Thursday**)
September 9—Churchwide Bible Study begins (see below)
September 10—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
September 10—Good Grief Group begins; 2nd Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
September 12—Wednesday Night Live begins (see below)
September 13—Church Council, 6 p.m. (**now meets 2nd Thursdays**)
September 17—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m.
September 18-October 23—Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10 am in Parlor
September 20—Deadline for October newsletter information

Upcoming Events:

October 14—"Get Your Pink On" Sunday
October 21—Youth Sunday
October 28—"Spooked" Youth Fundraiser
October 31—Shine the Light, 5:30-7 p.m.
November 10—November Festival (church fundraising event)
December 2—Children's Christmas Musical

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:
FUMCOrangeTX

Wednesday Night Live begins Wednesday, September 12!

An awesome opportunity to invite your
Family and Friends

Wednesday Night Live begins Wednesday, September 12.
A light meal will be served at 5 p.m., with the presentations/classes to follow at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

September 12—Pork roast, rice, beans, salad, desserts
Presentation by Mayor Larry Spears
He will present his vision for Orange and what FUMC can do to help.

September 19—Jambalaya, salad, desserts
Presentation by Heather Graham from Harvest House
She will discuss Human Trafficking, especially in Southeast Texas and what FUMC can do to help with awareness, prevention, etc.

September 26—Salad Bar, desserts
Presentation by our own Leslie Williams, on Dealing with Grief
Youth and families will go to the Lion's Club Carnival

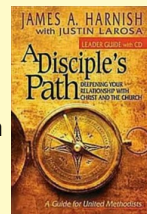
Beginning in October:

- ♦ Suzanne Magee will facilitate *Max Lucado's Bible Study—Ezra/Nehemiah*
- ♦ Priscella Burns will lead a missional class—making tie blankets for Hospice and the Rainbow Room. Ladies that crochet/knit are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship while making blankets/throws for this mission opportunity.



Churchwide Bible Study Starts Sunday, September 9

On Sunday, September 9, we will begin studying *A Disciple's Path*, by James Harnish. The study and our sermon series were created to deepen our relationship with Christ.



"Have you ever felt there was something you wanted, something you were missing, something you needed to do, but did not know how? Have you ever thought there ought to be something more to being a member of the church than just attending worship, making a pledge and sitting on a committee?"

If so, you have experienced "divine discontent." John Wesley experienced his own "divine discontent." David in the Psalms did, too. He wrote, "As a deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." Ps 42:1

We will be studying ways to deepen our relationship with Christ as we take a faith-building journey together on *A Disciple's Path*.

Good Grief Group Starts Monday, September 10

The Good Grief group will meet the second Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Those who are suffering from the loss of a loved one or are dealing with other forms of loss are invited to attend. If you know of someone who would benefit from such a group, please bring them.

FUMC MEMBERS SHARING GOD'S LOVE!!

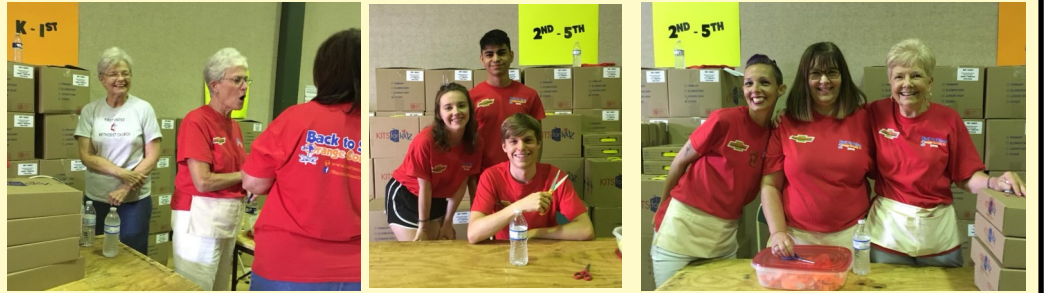
August 2, 2018

Last Day of
Summer Mission—
Feeding Children



August 4, 2018

FUMC distributing supplies at
Back-to-School Orange



August 11, 2018

Education Building "Flood"

Thanks to ALL
who were able to help
on a Saturday night
to clean and dry the
building!



August 12, 2018

Annual Church
Canoe Trip with
Baptism



One of FUMC's Missions:

The Rainbow Room

The third Sunday of every month is Rainbow Room Sunday for FUMC.

The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center that distributes new items, such as clothing, diapers, and formula, to clients of CPS caseworkers free of any overhead or administrative costs. Children, including teenagers, who are removed from their homes stay at the Rainbow Room until they can be placed with a foster family.

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 (infants up to 16 year olds) 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. Children often arrive to the Rainbow Room bare-footed. Children up to 4 years old are often not potty trained.

Below is a "Wish List" supplied to give you an idea of what is most needed. (*New Items Only, please!*)

Items most needed at this time are:

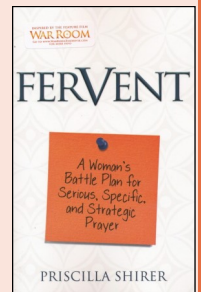
- ♦ Shoes of all sizes...flip flops and canvas tennis shoes are suggested
- ♦ Underwear and socks of all sizes
- ♦ Diapers - size 3 are most needed but 6,000 diapers per year are used!
- ♦ Car seats and Pack 'n plays
- ♦ You can also write a check to *Orange County Community Partners*

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

September 18-October 23
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. in the Parlor

Deepen your prayer life! The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will read and discuss *Fervent* by Priscilla Shirer. *Fervent* is a Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer!

To reserve a book (\$10), please contact Nicole—email mrsjcwatz@gmail.com or call 409-782-6296. Bring your book, Bible, and drink to class.

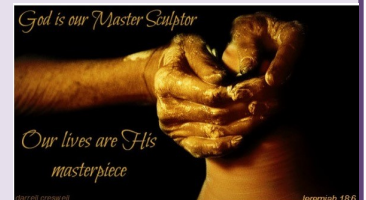


Church Group Spotlight

UNFINISHED CRAFTERS

God is continually working on us, His favorite project. As we gather as friends to study His word, let us always remember we are a work in progress. Let us not break each other down but build each other up.

The Unfinished Crafters started as a Christian Crafting Group. We would gather to finish up our unfinished projects stored in our closets. At that first meeting, we talked about doing a Bible Study during First Kids on Sunday evenings in between crafting projects.

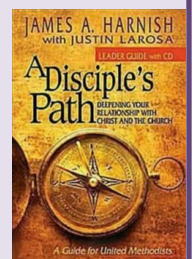


Well, after the very first Bible Study, *Keep It Shut*, we were changed. We always knew our group was more than crafting. We even likened it to how God is always shaping us into His image. We do not just want to study His word, but we want to live it in our lives.

Fast forward, we are on our third Bible Study of this year, after taking a brief break to recover from Harvey. This year we have focused on prayer—*The Daniel Prayer*, *Fervent*, and *The Bait of Satan* helped us to grow in our prayer life.

We meet on Sundays from 5-7 pm in the Parlor. During the summer, we adopted an "every other Sunday" schedule. When the kids go back to First Kids and Youth, we will be back to every Sunday.

The new study will begin Sunday, October 7. It will be the same study the adult Sunday schools will be studying—*A Disciple's Path*. It is a perfect opportunity for those women that are unable to attend Sunday school to join us. Please contact Nicole to reserve your book.



♥ 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
(409-886-7466)

5:02 Prayer Initiative



All church members are asked to pray
at 5:02 in the morning or evening
for God to work in and through us:

*"God, we lift First United Methodist Church
to you with our prayers.
Please do what we cannot do ourselves,
including your changing us without limits.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen."*

SENIOR SISTERHOOD



Our Sr. Sisterhood will start the fall
season with a brunch in the Family Life
Center on **Monday, September 17, at 10 a.m.**

Our guest speaker will be Jay Trahan, Economic
Development Director, City of Orange. Jay will be sharing
information about upcoming business endeavors for our
community.

All Senior Women are invited to attend. We encourage
you to bring your FUMC friends, as well as ladies from
other churches and the community.

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



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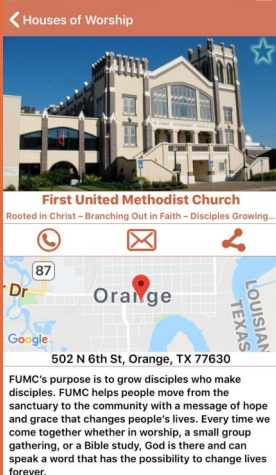
Kroger has a new Community Rewards system,
and First United Methodist Church has a new
account number = **NV689**

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

2018 1st Quarter Rewards = \$39.93
2018 2nd Quarter Rewards = \$77.99

**Thank you to all the households who help
FUMC by shopping at Kroger!**

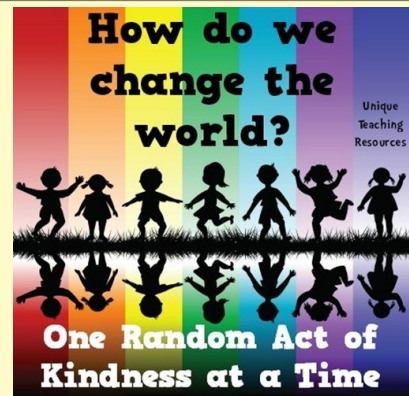
A SLICE OF ORANGE COUNTY TX



FUMC is one of the churches featured on the
Orange Chamber's new *A Slice of Orange
County TX* app, the first official app of
Orange County!

App Description—"Whether you are a
resident, visitor, or someone looking to
relocate, *A Slice of Orange County TX* is
your official guide to Orange County in the
southeastern corner of Texas, bordering
Louisiana. Discover where to eat, shop, stay,
and play, and connect with organizations
across the communities of Orange County."

You can download *A Slice of Orange
County TX* from your device's App store!!!



September Random Acts of Kindness

1. Compliment someone
2. Recycle
3. Make / send a card to one of
our college kids as they
return to school.
4. Give a hug!!
5. Kids - share toys with your
siblings

*In
Loving
Memory*

Memorials:

In Memory of

Betty Derrick

Pete & Janice Gresham

*In
Loving
Memory*

GROWING STRONGER DISCIPLES

Our mission is to help each person take the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Are you taking the next step? Are you in a different place today in your relationship with Jesus than you were six months ago, a year ago, ten years ago? Most people can identify goals, plans, dreams they have for themselves at work, at home, at school, or even physically, intellectually, or relationally. Do you have plan to develop your walk, your relationship with Jesus Christ? What's the status of that relationship today?

During the last four months we have explored the four stages of growth in becoming a mature Christian: Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, Close to Christ and Christ Centered. We should strive to always grow in our ability to share the Good News of Jesus with our family, friends, and community. To help us as we grow and practice our discipleship skills, we will have a church wide Bible Study of The Disciple's Path by John Harnish. The study is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. It guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ. Classes will be offered during the Sunday morning Bible Study. The class will also be offered on Sunday evenings starting in October.



Spiritual Growth Survey

We know that the walk of faith is different for each of us, yet our common goal is to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. To help you in that process of self-examination and growing in faith and knowledge, we've developed a spiritual growth survey designed to examine your beliefs, attitudes, and practices. It's not scientific and the goal isn't to get a "good grade", but rather to determine where we might be in your relationship with Jesus and to commit to growth in ways that will spur us on, help us to take that next step. — **This is a tool to quantify your spiritual status at the present time. It is for your personal use.**

The Practice of Worship:

- † ☐ I gather regularly with God's people for worship.
- † ☐ I give 10% or more through tithes.
- † ☐ I reflect on the truths of Scripture and put them into daily practice.

The Practice of Prayer:

- † ☐ I communicate with God often each day.
- † ☐ I pray with others regularly.

The Practice of Serving:

- † ☐ I am involved serving in my church and community.
- † ☐ I know what my spiritual gifts are and use them in service.
- † ☐ I have a deep desire to benefit others by serving them.
- † ☐ I have participated in mission experiences near or far.

The Practice of Sharing the Good News:

- † ☐ I have worked on my personal faith story and am ready to share it as opportunities arise.
- † ☐ I talk about my faith with others.
- † ☐ I develop friendships with people who do not know Jesus personally, and desire to share Him with them.

The Practice of Fellowship:

- † ☐ I am part of a small group that gathers for the purpose of spiritual growth.
- † ☐ I have a close friend with whom I talk about my spiritual progress.
- † ☐ I am intentional about helping someone else grow in his/her faith.

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



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Disciples Growing Disciples

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ORANGE, TX 77630

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!