



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 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 Friday, September 20,
so the newsletter can be
distributed before October 1.

CHURCH LIFE 101: BACK TO THE BASICS

September will always be Back to School time for me, whether school begins in August or not. We always started classes after Labor Day. In fact, Labor Day was always celebrated as a final celebration of summer. I'm sure you remember fond times of new school supplies, new school shoes, folding brown paper sacks carefully over your new textbooks to protect them from grimy kid prints, and lots more.

This month we will be exploring the basics of church life together with a sermon series that will highlight different aspects of our lives together as disciples of Jesus Christ here in Orange, Texas. One student came to me this past week and spoke about homework on the first night of school. "It was easy. A review. I got it finished really fast." I remember those early assignments when everything seemed like something you already knew from the previous year. Well, that's what we will be doing in September, reviewing what you probably know or learned along the way, but maybe something new will be discovered about our commitments to our Savior.

I have been delighted to discover so much talent here in Orange. I told someone after the Dinner Theater performances that I think I'd been dreaming of a place like this all my days! God used music to draw me into the life of the church, it all started with an invitation to sing in the choir at my neighborhood United Methodist Church. I began studying the Bible weekly and attending rehearsals and Sunday morning worship services. I learned a lot about God and Jesus and the church straight from the hymns we sang. And in those days, we had folks coming forward to join our church nearly every weekend. So we were addressed by the pastor, "Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love." Our response was, "We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service*, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (*at General Conference in 2008, a fifth commitment was added to our vows—witness.)

Discipleship happens for the church all year long. We learn and grow together. I'm looking forward to Wednesday Night Live and other weekly happenings...I hope you are, too.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lani

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

July 28	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
9:0059	9:0048	9:00104	9:0084	9:00 82
11:0042	11:0040	11:0044	11:0044	11:00 55
TOTAL 101	TOTAL 88	TOTAL 148	TOTAL 128	TOTAL 137

Giving

July 2019	You can also give online!
Income.....\$45,401.51	
Expenses.....\$43,017.24	
+ \$ 2,384.27	

September Worship

Sermon Series: **Church Life 101**

September 1, 2019

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14
Sermon: **Prayer**

September 8, 2019

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7
Sermon: **Presence**

September 15, 2019

Scripture: Psalm 96
Sermon: **Gifts**

September 22, 2019

Scripture: Mark 10:41-45
Sermon: **Service**

September 28, 2019

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45
Sermon: **Witness**

COMMUNION

Altar Guild: Nevella
Toal 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-Lori Katzer
11-Sarah Boehme

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

**Welcome Center
Bakers:**
Bridget Teaff &
Debbie Taylor

Altar Guild: Nevella
Toal 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-Barbara Dardeau
11-Judy Taylor

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

**Welcome Center
Bakers:**
Dana Sandlin &
Priscella Burns

Altar Guild: Nevella
Toal 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-Julie Allensworth
11-Donna Bell

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

**Welcome Center
Bakers:**
Gloria Jackson &
Leighia Barron

Altar Guild: Nevella
Toal 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-Greg Defrates
11-Gwen Whitehead

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

**Welcome Center
Bakers:**
Sue Stephenson &
Barbara Dardeau

Altar Guild: Nevella
Toal team & Trisha
Anderson

Parking Lot Greeters:
9-Ginger & Bart
Williams
11-**Volunteer
Opportunity (5th
Sundays)**

9 am Inside Greeters:
Trisha & Bobby
Anderson

11 am Ushers: Team #5
Travis Miller,
Barry Bates, Don &
Debbie Bayliss

Lay Readers:
9-Jim Brown
11-Beverly Blalack

**Welcome Center
Greeters:**
9:30-10-**Available**
10:30-11:15-**Available**

**Welcome Center
Bakers:**
Dina Defrates &
Available

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

Sept 1	Greg and Dina Defrates
Sept 8	Jacque Phelps
Sept 15	Harriette Risinger
Sept 22	Jerry Windham
Sept 28	Judy McClelland



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 September & Upcoming Activities:

September 1: No C.R.E.W.

September 11: Wednesday Night Live Youth Class Starts

September 25, 6 p.m.: 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 there, be sure to let Randall know before the 25th. Otherwise, we will plan on meeting at Orange City Lions Park (1802 S Main, Orange, TX) at 6 p.m. I know in the past we have been able to get in with a canned food donation on opening night, but I haven't seen that posted anywhere. If you've heard they are doing that again this year, let me know.



SPAR Waterpark (Sulphur)
August 7, 2019



C.R.E.W. Kicks of New School Year with Arrow Tag!
August 25, 2019

**Sunday,
September 22
Christian Education
Sunday**



Join us as we honor those in our church who are serving by leading Christian Education Classes (Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live, Bible Studies, etc.) this upcoming year!

**Safe Sanctuary Trainings
Wednesday, September 11,
at 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 15,
at 10 am & noon**

If you haven't been Safe Sanctuary trained in the last two years and want to work with youth & children you need to be trained. Safe Sanctuary is a policy that promotes child safety.

All adult leaders in our church are required to certify that they are familiar with the policy and will follow it when working with children and youth in the church.

2019 First UMC Church Council

Lay Leader—Carol Allen (Chair); Finance—Sherri Frugé & Tom Henry;
Trustees—Gary Bonneau & 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—September 5

Email to suzanneM97@gmail.com

Next meeting—2nd Thursday, September 12, 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
Approved
Church
Council
Meeting
Minutes
are
[posted on the](#)
[FUMC website](#)
(under
Resources)



Wednesday Night Live begins Wednesday, Sept. 11!

A Time for Christian Fellowship and A Time to Grow into a Stronger Disciple for Jesus.
Fall Semester begins on September 11 with a 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 Bonneau) 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** need a teacher or a team of teachers. If interested, talk with Randall or Leighia.
- † **Youth**—Meet with Randall

September meals:

- ♦ **Sept 11:** Meatballs, gravy, rice, green beans, salad, and desserts – by the Barrons
- ♦ **Sept 18:** Taco Bar and desserts —by Unfinished Crafters
- ♦ **Sept 25: NO WNL** It's FUMC night at the Lion's Club Carnival! Meet at 6 p.m. See Youth page and/or watch bulletin for info.

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

A NEW Ladies' Bible Study begins Sunday, September 8

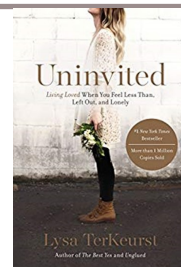
The enemy wants us to feel rejected...left out, lonely, and less than. When we allow him to speak lies through our rejection, he pickpockets our purpose. Cripples our courage. Dismantles our dreams. And blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love.

In *Uninvited*, Lysa shares her own deeply personal experiences with rejection—from the incredibly painful childhood abandonment by her father to the perceived judgment of the perfectly toned woman one elliptical over. She leans in to honestly examine the roots of rejection, as well as rejection's ability to poison relationships from the inside out, including our relationship with God.

With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa will help you:

- Stop feeling left out by believing that even when you are overlooked by others you are handpicked by God.
- Change your tendency to either fall apart or control the actions of others by embracing God-honoring ways to process your hurt.
- Know exactly what to pray for the next ten days to steady your soul and restore your confidence in the midst of rejection.
- Overcome the two core fears that feed your insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging.

Uninvited reminds us we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken—a love that does not reject or uninvite. Please talk with Nicole Watzlavik if interested in taking the class.



September Events:

[See full calendar on church website](#)

Sept 2—OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day
Sept 4—Education Meeting, 4 p.m.
Sept 5—Deadline to submit items for Church Council agenda
Sept 8—Ladies Bible Study of *Uninvited* begins, 5 p.m.
Sept 9—Caring Ministry, 10 a.m.
Sept 9—Senior Sisterhood, 10 a.m. (**September Date Change**)
Sept 11—Wednesday Night Live Fall Semester Begins! Meal at 5 p.m./Classes at 6 p.m.
Sept 11—Safe Sanctuary Training, 5 p.m. (Family Life Center, Classroom 2 Upstairs)
Sept 12—Church Council, 6 p.m.
Sept 14—UMM Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Sept 15—Safe Sanctuary Training, 10 a.m. and noon (Family Life Center Youth Room)
Sept 20—Deadline for October newsletter information
Sept 22—Christian Education Appreciation Sunday
Sept 25—NO Wednesday Night Live (FUMC supports Lion's Carnival)

Upcoming Events:

Oct 31—Halloween's Shine the Light on Jesus
Nov 10—District Charge Conference
Dec 15—Angels & Elves Shopping Trip
Dec 14—Jesus Love Never Melts, Advent VBS

August FUMC/OCP Fundraiser

Thanks to all who helped with the meal, provided entertainment, purchased tickets, etc. FUMC's proceeds were over \$2,000!

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP



Like or follow:
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Back to School Orange County TX

A big thank you to everyone in the church that contributed money, time, and books to Back To School Orange—625 children were served with haircuts, backpacks, school supplies, immunizations, and eye screenings. Our church gave 800 books to children that were in attendance. They really enjoyed receiving their very own book. We have put a tub in the hall of the Welcome Center to collect books for next year so please donate new or gently used children's books. Back To School Orange is a community effort that benefits the school children of our area.

Thanks for helping FUMC be a part of it!

Bev Blalack & Ginger Williams, FUMC Coordinators

FUMC has new Announcement Easels!

Have a flyer for an upcoming event? Please post on one of the easels! (the tape residue left on the glass on the doors is difficult to remove).

If you post an announcement, please remember to remove it once activity/event is completed!

Thanks to the
United Methodist Men (UMM) for this gift!



The donation boxes for four of our church missions are now located 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



It's time for our Sr. Sisterhood to get back together to start off the fall season.

We will gather in the Family Life Center

Monday, September 9, at 10 a.m.

A brunch of Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits, Jellies and Muffins will be served. Our guest speaker will be our new pastor, Rev. Lani Rousseau.

We invite all women to come and bring your girlfriends to get acquainted with Lani and to enjoy good food and good friendships.

As most of you know, we usually meet on the 3rd Monday, but due to scheduling conflict, this month we are meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month.

If you have any questions
call Betty Merchant at 779-1470
or Lynn Fields at 313-0078.

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)
- ♥ **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. ♥

THANK YOU!

North Early Learning Center thanks everyone that helped with our new Experience Rooms for this fall. Each class is now an "experience" allowing the children to learn and grow while having FUN! Each teacher will rotate through 16 classrooms, spending two weeks in each—Artic, Ocean, Desert, Tropics, Pets, Family & Friends, Amazing Me, Tomorrow Lands, Dinosaurs, Earth, Space, Wonderland, Plants/Bugs, Farm to Market, Community Helpers, and Transportation.

Each experience room gives students an opportunity to discover, think, experiment, share, and build skills that will take them well beyond their grade school years. We hope we open doors for our students that they didn't know existed.

All your help and donations are greatly appreciated. We invite you stop by and tour the school – we would be so excited to share our new and improved campus at North Early Learning Center with you.

Leighia Barron, Julie Allensworth, and
Vickie Ocegura (Principal)



SEPT 3G TIP

Go digital!

Advanced technology means reliance on physical items can be reduced. No more purchasing CDs, DVDs, or books! Instead buy them & download onto computer, tablet, or smartphone. Not only will this reduce clutter in home/office but also carbon imprint on our world.



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!**

*In
Loving
Memory*



Memorials:

In Memory of

*Kyle Stephenson
Pete & Janice Gresham*

Growing Stronger Disciples

September is Christian Education Month

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Through Christian education we invite people and communities of faith to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged to:

- Know and experience God through Jesus Christ
- Claim and live God's promises
- Grow and serve as Christian disciples

Jesus said that God's kingdom is like fishermen who cast their net into the water. When the net was full, they pulled it in. The net caught all kinds of things, good and bad; fish that were edible and those that were not. So the fishermen separated out what was good and threw the rest back in the water. At the end of this age, God's angels will separate the evil from the righteous. Similarly, **a scribe or Bible teacher** who has been trained for God's kingdom is wise. Like the head of a household, he or she brings out from the treasure closet new and old things.

Once we find God's kingdom, we joyfully give up everything in order to be part of it. Jesus refers to the kingdom of God drawing near in his ministry. Today, God's kingdom comes close to us through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, who is risen and present with us by his Spirit. What can we bring out of our storehouses to honor God?

Jesus is calling each of us to be wise teachers who bring out the faithful promises of God from the Old Testament and the New Testament. We are to show them to others and talk about them with people. We are meant to help people understand who God is and how the Lord is at work in our midst. Jesus wants us to share the good news of God's kingdom with people in our community and the world God loves.

Let's help others to discover God's grace, this wonderful treasure of God's kingdom. Let's enthusiastically join in God's kingdom, which is drawing near in Christ. Together, let's share God's treasures of wisdom that are new and old in our church as we seek to live by faith.

Discipleship Matters: 2019 Christian Education Week

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!



Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith
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!