



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. JOHN WARREN

"Give Thanks"

Henry Smith is the one who gave us the well-known chorus, "Give Thanks." In 1978 he returned from seminary to work in his home church as a layperson. He left seminary to take on odd jobs to support himself as he suffered from a degenerative eye disease. He eventually lost his sight, but he was nonetheless filled with gratitude for God's unfailing love. One Sunday his pastor quoted 2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." Henry decided to write a song about it. He remembers being extremely thankful for his life rather than bitter for his loss.

It seems to me that is where we are as a church, at least I am as your pastor, extremely thankful, even though we have suffered loss this year we have also experienced great joy and there is SO MUCH for which we as a church can be thankful.

We can be thankful for a loving church family that has pulled together in love and support. At the town hall meeting with Craig Gilliam we came up with a wonderful new mission statement, for which we can be thankful. But I am more thankful for the way it came about. It was simply amazing to watch 6 small groups of people working separately then each group come up with statements so similar. All this time we thought we were so divided yet we found common ground. It was a beautiful thing to unfold before us. We first noticed that just about every statement said we are family. The mission statement we came up with for the church is this:

We are a Christ-centered family supporting all with the love of God.

Our goal is to make sure that everything we do as a church reflects and supports this statement.

We are in the process of our Pledge Campaign with pledges still coming in, but we are well on our way of reaching our goal, our statement leads us we are people who support. You are proving that by the full slate of officers that were approved at conference.

One of the things we keep hearing is that we need to spend **more time together** and this Sunday you will have the opportunity to worship together at 11:00 and then support our youth with a Pork Loin dinner. It is our way of making the verse of the song come true in our community. "Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ the Son. And now let the poor say, 'I am rich' because of what the Lord has done for us! Give thanks."

See you Sunday if not before,

John

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Our Faithfulness

Our Gifts

Giving Report Nov. 2011

Monthly needs: **\$50,000.00**
Received as of Nov. 15: **\$33,950.00**

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL: If you would like to have your pledge drafted directly out of your bank account. Please call Norma in the church office (886-7466) for more info.

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship Oct 23
8:15 a.m. 30
8:55 a.m. 62
11:00 a.m. 91

Sunday Worship Oct 30
8:15 a.m. 35
8:55 a.m. 48
11:00 a.m. 89

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your tithes and offerings.

Stewardship is what a man does after he says "I believe".
W.H. Greever

Members Serving in Worship

November 20, 2011

Last Sunday After Pentecost

ONE Service Only

Ushers: Team #6

Nelson Derrick, Barry Bates, Travis Miller,
Gwen Whitehead, Joyce Kleinknecht

Altar Guild:

Beverly Blalack/June Gunstream

Youth Greeter: Bridgett Bonneaux

Greeters:

Beverly Blalack & Betty James

Parking Lot Greeters:

Beverly Millsap

Lay Reader:

John Hanes

Acolytes: Kaylin Abshire

November 27, 2011

1st Sunday of Advent

ONE Service Only

Ushers: Team #1

Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, O'Neal Waldrop,
Frank Beauchamp, Daniel Grooms

Altar Guild: Nevela Toal

Youth Greeter: Jaycie Dardeau

Greeters:

June Gunstream & Joy Gilliam

Parking Lot Greeters:

Jim & James Armstrong

Lay Reader:

Al Vasquez

Acolytes: Taylor Shuford

Memorial Gifts

In loving Memory of:

Lou Hilliard by:

George & Beverly Millsap
Yvonna Boehme
Ruby Parks
John & Beverly Hanes
Gwen & Sarah Boehme

Ted Miller by:

Glenda & Jean Whitley

Mary Martell by:

J.C. & Jane Childers
Eran Simmons
Nancy & Cecil Byers
Barry & Kathy McKenzie
Joy Gilliam
Yvonna Boehme
Ruby Parks
Pete & Janice Gresham
Dick & Marilyn Powell
Gwen Burrows
Glenda & Jean Whitley
Sunset Women's Golf Assoc.
Barbara Riddick
Jerry Paul
J. Schwartz
George & Beverly Millsap
Encore Neighborhood Assoc.
Talon Insurance Agency
Mary Kate & Tim Burgess & Family,
Jennifer, John, Josh & Jack Loh
Allison & Adam Franson
Nell Williams
Vaughn & Helen Foxwell
James & Jan Hughes
Andrew & Kurth L.L.P.
Micro*D Inc.
Keokuk, LLC
Jim & Joanne Pledger
William & Deborah Bednar
William & Arnita Hoekstra
Frank & Theresa Beauchamp
John & Beverly Hanes
June Gunstream
Dick & Marilyn Powell
Gwen & Sarah Boehme
Barbara & Dale Dardeau
Edee Risher
Ken & Carolyn Hillsten
Wanda Monogue
Arion & Lynn Fields

Eunice Glidden by:

Susan Welty
Ken & Carolyn Hillsten

Harry Risher by:

Ruby Parks
George & Beverly Millsap
Glenda & Jean Whitley
John & Beverly Hanes
Gwen & Sarah Boehme
Ken & Carolyn Hillsten

Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Alice Boston
Dakota Parker
Elise & Kyle Burgamy

Our Deepest Love & Sympathy To:

Doug Rogers & family upon the passing of his father, **Archie Rogers.**

Bill & Jeanette Pickard upon the passing of their daughter, **Brenda Lambeth**

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Youth Ministry



6TH-12TH GRADE

Sundays

at 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Praise Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20: Dinner Fundraiser—One service only @ 11:00am

November 27: **NO** Youth - Thanksgiving weekend—One service only @ 11:00am

December 4: Children's Program Dinner @ 6:00pm

December 11: Shopping trip

December 14: Singing Christmas Cards

December 18: Christmas Party

December 21: Singing Christmas Cards

December 25: **NO** Youth - Christmas - One service only @ 9:30am - **NO** Sunday School

Visit our webpage
www.fumcorange.org/youth

Check us out on Facebook
 FUMC Orange Youth

Children's Ministry

K – 5th Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

Nov. 20	Angela & Ruth	Reunited
Nov. 27	1 st Sunday in Advent activities	

Preschool Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

Nov. 20	Leighia & Susan	Reunited
Nov. 27	1 st Sunday in Advent activities	

Methodist Kids Christmas Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 4th
 6:00pm in the Praise Center
 FUMC Youth will be providing the meal.



1st Kids Choir meets on Sunday nights at 5:00pm. We will gather on the playground (weather permitting, otherwise in Tow Inn.)
 Hope to see you there!

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Spot Light

Keeping our members informed!

Family Advent Activities

Family Wreath — November 20th in the Praise Center

Each family will decorate a wreath that displays its' uniqueness. Fellowship Life will furnish the wreaths. Each family should bring decorations that express its' interests, hobbies, etc. For example: the Barron's wreath will include hunting, camping, and gardening decorations. We will begin working on the wreaths at 10:00 in the Praise Center. There will be one worship service at 11:00. Following the service the Youth will have a fundraiser luncheon in the Praise Center. Proceeds from the meal will go towards the Youth Shopping Trip. There will be time to complete the wreaths following lunch. The wreaths will then be hung throughout FUMC. We could use your help with decorations. If you can donate any of the following, there are boxes in all worship areas and the welcome center: Pine cones, sweet gum balls, old puzzles, Christmas ribbon or cording, and any other decorations that would fit on a wreath.

Christmas Stockings for the Military — November 27th

The children will help stuff stockings for members of our military during the Sunday School hour. We could use your help with the "goodies" for the stockings. Again you can place your donations in the boxes with the donated decorations. Suggestions include: knit caps, toothpaste or brushes, CDs, DVDs, paperback books, hard candy, lip balm, shampoo, eye drops, sun block, playing cards, batteries, crossword puzzles, dominoes, fruit roll-ups, jerky, flavored drink mixes, teas, nuts, magazines, foot powder, crew socks and fly swatters. The children will make a Christmas card to put in the finished stocking.

Angel Tree

We will have a basket in each worship area with the names of children needing our help this Christmas. After shopping for your child or children, please place gifts under the tree in the Praise Center. PLEASE do not wrap your gift. Last year, I put my gifts in a Christmas bag that included the tissue paper; that way the Salvation Army volunteers could see what had been purchased. The Salvation Army is still collecting names for the Angel Tree. As soon as we receive the names we will make them available to the congregation.

If your committee or group has some information that would be of interest to FUMC members, please email Ginger Williams at bwilliams11@gt.rr.com or call 883-4428.

Meetings with John

If you need to schedule a meeting with the pastor, please call the church office and speak with Kristen. She will now be keeping a schedule of John's appointments. Thanks!

Go Green for God

Thank you for all the aluminum cans! We've purchased 150 insulated shopping bags as our gift of appreciation to the church members. Also, all those cans are not in the landfill. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a computer for 3 hours.



OCS Sunday

The fourth Sunday of each month is OCS donation Sunday. OCS also appreciates monetary donations left at the rail/baskets on Communion Sunday. Please remember that monetary donations are tax deductible so be sure to put your name on your cash donations.

Poinsettias



Sign-up sheets for Christmas poinsettias will be available in the Praise Center, Chapel, and the Sanctuary for the next few weeks. The price is \$15.00 and yours to take home following the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. **The deadline to order is December 5th.**

Advent Decorations

The Altar Guild Committee will meet at **3:00pm** on **Monday, November 21** to put up Advent decorations in the Chapel & Sanctuary. The Youth will set-up the trees on Sunday, November 20.

Office Holiday Hours

Church Office Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 23—**CLOSE at Noon**

Thursday, Nov. 24—**CLOSED**

Friday, Nov. 24—**CLOSED**



Upcoming Church Events

Nov. 20 – One Service @11:00 in Sanctuary, Youth Fundraiser Lunch to Follow in the Praise Center. Make a Family Wreath in Praise Center before and after Service.

Nov. 27 – One Service @11:00 in Sanctuary-Hanging of the Greens Service

Dec. 4, 11, 18 - All three services and Sunday School at regular times.

Dec. 4 - Methodist Kids Christmas Dinner Theater @6:00p in Praise Center

Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service @ 6:00p in Sanctuary

Dec. 25 – One Service - Blessing of the Gifts @ 9:30a in Sanctuary

No Sunday School

Jan. 1 – One Service @ 9:30a in the Sanctuary/No Sunday School

****There are bookmarks with all of this information available to pick up in each service.****

Date Changes for Feed My Sheep

Date change for Feed My Sheep to **Nov. 19**. There will also be a date change for December. We will be working on **Dec. 17th** instead of Dec. 24th. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food, fill take-out plates, put ice in cups, set tables, serve dinners, go with those delivering homebound meals, and clean-up. You may volunteer for all or part of the day. Contact Christy Day cdaze@gt.rr.com or 882-9671.



Sign up for 2012 Altar Flowers

2012 is quickly approaching, and it's time again to sign up for altar flowers. If you would like to reserve a Sunday please call Kristen. Below is a list of those who have a date reserved yearly. All other Sundays in 2012 are available.

Jan. 8 - Mary Louise McKee

Mar. 18 - Shirley Musser

May. 13 - Gwen Boehme

May 20 - Gwen Settles

June 17 - Mary Louise McKee

July 22 - Tom & Sue Stephenson

Aug. 5 - John Stephenson

Aug. 12 - Sarah Boehme

Aug. 19 - Wilda Hart

Sept. 9 - Julie Allensworth

Sept. 23 - Gwen Settles

Oct. 14 - Barbara Riddick

Oct. 21 - Virginia Sanford

Nov. 18 - Elizabeth & Howard Williams

Dec. - Advent - **No altar flowers**

Adriatic & Mediterranean Cruise Tour

12 day cruise from May 17 - 28, 2012

on board the luxurious *NCL Norwegian Jade* with Ports of Call in Venice ~ Dubrovnik ~ Athens

~ Ephesus ~ Split ~ Milan

hosted by: Rev. W. C. Hall, Jr.

Starting at \$2,699 from Houston (plus tax & tips)

For more info, you may pick up a flyer on the table outside the church office.



****Jackie Phelps is needing a roommate to help her split the cost of the cruise. If you are interested, please call Jackie at 883-4198.****

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Traditional Service

8:15 AM - Chapel

Celebration Service

8:55 AM - Praise
Center

Sunday School

9:50 AM

Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Mon- Thurs - 8:30-4:30

Friday - 8:30 - Noon

Volunteers Needed for the Office

Wednesday, December 7th

The Church Staff will be out of the office from 11:00am—4:00pm for their Christmas Lunch and 2012 Planning Session. We will need 2 volunteers to answer the phones and the door. Please call the office if you are available to help us out! Thanks

Calendar of Events: November 20 - December 10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 Rainbow Room Youth Gumbo Fundraiser 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a ONE SERVICE 5:00p Youth/1st Kids	21 <u>10:00a</u> Inter. Prayer <u>3:00p</u> Altar Guild Advent Decor <u>6:00p</u> Worship Mtg.	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON <u>11:00a</u> Staff Mtg. <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED 	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 OCS Sunday 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a ONE SERVICE Hangin' of the Greens NO Evening Activities	28 <u>10:00a</u> Inter. Prayer	29 <u>6:00p</u> Church Council	30 <u>11:00a</u> Staff Mtg. <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	December		3
4 Communion 8:15a Traditional 8:55a Celebration 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional 3:30p Praise Team 6:00p Kid's Christmas Dinner Theater	5 <u>10:00a</u> Inter. Prayer	6 <u>5:30p</u> Trustees	7 11:00-4:00 Staff Christmas Lunch & 2012 Planning <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	8	9	10 <u>8:00a</u> Men's Breakfast

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