



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. JOHN WARREN

Express Your Love with Your Life

A 1994 American epic comedy-drama, romance film based on the 1986 novel of the same name by Winston Groom became the focus of my youth group. As we drove to Tennessee that year on mission trip, the boys rode in one van and the girls in another, but they kept the banter going between the two vehicles on the walkie talkies quoting lines and whole scenes from the movie. Some of the lines they recited were these:

"Anyway, like I was sayin', shrimp is the fruit of the sea. You can barbecue it, boil it, broil it, bake it, saute it. Dey's uh, shrimp-kabobs, shrimp creole, shrimp gumbo. Pan fried shrimp, deep fried shrimp, stir-fried shrimp. There's pineapple shrimp, lemon shrimp, coconut shrimp, pepper shrimp, shrimp soup, shrimp stew, shrimp salad, shrimp and potatoes, shrimp burger, shrimp sandwich. That- that's about it." Or "Stupid is as stupid does".

The boys also like to recite the lines where he described where he was shot, but we will not go into that. I think that the most famous quote from Forrest Gump would be this one. "Mama says, Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get." (I even remembered it with his accent.)

In reality, that phrase can be true in many ways. We wake up every morning completely unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. But we never know for sure, do we?

God knows that life as it pertains to circumstances is uncertain for us. That's why He comforts us and reminds us so many times that He is our constant companion, our steadfast friend, our consistently loving God and Savior. You see, no matter what chocolate we are "in the middle of" right now, He is there--with the certainty of His promise today as well as His hope of heaven in the future.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

See You Sunday if not before,

John

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Our Faithfulness

Our Gifts

Giving Report Jan. 2012

Monthly needs: **\$50,000.00**
Received as of Jan 31: **\$90,227.02**

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 | Jan. 15 |
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| 8:15 a.m. | 30 |
| 8:55 a.m. | 57 |
| 11:00 a.m. | 88 |

| Sunday Worship | Jan. 22 |
|----------------|---------|
| 8:15 a.m. | 35 |
| 8:55 a.m. | 62 |
| 11:00 a.m. | 95 |

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

February 5, 2012

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Ushers: Team #2

8:15 - Dr. Rollie Allen, Archie & Laqueta McLellan, Rock Rothrock

11:00 - Bill Bailey, Brown Claybar, Ken Hillsten, O'Neal Waldrop, Phil Grooms, Jim Pledger

Altar Guild: Beverly Blalack

Youth Greeter: Rebecca Brown

Greeters:

8:55 - Greg & Dina Defrates

11:00 - Beverly & Charlie Blalack

Parking Lot Greeters:

8:55 - Michael & Susan Lafley

11:00 - Sandra & Mike Hoke

Lay Reader:

8:15 - Laqueta McLellan

8:55 - Dina Defrates

11:00 - Carol Izer

Acolyte:

Sydney Peet

February 12, 2012

6th Sunday After Epiphany

Ushers: Team #5

8:15 - Dick & Marilyn Powell, John & Elaine Cooper

11:00 - Howard Nelson, Don Reasonover, Kathy McKenzie, Sarah Boehme, Mat Taylor

Altar Guild: Nevela Toal

Youth Greeter: Kaylin Abshire

Greeters:

8:55 - Bobby & Trisha Anderson

11:00 - Barbara Riddick/Beverly Millsap

Parking Lot Greeters:

8:55 - Eby Family

11:00 - Rock Rothrock

Lay Reader:

8:15 - Darby Byrd

8:55 - Julie Allensworth

11:00 - Al Vasquez

Memorial Gifts

In loving Memory of:

Eddie Warren by:

Jean & Glenda Whitley

Martha Franks by:

Glenn & Martha Oliver

Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us!

Judy McClelland
Alice Boston
Kent Morris
Lisa Romeis

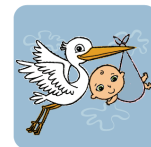
New Births

Vincent Daniel

Born: January 11, 2012

Proud parents: Elise & Kyle

Proud grandparents: Drew & Annelly Domas



Cedric Douglas Rogers

Born: January 30, 2012

Proud parents: Daric & Andrea Rogers

Proud grandparents: Doug & Donna Rogers

Our Deepest Love & Sympathy to:

Richard Allensworth & family upon the passing of his **grandmother**.

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Youth Ministry



6TH-12TH GRADE
Sundays
at 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Praise Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5: NO Youth - Super Bowl Sunday

February 12: Bake Sale during Worship
Party Hearty at 5:30p in Tow Inn
District Youth Day

February 19: Youth Night

February 24-26: Mid-Winter



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[www.fumcorange.org/
youth](http://www.fumcorange.org/youth)



Check us out
on Facebook
FUMC Orange Youth

Children's Ministry

Preschool Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| February 5 | Leighia & Susan | Mary & Martha |
| February 12 | Susan & Leigha | Jesus Blesses Children |
| February 19 | Pricilla & Misty H | Two by Two |
| February 26 | Misty H & Pricilla | Zacchaeus |

K-5th Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

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|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| February 5 | Lauren & Allysa | Mary & Martha |
| February 12 | Lauren & Allysa | Jesus Blesses Children |
| February 19 | Angela & Trish | Two by Two |
| February 26 | Angela & Trish | Zacchaeus |



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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Books for Outreach

The **Love Circle** is collecting books and magazines for several outreach programs: the Orange County Jail, Sabine House, and the Military. If you have Sunday School books that you are no longer using, that would be great. The Chaplain said if they have multiple copies of books, they can offer Bible studies at the jail. Please bring to the welcome center and we'll find them. If you bring magazines, please cut your name and address off. We will be collecting through mid February. THANKS!!!

FREE Legal Advice



for U.S. Veterans and Spouses
of Deceased Veterans

Saturday, February 11, 2012
8:30a.m. - Noon
Orange County Courthouse
801 W. Division Ave., Orange, TX

For an appointment, call (409)835-8647 or
veteran@jcba.org

Pancake Supper

The Missions Committee will be hosting the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21st from 5:00 - 6:00pm in the Malloy. All proceeds will go to benefit ShareFest - a one day service project with local churches serving OUR community. Also, please bring a canned good that evening to be donated to OCS.



Ash Wednesday



There will be **2** Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 22.

12 noon in the Chapel
6:00pm in the Chapel

WNL Menu

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Feb. 8 | --Altar Guild | --Frito Pie |
| Feb. 15 | --Good News | --King Ranch Chicken |
| Feb. 22 | --Love Circle | --Lenten Soup |
| Feb.29 | --WNL Kids | --Meatball Subs |
| Mar.7 | --UMM | --Links |
| Mar. 21 | --Fidelis | --Ham |
| Mar.28 | --Missions | --Spaghetti |
| Apr. 4 | --Youth | --Hot dogs |

Dine In/Dine Out

Want to have a great reason for dining out or hosting others for dining in your home? Want to know others in your church on a more personal level? Then, join a Dine-in/Dine-out group to meet once a month from **February to May**. You will be assigned to a group of 8. It's up to the host person or persons to decide where to dine out or to have you in their home. Please sign up in the entry of any service, call the church office, or call Angela Abshire at 670-1751 to **sign up during January**.



Christian Alliance in Pearland

On March 3, 2012 our church will be headed to Christian Alliance in Pearland, TX. We are looking to have about 10-20 volunteers that day, but would be so happy to have even more than that. This is an opportunity for ALL age groups. Those that are Middle school and above will do food distribution that day, traveling to some of the wards to distribute food. Those that have younger kids, can stay at the warehouse to help pack beans and rice. If you are interested in signing up for this volunteer day, please contact the Missions Committee or Ellen Wiemers at 779-2799 or email LNWATTERS@yahoo.com. For those of you that can not participate, there is still one way you can. Prior to going to Christian Alliance, we will be collecting baby food, diapers, and formula to be brought and distributed to those in need.

Party "Heart"y

Party "Heart"y with your church family for Valentine's Day!
Sunday, Feb 12 from 5:30-7:00pm in Tow Inn

Fellowship Life has had many requests for another event similar to the Sock Hop, since we had so much fun together. So, wear your red, white, pink or Valentine attire; bring your favorite Valentine themed dish to share; and come ready for some fun! This is **NOT** a couples event, but a chance for all ages to join together in fellowship. There will be games, food, dancing and more. See you there!



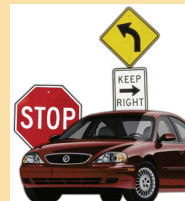
Defensive Driving - Date CHANGE

Due to a lack of participation, we had to cancel the Defensive Driving class that was scheduled for February, but we have a new date scheduled in April.

Saturday, April 21st
8:00am - 2:00pm in the Praise Center
Bring your own lunch.
Cost is \$15.00 per person

This class does NOT cover violation tickets.

We must have 20 people signed up by Mon. April 2 or we will have to cancel the class.



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Spot Light

Keeping our members informed!

United Methodist Women

The UMW (United Methodist Women) is an organization of the church that is open to all women of the church. There is an executive board that schedules the activities of the UMW and makes the dates known to the ladies of the church.

There are three Women's Circles for any lady to visit and perhaps join. The Joy Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 A.M. upstairs in the Praise Center. Faith Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 A.M. in the Parlor of the Education Building. Love Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Education Building. The Love Circle was formed to accommodate the working ladies that cannot attend a morning circle. All circles start their meetings with a gathering and refreshments. Then a program is presented to the members. The program can be a study on missions or a book review on an individual of the Bible.

We are an active group, having a Women's Dinner every other year and a Fall Festival in the years between the Women's Dinners. Both events are open to the public. The UMW Board gives money from the Fall Festival to the needy organizations in the community.

We also have a program for Prayer and Self -Denial in February or March (date to be announced) and we have a Time-Apart in May which is the coming together of the three circles. Anyone that would like to attend may do so.

If you would like more information please contact:

Betty Merchant @ 886-3591 or

Bonnie Hopperton @ 886-3295

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.



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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

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Calendar of Events: FEBRUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 NEWSLETTER 10:00a Staff Mtg. 4:00p Christian Ed 5:00p WNL 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir | 2 2:30a UMW Board | 3 | 4 9:00a-12:00p Leadership Team meets w/Craig Gilliam |
| 5 Communion 8:15a Traditional 8:55a Celebration 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional 3:30p Praise Team 5:00p Youth/1st Kids | 6 10:00a Inter. Prayer | 7 9:30a Bible Study 5:00p Missions 5:30p Trustees | 8 10:00a Staff Mtg. 5:00p WNL 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir | 9 9:30a Faith Circle 10:00a Joy Circle 6:00p Love Circle | 10 | 11 8:00a UMM Breakfast |
| 12 Can Collection 8:15a Traditional 8:55a Celebration 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional 3:30p Praise Team 5:00p Youth/1st Kids 5:00p 3G Comm. 5:30-7:00p Party Hearty in Tow Inn Youth Bake Sale During Worship | 13 10:00a Inter. Prayer 10:00a Caring Min. 6:00p Evangelism | 14 Valentine's Day 9:30a Bible Study 6:00p Finance | 15 NEWSLETTER 10:00a Staff Mtg. 5:00p WNL 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir | 16 2:30a MOPS | 17 | 18 |

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