



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

January 1, 2010

A Message from the Pastors

The second Sunday following Christmas marks the beginning of a new season in the life of the Christian church – Epiphany. Epiphany is an unfamiliar word to many of us -- even to many Christians. Here are some phrases that may help it to make more sense:

- a revealing of the presence of God;
- the light of God radiating outward and inward;
- a gift, a reminder that God is here.

Why does this word "epiphany" matter in the church?

The time after Christmas is often a letdown within a secular, consumer-focused culture. But in the Christian "kin-dom," the story is different. Light expands into dark places. Newness appears in the midst of routine. Life bursts out of the expected deadness in the natural world.

Watch and listen for the epiphanies awaiting your attention. May God's presence be revealed to you in surprising and wonderful ways in 2010!

Adapted from a reflection by Barbara Bate found on the gbod.org website.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you for all the beautiful music during the Advent season. This includes the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir, the Brass Quintet from the high school, and Dr. Van Miller, Ann Wackman, and Karen Chance for their Sunday afternoon carol concert. Spirits were not only lifted in our congregation but throughout the community!

Thank you to our youth for taking part in the choir cantata, "*The Mystery and the Majesty*" on December 13. They added a special touch to the services that day.

Dr. Van Miller presented a program on "*German Carols*" for UMM, their spouses and their guests during the Christmas holidays that was very enjoyable. Thank you, Van.

Sarah Muckleroy accompanied the choir on her flute last Sunday and on Christmas Eve. It is always a pleasure to have Sarah play for us. Thank you very much, Sarah.

Our own Celebration Band shared a few new songs during the Christmas Season and taught us to sing some favorite carols with a new beat. The Band also helped to make the Family Christmas Eve service a beautiful and meaningful time of worship for all who attended. Thank you, members of the Celebration Band!

We had a beautiful, melodious season! Thanks to all in the congregation for being there, singing with joy and celebrating His birth through song!

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Open Hearts . . .

Open Minds . . .

Open Doors . . .

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 8:45 a.m.** Refreshments in the Parlor
- 9:00 a.m.** Celebration Service in the Activity Center
- 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary

Nursery care provided

The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 10 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dale Chance
PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org

Associate Pastor
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METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661 or Carole@FUMCBrenham.org

SUNDAY December 20, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	86
Worship 11:00 a.m.	178
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	73
Worship Total	341
Sunday School	115
Offering:	\$ 17,378.00

Christmas Eve

Worship 5:00 p.m.	127
Worship 7:00 p.m.	175
Total	302

Gifts for The Christ Child

Golden Cross	\$548.00
Methodist Mission Home	\$548.00
Methodist Children's Home	\$548.00

SUNDAY December 27, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	105
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	n/a
Worship Total	182
Sunday School	51
Offering:	\$ 26,484.00

(Includes Christmas Eve)

Loose \$1 bills placed in our collection plates will be used to support Hurricane Ike recovery work in the Texas Annual Conference.

Prayer Concerns



Linda Beard
Elmo Davis
Eunice Glidden
Bob Johnston
Alice Limmer
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson
Ed Sidebottom
Johnnye Van Hook
Eugene Vanderworth

Upper Room for
January/February 2010
is now available in the
Narthex and
in the church office.

Carole's Thoughts

Christmas has come and gone. New Year's has come and gone. There is a sense of relief as well as a sense of sadness. The relief comes in two forms: one, we are glad that the children are back in school; and two, the hustle and bustle of the holiday's are over. We have all made New Year's resolutions which we have a tendency to break from time to time. However, that wonderful holiday feeling that we have during the Christmas season cannot be thrown out with the trash. It can remain with us throughout the year if we simply remember to smile more and say a few kind words: thank you; you're a good friend; let's spend time together. These phrases of politeness are often forgotten during the year and only brought out every now and then. I'm asking each one of you to spend a few days in January to get them out, polish them up, and then actually use them on a day-to-day basis. Keep the spirit going throughout the year.

Dad's Night

This happens every January and is just for dads! On January 21, dads will have the opportunity to see the kinds of things their children do during the day. Please watch for more information on this grand event!

Please welcome the newest members to our church family

Jay and Jan Pledger * 1405 Briar Point Lane * Brenham, TX 77833
979-830-7178

We also have a new address for Eunice Glidden,
please make a note of this in your church directory.

Eunice Glidden *Spring Lake Guest Care* 8622 Line Avenue
Shreveport, LA 77106

FUMC, Brenham's Year-round Santa featured in the Texas Annual Conference Newspaper

Art Hinners is featured on the front page of the December 25, 2009 Texas Annual Conference publication *Cross Connection*. In the article Art shares his love of wood-making and sharing with others. You can read his story at www.txcumc.org.

In Memoriam

Jim Tom House by Ivan and Fay Wubbenhorst

Susan Evans, Beverly Burt's daughter, by Ivan and Fay Wubbenhorst

Jim Tom House by Caroline Kemper and Celesta Meissner

Jim Tom House by Donald and Jean Draehn

Jim Tom House by Darrell and Caroline Weed

Ruby Byrd by Ann and Ken Pieper, and Chris and Tammy Bugaj family

KIDS CORNER



Solid
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day – Church Offices Closed	2
3 12:30 Confirmation Class/ FH	4 7:00 Admin. Board Meeting / FR	5 8:45 UMW Exec/Library 9:30 UMW General Meeting / AC	6 1:00 CARE / Library	7 6:00 UMM / AC	8 9:00 Emmaus / Library	9
10 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH	11	12 9:00 Card Group / MH 1:00 CDC Meeting / Library	13	14	15 9:00 Emmaus / Library 5:00 UMM Pancake Dinner / AC	16 8:00 Epiphany / AC
17 12:30 Visit to St. Mary's Catholic Church	18	19 9:30 Circle Meetings Hinners / Powell Post / Burt Rogers / Smith 12:00 Circle Susanna / Hyatt 6:30 Circle Wesleyan / FH	20	21	22 9:00 Emmaus / Library	23 Private Function / AC All Day
24 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH	25 3:00 "42" / MH	26 9:00 Card Group / MH 5:00 Evangelism Mtg/FR 6:30 Trustee Mtg/ FR	27	28	29 9:00 Emmaus / Library	30
31 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH						

**Confronting the Controversies:
Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues
Seven Week Small Group Study begins on
January 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.**

- Can we talk with each other about controversial issues such as abortion, the death penalty, and homosexuality?
- Does the Bible speak to these and other controversial issues?
 - Can Christians make a positive difference in society?

Join us to explore these and other questions.

We will not avoid controversy, but together we will seek the truth and grace of God.

This study is based on the book by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

For more information or to sign up to participate please contact
Pastor Terry at the church office or at PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

UMW Meeting

Our New Year is just about here! The United Methodist Women will hold their first general meeting on January 5, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Babs Kruse will be our guest speaker and will talk to about Trinity Hospital and possibly the new ownership.

Hope everyone can come and please bring a friend.

Sager Brown Mission Trip, Baldwin, Louisiana on May 16 – 21

If you would like more information about this trip, contact Dianne Davenport. For those of you that know you want to go, please get the necessary paperwork from Dianne, Pastor Terry, or Brenda in the church office. Paper work and deposit of \$100 per person must be turned in by February 19. The remaining \$100 will be due by May 16.

This has become a very popular mission trip, so much so that we have to book our space at least two years in advance. You will have an opportunity to meet people from all over the nation.

For more information, please call Diane at 979-251-7673.

Come join the fun!!!!

A Challenge to all "Methodist Men"

You probably think that you have to be a member of the United Methodist Men but this challenge is really for all men. Read your Bible in a year! If you spend about 15-20 minutes each day you can read the entire Bible in a year. Please contact me for a copy of the reading plan. You may have read the Bible many times, just once or never. You can find something new each time you read it.

So go ahead, while you're having your morning cup of coffee or are relaxing in the afternoon and read your Bible.
Robert Smith, President – United Methodist Men

FUMC T-Shirts

If you ordered a t-shirt or denim shirt in November, they are here. You can pick your order up in the church office.

FUMC WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Church office will be closed
during the lunch hour each day.*

MONDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

TUESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

WEDNESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

Celebration Band Practice

at 7:00 / AC

Choir Practice at 7:00

THURSDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

FRIDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group
9:00 – Library



MONTHLY CALENDAR

1st MONDAY of MONTH

Admin. Board (odd months)

Council on Ministries

(even months) 7 p.m.

1st Wednesday of MONTH

CARE Team Meeting

1:00 p.m. in the Library

2nd MONDAY of MONTH

CDC Advisory Board 1 p.m.

1st TUESDAY of MONTH

United Methodist Women

General Meeting 9:30 a.m.

3rd MONDAY of MONTH

Finance Meetings (even months)

3rd TUESDAY of MONTH

UMW Circle Meetings

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

2nd/4th TUESDAY of Month

Card Group 9 a.m.

2nd THURSDAY of MONTH

United Methodist Men

6:30 p.m.

4th TUESDAY of MONTH

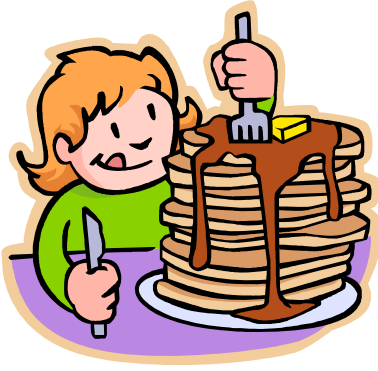
Evangelism Team Meets

5:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meets

6:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Pancake Dinner Tickets Available in Church Office



The date is set for the ***“The 44th Annual Methodist Men Pancake Supper”***. This is the first big event of the year for the UMM and tickets sell out quickly. Tickets are now available in the Church office. You may also purchase tickets from any UMM member. Be sure to get enough tickets for all your friends as this is a sell-out event!

The Pancake Supper will be Friday, January 15 beginning at 5:00 in the Activity Center. All the yummy pancakes and delicious sausage you can eat for just \$7 per person, children 10 and under eat free! Proceeds go to UMM projects for the upcoming year.

Newsletter Deadline:

Your next newsletter deadline will be Tuesday, January 12, at 1:00 pm. The newsletter will be sent out on Thursday, January 14.



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