



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

March 1, 2010

A Message from the Pastors

A Lenten Reflection by Robert P. Jones, president of Public Religion Research Institute, was posted on The Beatitudes Society site this week. In his reflection Dr. Jones reminds us of the importance of setting aside these 40 days of Lent to reflect upon the meaning of discipleship. The season of Lent provides opportunities and the time to ask with honesty "What am I willing to give up in order to follow Christ?"

Dr. Jones writes: "One of the most persistent and theologically disturbing conclusions I've come to from conducting and studying public opinion polling is this: Christians in America might qualify as "people **with** faith," but they surely don't qualify as "people **of** faith," at least if that means people whose actions are mostly guided by those lights." His research shows that the decisions people make on moral issues are shaped by demographics more than any particular theological beliefs.

According to an Executive Insite Report prepared for the Texas Annual Conference that studied Washington County (12/09), 49% of the residents of this county consider themselves a "spiritual person," 16.9% say that it is important to attend religious services and 16.7% report that "my faith is really important to me." About twenty percent of our population gave \$200 or more per year to a religious institution, according to the study.

"People **of** faith" are needed desperately right here in our own community. Will persons searching for a Savior and a community committed to following God see by our actions that we hold close to our hearts a vision of love, justice and healing in the world? Will they know we are Christians by our love?

Several opportunities to learn and to serve are highlighted in this newsletter. Perhaps this will be the season for you to join a Sunday School Class, study group or mission team.

Lenten Lunches

Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. A free will offering will be used to support local mission projects. Invite a friend!

The speakers are:

- March 3 Randy Wells, Faith Mission and St. John A.M.E.
- March 10 Phil Fenton, Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- March 17 Larry Embry, Baptist Minister
- March 23 Laurinda Kwiatkowski, Associate Pastor of A&M UMC

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00.** The newsletter will be sent out on Friday, March 12.

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or please submit a handwritten article to the church office. This is the best way to make sure that all the information for your article is accurate. Thank you.



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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
Rev. Terry Dougherty
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SUNDAY February 14, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	68
Worship 11:00 a.m.	124
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	44
Worship Total	241
Sunday School	90
Offering:	\$ 6,237.38

Ash Wednesday

Attendance: 112

SUNDAY February 21, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	124
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
Worship Total	258
Sunday School	115
Offering:	\$ 17,238.88

January Income vs. Expenses	
Income	\$63,955.24
Expenses	<u>\$63,989.57</u>
	(34.33)

Loose \$1 bills placed in our collection plates will be used to support local, national and international mission projects.

Prayer Concerns



Linda Beard
Dale Chance
Elmo Davis
Eunice Glidden
Bob Johnston
Lew Lewellyn
Alice Limmer
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson
Johnnye Van Hook
Eugene Vanderworth

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

The World Around Us

March is the month of winds and sunshiny days and we certainly hope that holds steady for our **Spring Festival** on **Saturday, March 6!** We are busy preparing for this wonderful new event which will include the **Garage Sale**. If you have anything to contribute, please bring it to the Activity Center on March 4 so it can be sorted and marked.

We will have our annual **Mini-March for Cystic Fibrosis** on Wednesday, March 10. It is a time when the children of the Pre-school learn about children that are not as healthy and strong as they are. The parents are asked to help with this by putting their spare change in a special envelope. Then on Wednesday the children will have a “parade” to show their support.

Our world is a small place indeed and we will begin learning about all those things that make it special, including going to the moon. Stars and planets are hung from the ceiling in the classrooms, pigs and cows abound on the farms, zebras and kangaroos are in zoos, and all sorts of fish live in the ocean. We will have another busy month at the CDC.

Thank you so much for your contribution of recipes for the **CDC Cook Book**. We are entering them online and the books will be here in time for Mother’s Day. We will have coupons for you to purchase your books early so you can get ahead of the rush! Think about your getting several – birthday gifts, housewarming presents, ‘just because’ gifts, or a special treat to yourself gift. They are only \$10 each and you can enjoy seeing your friend’s recipes in the book!

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Saturday, March 6
10am to 3pm



This coupon good for 50% off any one item.

MAXIMUM DISCOUNT - \$10.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

A.C.T.S.

Rehearsals on Sundays 6:00-7:30pm
In Room 139 Eat before you come!
Performance Date is Sunday, May 2



We had a blast at our first rehearsal. The music is awesome and we came up with some really fun dance moves. It's not too late to join. Come this Sunday and see what all the excitement is about!!

ALL KIDS 4 YRS OLD TO 6th GRADE COME JOIN US!

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 6 10am – 3pm

Hey kids, remember to ask your parents & grandparents to help you clean out your closets & toy bins. We want to donate as much as possible to raise money for our Weekday School. Bring your "stuff" to your Sunday School on any Sunday or to the AC on March 4 from 10a.m. – 7p.m. On Saturday, invite your friends & stay for the festival!!

GARAGE SALE

* Rides * Games *
Food * FUN *



Lenten Mission Project:

Helping Our Church to Serve Others!

- Helping our CDC by collecting school supplies & helping in the Garage Sale
- Collecting goods for our church food pantry & for Faith Mission
- Saving our money to give to UMCOR to serve the people of Haiti



Things to Remember

- * Collect our coins to donate to UMCOR for Haiti Relief
- * Singing & waving Palms on Palm Sunday for all the services
- * Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am on the front lawn
- * Start collecting candy for our Easter Eggs



A J.O.Y. Night Trip

Tuesday, March 23

**7:00 p.m. at Blinn College
W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center**

Tickets: \$25 per person

(or only \$20 if we have 10 or more attend.)

If we get the group rate you will be refunded the \$5)

***Reserve your seats for this hilarious show
by Sunday March 21.***

Reservation sheets are available in the church office,
Sunday School Classes, in the AC and in next Sunday's bulletin.

Make checks out to FUMC Brenham. Please return the form
and check to the church office, offering plate or Sunday School
teacher.

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN HOUSE CHURCH

Sunday evenings during Lent, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU AT THE TABLE!

Small groups meet together for food, prayer, praise and Bible study. March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Childcare will be provided at the church. You need not be present for all six gatherings. Each week is independent.

This year's study is based on the book *Practicing our Faith* edited by Dorothy C. Bass. Christian practices are things Christian people do together over time to address basic human needs in the light of and in response to God's grace to all creation through Christ Jesus. Join friends to learn about six of these practices.

Please let us know you will be there by contacting the church office.

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 March 1. 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!!!!

2010 MISSION PROJECT – FAITH MISSION APARTMENT REFURBISHING

Our first work day will be Monday, March 8. We will be pulling up the carpeting and cleaning the apartment. Items needed to take with you:

- * Work gloves /rubber gloves
- * Knives that will cut up the carpet
- * Plastic buckets
- * Cleaner/degreaser products will be provided.

Meet in the FUMC Activity Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on the 8th. Pat Clark, Mission and Outreach Chair



**To Benefit our Methodist Weekday /
Child Development Center**

Saturday, March 6

10:00am - 3:00pm

In the Activity Center

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

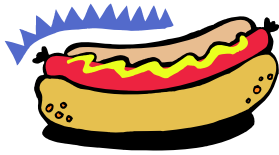
*Please bring your donations to the
Activity Center on Thursday,
March 4 from 10:00am - 7:00pm*

***For more information, please call Pastor Terry or Jennifer
in the church office***

Spring Festival

Saturday, March 6, 2010
10 am – 3 pm

MWCDC Parking Lot



- * Cake Walk *
- * Face Painting *
- * Ring Toss *
- * Matching Ducks *
- * Fishing Game *
- * Musical Chairs *
- * Balloon Toss *
- * 3-Legged Race *
- * Egg Race *
- * Dunking Booth *
- * Moon Walk *
- * Train Ride *

If you get hungry, there will be hotdogs and drinks!

There will also be:

- Silent Auction and Garage Sale *

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



*Let Us Give Thanks for the
Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
East Lily Order Form*

A wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones and to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning is to purchase an Easter Lily for the church altar. Acknowledgements will be made in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. The price for the lilies is \$10.00 per plant. To order, please complete and return the form printed below along with your payment to the church office by Friday, March 26, 2010. Checks may be made payable to "First United Methodist Church." The Easter lilies may be picked up after the 11:00 service Easter morning or Monday, April 5. If you do not wish to take your lily and prefer it be delivered to a shut-in, please indicate on the form.

I wish to purchase _____ lily(ies) to be placed on the altar.

(please print)

In Honor of:

or:

In Loving Memory of:

Placed by:

The cost of each plant is \$10.00. My payment of \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Phone # _____

_____ I will pick up my lily(ies).

_____ I will not pick up my lily(ies) and would be like for it/them to be

YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

We need your help!! - The Youth and Wesley Foundation are in need of a large BBQ pit on a trailer that could possibly fit 15-20 briskets and some chickens in it for three events this spring. If you are someone or know of someone who could lend us a pit please let Rick know by March 15 at 979-525-8619. Thank You!!

Congrats!

Graham Henkhaus had a successful swim season at BHS. Graham will be travelling with the Cub Swim Team to Austin while they compete in the State Tournament. Congrats Graham!!!

Eric Ruiz has been selected to play his French Horn with the Air Force Academy Band on March 24. What an opportunity! Congrats Eric!!!

Lane Jurden has been recently been accepted to Texas A&M (College Station) and Texas A&M (Corpus Christi). We wish Lane success for those accomplishments and her continued success this spring as she plays softball for the Cubettes.

March Youth Calendar

Sunday, February 28 – 5:00 – 8:00pm - Discussion Groups (Dating)

Sunday, March 7 – 5:00 – 8:00pm – Bowling

Sunday, March 14 – No Youth – Spring Break

Sunday, March 21 – Time TBD – Community Service Project

Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28 – Camping Retreat at Lake Somerville

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

You are invited to join together with other church members in a pre-service prayer ministry. Support our Pastors, music leaders, worship assistants, and congregation with prayers.

When: Ten minutes prior to each Sunday service beginning

March 7, 2010

(8:05, 8:50, 10:50)

Where: Prayer chapel for Sanctuary Services

Youth room for Celebration Service

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

prayer

Contact Joyce Brown (830-0746) or Chris Rogers (251-7528) for more information



DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Children's Ministry is in need of plastic eggs and pre-packaged candy or toys for our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Please bring your donations to the church office or to the Activity Center by Friday, March 26.

Please remember the candy or toy needs to be able to fit in an Easter Egg.



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 Administrative Board Mtg / FR	2 7:00 Elder's Retreat @ Lakewood 8:45 UMW Exec/Library 9:30 UMW General Meeting / AC	3 11:45 Lenten Lunch / AC 1:00 CARE / Library 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	4 9:00 Yoga / AC	5 9:00 Emmaus / Library	6 8:00 Spring Festival / Garage Sale / AC
7 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH 9:45am & 6:00pm "24 Hours That Changed the World" Sunday School Class begins / FH 6:00 Lenten House Church / TBD	8 1:00 CDC Ad Board / Library	9 9:00 Card Group / MH	10 11:45 Lenten Lunch / AC 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	11 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:30 UMM / AC	12 9:00 Emmaus / Library	13
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21 9:45am & 6:00pm "24 Hours That Changed the World" Sunday School Class / FH 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 - Youth/AC 6:00 Lenten House Church / TBA	22	23 9:00 Card Group / MH 5:30 Evangelism Meeting / FR 5:30 Mission Brenham/AC 6:30 Trustees Meeting / FR	24 11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	25 9:00 Yoga / AC	26 9:00 Emmaus / Library	27 8:00 Epiphany / AC
28 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 - Youth/AC 9:45am & 6:00pm Sunday School Class / FH 6:00 Lenten House Church / TBA	29 3:00 "42" / MH	30 Passover	31 11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir			

CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Mission Brenham & The Center for Missional Leadership
Welcomes

DR. C. RENE' PADILLA

March 7, 2010 3 PM – 6 PM
Blinn College – Brenham Campus
Student Center Banquet Room
Admission \$20

For more information write mission@mission.us.com or call 832-928-3925

Faithbuilders

The Faithbuilders Class will meet on Sunday, February 28, at the *Bread Basket* for the buffet lunch after the 11:00 church service. You are welcome to come as early as 11:45 a.m. to fellowship together.

On Sunday, March 7, our class will also be meeting at *Mantey's Catering* on Highway 36 North in Somerville for their buffet lunch. They are on the corner by the red light. We will meet there after the 11:00 service, however, you are welcome to go before noon to find a table as it gets very crowded for lunch. Call Ann Pieper at 836-4801 with any questions you may have.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations to Mark and Nita Hyatt on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Isabelle Hyatt.

Isabelle was welcomed into the world on February 11, 2010 to parents, Josh and Jill Hyatt



In Memoriam

Stella Davis by Lydia House

Evelyn Schultz by Don and Mary Wilhelm

Prayer Vigil

The 12 hour prayer vigil that meets in the prayer chapel is in need of volunteers who will substitute when a regular volunteer has to miss. Chris Rogers is getting together this substitute list. Her telephone number is 251-7528.

The prayer vigil has been meeting every Wednesday in the prayer chapel since 2001.

If you have questions, please, call Calvin Beckendorf at 836-5121.

The March/April Issue of the Upper Room is now available in the Narthex and Church Offices

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.

2nd TUESDAY 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

5:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meets

6:30 p.m.

MISSION MOMENT – HAITI RELIEF

“So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together . . . for the people had a mind to work.” -- Nehemiah 4:6

United Methodists have set their hearts and minds to work since an earthquake devastated much of Haiti a month ago.

Through individual gifts and special offerings, benefit concerts and other innovative fundraisers, United Methodists have donated \$11 million to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), according to Melissa Hinnen, the agency’s director of communications.

The time and talent of church members are meeting more than financial needs.

The relief agency’s Sager Brown Depot distribution center in Baldwin, La., has collected 350,000 health kits. Near Lexington, Ky., members of First United Methodist Church, Paris, gathered and packed about 1,200 health kits. Similar kit-packing efforts are multiplying across the United Methodist connection.

Even before the earthquake rocked Haiti, many Haitian mothers lacked swaddling clothes in which to wrap their newborns. In the days since the disaster, babies have been born amid rubble, in field hospitals and in rudimentary shelters, and surviving parents are even less likely to have clean clothes and diapers to welcome them.

Churches, schools and community groups are purchasing items and assembling kits such as layette kits and birthing kits. Our FUMC Brenham’s UMW are gathering items for birthing kits to be sent to Sager Brown for distribution. Dena Miller has details, if you want to help with this project.

The efforts, large and small, are making a difference.

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