



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

January 15, 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

R.G. Lyons of The Community Church Without Walls, on the west side of Birmingham, Alabama, shares his thoughts about church membership:

I explain membership something like this: "Membership is not about belonging. Everyone belongs; everyone is welcome. Membership is not about gaining special privileges...becoming a member does not mean you get something that non-members do not get. Rather, membership is about a commitment that you believe God is calling you to serve him by serving the church." Something like that.

Membership is about a commitment... It is about a commitment to serve *this* church, *this* congregation, through your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service, and your witness. It is a promise to participate fully in worship every Sunday morning you are able. It is a pledge to pause each day and pray for the church, the pastors and members, especially those with special needs and concerns. It is a decision to give intentionally and regularly to the ministries of this church. It is a commitment to serve this church, using your God-given gifts to the best of your ability. Finally, it is a vow to share God's redeeming love and grace with your family, neighbors, strangers and friends, remembering that the very reason we exist is to help transform the lives of individuals, our community, nation and the world.

Let us take the opportunity a New Year brings to make a commitment to be an active member of FUMC Brenham, not for our own sakes, but for the benefit of those who need to witness the ways that God uses his church to be a visible and tangible agent of God's amazing grace in this world.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REMINDER: *The first Administrative Board Meeting of 2011 will be held on January 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the office area.*

A listing of the 2011 Church Leadership Team can be found at www.fumcbrenham.org. Copies also can be found at the church office. The 2011 budget approved by our charge conference also can be obtained in the church office.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, January 21st, at 10:00 a.m.**

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
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

SUNDAY December 19, 2010**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	76
Worship 11:00 a.m.	131
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	93
Worship Total	303
Sunday School	123
Offering:	\$ 17,327.00

Christmas Eve Services**Church Attendance:**

Worship 5:30 p.m.	143
Worship 7:00 p.m.	134
Worship Total	277

SUNDAY December 26, 2010**Church Attendance:**

Worship 11:00 a.m.	86
Worship Total	86
Offering:	\$19,373.34

SUNDAY January 2, 2011**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	73
Worship 11:00 a.m.	112
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	35
Worship Total	222
Sunday School	108
Offering:	\$ 11,261.13

SUNDAY January 9, 2011**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	59
Worship 11:00 a.m.	120
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	44
Worship Total	226
Sunday School	95
Offering:	\$ 9,040.10

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

Happy New Year

This January is a beginning of a new year. In January the CDC classes will be having Dad's night and 100th day celebrations. The teachers will be holding parent teacher conferences. We are learning about the winter season and all the winter animals.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 17	School closed
Jan 20	Dad's Night
Jan 28	100th day celebration

We would like to thank all the Church members and parents who picked toys to donate from the wish tree.

Altar Flowers

We now have the 2011 flower sign-up chart available in the breezeway just outside of the parlor for those of you wanting to sign up for Sunday altar flowers. If you would like to honor or memorialize someone special or recognize a special date such as an anniversary or birthday, this would be a nice way to do so while also helping to make your sanctuary a beautiful place each Sunday. After the 11:00 a.m. service you can take the flowers home or donate them to be used to make flower arrangements for our members who need a bit of cheer. Dates are filling up fast so be sure to check the chart to see what's available for your special day!

**Prayer Concerns**

Ruth Ann Marshall
Tricia Gustafson
Jim Hickey
Nona Taylor
Stanley Schneider
Jane Moore
Kenneth Bryson
John Michaels
Rebecca Ocanos
Elmo Davis
Henry Kuecker
Ruth Necker
Bob Perry

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Our Deepest Condolences

*To the family of Alice Limmer,
who died December 27, 2010.*

*To the family of Marlene Michel,
who died December 29, 2010.*

*To the family of Leroy Boenker,
who died January 2, 2011.*

Donations Received***In Honor of***

Milton and Twila Tate
by Cynthia Hamrick

In Memory of

Alice Limmer
by James and Dena Miller

LOST

A tapestry (cloth) bag with a Victorian Christmas design – last seen on December 19th possibly at the Celebration Service. Please contact the church office if you locate the bag. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

Family Christmas Caroling & Cookie Decorating

We had a great group of carolers come out and help spread Christmas cheer to 3 of our local nursing homes. Afterwards we decorated gingerbread men cookies. The cookies were lovingly made by Shirley McIntyre. I don't know who had more fun – the kids or adults?



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!
YOU'VE GOT THE GOLDEN TICKET!**

Join us Saturday, January 22

at 12:30pm for lunch at Ci-ci's and then the 2:00pm matinee of Brenham High School's production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

The ticket cost is \$3.00 for students and \$10 for adults

Adults need to accompany your children at lunch and drive them to the HS but you do not have to attend the production. If you choose not to attend you will need to make plans for your child's way home.

PLEASE EMAIL ME at Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org to RSVP for lunch/tickets.

**Make a New Year's
Resolution and
invite a friend to
Sunday School!**

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We look forward to another exciting year here in the youth group at FUMC Brenham. Youth has become the place where our junior high and high school students make connections with others by forming relationships that can last a lifetime. Last year we were very active locally in community service projects and also in studies and lessons that help us to live our lives and become the Christians that God wants us to be. Remember, it's never too late to go to youth... We invite all youth in 7th – 12th grades to attend our regular weekly meetings, usually on Sundays, for fellowship, fun, service opportunities, and trips. Your presence at youth activities is important! Rick



Starting February 2 from 7-8pm, in the youth area in the AC, I will be holding a youth bible study. Each week there will be a new lesson, so if you can't make it one Wednesday because you have another commitment or a lot of homework, don't worry....come next week!!! Hope and pray to see everyone there...and bring a friend!

January Youth Calendar

Sun. Jan. 16 - Bowling - 5-8pm (Dinner - Jurden)
Fri. Jan. 21 - UMM Pancake Supper
Sun. Jan. 23 - Youth - 5-8pm in the AC (Dinner - Henkhaus)
Sun. Jan. 30 - Youth Game Night - 5-8pm (Dinner - DeSalvo)

London Clock Tower



Edinburgh Castle



John Wesley

Wesley Heritage in England and Scotland

Join Pastor Dale as he explores London and travel the English countryside on a road trip to Scotland. Along the way you will learn more about John Wesley, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and enjoy the wonder of Stonehenge. Castles, more history and beautiful scenery will await you in Scotland. The journey begins on **May 5, 2011** and will come to a close on **May 16, 2011**. Registration forms are located in the church office.

Lay Speaking School – 2011

Two Saturdays in February – **Feb 12** and **Feb 19**

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM – ATTEND BOTH

Christ United Methodist Church, College Station

Registration Fee: \$35 – includes lunch and textbooks

BASIC COURSE FOR LAY SPEAKERS

Leader: Rev. Mac Vaughn of FUMC Navasota and Anderson

Text: Basic Course for Lay Speakers' participant book.

ADVANCED COURSES: LAY SPEAKERS LEAD IN PRAYER

Leader: Rev. Jeff Gage of FUMC Bryan

Text: Let the Whole Church Say Amen! Workbook

LAY SPEAKERS INTERPRET FOR OTHERS OUR METHODIST HERITAGE

Leader: Dr. Dick White of FUMC Quitman

Text: The United Methodist Primer

LAY SPEAKERS' BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Rev. Paula J. Behrens of Chappell Hill UMC

Text: Ephesians: Finding Your Identity in Christ

Brochures will be emailed/snail mailed to your pastors. If you don't receive one, please ask for the pastors to print one for you. Questions? Mary Reed maryreed@att.net or Scott Atnip scottatnip@yahoo.com

DEAD MAN WALKING

Religious Leaders Dialogue on the Death Penalty

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hobby Center - Zilkha Hall

800 Bagby St

Houston, TX 77002

Free Admission with RSVP

(seating is limited)

512-441-1808 or info@tcadp.org

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie and other faith community Judicatory leaders will be participating.

NEW MONDAY MORNING STUDY
BEGINS ON JANUARY 24, 2011

Experiencing the Heart of Christianity

A 12 session program based on the book of the same name by Marcus Borg. The group will meet from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

What is the "heart" of Christianity? What does it mean to be a Christian today? Ready to look at these old questions in a new way? This program will allow participants to explore some answers to these questions (and probably a few others!).

Please contact Pastor Terry if you want to order a book.

UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip Baldwin La.

March 27, 2011 to April 1, 2011

We have 14 spaces available to us, so first come... Please get the forms that are needed either from Terry, the office or Dianne Davenport (251-7673). They must be returned with your \$100 deposit by **Jan 31, 2011**. The remaining \$100 is due on the day we leave.

We plan to take the church van, but if someone would rather drive their own vehicle that is fine.

For those new to our church, this is an annual event. We travel by car to Baldwin (south of Lafayette La). We are provided room and board (3 square meals a day). You have your choice of helping in the depot, in construction in the area or in the community. Depot work can be sit down work. There is also a large well-equipped sewing room – so your talents could be used there.

Just give Dianne a call if you want more information!

Thank You

Thanks to all who came by the parsonage for our Open House on Sunday, December 5th. It was special because you came!

Thank you to all the lovely ladies who helped in the kitchen or made a dessert. They are: Evelyn Newman, Carolyn Sander, Sherry Barkman, Kay Ivy, Dena Miller, Susan Ebel, Judy Pendergrass, Mary Wilhelm, Michele Smith, Betty Moss, Marie Beckendorf, Pat Clark, Debi Meschwitz, Deborah Muckleroy and Carol Ann Post. You are all very much appreciated!

Love,
Pastor Dale and Karen Chance

First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so very much for your recent donation of \$1000! We rely on our community to help us continue our mission of caring for the terminally-ill, so we are grateful for the continued support of people like you!

Deanna Warmke
Hospice Brazos Valley

First United Methodist Church,

The volunteers of Bread Partners want to thank you for your gift of \$100. We appreciate your support. Bread Partners is an all volunteer organization, giving food to more than 300 families each week. Our mission of feeding the needy in our area is made possible by donations as yours.

T.K. Condron, Chairman
Bread Partners of Washington County



Faith Builders Class Project

The Faith Builders Class elected in early November to do something good for someone else. Our Class Sunday discussion subjects contained such passages as "God made us to be giving", and "We can provide a Helping Hand."

We selected The Heifer International Organization as our project because the Heifer Project is "perpetual" and the off-spring of each animal must be donated to help others. We adapted to motto, "Together we can buy a CAMEL!" We agreed this project was to come after we took care of God first. That is, extra money from the class will go toward the budget of our Church and it must not affect our personal Christmas donations.

Each week, we plotted our progress on our "Giving Thermometer" and ended up with a total donation of \$910.00. This money has been sent to Heifer International with a request to buy a CAMEL for \$850.00 and \$60.00 toward "Where Most Needed." We accomplished our goals.

Arthur & Ruthelyn Hanners
Acting Project Leaders

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>
2 12:30 Confirmation / FH	3	4 9:30 UMW / AC	5 1:00 Care / Library	6 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:30 UMM Meeting / AC	7 9:00 Emmaus / Library 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	8
9 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 Youth / AC	10 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 1:00 CDC Ad. Board Meeting / Library	11 9:00 Card / MH	12	13 9:00 Yoga / AC	14 9:00 Emmaus / Library	15
16 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 Youth / Bowling Meet at the AC	17 CDC Closed 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 7:00 Evangelism / FR	18 9:30 Goodman / Davenport Smith / Tate Banker / Van Eman 12:00 Susanna / Pendergrass 6:30 Wesleyan / FH Trustee / FR	19	20 9:00 Yoga / AC 4:00 Men in Kitchen Pancake supper prep 5:30 SPR / FR 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	21 9:00 Emmaus / Library 5:00 UMM Pancake Supper / AC	22 8:00 Emmaus / AC, FH and Sanctuary 12:30 Children's Trip to Ci-Ci's and the HS production of Willy Wonka
23 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:00 Sacred Recital & Congregational Hymn Sing / St Mary's Catholic Church 5:00 Youth / AC	24 9:00 Bible Study / FH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 3:00 42 / Mission	25 9:00 Card / MH 6:30 Worship / FR	26	27 9:00 Yoga / AC	28 9:00 Emmaus / Library	29 8:00 Epiphany / AC
30 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 Youth Game Night / AC	31 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board Meeting / FR					

Reminder to anyone interested in playing 42

Anyone who likes to play 42 or does not know how, but would like to learn, is welcome. A group meets at the Mission (brown) house on the 4th Monday of each month (not the 5th) at 3:00 p.m., for a time of fun and fellowship. If you would like to join us, just show up.

Put it on your calendar now so you won't forget.

Treats from Christmas Eve

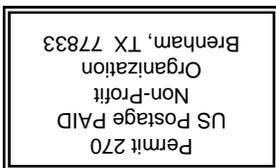
Just a quick note to let you know how the holiday treats to our Police, EMS, Fire, Sheriff and dispatchers turned out.

We had an amazing outpour of wonderful cookies, candy, breads and snacks for our baskets. We were able to make the above folks each a very, very large basket and had enough left over to make one for the emergency department at Scott & White, plus one for the nurses stations at the Brenham Nursing Home and Bluebonnet Nursing Home. I wish you could have seen the faces on the employees when we dropped them off. They were surprised, pleased and so appreciative that someone remembered them and that what they do makes a difference.

I personally want to thank all of you that participated in this great project. I hope it will become a tradition for our church in the years to come. If you didn't get a chance to donate this year, put it on your December 2011 calendar right now and plan to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for those that are "up all night," watching the flock.

The entire Evangelism Committee wishes you a very happy, safe, calm and joyous New Year!!!

Michele Smith



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Return Service Requested

