



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

February 1, 2011

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

*"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Isaiah 58:3-7*

What can you say about the fact that a text about fasting is the lesson for the day on Super Bowl Sunday, one of the biggest junk food days on the American calendar?! We also will celebrate communion on that day. Delicious ironies all around!

Here's a little history of Souper Bowl Sunday, adapted from their webpage.

In 1990, Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, prayed a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" and an inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world was born.

Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

Since 1990 ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$70 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

***Our Youth are partnering with Brenham HEB to serve hungry families in our community. Please support their efforts with a donation of cans and/or cash.***

### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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](mailto:PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org)

Associate Pastor  
Rev. Terry Dougherty  
[PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org)

**METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

**SUNDAY January 16, 2011**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	79
Worship 11:00 a.m.	138
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>286</b>
Sunday School	118
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 15627.00</b>

**SUNDAY January 23, 2011**

**Church Attendance:**

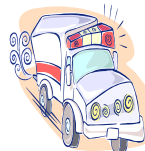
Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	145
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	52
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>271</b>
Sunday School	129
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,023.94</b>

**2010 Year End Totals**

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 685,271.24</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 685,271.24</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>0</b>

# February 2011

We have a lot happening at the CDC this month. This month's theme will be community helpers. The children will learn and get to interact with different people who make a difference in Brenham, along with some others.



**Feb 2nd at 9:00am the Brenham EMS**

**will visit the CDC to talk about emergencies and safety.**



**Mini March**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00a.m. in parking lot

This is a fundraiser that we participate in every spring. The children have people sponsor them as they walk to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



**ZOO Man**  
February 7<sup>th</sup>

Michael Hicks, with the Capital of Texas Zoo, will be here to show and teach the children about different types of animals. Every year he brings new and exciting animals to see.

**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
- Jan Pledger
- Lorraine Teufel
- Loyce Holt
- Janice Clayton

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## Drive Thru Dinner

**Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Italian Dinner**

**Spaghetti and Meatballs**

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

*Salad Garlic Bread Brownie*

*Tickets \$7.00*

Available in CDC office, Church Office or Parents of Children



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, [Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)

# WILLY WONKA

Roald Dahl's  
THE MUSICAL

THIS  
SUNDAY!  
JANUARY 30  
2:00pm  
High School

If you did not RSVP for your group rate ticket but would still like to go, come! We are meeting outside the High School before the 2:00pm show. It's gonna be a great show! Ticket prices at the door are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.



# LOOK

...who's having a good time  
at the UMM Pancake Supper!



Children's Musical Theatre Troupe  
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX

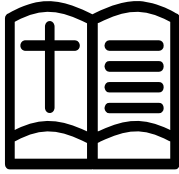
**ACTS** begins  
**Sunday, February 6**  
5:00 p.m. information meeting  
with kids and parents  
Rehearsals begin Sunday,  
**February 13 5-6:30**  
Spring Performance Date:  
**Sunday, May 1**

**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
JUNE 6-10 2011**



# YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)



*New Bible Study for Youth!*

*Join me beginning Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the youth room for our bible study...remember if can't attend every week ...come when you can. Rick*

**A friendly reminder to register for Mid-Winter at Forest Glen in Huntsville on March 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$100 and the deadline to register is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Talk to Rick for more details.**

## February Youth Calendar

**Sunday, Feb. 6 – 5-9pm – Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 13 – 5-8pm Community Service Project**  
**Sunday, Feb. 20 – 5-8pm – TBA**  
**Sunday, Feb. 27 – 5-8pm – No Youth**

**Bar-B-Q Baked Potato Buffet  
and entertainment**

by the choir of  
First United Methodist Church

**Honoring Buddy Dorow**

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

6:30 p.m.

**Activity Center**

\$6.00

For tickets, see any choir member or  
come to the church office.

## *Donations Received*

*In Memory Of*

*Alice Limmer*

by  
Gary and Kay Ivy

*Edgar Wells*

by  
Gary and Kay Ivy

## J.O.Y. Lunch Bunch!

Are you looking for some company on the first Wednesday of every month for lunch? We would love to have you join us!! We will meet & eat at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. It is located on the Brenham Campus in the Student Center on College Avenue. You can park in the big parking lot and come straight through the glass doors. The cafeteria will be on the left. The cost of the lunch is \$6.95 (according to their website). The cost may be cheaper if you just want the soup/salad bar. When you walk into the cafeteria we will be sitting on the left side at the bigger tables. **Hope to see you there on February 2.**

**Our next JOY daytrip will be in March to Washington on the Brazos and Barrington Living History Farm. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters and on our website.**

**J.O.Y. stands for Just Older Youth**

*We invite anyone who is retired or an empty-nester to join us!*

## **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.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 13

We are excited to announce a new Sunday School class for married couples launching on Sunday, February 13. The class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This will be a relaxed, yet engaging, class that provides Christ-centered fellowship, support, and opportunities for service. The group will be a discussion-oriented class studying a variety of biblical topics applicable to our daily lives.

The first study will focus on the topic of Marriage based on the book Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Each session will include discussion and an enlightening message on DVD.

Please join us during this inaugural session and you can help name our class! Contact Sarah Chisholm (sarahpchisholm@gmail.com) or Kimberley Behrens (kimberleybehrens@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### 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

Questions? Mary Reed [maryrreed@att.net](mailto:maryrreed@att.net) or Scott Atnip  
[scottatnip@yahoo.com](mailto:scottatnip@yahoo.com)

### United Methodist Men

Thursday, February 10, 2011

6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center

#### SPECIAL GUEST

Willy Dilworth

Washington County Tax Appraiser

Every man in the church will want to attend to learn about the effect on county taxes the state legislature may have. He promises to have up-to-the-hour information to share.

Dinner will be provided.

Have you recently finished reading a really good book and desire a place to discuss it with friends? The first FUMC Book Group will meet on March 16 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship House. For additional information, contact Jo Powell at 836-8171.

The group will discuss the book

*Same Kind of Different as Me*  
by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

The book is available in the church library and the local public library.



Everyone is welcome to come –  
bring a friend along!



Thank you to  
everyone who came to  
UMM Pancake Supper.  
It was FANTASTIC!



Dear Members of FUMC,  
Brenham,

Brrrrr...it's cold outside~  
But we're all warm and cozy  
remembering the Holiday Magic  
you helped make at Brenham  
State Supported Living Center.  
Thank you for coordinating a most  
wonderful time of year!

The Volunteer Services Council  
for Brenham State School

*Thank You*

The Limmer family would like to send a very heartfelt thank you to everyone for your continued prayers, cards, and well wishes during Alice's long battle with cancer. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was and is very much appreciated by everyone. We sincerely thank you for always keeping our family in your prayers.

Love to all,  
Kim & Lloyd Limmer & family

Dear leaders and members of FUMC, Brenham,

Thank you for the generosity and sacrifice that you have shown in meeting 100% of your 2010 Annual Conference apportionment goals. In these difficult economic times, such an accomplishment cannot be taken for granted. It has required a sustained and strong level of commitment in most of our churches. As you District Superintendent, I want you to know that I recognize and sincerely appreciate what you have done. This has been no small task.

Because of your faithfulness, the connectional work of the United Methodist Church – impacting lives around the world in ways many of us cannot even imagine – goes forward. You make this possible through your apportionment giving.

Your sacrifice, and the sacrifices of many others, enabled this great West District to once again underwrite all Conference and district apportionment goals. Truly in this year it was a gigantic milestone, and I am bumbled to see what has taken place. My prayers will continue to be with you over the months to come.

God's blessings,  
Rev. Joe Fort, West District Superintendent

# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 UMW / AC	2 11:30am JOY lunch at Blinn 1:00 Care / Library 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts	4 9:00 Emmaus / Library	5
6 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Meeting Youth / AC	7 9:00 Bible Study / FH	8 9:00 Card / MH 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	9 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:30 UMM / AC	11 9:00 Emmaus / Library	12
13 <b>Charge Conference</b> immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal Youth / Comm. Service Project	14 9:00 Bible Study / FH 1:00 CDC Board / Library 4:00 Missions & Outreach / FR 6:30 Finance / FR	15 9:30 Goodman / Duree Smith / Hinners Banker / FH 12:00 Susanna / Muckleroy 6:30 Wesleyan / FH Trustees / FR	16 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts	18 9:00 Emmaus / Library	19
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27 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal	28 9:00 Bible Study / FH 3:00 42 / MH					

## 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.

## Altar Flowers

Just a reminder that the 2011 Altar Flower chart is now hanging on the bulletin board next to the Parlor. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for that special day, please fill in your name next to the date you prefer or contact the



The Youth are collecting canned goods to support the Brenham Bread Partners and FUMC's food ministry. Please bring your cans to church and put them in receptacles with the Souper Bowl label on them, located in the Activity Center and in the breezeway next to the Parlor. Cans of "chunky" soup are very popular! Last day to donate will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Youth thank you for your support!

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