



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

July 1, 2011

Celebrating Our Freedom

Sunday we will celebrate and give thanks to God for the freedom we enjoy in the United States of America. We will sing the songs of freedom, pray and give thanks for our blessings, and ask God to continue to bless all people in our nation and world today.

There is a foundation upon which freedom stands and that foundation is faith in God. Behind our freedom to choose, there must be a moral and spiritual conscience that guides us in the right direction. Our nation must be very careful to guard, not only the individual's right to make choices, but the foundation that keeps us from desiring the wrong things.

That's why we worship God and listen to the teaching of His Word. Without His presence and the influence of His Word, we would be like ships without rudders to guide us through the temptations of life.

One of the great stories of the scripture is in the Old Testament book of Joshua, chapter 24, where Joshua stands before the people and challenges them to remember what the Lord God had done for them in the past. Then he challenged them to trust in the Lord and keep His commandments, and he ended by saying, *"Choose this day whom you will serve, but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

Choosing to serve the Lord does not take away our freedom. It is the foundation that gives us directions so that we are strong and able to make decisions that produce happiness, satisfaction, and meaning.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we worship the Lord and remember all that He has done for us in the past, and promise to serve Him faithfully in the future.

See you Sunday,
Kay

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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. Kay Reed
PastorKay@FUMCBrenham.org

Dear Friends,

Let me express my appreciation to you for the warm and cordial welcome that you have extended to me. I never expected such a wonderful welcome. In the last three weeks I have received telephone calls and cards from groups, and many of you individually, welcoming me to Brenham as your new associate pastor and assuring me of your love.

Many of you have worked hard during this transition by helping with the unloading of my U-Haul truck, working at the parsonage (inside and out), cleaning, trimming, mowing, bringing food, and flowers, and just dropping by to welcome me.

I especially want to thank Susan Ebel and the SPRC for the delicious lunch and reception Sunday after church. It was so nice and really helpful as I am getting to know you. I was blessed by the singing of the children and the Robertson Quartet. And the "pounding" finished up the day by providing everything I could possibly need, even dog food for my puppies. I believe a great time was had by all. Thank you! And thank you to everyone who had a part and who came Sunday.

As I said Sunday, you have made me feel so very special and I feel honored to be part of this caring church family. I look forward to a great year together.

Love,
Kay

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY June 19, 2011 Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 0 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 86 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 81 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 48 |
| Worship Total | 215 |
| Sunday School | 93 |
| Offering: | \$ 6,636.48 |

SUNDAY June 26, 2011 Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 2 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 75 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 128 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 47 |
| Worship Total | 252 |
| Sunday School | 108 |
| Offering: | \$ 6,872.00 |

MAY TOTALS

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| May Income: | \$52,824.27 |
| May Expense: | \$54,239.29 |
| May Total: | (\$1,415.02) |

YEAR TO DATE

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| YTD Income: | \$246,811.76 |
| YTD Expense: | \$275,838.27 |
| YTD Total: | (\$29,026.51) |

Summer time at the CDC



On July 4th the children of the CDC will have a

**Happy Birthday America parade
in the Activity Center parking lot.
We will wear red, white, and blue.**

The children have made streamers and hats they will be showing off.

July Events

*July 1st Parade

*Every Wednesday – 2's, 3's & Pre-k Library and Park

*Every Friday – 2's, 3's & Pre-k Movies Field trip or Pool

*Every Friday - Toddlers water play day.

2011 Cooperative School of Mission

The 2011 Cooperative School of Mission will be held at the Lakeview Conference Center, July 28-30. This event is for clergy, lay men and women, children and teens. Register now and plan to attend!

See the brochure for details:

<http://www.txcumc.org/scm2011br>

To download a registration form:

<http://www.txcumc.org/scm2011reg>

District Hymn Sing 2011

Date: Sunday, August 21, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Christ United Methodist Church
4201 State Hwy 6 South
College Station, TX 77845

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

A THANK YOU to the VBS KIDS & VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Friends,

The volunteers of Bread Partners want to thank the children and leaders of your Vacation Bible School for the "truckload" of food. Food drives are a source of support and encouragement for our organization and we are sincerely grateful. Our mission of feeding the needy in our area is made possible by donations such as yours.

May God bless you in all your endeavors.

Thank You,

T.K. Condron, Chairman

Bread Partners of Washington County



We have combined this summer into two Sunday School classes:
PreK-2nd Grade & 3rd – 6th Grade

Join us for Summer fun as we learn about what it means to respect God,
others and our self through...

games

Storytelling

Science

MOVIES

COOKING

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

A note from Rick...

I just wanted to give everyone an update on youth since it's Saturday and we leave for our mission trip tomorrow. As many of you are aware, summer camp at Lakeview was this past week. The kids, counselors and I thank you for all of your prayers and support for while we were there.

As ALWAYS, Lakeview was a wonderful experience for MANY Methodist adults and kids from the 4th – 12th grade. Lakeview has such a tradition of changing and enlightening people's lives and AGAIN Lakeview came through...and the food has gotten a lot better too! You can really see the nice changes that the new management has put in place. I was very pleased to hear the campers and counselors commenting on that fact.

I am also thankful that God led those individuals, their families and our church to get all of us to Lakeview this year...safely too. It is a very powerful thing to see our next generation of Methodist leaders getting closer to God and our theology. Lakeview definitely brings those kids together in an environment that builds on the teachings of our church. How thankful we should all be that a camp like this exists where Methodist kids can form relationships with other Methodist kids and grow those friendships over the years.

Well...now we head to south Texas! First stop Helena, where we will be doing some renovations on a small rural church. Then onto Rockport where we will help a local community center with much needed painting. Thanks again to those of you who generously donated the food we'll be bringing on behalf of our church. Please continue to pray for us all this week.

We look forward to sharing both our Lakeview and Mission Trip experiences with you soon!

With Blessings and Prayers,

Rick

MISSION MOMENT

During every school year a dedicated group of volunteers work in the Brenham area elementary schools in the HOSTS program. Many of the members of our church are involved in the HOSTS program and have been for many years. Here is one reason why they volunteer year after year.

Pat Clark, Mission and Outreach Chairman

For more than ten years I have supported HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) in the Brenham elementary schools. The main objective of my being a HOSTS Mentor is to help these young students become more fluent readers, but I also have the opportunity to give them much more during my one-half hour once a week. I give them the opportunity to converse with an adult, to hear kind words, to exchange smiles, and to just let them know someone cares about them. What better way of expressing my Christian values than being an example! I challenge you all to call the elementary schools in September and volunteer to be a HOSTS Mentor. You too can make a difference.

Carolyn Sander

Fresh Veggies for Missions



Bring your garden fresh bounty to share with those less fortunate, those without their own garden. At the same time help those in need in the tornado and flood hit areas of our country.

Please leave your fresh tomatoes, peppers, beans, etc. on the table in the walk-thru next to the Parlor. There will be "Free Will Donation" baskets to collect change / dollars to add to the Mission funds to send for needed supplies.

Thanks FUMC

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many cards and calls during my recent surgery and recuperation. I appreciate the pretty prayer shawl; I use it a lot because I'm always cold. I'm now living in beautiful, quiet Wimberley, Texas with my daughter and son – in- law. They treat me so well, but there is no place like home. Thanks to Pastor Dale and Pastor Kay for their visits, I appreciate it.

Love,
Bonnie Perry



Prayer Concerns

Ruth Necker
Bob Perry
Ed Baker
Bennie Pennington
Mary Holt
Dorothy Baker
Teresa Boehm Cole
Gene Kelm
Patti Orr
Mamie Imhoff
Alan Williamson
Chuck Springer
Robert Smith
Alyce Super
Richard Coghlan
Janice Bammel
Bonnie Perry
Nancy Atkinson
Paul Pipes
Stan Schneider
Jim Hickey
Marilynn Wrigley
Robert Hickey

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Attention: All UMW Members!

August is quickly approaching! We do hope you have our UMW meeting on your calendar. Just a reminder, the meeting will be a music oriented program and will be given by Matt Everett and his choir from Lexington, Texas. The meeting time will be 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2011 in the Activity Center. All church members are invited and if you plan to attend please contact the church office so we can get an accurate "head" count. This will be a covered dish affair hosted by the Goodman Circle. Hope to see you there!

Smitty Hinnens
Program Chair

Donations Received

In honor of
Linda Beard

By
Tom & Carol Ann Post
Gary & Kay Ivy
Milton & Twila Tate

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Friday, July 8, 2011 at 10:00 am.**

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.



UMM Ladies Night 2011



Dear FUMC Brenham Friends:

Thank you for your kind send-offs during my last few weeks as your associate pastor. Your love and appreciation has been humbly and gratefully received. I will treasure each of the special gifts given. The presentations at the Celebration service on June 5 were beautiful – they filled my heart to overflowing. The canvas cross creation hangs in my new office at Pleasant Retreat and I show everyone the book made to explain its meaning and its making. The colorful Easter cross sits in a corner sure to be used again. The Pentecost stole wrapped me with your love as I gave my first sermon at my new church, the poem written by Carla is in a frame and when I look at the quilt made by the children of the church I can see their smiling faces. . . Special thanks to Diane Davenport for the gift of her beautiful quilt and to the United Methodist Women for the quilted prayer blanket.

Both will keep me warm in more ways than one. The 'gas' gift cards from Celebration attendees and members of the Faithbuilder's Sunday School class (\$465!!) are being put to good use. That was a surprising, practical and wonderful gift! The angel figurine given on behalf of the congregation is lovely. I received nearly 100 cards and notes filled with your love and well wishes – it's good to know that my presence among you made some difference in how you live out your faith. My life has been changed for the good through all you have taught me. Please continue to pray for me and my family as I continue to do the same for you.

Grace and Peace, Terry

P.S. I need to recruit someone to straighten out my stole on Sunday mornings!

July

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 9:00 Emmaus / Library | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Office Closed <u>Happy Independence Day!</u> | 5 | 6 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 7 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 8 9:00 Emmaus / Library 10:00 Newsletter Deadline | 9 |
| 10 | 11 1:00 CDC Board/ Library 2:00 Service for Linda Beard/ Sanctuary 6:30 Evangelism/ FR | 12 9:00 Card/ MH | 13 10:00 UMW Exec/ Library 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 14 9:00 Yoga / AC | 15 9:00 Emmaus / Library | 16 |
| 17 | 18 4:00 Council on Ministries/ Library | 19 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ Meschwitz | 20 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 21 9:00 Yoga / AC | 22 9:00 Emmaus / Library | 23 8:00 Epiphany Training / AC |
| 24 | 25 3:00 42/ Mission | 26 9:00 Card/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline | 27 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 28 9:00 Yoga / AC | 29 9:00 Emmaus / Library | 30 |
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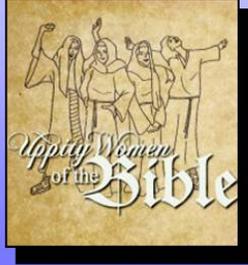
Summer Women's Bible Study

Esther

Join us Monday nights this summer
for a 6 week study on Esther in the series called:

Uppity Women of the Bible

The study begins on Monday, June 13



6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship House

*Bring your Bible for this
fascinating study of Esther*

June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18, 25

The Upper Room

The new Upper Room booklets are now available in the Sanctuary and the Church Office.

Please contact Jennifer at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or call the church office 836-2008 if you plan to attend. It is a free study but we want to have enough handouts for everyone. *Thank You.*

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