



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

September 15, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

It's mid September and most of us are settled into our fall routine. Schools are back in session, the football season is well underway and our church is busy planning for the upcoming months. On September 24 the J.O.Y. (Just Older Adults) will travel to the Brookwood Community. The Senior High Youth will travel to Sam Houston State on September 25 and younger youth begin their confirmation journey on September 26. A.C.T.S. (Announcing Christ in Theater and Song) begins casting for their Christmas(!) performance on September 26. Pastor Dale begins an adult Bible study on September 27 and our Bishop visits the West District on September 28. Oh – and our Child Development Center has a fundraising dinner planned for September 29. With October comes the United Methodist Women Harvest Fest and an exciting month-long Stewardship Program. Laity Sunday is on the calendar for October 17. There's something for every age and interest this fall at FUMC.

Thank you to everyone who invited a friend, family member, neighbor, student or stranger to come to church this past Sunday. Church studies continue to show that personal invitation is the best and most effective evangelism program around. Remember to continue to extend those invitations every week!

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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)

## “Get Connected” Sunday was INCREDIBLE!!

A big thank you to all who helped in preparing and executing our fantastic, fun-filled Sunday. We had a wonderful brunch spread, the kids and youth had a ball at the dunking booth, and the worship team got almost 100 handprints from our church members. Hope you were able to watch some of the slide-show presentation. If not, we are planning on putting it on the website and creating DVDs for our members and our future guests. A big thank you to Pat & Bobby Clark and friends for taking care of the kitchen before and after the event.

### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, September 22, 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.



# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY August 29, 2010

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	66
Worship 11:00 a.m.	149
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	67
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>285</b>
Sunday School	119
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,126.06</b>

## SUNDAY September 5, 2010

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	79
Worship 11:00 a.m.	120
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	47
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>246</b>
Sunday School	111
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 15,940.00</b>

**AUGUST INCOME:** \$ 57,890.12  
**AUGUST EXP:** \$ 66,213.16  
 (\$ 8,323.04)

**YTD INCOME:** \$ 430,650.08  
**YTD EXP:** \$ 464,147.53  
 (\$ 31,497.45)

## Prayer Concerns



Bettie Biggs  
 Sig Fossdal  
 Ruth Ann Marshall  
 Tricia Gustafson  
 Frank Tyson  
 Bobby Schumacher  
 Susan Ebel  
 Jim Hickey  
 Christopher Goodrich  
 Lew Lewellyn

Adam Muckleroy as he begins  
 seminary this semester

Our homebound members  
 Those serving in the military

## Address Changes

Adam Muckleroy  
 PO Box 755302  
 Dallas, TX 75275

Sara Muckleroy  
 1625 Walnut Dr.  
 Nacogdoches, TX 75965



*Playing in the sand.*

## Welcome Back!

The first two weeks of the new school year went great. We are excited to see all the new and old faces. Parents and children both enjoyed the newly refreshed classrooms.

Drive-thru Dinner  
 Wednesday, September 29, 2010  
 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Activity Center Parking Lot  
 \$7.00  
 Methodist Weekday CDC  
 ½ Bar-b-q chicken dinner

Tickets for the event are on sale in the CDC Office and the Church Office until September 24th. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the plates and take tickets. If you are able to help, please contact the CDC office.

## Dates To Remember for the CDC

*Friday, Sept 17*      *Three's & Pre –K Field Trip to the County Fair*  
*Friday, Sept 24*      *Fall Picture Day*  
*Wednesday, Sept 29*      *Fall Drive Thru Dinner*



*Working together.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

# KIDS CORNER



## GET CONNECTED SUNDAY



It's that time again! We will begin rehearsals at **5:30 p.m. on September 26** for our Christmas musical. A.C.T.S. stands for *Announcing Christ in Theatre & Song*. A.C.T.S. is our children's musical theatre troupe for kids 3yrs old (with parents attending) – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our performance date is Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. This year we will also be performing some of our songs at local nursing homes. So please be there for the first rehearsal! I will reveal the musical and then listen to the entire musical. Send \$2 with your child to get a copy of the music. That you can listen to the music over, and over, and over... If you have any questions please email me at [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org).



# GET CONNECTED SUNDAY



# YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

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

## 2011 Calendars Go On Sale Soon!!!



*Beginning Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> FUMC Youth will be selling 2011 Calendars as a fundraising project. The wall calendars are of high quality and include beautiful nature photographs and bible verses for every month. Every youth will have pre-order forms and you can buy them during the month of October. Delivery will be mid-November - - just in time to send them out for Christmas gifts! Each calendar will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25. It's a great price and an excellent value! Thanks for your support!*



### September Calendar

Sun., September 19<sup>th</sup> – No Youth

Sat., September 25<sup>th</sup> – 3-11:00 p.m. Sr. High/Sam Houston State University

Sun., September 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6:30pm Jr. High

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**On November 21, the youth and their parents will be holding a dinner with youth entertainment in the FUMC Brenham Activity Center.  
Stay tuned for more details.**

### **Confirmation Class**

One of the most exciting ministries the Church participates in as a family is the Baptismal Journey. This process of Christian discipleship, begun at Baptism with vows made on behalf of the children, is completed at Confirmation when we are made accountable to those vows by instructing our young people in the basics of our Faith. Confirmation is offered to our young people when they reach sixth grade. Persons who have not been confirmed, who are at least 12 years of age, also are welcomed to join the class. The class will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning in late September and continuing to June 5, 2011. The students will then be recognized on Confirmation Sunday at the end of their confirmation journey.

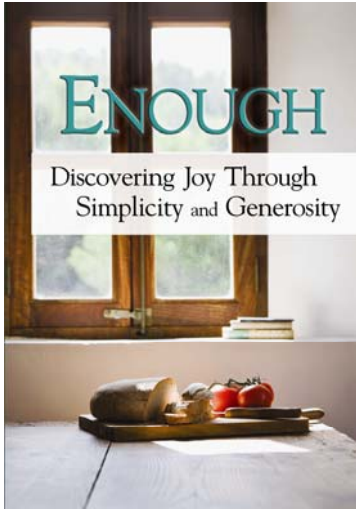
**ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 AT 2:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT(S) AT THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE ON N. BAYLOR ST. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.**

Please contact Pastor Terry Dougherty for additional information.

# ENOUGH

## Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

A study by Adam Hamilton



Each fall at FUMC Brenham a program begins, which ends with all members of the church expressing their commitment to our Lord's work and confirming our commitment to the local church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness to others. This year we will have the opportunity to study Adam Hamilton's stewardship program entitled, "Enough," which emphasizes how even the simplest gift can make a big difference.

Starting in October, FUMC will offer this new study in our Sunday school classes and through Sunday sermons. The study will emphasize how the present national financial crisis affects us as Christians and as members of a church.

You'll be receiving letters on the subject. Please open your hearts to this new study and prayerfully consider its effect on your family's lives.



## My Story

*By Melissa Cook*

As a fifth grade student at Brenham Middle School, some decades ago, I was in between childhood and the teenage years. I was clumsy, lacking self-confidence, and trying to figure out "life."

I wore gold wire framed glasses on my smiling face, and I had a friend. I had grown up Lutheran, my friend, Angela Hill, was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church. She spoke boldly about the love of Jesus, and she was eleven.

I had never met someone who ate, breathed and lived Jesus like she did. We became "children of the heavenly father" and she taught me to pray and read my Bible. I am so grateful to her smiling face, the wooden cross necklace she wore, and her easy comfortable relationship with Jesus. She brought me personally to God, and He looked at me.

God wants us to lead one another to Him. He wants us to eat, breathe, and live Him. He has our names written on the palms of His hand, and he loves us. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.





## Choir and Christmas: Something to Think About

Here it is September already! It's been a great year so far. Last week the choir celebrated with a "Back to Choir Party" at the Fellowship House on Wednesday evening. Each fall we have a get-together with lots of food, fun, and laughter (and of course, a short rehearsal for Sunday morning!) We have very dedicated members, and I am so grateful to them for always giving their best.

In only 3 short months, we will already be in the Christmas season! I know.... you could have gone another month or two without that reminder! But in choir, it is very important to plan ahead. Meaningful, heartfelt music is such an important part of the story of the birth of our Savior. We want to bring you, the congregation, the most well-prepared and appealing cantata that we possibly can, for your worship experience. Therefore, we start early!

That brings me to YOU! Do you like to sing Christmas carols? Do you like to have fun with members of your church family? Have you ever thought, "I wonder what it would be like to sit up in the choir loft with the choir....?" But, you also thought.... "it's a long term commitment" or "I just can't sing that well!" or even, "I can't read music."

Well, I have a proposition for YOU!

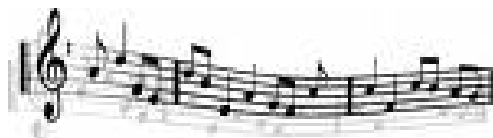
Our cantata this season will be "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols." That means we will tell the Christmas story from the Bible in scripture and with familiar carols. Songs you like to sing, like "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," and many more of your favorites will be sung. Why don't you consider joining us for the Christmas season this year? Our choir members will welcome you, help you, and encourage you. We would also be glad you did this for Jesus and for yourself. I personally believe singing lifts your spirit no matter how you feel when you get to rehearsal.

Think about this...pray about this...talk about this...and then come join us! Rehearsals for the cantata will begin on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 6:45 PM in the CHOIR ROOM. We are starting a little earlier than we usually do because we have asked the Celebration Service members to sing with us. (Their band rehearses Wednesday night also, and we wanted them to be able to come.) Each Wed. we will rehearse the cantata for approx. 30 minutes and then resume our regular rehearsal. You may leave after the cantata portion or continue rehearsal with us. We're flexible!

We will perform the cantata during the 8:15 and 11:00 AM services on Sunday, December 12, and for the Celebration Service (9 AM) on Sunday, December 19.

I would answer the questions you may have like this: You do not have to read music, just love to sing it. This would be a short term commitment to give us a try...no strings attached! And you do not need to be a professional singer, just ask any one of the choir members! Our choir is a wonderful group of people who give of themselves, and show their love through singing and sharing their time. I'm sure you would fit in just fine! Young and old, we'd love to have you! (October 6 through December 19, just once a week!)

Any questions? Just call Karen at 836-3054. I'll reserve a cantata book for you! And maybe we'll have to add more chairs in the loft....wouldn't that be wonderful!





On August 25<sup>th</sup> fifteen members from the Wesleyan class enjoyed a delightful trip. We carpoled to Winchester (about 15 miles from LaGrange) where we had a delicious lunch in an old renovated merchantile store (Murphy's Steakhouse). Then we visited the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum and painted church in Serbin. Two of the docents led us on a very interesting and informational tour. We learned a lot about their Wendish history and were able to buy some souvenirs and other goodies (the homemade noodles were a special favorite). Everyone had a great time – we are already planning another trip in a few months, possibly



### **Reminder**

Faithbuilders Class members who signed up for lunch at the Cannery Kitchen; it is on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 11:45 a.m.

### **Disciple Bible Study**

Plans are being made to begin a Disciple Bible Study group. Disciple Bible Studies are available in short (8 week) and long-term (34 week) studies. Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact the church office at 836-2008. Let us know if you are interested in the short or long program and the days and times that would suit your schedule. A starting date will be announced soon. Mike and Carolyn Baker, trained DBS facilitators, will lead the group.

### **United Methodist Women Reading Program**



**Two books from the UMW library are missing but not checked out. Please look for these books: "After Anne" and resource book "Home is Always the Place". There is only about a month before your reading lists must be turned in for this year. I hope you are keeping up with the books you read in each category. I am reading "Barefoot Heart", about a migrant child. There are a few books out that need to be returned; so if you have one, please get it back so someone else can have a chance to enjoy reading it. Thanks, JO Powell**



## **ADOPT A BLINN WESLEY STUDENT**

**16 college students attended the Wesley Foundation lunch/program on September 13.  
8 of those students already have asked to be “adopted.”**

**Perhaps God is calling you to be a source of support and encouragement to one of these students. Will you say “yes?” These young adults are waiting for your answer.**

It's once again time for Blinn to start up another great year. At FUMC Brenham we've had students come and worship with us from time to time. We have even had one join our choir as an intern and had a wonderful experience having her with us.

With Blinn College right here in our community, it is time to reach out to them like we've never done before. So, FUMC is sponsoring, “Adopt A Blinn Student”. Working closely with our youth minister, Rick Ruiz, we will obtain names of students starting this Fall 2010 semester. They will be young adults he meets through his wonderful work at the Wesley Foundation and that are interested in being in this program. We will match up one student with church members that want to “adopt” them.

What this really means is taking an interest in one special student. An occasional phone call or email, possibly a home cooked meal now and then, remembering them on their birthday, and maybe providing a small goody bag, or care package around final time would all be things you could do. Of course inviting them to church and sit with them and hopefully meeting their real parents if they come to town would be great too. You would be another adult in their life they could count on in case of emergencies.

We're planning a special Sunday in late Sept/ early Oct. to invite these special students to service and then go out to eat with them after church. More on that coming soon.

So if this is something you might be interested in, let us know. We'll get back with you later in September to give you your students name and information.

**Please contact either the church office or Michele Smith at 979 251-9840 or [michelestamps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelestamps@sbcglobal.net).**

## **NAMI**

**NAMI Family-to Family Education Program**

**Mondays, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 P.M.**

**@Christ Lutheran Church-Conference Room**

***NOW  
AVAILABLE  
ON DVD!***

The 11:00 service is recorded each Sunday. Copies of the DVDs are available upon request. Please contact the church office for more information. Dan Jurden is providing this service for our church.

This is a series of 12 **FREE** weekly classes designed to help families affected by mental illness deal with the trauma and develop effective coping skills. The course is taught by trained NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) family members who have relatives with mental illness.

Following a structured format covering issues frequently faced by families dealing with mental illness. For more information, contact **Brenham Chapter NAMI contacts: Jody Schulz (979-277-4646) or Judy Hassebrock (979-277-8406)**. Educational materials have to be prepared for each participant, so please call to register for the classes, so that adequate materials are available.



Shortly after I arrived as your bishop, I visited each charge in the conference to meet you and listen to your hope and fears, your dreams and worries. I invited you to imagine the future that God desires for your congregation. Over these last six years, we have worked hard together to live into a “future with hope.” I would love to visit each charge again to discover personally how you are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. However, our size is such that those visits would take literally a year of travel. Therefore, this fall, I want to do the next best thing—visit with pastors and laity about your congregations in district groups.

Beginning this week, I will be returning to each district to listen to you regarding congregations. I’ll meet with clergy and laity in separate groups. Clergy gatherings are usually scheduled in the work-day hours while laity meetings are usually scheduled for the early evenings. I hope to connect with you again personally, to deepen my understanding of the congregations in each district, and to learn what you believe you need to accomplish God’s purposes.

2010 marks the 44<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of membership and attendance decline in The United Methodist Church in the United States. While congregations in the Texas Annual Conference have adapted to our changing environment better than those in many annual conferences, we have lagged far behind the population growth.

Over the last five years, our annual conference has made a number of changes aimed at strengthening congregations. For example, more than 20 new churches are now scattered throughout the conference with more on the way. One of the many things we have learned is that congregational change is very difficult. At the same time, some congregations have made remarkable changes and are changing lives. Those changed lives are changing communities to become more like the kingdom of God.

There are two important questions that will shape our conversation with both clergy and laity. The first question is “What is the one thing—if it happened—that would make it possible for your congregation to be more effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?” The second question is “What is the one obstacle—if it were removed—that would make it possible for your congregation to be more effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?”

I invite you to pray and think about those questions and any other questions or concerns that you want to share with me. Reverend B. T. Williamson, Assistant to the Bishop, and your District Superintendent will be listeners and learners with me in every district. Our Conference Lay Leader, Ms. Leah Taylor, will be participating in the dialog in almost every district. I look forward to being with you in September.

Grace and peace,

Janice Huie

**WEST DISTRICT MEETING WITH BISHOP HUIE**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**ALDRSGATE UMC, COLLEGE STATION**

All laity are invited to attend. Please call the church office for more details.

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1:00 CARE / Library 7:00 Choir Practice	2 9:00 Yoga A/C	3 9:00 Emmaus / Library	4
5 4:30-8:00 Youth Group / AC 2:30 Worship @ Argent Court 3:30 Worship at Gazebo Terrace	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 8:50 UMW Exec / Library 9:30 UMW / AC	8 6:00 Stewardship / FR 7:00 Choir Practice	9 9:00 Yoga / AC 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 UMM / AC	10 9:00 Emmaus / Library <b>JOY Day Trip Deadline</b>	11 10:00-12:00 Kitchen clean-up day
12 10:00 Get Connected (Coming Home Sunday) 4:30-8:00 Youth Group / AC	13 1:00 CDC Board / Library	14 9:00 Card / MH	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	17 9:00 Emmaus / Library	18 8:00 Epiphany / AC
19 2:00 Confirmation Meeting / FH	20	21 9:30 Hinners / Fortune Post / Goodman Rogers / Rogers 12:00 Susanna / AC 1:30 Mission & Outreach 6:30 Wesleyan / FH	22 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	23 9:00 Yoga / AC	24 8:00 JOY Day Trip 9:00 Emmaus / Library <b>Last day to purchase BBQ Chicken tickets</b>	25 3:00-11:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Sam Houston State University
26 1:00 Confirmation / FH 4:30-6:30 Jr. High Youth Group / AC 5:30 ACTS practice begins	27 9:00 Bible Study / FH 3:00 42 / Mission 6:30 Trustee / FR	28 9:00 Card / MH 6:30 Bishop Huie visits West District	29 1:00 CARE / Library 4:30-6:00 BBQ Drive Thru 5:30 Evangelism / FR 7:00 Choir Practice	30 9:00 Yoga / AC		

## Email Address Update

Olivia's email address is  
[Olivia@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:Olivia@fumcbrenham.org).

## Change the Date!

New Bible Study begins on  
 Monday, September 27 at 9 a.m.

Pastor Dale will lead this 6 session, video-based study on Monday mornings. Dr. Moore uses key Scriptures that distinctively shape the beliefs of United Methodists. The group will meet in the Fellowship House (across the street from the church offices on Baylor St.) Books are available in the church office for \$10.00. Everyone is welcome!

## Celebrating Our Methodist Heritage At the Celebration Service on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Activity Center

September 5 – September 26

### What's in Your Backback?

Tools for learning about God's will for your life.  
 Scripture – Tradition – Experience – Reason  
 (otherwise known as the Wesleyan quadrilateral)

# Harvest Festival News

Our 40th annual Harvest Festival is Tuesday, October 26th and preparations are well underway. **Tickets are now available in the church office for \$9.00 each. They will also be sold after the worship services on September 19th & 26th.** Get your tickets now so you don't miss out. Donations for turkeys are greatly appreciated and can be made to UMW, memo: turkey donation and left in the church office. We are excited to be celebrating 40 years of Harvest Festival and with your help look forward to another great year. Now is a good time to start thinking about items for the silent auction. Donations for the auction can be brought to the activity center all day Monday, October 25th. Our silent auction always has a nice variety of items, so whether you have an item around your home, or you are crafty, or just want to donate a gift certificate, please remember we could always use silent auction items. The country store also welcomes homemade items such as cakes, pies, cookies, and handmade items. There are many ways to help with our Harvest Festival right up to the day of, so be watching the coming newsletter for dates and schedules of upcoming events. I encourage anyone who would like to participate to give me a call.

Our UMW Harvest Festival is a wonderful 40 year old tradition that continues today with lots of help & hard work from not only the women of UMW but the UMM and church members. Please come out & support Harvest Festival this year and help keep tradition alive. See you soon- Kim Limmer 836-9119



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