



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

October 1, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well, the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."

Join us in worship during the month of October for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "You deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, during the month of October, two of the Sunday School classes – Fellowship Class (meets in the church office area) and Crosstrainers (meets in the Activity Center) will use Adam Hamilton's book *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity* in their classes. The Faithbuilder's Class began the same study on September 19. Copies of the Book are available in the church office for those interested in the study, yet are unable to participate in a class.

The study explores what the Bible teaches us about financial management and provides some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation. At the end of October we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship services on October 31.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity and joy.

### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, October 11, 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  
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Associate Pastor  
Rev. Terry Dougherty  
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# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

## 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>

## SUNDAY September 12, 2010

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	76
Worship 11:00 a.m.	134
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	80
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>293</b>
Sunday School	0
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 14,816.00</b>

## SUNDAY September 19, 2010

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	52
Worship 11:00 a.m.	121
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	53
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>232</b>
Sunday School	102
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 7,907.25</b>

## SUNDAY September 26, 2010

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	146
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	47
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>266</b>
Sunday School	
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 6,743.00</b>

### September

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 47,505.05</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,004.13</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$ 8,499.08)</b>

### YTD

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 480,155.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 520,151.66</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$ 39,996.53)</b>



# October



*This month the CDC is all about the fall. We have exciting activities and visitors planned.*

*Oct. 13 Dewberry farm field trip*

*Oct. 14 Fireman & Fire Truck Visits*

*Oct. 22 Scarecrow Field trip*

*Oct. 29 Halloween parties*

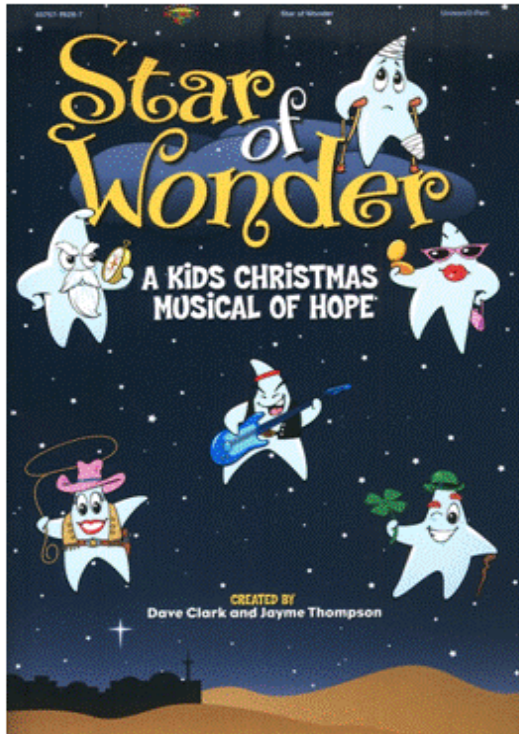


# Thank you

*Thank you to all the Volunteers and parents who helped to sell tickets for the MWDC Drive Thru Dinner this past September.*

# KIDS CORNER

This year's musical is...



It's that time again! Rehearsals are now underway for our Christmas musical. They are on **Sundays 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** 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! 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).

**Come to the  
5th Annual**

# Trunk or Treat



**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:15 p.m. Activity Center Parking Lot**

Everyone come in costume, decorate your car trunk & pass out goodies to the kids! The Methodist Men will be providing hotdogs for us after the festivities. Kids will get to walk the red carpet and show off their costumes! This part of our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Event. We encourage everyone to park your car to pass out candy to the kids, so spread the word!!



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

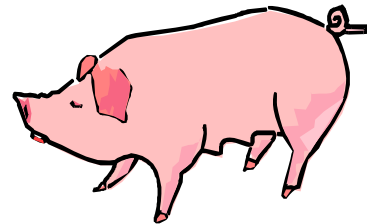
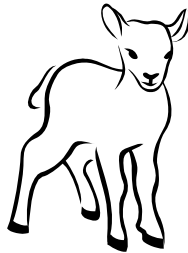
Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)

## 2011 Calendars Go On Sale Next Sunday!!!



*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*

Congratulations Kara Jurden for participating in the Washington County fair this past week where she showed her lamb and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place.  
Way to Go Kara!!!



Good Luck to Emily McLemore as she shows her beautiful pig in Dallas next week!

### October Youth Schedule

Sun., October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:30-6pm Jr.High, Dinner @ 6, Sr. Hi 6:30-8pm. All in AC

Wed., October 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:45-7:15pm - First Cantata Practice

Sun., October 10<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-9:00pm Jr. & Sr. High – Go Karts in Houston

Sun., October 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6:30pm Jr. High in AC

Sun., October 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-8:30pm Jr. & Sr. High – Pizza Party at the Ruiz's

### Blinn Wesley Group

The Wesley Group at Blinn is the Methodist student ministry at Blinn College here in Brenham. It's sponsored by First UMC Brenham and other churches within our circuit. Every Monday we meet for fellowship, lessons and studies as well as lunch provided to us by sponsoring churches and groups. We meet from 12:15 – 1pm in room 6 on the second floor of the Blinn Student Center.

# ENOUGH

## Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Join us in worship at 8:15, 9:00 or 11:00 during the month of October for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*.

October 3  
*When Dreams Become Nightmares*

October 10  
*Wisdom and Finance*

October 17  
LAITY SUNDAY

October 24  
*Cultivating Contentment*

October 31  
*Defined by Generosity*  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY



LAITY SUNDAY

October 17, 2010

## We Are the Church!

Listen, see and celebrate the many ways we are the church together as members share what it means to be a part of FUMC Brenham. We'll hear from members young and those who have celebrated many birthdays.



### Handbell Rehearsals



Just a friendly reminder that we will begin handbell rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas season on Wednesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are a member of this group, I hope to see you there. If you are interested in joining this bell group or would like to know more information, please give Karen Chance a call at 836-3054.

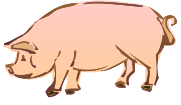


### Cantata Rehearsals



I hope you read the open invitation to any church member to be a part of our Christmas cantata, "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols," in the last newsletter. You may come and just participate in the cantata which will be presented on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in the choir room from 6:45 – 7:15 p.m. We are looking forward to having some new faces in our midst and making beautiful music together! Call and reserve your cantata book (Karen at 836-3054) or if it's a last minute decision, we'll see you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

Karen Chance



# Congratulations!!



Jake Carlile  
Ryan Middleton  
Kelly Jurden

Kara Jurden  
Ashton Berhens

Pig, placed 14<sup>th</sup> out of 21  
Art Show, blue ribbon  
Lamb, 4<sup>th</sup> place and showmanship,  
Pet Show, 1<sup>st</sup> place most talented  
Lamb, 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Pet Show, 1<sup>st</sup> place in non pedigree dog

Congratulations to all of the children and youth that participated in the Washington County Fair!

Congratulations Samantha on winning Little Miss!!

Jim and Nell Faucett celebrated their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on September 8! They were married in 1945 in the Uniontown United Methodist Church, Uniontown, Alabama.

## Faithbuilders Class

Faithbuilders Class will have a game night / covered dish meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center on Friday, October 22, 2010.

## 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.

## Prayer Concerns



Ruth Ann Marshall, Tricia Gustafson, Frank Tyson,  
Susan Ebel, Jim Hickey, Christopher Goodrich,  
Frances Sidebottom, Glenn Amerson, Nona Taylor,  
Kathy Ridenough, Stanley Schneider

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## Condolences

Our deepest condolences to the family of Velma (Lew) Lewellen, 84, who passed away on September 28, 2010

## 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.

**Sunday, October 31 at 5:15 p.m.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat**  
**Fashion Show and Dinner Are Part of the Fun!**

***This is not just an event for children.*** We need our entire church family to come out, park in the AC parking lot, open up their trunks (or tailgates) and pass out candy to our kids. We always have a great turnout of kids. YOU are needed to provide a parking lot packed with cars for the children to Trunk or Treat around. You can decorate your trunk or not, that is completely up to you. Being there for the kids is what is most important!

This year Trunk or Treat is on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. After we have fun passing out candy everyone is invited to come into the AC for a dinner provided by our Methodist Men and Children's Ministry. We will also have a fashion show so all the kids can show off their fantastic costumes!

Don't miss the fun! Invite your neighbors and grandkids! The meal is free! The only cost is the candy you bring to pass out. So grab your cameras and join the fun of Trunk or Treat!

  
**Just Older Youth**

We all had a WONDERFUL time touring the Brookwood Community last month. Our next J.O.Y. outing will be in December. In the meantime, I wanted to provide a public service announcement from Unity Theatre. If you have never been to one of their shows, I highly encourage you to go. The next performance is a hilarious comedy about the joys of small town life in Texas. Don't miss it!

**Social Sundays**

If you hate to go to the theatre alone, why not join us the first Sunday of every new play to meet other individual theatre-goers and attend the performance as part of a group. Unity Theatre's Players Club invites you to attend a reception 45 minutes prior to the performance, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and share a whole-theatre experience. When you make your reservation, simply inform the box office of your desire to attend.

**Social Sunday Dates**

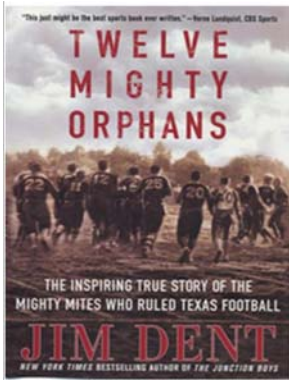
*Greater Tuna* - Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 3:15 pm

## FALL 2010 WASHINGTON COUNTY READ

November 4

JIM DENT— Popular sports writer and author of

“TWELVE MIGHTY ORPHANS”



Please join Lifetime Learning Brenham and co-sponsors: Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, BISD, Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Live Magazine, and The Brenham Banner Press in a community wide reading of what has been called "The greatest sports story ever." Mr. Dent tells the story of a great coach and a group of orphans from the Fort Worth Masonic Home who became a powerhouse of Texas high school football.

Free Author's Reception & Book Signing: **November 4, from 5-7 p.m.** in The Janis Sneed Banquet Room at Blinn College. Books are available at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library and the Book Nook, in downtown Brenham. More information and schedule of local events can be found at <http://lifetimelearningbrenham.org>

### Veteran Video Documentary

On November 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a video documentary of veterans. The documentary will be shown in the Brenham High School Auditorium.

All veterans, their families, as well as all members of our congregation are invited to this event. The video has been professionally done and is the first of its kind done in our community.

Featured in the video are local veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War, including a prisoner of war and a veteran who was in the D-Day Invasion landing on Omaha Beach. The veterans tell their stories.

Most Americans have no idea what the men and women experienced. Listening to these people tell their stories makes me proud to be an American in a country that God has given us.

We want to honor the men and women who have served and those who continue to be in harm's way at the present time in Afghanistan, Iraq and many other places in the world. My goal is to have Brenham High School Auditorium filled to capacity.

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me at 836-4564.

Sincerely,

Clarence Gerke  
Memorial Oaks Chapel



*Thank You*



*Dear Church Family,*

*I want to thank everyone for the numerous cards and prayers sent to me during my illness. I am blessed richly by you all.*

*Charles Sander*

*Dear FUMC Sisters and Brothers,*


*Have you noticed how sparkling clean our kitchen is! Please thank Pat and Bobby Clark, June Ross, Florence Julian, Susie Sanclemente, Patrice Summerour, Clifford Brisbin and Lanella Gray for doing a great job cleaning the kitchen. We also say thank you to YOU for leaving it sparkling every time you use it.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kitchen Committee*



# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 Emmaus / Library	2 8:00-3:00 p.m. Epiphany / AC
3 12:00 Blinn Student / Adoptive Parent Lunch / Cummings 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:30 Youth / AC 5:30 A.C.T.S	4 9:00 Bible Study / FH 7:00 Council on Ministry	5 8:45 UMW Exec / Library 9:30 UMW / AC	6 1:00 CARE 6:30 Band / AC 6:45 Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	8 9:00 Emmaus / Library	9
10 12:30 Confirmation / FH 3:30 Youth / Go Karts in Houston 5:30 A.C.T.S	11 9:00 Bible Study / FH 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:00 CDC Board / Library	12 9:00 Card / MH	13 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal / Sanctuary 6:30 Band / AC 6:45 Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00 Yoga / AC 5:00 SPR 6:30 UMM / AC	15 9:00 Emmaus / Library	16
17 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:30 Jr. High Youth / AC 5:30 A.C.T.S	18 9:00 Bible Study / FH 2:00 Staff / FR 6:30 Finance / FR	19 9:30 Hinners / Meyer Post / FH Rogers/Manchester 12:00 Susanna / AC 5:30 Evangelism/FR 6:30 Wesleyan / FH	20 9:00-4:00 Harvest Fest Dressing / AC 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal / Sanctuary 6:30 Band / AC 6:45 Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00 Yoga / AC 10:30-4:00 Harvest Fest Dressing / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	22 9:00 Emmaus / Library 6:00 Faithbuilders / AC	23 12:00 Harvest Fest Set- up / AC
24 12:00 Harvest Fest Set-up / AC 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:30 Youth / Ruiz 5:30 A.C.T.S	25 8:00 Harvest Fest Set-up / AC 8:00 Wesleyan Cir/ Fall Harvest / FH 9:00 Bible Study / Library 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 3:00 42 / Mission	26 8:00 Harvest Festival / AC 8:00-12:00 Wesleyan Circle/FH 9:00 Card / MH 5:00 Harvest Festival/AC 6:30 Trustee / FR	27 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal / Sanctuary 6:30 Band / AC 6:45 Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00 Yoga / AC	29 9:00 Emmaus / Library	30
31 Commitment Sunday 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:00-8:00 Potluck & Trunk or Treat / AC	 <p><b>Harvest Festival is on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember to purchase your tickets from the church office for \$9.00 before they are sold out.</b></p>					

## Harvest Festival News

Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away; do you have your tickets yet?? They are available in the church office for \$9.00 each and I encourage all church members to get their tickets now because we sell out fast. Turkey donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in the church office, checks made payable to UMW, memo: turkey donation.

Preparations for our 40<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Festival are well underway with much more to be done. I encourage all UMW members and others interested in helping with Harvest Festival to attend the **October 5<sup>th</sup>** UMW meeting in the activity center at 9:30 am to be updated and informed on all the upcoming schedules and opportunities to help make Harvest Festival a success.

Some important dates coming up are as follows:

Wednesday **Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** @ 9:00 & Thurs. **Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** @ 10:30 am – make dressing in activity center

Sunday **Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** – set up tables in activity center after services

Monday **Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** – our turkeys will be delivered to the church to be cut up and bagged. As always, we would greatly appreciate the help of the Methodist Men and if you are available that morning for a few hours to help, please be in the kitchen at 9:00 that morning.

Remember to think of items for our Silent Auction. If you already know what you will be donating, need an item picked up or need more info on the Silent Auction, please contact Audrey Boney 830-8057, Donna Sprenger 251-8108 or Joyce Fortune 251-7174.

Our Harvest Festival is a wonderful 40 year church tradition and everyone is welcome and encouraged to come enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship. Mark your calendars now for **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** and plan to be there. There is much to do in preparing for Harvest Festival and I welcome any and all to help, so if you want to participate in anyway or need and information, just give me a call at 836-9119.

See you soon!!! Kim Limmer



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