



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

October 15, 2010

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." (Hebrews 13:5-6)

And [Jesus] said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Early last Sunday morning, someone's home burned to the ground. Firefighters put out the blaze while family members looked blankly at what used to be their house. Anyone who has lost most of what they possess without warning knows what it is like to have overwhelming feelings of gratitude and loss simultaneously. Thanks for the lives that were spared coupled with the realization that all the things that took such sacrifice and time to accumulate are now just ashes. Such an event reminds us that everything in this world is temporary.

This is why we can say with Jesus, "[My] life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). Yet the culture is shouting that it's not true. The result is a wrestling in our hearts. Despite the fact that we say we believe Jesus' words, we still find ourselves devoting a great deal of our time, talents, and resources to the acquisition of more stuff. We *say* that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our possessions, but we *live* as if they do.

So often we buy something, thinking it will make us happy, only to find that the happiness lasts about as long as it takes to open the box. There is a moment of satisfaction when we make the purchase, but the item does not continue to bring satisfaction over a period of time. Many of the things we buy are simply not worth the expense.

Take a moment and think about what we teach our children and grandchildren about the value of possessions, when we encourage them to complete long "wish" lists (you can even do that electronically now) or shower them with so many toys that they end up too overwhelmed to play with any of them. Do we imply unawares that the depth of our love can be measured by the height of wrapped packages at Christmas?

We continue the study of *Enough* on October 24 when we will talk about the "tent" you will choose – will you live in discon-**tent** or con-**tent**-ment? Commitment Sunday is set for October 31.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, October 25, 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
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METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY October 3, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	56
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	108
Worship Total	234
Sunday School	93
Offering:	\$ 23,396.00

SUNDAY October 10, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Worship 11:00 a.m.	131
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	55
Worship Total	255
Sunday School	106
Offering:	\$14,894.00



October



Brenham's Scarecrow Extravaganza!!!!

We are going on A Scarecrow Field Trip.

On October 22 the Two's, Three's and Pre-k are walking downtown to check out all the creative scarecrow displays.

Happy Birthday

Clairisa M.	Oct. 5
Knylee S.	Oct. 7
Kylan S.	Oct. 7
Kamden M.	Oct. 8
Kaleb M.	Oct. 8
Camron W.	Oct. 12
Mrs. Joanna	Oct. 31

Prayer Concerns



Ruth Ann Marshall
 Tricia Gustafson
 Frank Tyson
 Susan Ebel
 Jim Hickey
 Frances Sidebottom
 Nona Taylor
 Kathy Revenaugh
 Stanley Schneider
 Jeannie Draehn
 John Klein

Our homebound members
 Those serving in the military

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to the family of Elizabeth Kalil, who died September 22, 2010

to the family of Rick Emery, who died on October 5, 2010

to the family of Carol Gregg, who died on October 11, 2010

Drive thru dinner was a success!!!

September's Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser was a Huge Success. We would like to say a big Thank You to the Parents and Board Members who helped with the drive thru, made deserts, or sold tickets. We appreciate your support.

We sold tickets 415 and raised \$ 1170.50.



October 2010



- Oct. 20 Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 22 Scarecrow Field Trip Downtown
- Oct. 26 Harvest Fest
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parties



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER



Sunday, November 7 2:30 p.m.

The members of A.C.T.S. Will be singing as part of the worship services for two of our nursing homes. We need all members to participate so please mark it in your calendars.

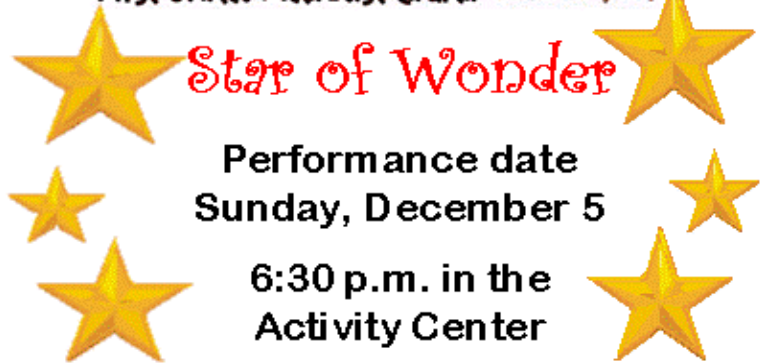


Children's Musical Theatre Troupe
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX



First 6 Weeks
Perfect Attendance
4th- 6th Grade Class

Kelly Jurden
Eric Johnson
Bailee Rettig



Star of Wonder

Performance date
Sunday, December 5

6:30 p.m. in the
Activity Center

Trunk or Treat



**PARENTS REMEMBER
TO BRING A BAG OF
HOTDOG BUNS AND A
BAG OF CHIPS!**

**Sunday, October 31st
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 5th 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

2011 Calendars Are On Sale!!!



FUMC Youth are 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. We will be selling them at various times before and after all services, so look for 'em. 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! And most of all, you are supporting our youth!!!

October Youth Schedule

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

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

Sun., October 31st – 4:30-6:30pm Jr. & Sr. High – Trunk or Treat

Save the Date!!!

On Sunday, November 14th, the youth will be hosting their first annual Fall Dinner. This meal will be prepared by the youth and their parents. There also will be entertainment! Tickets go on sale November 1st!

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. Hope and pray to see you there if you're interested.

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



On October 7th the Yoga Class presented Pat Clark with flowers for her birthday.

Happy Birthday Pat!

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. Participating in the services are Nita Hyatt, Bill Powell (8:15) Holly Carlile, Nicholas DeSalvo, Leah Rettig, Buddy Dorow (11:00), Smitty Hinners (8:15), and James and Emily Henkhaus (11:00).



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.

In Loving Memory Of

Lew Lewellyn

by

Kathyrine Jones

Tom and Carol Ann Post

United Methodist Women

Wesley Sunday School Class

Don and Suzann Jones

Lydia House

James and Dena Miller

Ralph and Debbie Tiemann

Art and Smitty Hinners



Thank You

Dear Church Friends,

My thanks to all who have called, sent cards, prepared food and delivered altar flowers during this lengthy recovery time. I have felt your prayers and concerns. God Bless each of you.

I'm with you in spirit and hope to be with you in person before too much longer.

*Much Love,
Susan Ebel*

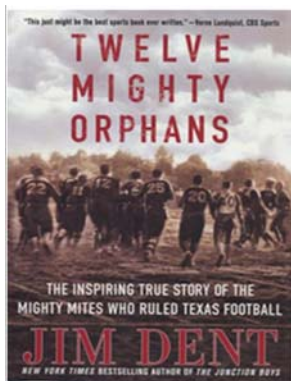


FALL 2010 WASHINGTON COUNTY READ

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.

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

Sincerely,
Clarence Gerke
Memorial Oaks Chapel

Methodist Women's Country Store



Methodist Church Activity Center
October 26th 8:00 am until 7:00 pm

Come early for the best selection of home baked goods, crafts, canned items and much more!



Box Lunches will be sold from
8 am until 1 pm

The cost is \$7.00 and includes:

Choice of pimento cheese or chicken salad
a croissant, pickle, chips, cupcake and a
bottle of water with choice of Crystal Light flavor.

CPR/AED TRAINING

The Board of Trustees is planning to make CPR/AED training available at no cost to members of First United Methodist Church. These classes will be offered the first part of November and are 3 to 4 hours in length. If you have already had this training, a refresher can prove beneficial. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office and leave your name and when you would prefer to take the class. The choices are the first Saturday in November (November 6) at the Washington County EMS Station on US 290 or a weekday in November at the Church. The class will be scheduled based on responses received. If interested, please respond by October 29. The Church has 3 AED's installed on the campus and it is essential that people be trained in their use.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Silent auction items are still needed and may be dropped off in the activity center **Sun., Oct. 24th** from 12:00 to 3:00 and **Mon, Oct. 25th** from 10:00 to 4:00. ALL silent auction items MUST be at the activity center by 4:00 on the 25th to get logged in for the 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 251-8101 or Joyce Fortune 251-7174.

U.M.W. Officers for 2011

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Yearbook.....	Carol Ann Post

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 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 CDC Board / Library	12	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 Laity Sunday 9:30 Confirmation Class visit to St. John's A.M.E 4:30 Youth / AC 5:30 A.C.T.S	18 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 2:00 Staff / FR 6:30 Nominations/ FR	19 9:30 Hinners / Meyer Post / FH Rogers/Manchester 12:00 Susanna / AC 5:30 Evangelism/FR 6:30 Wesleyan / FH Finance / FR	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 9:00 Bible Study / FH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn 1:00 Wesleyan Cir/ Fall Harvest / FH 3:00 42 / Mission	26 8:00 Harvest Festival / AC 8:00-12:00 Wesleyan Circle/FH 5:00 Harvest Festival meal / AC 7:30 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 5:15 Trunk or Treat	 <p>Harvest Festival is on October 26th. Remember to purchase your tickets from the church office for \$9.00 before they are sold out.</p>					

CHURCH-WIDE 5TH SUNDAY EVENT



**Sunday, October 31
5:30 p.m. in AC parking lot**

Come out and help us **PACK** the parking lot with cars for our children to “Trunk or Treat”. This event is for the young and young at heart!! All you need to do is:

- * Purchase some candy
- * Decorate your trunk/tailgate (optional)
- * Park in the AC parking lot
- * Watch the kids have a wonderful time going trunk to trunk
- * Enjoy a yummy dinner provided by United Methodist Men
- * Watch a red carpet costume fashion show

We are looking for a great “trunk” turnout this year. So tell your Sunday School classes, circles and small groups to come out and experience all the fun!

Six Key Financial Principles

to Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

1. Put God first in your living and giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
2. Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly. (Proverbs 27:23-24)
3. Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. (Matthew 6:19-33)
4. Provide immediately for an emergency fund. (1 Timothy 6:9-12)
5. Pay off all credit card debt and use cash, not credit cards. (Proverbs 22:7)
6. Practice long-range saving and investing habits. (Luke 14:28)

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through
Simplicity and Generosity

Harvest Festival News

The turkeys are ordered, the dressing is being made next week and final preparations are being made for our 40th annual Harvest Festival Tuesday, October 26th. Do you have your ticket yet, they are available in the church office. Better hurry, they are going fast!!!

Please remember the following important announcements:

Tues., Oct. 20th at 9:00 & **Wed. Oct. 21st** at 10:30 we will be making the dressing in the activity center - come join us for a little work and a lot of fellowship

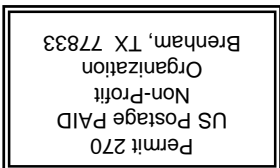
Sun., Oct. 24th - If you are available to help set up tables and chairs for Harvest Festival, please meet in the activity center at 1:00 pm.

Mon., Oct. 25th - UMW would greatly appreciate the help of the Methodist Men in cutting up and bagging the turkey at 9:00 in the activity center

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We will be celebrating a 40 year church tradition with Harvest Festival this year so I hope you have marked your calendars and plan to attend. If you have any questions or need information regarding Harvest Festival please give me a call. Hope to see you there!!!

Kim Limmer 836-9119



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