



First United Methodist Church

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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
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He Nailed It

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross.” Colossians 2:13-14 The New Living Translation

In Biblical times, when a person was in debt and could not repay his debt, he and often his family were sold into slavery as payment. His debts were recorded on a parchment called a “certificate of debt” and nailed to the city gate.

However, a relative could pay those debts and keep the person and his family from being sold into slavery. This relative was called a “kinsman redeemer.”

The “kinsman redeemer” would step up to the gate and fold over the parchment and sign his name to the back. Then it was nailed back on the gate until the debts were paid.

The importance of all this was that the debts could not be seen. All that anyone could see was the name of the one who was committed to paying them in full.

So, it is with us and our sins. We are all slaves to sin and we cannot pay our way out. We are spiritually bankrupt. We have no righteousness of our own to pay our debt of sin. Our only hope is if someone else comes up and pays the debt.

This is exactly what Christ did for us. By becoming flesh, He became our kinsman. And by paying our debt of sin, He became our redeemer. He is our “kinsman redeemer.”

This is called grace and it truly is amazing.

See you Sunday,
Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Mon. Feb. 13, 2012 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.



SUNDAY January 15, 2012
Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	123
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	45
Worship Total	248
Sunday School	103
Offering:	\$ 5,791.25

SUNDAY January 22, 2012
Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	82
Worship 11:00 a.m.	118
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
Worship Total	270
Sunday School	130
Offering:	\$ 14,730.43

SUNDAY January 29, 2012
Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Worship 11:00 a.m.	126
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	53
Worship Total	252
Sunday School	108
Offering:	\$ 23,278.00

JANUARY TOTALS

Jan. Income:	\$79,707.56
Jan. Expense:	\$47,289.67
Jan. Total:	\$32,417.89



Drive-thru Dinner

**Friday,
February 10, 2012**

4:30p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church
Activity Center Parking Lot**

Buy tickets in advance: \$6.00

Chili & Cornbread

**All proceeds go toward the
*Methodist Weekday Child Development Center***

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
Feb 6th**

**Call 830-8661 or buy tickets from CDC parents,
church office, CDC office or board members.**



The CDC is now collecting labels from Campbell's brand products, the labels are for the Labels for Education Project. There will be a box in the CDC and in the church walk-thru next to the Parlor to collect your label donations.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org



That's So DANIEL!

ACTS begins
Sunday, February 12
5:00 p.m. information meeting
with kids and parents
Rehearsals begin Sunday,
February 19 5:00- 6:30pm
Spring Performance Date:
Sunday, May 13

LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

Bead for Life

BeadforLife is a nonprofit organization that works to eradicate extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens. Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads. Women in Northern Uganda gather shea nuts and press them into shea butter for cosmetics and soaps. And people who care open their hearts, homes and communities to buy and sell both products.

The beads and shea butter become income, food, medicine, school fees and hope. It is a small miracle that enriches us all.

www.beadforlife.org



This Lenten season we will be learning about the women of Uganda, about poverty and about the ways these women are learning to take care of themselves and their families. We will be following a special curriculum with the kids in Sunday School, as well as having Bead Parties to help raise money and awareness for these women.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

J U N E 4 - 8

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

February Youth Calendar

Sun., February 5 – 5-9pm in the AC, Super Bowl Party

Sun., February 12 – 5-8pm in the AC, Youth

Sun., February 19 – 5-8pm in the AC, Youth

Sun., February 26 – 5-8pm in the AC, Youth



Thank You!

The youth would like to thank all of you who participated and donated to the Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction and the See's Valentine's fundraisers. We met and exceeded our goals with the Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction and had a great time doing it! We hope that next year it will be just as great of an event. The proceeds from these fundraisers go to help supplement our trip to SIFAT this summer and other youth activities.

Congratulations...

To Nick Summerour, one of our Jr. High youth who made it to the Region Choir 6th chair recently. He competed against 90 other tenor 1 students from our region. Nick will sing at the Region Choir concert on Saturday, February 4 at CY -Woods High School.

Also to Eric Ruiz, one of our Sr. High youth who is a junior who made it to the Region Orchestra for the second time and made 2nd chair on the French horn. Eric also participated in the State Auditions where he placed 4th of 300.

And congrats to Josh Miller who was accepted into Baylor University and offered an academic scholarship.



Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr
 Alan Williamson
 Alyce Super
 Bonnie Perry
 Jackie Ketchem
 Rita and Bobby Meaux
 Julie Rogers
 Bill Stratton
 Judy McMillan
 Dr. Boehm

Mark McCasland
 Palmer Hopkins
 Frances Poston
 Rex Ray
 Barbara Jamison
 Earl Goodrich
 Kathy Stone
 Ronny Walberg
 Miriam Gillis
 Jason Grimm

Our homebound members
 Those serving in the military

Attention UMW

Our next general meeting will be February 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Our program leader will be Mary Jane Jean and the program will be based on women in the Bible. Hope to see you all there, and bring a friend!

Program Chair
 Smitty Hinners

Thanks to FUMC Brenham!

To the congregation of the First United Methodist Church:

Please allow me to express my deep gratitude to your church for attaining the goal of paying your 2011 Conference and District apportionment items in full. In these times reaching this milestone is not a small thing. For most of our district congregations, meeting their apportionments requires a great deal of sacrifice. Therefore, I do not take what you have done lightly.

Your faithful support will enable the Kingdom work of our district, Annual Conference, and United Methodist Church to go on even in the far corners of the earth. I appreciate very much what you have done and my prayers will be with you throughout the months ahead. God's Blessing's...

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Joe Fort
 West District Superintendent

Donations Received

In memory of
Nancy Atkinson

By
 Beverley Burt
 Faith Builders Class
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stratton
 The Ladies of UMW
 Mr. and Mrs. Tanquist
 Mr. and Mrs. Luther P. Utesch

In memory of
Arline Bunker

By
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy

In memory of
Robert Hickey

By
 Mr. and Mrs. William Perry

In memory of
Lois Houston

By
 Nancy Eichelberger

In memory of
Nancy Coghlan

By
 Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dorow
 Irma Leal
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuecker Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sallach
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hart

In memory of
Mary Katherine Pomykal

By
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
 James Brumbelow
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stratton
 Marvin L. Spreen

In memory of
Elsie Guinn

By
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pitts
 Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Sam Duree
 Sonny McCasland

* *Lots more to follow in the next newsletter due to the amount of memorials coming in daily, thanks for your patience.

ACTORS WANTED!

I am looking for anyone who would like to be a part of our Good Friday drama entitled *Good Friday Grace*. It will once again be a series of monologues. I will be using some Blinn Students and I would like to also use some church members. If you are interested or just want a little more information about it please call Jennifer at home 421-9928 or email at Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org.



UMM Pancake Supper

As president of UMM, we would like to send out our sincere thanks to all the ladies, members and diners who came out to help support the annual UMM Pancake Supper.

-Art Hinners and all the UMM Members



Living from the Heart



Want more tools for creating rich and powerful relationships?

(at home, at work, with anyone?)

You are invited to "Living from the Heart", an introduction to an empowering communication process that will increase more clarity, more fun, and more calm in your relationships. This introductory session is offered twice in February at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you are looking for ways to resolve conflicts and reduce criticism at home or work --or you are wanting to find ways to be heard the way you want to be, -- or you are desiring more connection and joy in your relationships, please attend this free presentation. The presenter is Bren Hardt of Brenham, a retired teacher and a trained facilitator of this process. Schools, homes and businesses around the globe are applying this process popularly known as Compassionate (or Nonviolent) Communication. Join us to see if this fits for you as a way create the rich and powerful relationships we long for in our lives.

Dates: Feb 4, 10 to 11:45am;

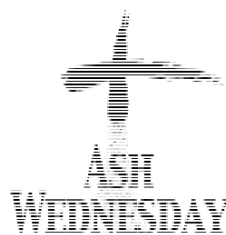
Or: Feb 11, 1 to 2:45pm

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 305 W. 3rd St., Brenham, TX

RSVP: Reservations not required. To plan better, please email Bren at bbhardt@gmail.com to say which day you intend to come.



LENT



Wednesday, February 22
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Wednesdays beginning
February 29 at Noon in the AC

Speakers

February 29
Reverend Earl McIntyre

March 7
Reverend Randy Wells

March 14
Reverend Kay Reed

March 21
Reverend Robert Stutes

March 28
Reverend Rick Sitton

Maunder Thursday &
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary

Service includes Holy
Communion and a
drama entitled
Good Friday Grace



February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 Yoga/ AC	3 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	4 9:00 UMW District Meeting/ AC
5 12:00 Confirmation/ FH 5:00 Youth Super Bowl Party/ AC	6 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn Prayer Team/ FH 6:00 Council on Ministries/ FR	7 9:30 UMW/ AC	8 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	10 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 4:30 CDC Drive-thru Fundraiser/ AC	11 8:00 Emmaus/ AC 5:00 Wesley Sunday School Class/ FH
12 12:00 Confirmation/FH 2:00 Girl Scouts/ Ac 5:00 Youth/ AC ACTS Meeting/ Rm.139	13 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	14 9:00 Card/ MH Happy Valentine's Day!	15 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Hyatt 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	16 9:00 Yoga/ AC	17 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	18 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
19 12:00 Confirmation/FH 5:00 Youth/ AC ACTS/ Rm.139	20 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	21 9:30 Rogers Circle/ FH Hinners Circle/ MH Cummings Circle/ Goodman 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	22 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service/ Sanctuary	23 9:00 Yoga/ AC	24 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	25
26 12:00 Confirmation/FH 5:00 Youth/ AC ACTS/ Rm.139	27 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 9:00 42/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	28 9:00 Card/ MH	29 11:30 Lenten Lunch/ AC 1:00 Care Team/ Library 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal			
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Are you in a Study Group? If not, join one!

Fellowship Study Group

When & Where:
Monday mornings at
10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship House

The Study:
*Embracing Your
Adult Faith*
by: Marcus Borg

Led By:
Rev. Kay Reed

Couples for Christ Sunday School Class

When & Where:
Sunday mornings at
10:00 a.m. in the Library

The Study:
*God Takes Your Little and
Makes it Much*
by: James Moore

Led By:
Keith & Kimberly Behrens
and
David & Sarah Chisholm

Lenten Sunday School Class

When & Where:
Sunday mornings at
10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship House
begins February 26

The Study:
*Final Words:
From the Cross*
by: Adam Hamilton

Led By:
Rev. Sam Duree

Crosstrainers Sunday School Class

When & Where:
Sunday mornings at
10:00 a.m. in the AC

The Study:
*When Christians Get
it Wrong*
by: Adam Hamilton

Led By:
Kevin Patrick

*If you would like your class or small group advertised please email jennifer@fumcbrenham.org with your class, leader and study. We want to encourage our entire congregation to be connected to a small group, grow in our discipleship and encouraged in living our faith.

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