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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. Kay Reed
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A Vision of the Cross

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Galatians 6:14

"But the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

When I was about 9 or 10 years old I vividly remember a statue hanging on a hospital wall. It scared me. It was a statue of a person with big nails stuck in his hands and feet. He had something resting on his head and he was bleeding from his hands, feet, and head. He was hurting. I wanted to know who this man was. I wanted to know why he was hurting. I wanted to know why he was nailed to two boards which were hanging on the wall.

While we have tried, we and countless Christians have never escaped the shock of the statement, "He was crucified!" On a Roman cross, an instrument of execution reserved for murderers and traitors, Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, was put to death, thorns jammed down on his head, hands and feet nailed to the wood, hanging there suspended between heaven and earth.

Crucifixion was a terrible way to die. Victims suffered great pain and humiliation as they hung before jeering crowds. A Roman writer called crucifixion "that most cruel and terrifying punishment." A Roman citizen could not be crucified in this way. It was too horrible.

But Jesus Christ, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant being born in human likeness...He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8

Think of it! For over 2000 years people all over the world place the same sign in the center of their worship space. What a mark it has left upon the world! What a place it holds in the Christian heart and mind! We may not know all of the theological details of Christianity, but we know that Jesus Christ was crucified. We would have long since forgotten this event were it not for the cross. The cross means that He died for us. The cross means that He died for me.

Christ was crucified on our behalf that we might be awakened to God's love – to forgiveness – to eternal life. Whatever we read or hear about God, the cross remains the center of our theology and our belief. The bottom line is this – "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

That battered and bleeding man hanging before me that day was Jesus the Christ. He was killed by sinful men that we might know the love, mercy, and salvation of the living God. Jesus died for me. Jesus died for us. Our suffering is bound up in His suffering. Our pains become His pain. And His love covers all.

See you Sunday, Kay

**The Rev. Merle Matthews Idom, Jr.,
 Superintendent, Lakeview Methodist Conference Center
 Will be preaching here on Sunday, March 25, 2012**

Lakeview is the only Methodist Conference Center in the Texas Conference. More than 14,000 people of all ages chose Lakeview for retreats, spiritual renewal, summer camps, meetings, and family celebrations in 2011. This includes over 640 user groups and 40 congregations. Lakeview continues to play a significant role in developing young disciples of Jesus Christ. Last year over 4,500 youth attended camps held at Lakeview. Many life friendships have been formed at Lakeview, and it would be impossible to know the number of people who have discovered their calling to full-time Christian work while at The Lake.

SUNDAY March 4, 2012
Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Worship 11:00 a.m.	139
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	41
Worship Total	254
Sunday School	112
Offering:	\$ 19,821.63

SUNDAY March 11, 2012
Church Attendance:

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	72
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	23
Worship Total	159
Sunday School	84
Offering:	\$ 5,903.00

FEB. YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$118,649.42
YTD Expense:	\$105,008.92
YTD Net Total:	\$ 13,640.50



**Newsletter Deadline and
 Other Information**

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tues. March. 27, 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.



Lenten Lunches
Wednesdays 11:45 am
Activity Center

March 21

Reverend Robert Stutes

March 28

Reverend Rick Sitton

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Buck
 Joycine Hanath
 Jacque Ketcham
 Mark McCasland
 Bonnie Perry
 Alyce Super
 Doyce Wells
 Alan Williamson
 Our homebound members
 Those serving in the military

Maundy Thursday &
 Tenebrae Service
 7:00 p.m. in the
 Sanctuary
 April 5, 2012
 Service includes Holy
 Communion and a
 drama entitled
Good Friday Grace



Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their cards, calls and visits during my recuperation from back surgery. Prayers were truly answered.

Walt Fortune

Thank you to everyone for all the cards and prayers. We are so grateful for such loving friends.

Doyce and Cindy Wells

Donations Received

In memory of

Nancy Atkinson

By

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Utesch

In memory of

Betty Averitt

By

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dorow
 Faithbuilders SS Class
 Mr and Mrs. Jack Holder
 Delores Koopman
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Muckleroy
 Mr. and Mrs. William Perry
 Julia Delane Pickering
 Mr. and Mrs. Tim Richardson
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas
 Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Teufel
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilhelm

In memory of

Kay Bobo

By

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dorow

In memory of

Arlene Bunker

By

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Richardson

In memory of

Nancy Coghlan

By

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dorow
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hart
 Mr. and Mrs. Red Powell
 Mr. and Mrs. Tim Richardson
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sallach

In memory of

Jeanne Draehn

By

Mrs. and Mrs. Ron Mills

In honor of

Rev. and Beverly Duree

By

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller

In memory of

Elsie Guinn

By

William McCasland
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pitts

In memory of

Michele Long

By

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller

In memory of

Mary Katherine Pomykal

By

Mr. and Mrs. James Brumbelow
 Rev. and Mrs. Sam Duree
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Preston
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spreen

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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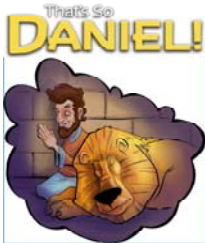


LENTEN MISSION PROJECT *Bead for Life*

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.

ACTS

Rehearsals are Sundays,
5:00- 6:30pm
Spring Performance Date:
Sunday, May 13



YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

March & April Youth Calendar

Sun., Mar. 18th – Spring Break
Sun., Mar. 25th – 1:30-10:00 p.m. Jr. Hi trip
Sun., Apr. 1st – 5-8pm Youth in the AC
Sun., Apr. 8th – Easter, No Youth
Sat. & Sun., Apr. 14-15th – Lake Somerville

Know Anyone we can help?

July 12-15th FUMC Brenham will be hosting Big House. Several work groups of junior high students will be here in town to do small mission projects such as landscaping, painting, cleanup etc. If you know someone locally in Washington County who has difficulty doing some maintenance on their home or property and may benefit from some volunteers helping out, please call Rick or the church office by March 21st so that we may consider them for this special opportunity. Thank you!!!



All kids are encouraged to come to all services on **Palm Sunday, April 1** to wave palms. This will also be the day we sell our beads to raise funds for the women of Uganda. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there on this special Sunday.

Easter Sunday at 10:00am
On the front lawn.
Bring your basket!



VACATION Bible SCHOOL 2012

JUNE 4 - 8

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

Please help out the Children's Ministry in donating wrapped Easter candy. There will be a box in the church office for donations. We have been very good recyclers over the last couple of years so we do not need any plastic eggs. We will be collecting candy up until Sun. April 1st.

Thank you for your donations!


VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you would like to help us with some of our supplies for VBS here are some of the things we need for donations so far:

- sea shells
- fun noodles (water noodles)
- old CDs
- cans of Great Stuff insulation foam
- plastic bath poofs
- plastic Hawaiian leis

We are also looking for someone to make us small wooden crosses out of thin wood approx. 8"x4".

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	3
4 12:00 Confirmation/ FH 1:30 Youth-Senior High Trip 5:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139	5 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	6 8:45 Exec. Meeting/ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC	7 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Randy Wells/ AC 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	10
11 Youth- Spring Break Daylight Savings Day	12 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	13 9:00 Card/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	14 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Kay Reed/ AC 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18 Youth- Spring Break 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139	19 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 5:30 Prayer Team Meeting/FR	20 9:30 Rogers Circle/ MH Hinners Circle/ FH Cummings Circle/ Reiland 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	21 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Robert Stutes/ AC Susanna Circle 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	24
25 12:00 Confirmation/FH 1:30 Youth-Junior High Trip 2:00 Girl Scouts/ Ac 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139	26 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 9:00 42/ MH	27 9:00 Card/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	28 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Rick Sitton/ AC 1:00 Care Team/ Library 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	31
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A wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones and to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning is to purchase an Easter Lily for the church altar. Acknowledgements will be made in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. The price for the lilies is \$9.00 per plant. To order, please complete and return the form in your Sunday bulletin along with your payment to the church office by Monday, April 4, 2012. Checks may be made payable to "First United Methodist Church." The Easter lilies may be picked up after the 11:00 service Easter morning or Monday, April 9. If you do not wish to take your lily and prefer it be delivered to a shut-in, please indicate.

Attention Ladies

A resale of ladies accessories will be held May 1st at the General Meeting in the AC. The money collected will go through UMCORE to benefit a mission in South Africa. The program is a book review of "Beaded Hope" about a South African mission. Please donate your jewelry, belts, purses, accessories, and collectables to Jo Powell, the church office, or to circle or general meetings. Thanks!

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