



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

January 15, 2010

A Message from the Pastors

The Following Request Comes from the Texas Annual Conference

Respond with Prayer, Aid for Haiti

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who experienced a devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake on January 12.

Send donations payable to the Texas Annual Conference, 5215 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002. Memo line: UMCOR International Disaster Response [Advance #418325](#).

Call for Health Kits

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has issued a call for Health Kits, which provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene and nutrition classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

Please follow the directions exactly. Include all items; do not add items that are not on the lists. Extra gifts, though given with the best of intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed. Note: All items must be new.

Place the following items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Value: \$12 per kit.

In a separate envelope, please send a check for at least \$1 for each kit to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping kits around the world. Important: Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

Deliver kits to TAC Disaster Response Consultant Rev. Clay Whitaker at Old River Terrace UMC, 161 I-10 East, Channelview, TX 77530.

Phone: 979-836-2008

Fax: 979-836-6202

www.fumcbrenham.org

Email: fumc@fumcbrenham.org



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
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

SUNDAY January 3, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Worship 11:00 a.m.	119
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	34
Worship Total	223
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$ 10,085.50

SUNDAY January 10, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	68
Worship 11:00 a.m.	120
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	47
Worship Total	240
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$ 11,551.00

DEC. INCOME	\$ 85,302.51
DEC. EXP.	\$ 63,121.73

2009 INCOME	\$ 666,603.42
2009 EXP.	\$ 666,603.42

Loose \$1 bills placed in our collection plates will be used to support Hurricane Ike recovery work in the Texas Annual Conference.

Prayer Concerns



Linda Beard
Elmo Davis
Eunice Glidden
Bob Johnston
Alice Limmer
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson
Ed Sidebottom
Johnnye Van Hook
Eugene Vanderworth

Upper Room for
January/February 2010
is now available in the
Narthex and
in the church office.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661 or Carole@FUMCBrenham.org

Carole's Thoughts

Ice-capades at CDC

January is supposed to be cold and so it has been! Because of the cold weather, we were unable to take the children outside in the mornings so the teachers became very creative, reverting to their 'rainy day' plans to let the children work off some energy.

We have a lot of activities this month that include **Dad's Night, Field Trip to Bluebell Creameries, and a School Closing.**

Dad's Night is an evening devoted to our children's dads so that they can experience what a day in the life of a little person is like. It is usually a grand time where dad's can play with their children and participate in some of things they do.

Field Trip. This trip is taken by the three's, four's and five year old children to Bluebell Creameries. The time of the trip is TBA.

School Closing. The school will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 18.

All animals that live in the cold climates will be studied. Penguins seem to abound at the CDC this month as well as polar bears and sea lions!

The CDC is going to publish a *CDC Cookbook*. We have begun gathering recipes for this book and any recipes you would like to contribute would be most welcome. There are forms in the Narthex and on the front desk in the lobby of the CDC. Put your recipe on this form and turn it in to the CDC by Monday, February 15, 2010. We are really looking forward to having our very own cookbook to sell.

Thank you for your support with your time, your talents and your treasurer.

The Child Development Center (CDC) needs your help!

In spite of implementing all the cost saving measures the Director, staff, and Advisory Board of the CDC could devise, we are presently facing what is hopefully a temporary, but certainly real, financial shortage. As but one example of the cause, Texas law determining teacher-student ratios in the classrooms means additional staff hiring as the children are moved from one class to another when they grow in age and abilities. While this will eventually be offset with additional students, as well as next year's tuition increases and a revamping of the class session schedule, there is a fiscal gap for the rest of the present school year.

The Methodist Weekday Child Development Center has been nurturing and teaching children in this community for more than 50 years. Since the beginning, our church has regarded the Weekday School as an important outreach of our congregation. Indeed, many of the children who attend the Weekday School hear the message of God's love for the first time in our sanctuary during the morning chapel time and thus the CDC is a valued part of the mission of our Church. We respectfully request your help in keeping it so.

Contributions, either on a one-time or monthly basis, given as a CDC designated contribution or a CDC designated Memorial Fund contribution are a couple of ways you may help.

If there are questions, comments or, most importantly, contributions, please contact either me or a member of the pastoral staff.

Barbara B. Murphy - Chair, Child Development Center - 979-836-2990

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

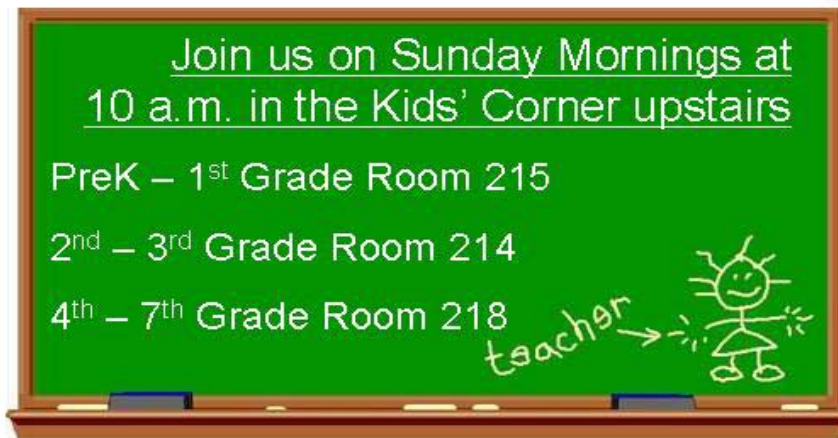


3rd Grade:
Mollie Patrick &
Anitra Thomas

Fall Semester



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Tuesday, June 1 –
Saturday, June 5



New Sunday School Class begins on February 14

Sam Duree will lead a 7 week study based on Adam Hamilton's powerful book

24 Hours That Changed the World

This video-based study retraces the steps of Jesus onsite in the Holy Land. The purpose of the study is to help participants better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life; to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for our lives.

The class will meet in the Fellowship House at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

This study will also be presented on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. during Lent in the Fellowship House. Please contact the church office to sign up for the Sunday evening study time (space is limited).

A Chance to Serve

We are looking for a few good men and women to help in our church services. 2010 is here and we need Greeters, Ushers, Readers of Scripture, and Communion Stewards.

If you have wanted to get more involved in your church but didn't know where to start --- this may be the time and way for you. We are in need of people to help serve in church services. Here are four ways to get involved. All of these things are done on a weekly basis and can be worked into your schedule easily.

USHERS – These are the people that greet you at the door on Sunday mornings and hand out the bulletins. They also collect the offering and assist in communion. After service, they tidy up the pews and collect visitor/member registrations.

GREETERS – These are the people that greet you before service. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary. A smile, a handshake and a kind word are the only requirements to fill this job!

LAY READERS – These are the people who read our scripture during service every Sunday. A strong speaking voice and ability to read from the Bible is all that is required.

COMMUNION STEWARDS – These are the people that assist the ministers with communion on the first Sunday of the month and on other special occasions. Help is also needed after service to put away supplies.

These are great and easy ways to get involved in your church, meet people and serve. Please take a minute and fill out what area(s) you may want to be involved with. This form can be dropped into the collection plate on Sunday or dropped off at the church offices. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Smith at 251-9840.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Usher

Greeter

Lay Reader

Communion Steward



Volunteers Needed

On Wednesday, January 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the State Health Department will be giving free H1N1 vaccinations at the Fireman Training Center on Hwy 290.

The Washington County Office of Emergency Management is looking for several volunteers to work with this project. You won't be giving the shots.

If you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours please contact Robert Smith – 979-377-1412 or e-mail rsmith@wacounty.com

**L.E.A.D. Institute 2010
Extravagant Generosity
Open Hands – Open Hearts!**

January 31, 2010
Christ United Methodist
College Station
3:00 p.m.



Key Note Speaker
Dr. Jim Jackson
Senior Pastor
Chapelwood UMC, Houston

Workshops:

Fundraising for Pastors led by Dr. Jim Jackson
Worship led by Rev. Nancy Creason
Evangelism led by Rev. Thomas Q. Robbins
Missions led by Rev. John Warren
Children's Ministry led by Rev. Carol Khoury
Young Adult Ministry led by Rev. Max Mertz
Multi-Media Ministry led by Rev. Regina Greenwood
Stewardship led by Rev. Melvin Amerson

Nuts and Bolts:

Staff Parish Relations led by Rev. Joe Fort
Finance led by Rev. Dick Young
Trustees led by Rev. Jim Crawford

Workshop leaders will be mindful of
all church sizes – small, medium and large!

Hosted by the West District Congregational Excellence Team

Pre-Registration:

Please follow this link for more information and a registration form:
<http://www.huntsvillefumc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ehsKvHPsZ0M%3D&tabid=52&mid=631>

or you may pick a form up in the church offices.

This opportunity is offered to you at no cost. Reservation must be received by Sunday, January 24

L.E.A.D. Institute

is an annual event of the West District of the Texas Annual Conference. It is designed for pastors, laity and all interested persons to gather for worship, fellowship, training, inspiration and motivation for equipping ourselves and our congregations to be about the church's mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This year's focus, *Extravagant Generosity*, and our theme, *Open Hands! Open Hearts!*, will empower us to offer our gifts, our talents, and our service to the sharing of the gospel and bringing the kingdom of God nearer.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2009 Angel Tree and Brenham State School Christmas event a success. Starting with those who helped provide a means to reaching some of the caregivers of the Angel Tree children, to those who willingly picked up the slack when we had some angels left on the tree, and ending with those who were able to drop gifts off to the children on the Sunday before Christmas, your help is appreciated.

The two projects (buying gifts for children of incarcerated parents and buying gifts for the residents of the State School) came together at Christmas and this year we purchased 40 gifts for the State School and gifts for 46 children. At such a busy time of year for everyone, your willingness to participate in this program was a blessing. Thank you.

Pat Clark, Chairman - Missions and Outreach Committee

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The Card Group would like to thank everyone who has supported them so faithfully during the past year. The ladies continue to meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. They are now meeting in the Mission House, which is the brown house with the ramp right across the street from the Church Office. If you are interested in becoming part of this group but think you have no artistic talent, come anyway! Audrey Boney is an expert at finding hidden abilities! When you run out of room to keep cards at home, bag them up and bring them for recycling – the new cards continue to be available in the same places as always and only cost twenty-five cents each, specially decorated cards cost a dollar each.

Happy New Year from the Card Group

New Addresses

Mark and Nita Hyatt – 7470 Boehnemann Road - Brenham, TX 77833

E.H. Bass and Regenta Jenkins - 302 Magnolia Lane – Brenham, TX 77833

Eunice Glidden – Briarwood Manor – 1515 West Main – Bellville, TX 77418

Please make note of these changes in your church directory

In Memoriam

Jim Tom House by Wayde and Cynthia Hamerick

Irma Ahlhorn by Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst

Delroy Zengelmann by Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst

Terry Wubbenhorst by Beverly Burt

Jim Tom House by Twain and Francene Tharp of San Antonio

Susan Evans by Jim and Ellen Ellison

In Honor Of

Milton and Twila Tate by Wayde and Cynthia Hamerick

John and Sylvia Young by Wayde and Cynthia Hamerick

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day – Church Offices Closed	2
3 12:30 Confirmation Class/ FH	4 9:00 Bible Study/FH 7:00 Admin. Board Meeting / FR	5 8:45 UMW Exec/Library 9:30 UMW General Meeting / AC	6 1:00 CARE / Library	7 2:00 District Clergy Meeting/Somerville 6:00 UMM / AC	8 9:00 Emmaus / Library	9
10 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH	11 9:00 Bible Study/FH 1:00 CDC Meeting / Library	12 9:00 Card Group / MH	13	14 9:00 Yoga/AC	15 9:00 Emmaus / Library 5:00 UMM Pancake Dinner / AC	16 8:00 Epiphany / AC
17 12:30 Visit to St. Mary's Catholic Church	18 9:00 Bible Study/FH	19 9:30 Circle Meetings Hiners / Powell Post / Burt Rogers / Smith 12:00 Circle Susanna / Hyatt 6:30 Circle Wesleyan / FH	20 7:00 SPRC Meeting / FR 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	21 9:00 Yoga/AC	22 9:00 Emmaus / Library	23 Private Function / AC All Day
24 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH	25 9:00 Bible Study/FH 3:00 "42" / MH	26 9:00 Card Group / MH 5:30 Evangelism Mtg/FR 6:30 Trustee Mtg/ FR	27 5:30 Mission and Outreach Mtg / FR 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	28 9:00 Yoga/AC	29 9:00 Emmaus / Library	30
31 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH 3:00 L.E.A.D. Christ UMC-CS						

United Methodist Church of the West District

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL

Saturday, February 6, 2010 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 13, 2010 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church, College Station

COST: \$35 (Includes textbooks and lunches)

Please contact the church office for a registration form or for more information.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 Bible Study/FH 7:00 Council on Ministry / FR	2 8:45 UMW Exec/Library 9:30 UMW General Meeting / AC 7:00 Worship Mtg / FH	3 1:00 CARE Meeting / Library 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	4 9:00 Yoga / AC	5 9:00 Emmaus / Library 1:00 CDC Mtg – <i>tentative</i> / Library	6
7 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH	8 9:00 Bible Study/FH 1:00 CDC Mtg – <i>tentative</i> / Library	9 9:00 Card Group / MH	10 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	11 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:30 UMM / AC	12 9:00 Emmaus / Library	13
14 12:30 Confirmation Class – Visit St Peters Episcopal	15 9:00 Bible Study/FH 6:30 Finance Meeting / FR	16 9:30 Circle Meetings Hinners / Hinners Post / Whitmarsh Rogers / Hickey 12:00 Circle Susanna / Baker 6:30 Circle Wesleyan / FH	17 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	18 9:00 Yoga / AC	19 9:00 Emmaus / Library	20
21 12:30 Confirmation Class	22 3:00 “42” / MH	23 9:00 Card Group / MH 5:30 Evangelism Meeting / FR 6:30 Trustees Meeting / FR	24 11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	25 9:00 Yoga / AC	26 9:00 Emmaus / Library	27
28 12:30 Confirmation Class						

Lent

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and ends on April 3.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a time to reflect upon one's willingness to take up a cross and follow Christ. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal in the wilderness for forty days.

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN HOUSE CHURCHES RETURN

Lenten House Church is a six week series that will begin on Sunday, February 21. Small groups meet in homes of church members for food, bible study, praise, worship and prayer. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends around 7:30 p.m. Materials for the study and worship will be provided.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED! GROUPS WILL BE 10-15 PERSONS. MEALS CAN BE A SIMPLE POT LUCK. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR TERRY ASAP IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HOST A GROUP.

Sign-ups for participants will begin in early February.

Computer Donation

Did you get a new computer for Christmas and don't know what to do with that old one? The Celebration Band is in need of a fairly recent computer to download music. Please call the church offices for more details and computer requirements. Thank you.

YOGA CLASSES IN 2010

Hatha yoga classes will again be offered at FUMC Brenham in 2010. This year the weekly classes will be on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m., in the Activity Center. Anyone is welcome and there will be no charge. The class is led by Pat Clark, a certified Hatha yoga instructor.

This yoga class is mainly designed to help older adults improve their flexibility, strengthen muscles and increase their energy levels, but is also open to all ages. By doing regular yoga postures, you protect yourself from conditions such as arthritis and back pain, as well as preventing falls (possible osteoporotic fractures).

Come check out the class, dress casually, bring a yoga mat or towel for the floor, and bring a friend if you'd like. You'll be more relaxed and it won't take long before you notice how much better you feel doing yoga.

Pat Clark, 979-830-1950 --- pclark6629@gmail.com

Sager Brown Mission Trip, Baldwin, Louisiana on May 16 – 21

If you would like more information about this trip, contact Dianne Davenport. For those of you that know you want to go, please get the necessary paperwork from Dianne, Pastor Terry, or Brenda in the church office. Paper work and deposit of \$100 per person must be turned in by February 19. The remaining \$100 will be due by May 16.

This has become a very popular mission trip, so much so that we have to book our space at least two years in advance. You will have an opportunity to meet people from all over the nation.

For more information, please call Diane at 979-251-7673.

Come join the fun!!!!



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be Monday, January 25, at 1:00. The newsletter will be sent out on Thursday, January 28.

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.

FUMC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Church office will be closed during the lunch hour each day.

MONDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

TUESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

WEDNESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00
Celebration Band Practice at 7:00 / AC
Choir Practice at 7:00

THURSDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

FRIDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00
Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 – Library



MONTHLY CALENDAR

1st MONDAY of MONTH
Admin. Board (odd months)
Council on Ministries (even months) 7 p.m.

1st Wednesday of MONTH
CARE Team Meeting
1:00 p.m. in the Library

2nd MONDAY of MONTH
CDC Advisory Board 1 p.m.

1st TUESDAY of MONTH
United Methodist Women
General Meeting 9:30 a.m.

3rd MONDAY of MONTH
Finance Meetings (even months)

3rd TUESDAY of MONTH
UMW Circle Meetings
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

2nd/4th TUESDAY of Month
Card Group 9 a.m.

2nd THURSDAY of MONTH
United Methodist Men
6:30 p.m.

4th TUESDAY of MONTH
Evangelism Team Meets
5:30 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meets
6:30 p.m.

Welcoming Congregation Award

FUMC Brenham was recently recognized as a Welcoming Congregation for the third year. To receive this award, a church has to fulfill a lot of requirements. Not only is it being friendly and open to visitors and members every day, but it is going the extra mile to show hospitality. It is something that not just the Evangelism Team did, but was the work of the whole congregation.

To receive this award initially, a worksheet must be completed and submitted for approval. A total of 100 points must be achieved. These are things like greeting guests, follow-up on their visits, making our church visitor friendly. Every year after that, to receive the award, additional points must be added. The ones we already did and more! So it is a never-ending process.

The Evangelism Team is already starting on 'Year Four'. Only fifteen churches in our conference have received this award and we are proud of the entire church and its efforts to welcome others.

Be sure and take a minute every Sunday to greet someone you don't know. Ask them to sit with you. Show them where the hymnal or Bible is in the pew. Welcome them to our church like you would welcome them into your home. Remember, no matter how long ago it was, you were once a visitor and people make up their minds about our church within the first ten minutes of being there. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

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