



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. Terry Dougherty
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

A Message from the Pastors

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen. Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration provides us with a glimpse of another world. It is an opportunity to remind ourselves that there is a reality beyond the world around us which is greater than we can simply see and touch. There is potential and possibilities available to us through the presence of God, greater than most people could ever imagine.

The Transfiguration challenges us to think in a new way, just as the disciples see Jesus in a new way. They understand the presence of God in an amazing experience - from now on everything will be different.

In some way we (as individuals and as a world community) need a "transfiguration experience" to see things in a new way – from the point of view of Christ, from the point of view of the poor and powerless, from the point of view of other cultures. The Transfiguration is a sign of great hope. The disciples discover that it is possible to see the presence of God in Jesus. It is possible to see things in a new way.

BE THERE. BE HOPE. FOR HAITI

HEALTH KITS ARE STILL NEEDED! PLEASE SEE THE JANUARY 15 NEWSLETTER FOR INSTRUCTIONS. BRING COMPLETED HEALTH KITS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Monetary donations may be given through our church or online at the Texas Annual Conference Website – www.txcumc.org

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be Tuesday, February 9, at 1:00. The newsletter will be sent out on Friday, February 12.

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 17, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	130
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	54
Worship Total	258
Sunday School	117
Offering:	\$ 16,701.51

SUNDAY January 24, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	72
Worship 11:00 a.m.	144
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	42
Worship Total	260
Sunday School	110
Offering:	\$ 7,453.76

Loose \$1 bills placed in our collection plates will be used to support local, national and international mission projects.

Prayer Concerns



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

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

February – Hearts, Lizards and Teeth?

Yes, hearts, lizards and teeth. The *Tooth Fairy* is paying us a visit on Monday, February 8; the *Zoo Man* and all his animals are coming on Wednesday, February 10 and *Valentine Parties* are on the calendar for Friday, February 12. What a way to start the month!

In January we welcomed a new faculty member, Mrs. Jessica Martinez, and two other students to our school. It seems as though we're constantly adding new children while saying goodbye to others due to moves or changing family situations. These changes are sometimes hard for the children and the teachers, yet we are working hard to provide every child in our care with lots of love and opportunities for learning.

New Child Development classes began this month and both our toddler teachers began working on earning their certificates. Our school secretary is also taking the CDA class. The school will be certified by September if all goes as planned.

The CDC Advisory Board oversees the operation of the CDC. It is a dynamic body that provides the CDC with lots of support by volunteering at our events and sharing our stories and needs with the congregation. Two new members, Bill Powell and Jim Forsythe, now serve on this board. They are welcome additions to our Advisory Board.

Your continued support through donations to the scholarship fund and the operation budget is much appreciated. We seem to always need money to pay our excellent faculty and to purchase supplies for the children. As a ministry of this church, we constantly reach out into the community to help in any way we can. Offering good, quality teaching and care to the children of those who having a hard time financially is one way we do this. Your generosity is never squandered or abused. It is used with great discretion and compassion. Thank you.

The CDC Cookbook



The CDC is going to publish a cook book holding recipes from the parents, staff, faculty and church members. We need your recipes! This church is full of good cooks – I know because I have had the pleasure of tasting what you prepare. Please pick up a recipe form and get it to the office (either the church office or the school office) by **February 17**. We are hoping to have the cookbooks here and ready to sell for Mother's Day. They will be only \$10.00 each so we are certain they will go quickly.

Send in your recipes so we can have a great book!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

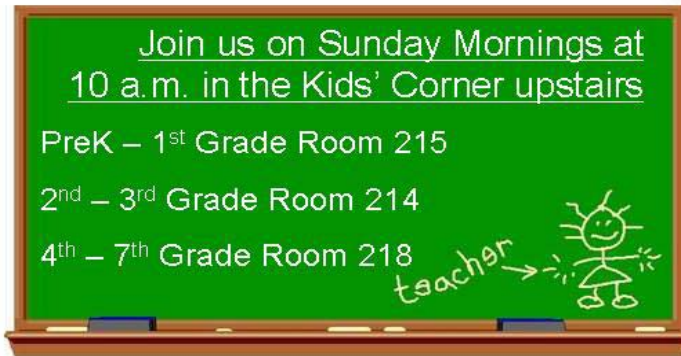


3rd Grade:
Mollie Patrick &
Anitra Thomas

Fall Semester



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Tuesday, June 1 –
Saturday, June 5



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

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

Where are you watching the Super Bowl?

The youth will be watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7, in the Activity Center and invite you to join the fun. Bring your favorite Super Bowl snack foods. We'll supply popcorn and drinks. You are also welcome to bring your favorite blanket and chair. The Activity Center will be open for all starting at 4:30 p.m. and we'll shut things down immediately following the game. Hope to see you there!

Were going to Lakeview!

The weekend of January 29 the Youth will be attending Mid-Winter at Lakeview. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Thank you to all the youth who helped to make the 30 health kits for UMCOR!!!!

Youth February Calendar

Sunday, February 7 – 4:30 to 10:00 p.m. - Super Bowl Party at the Activity Center
Sunday, February 14 – Valentines Day – No Youth
Sunday, February 21 – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Video Games Discussion and Playing Video Games
Sunday, February 28 – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Dating Discussion and Pizza Making
(7th, 8th, 9th grade discussion from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. – Pizza making for all at 5:45, then 10th, 11th and 12th grade discussion to follow dinner.

Upcoming Events

Winter Camping Trip to Lake Somerville
Spring Retreat
Spring Lock-in
So stay tuned....

Member / Visitor Data Collection Form

The church office recently purchased new financial and people software. This software package provides many enhancements and reporting options. In order to make this data as accurate and user friendly as possible, we are asking our members and visitors to update their profile by providing us with your basic information. This information will help us to ensure that the database is populated with the most accurate information possible. The church uses this data to pull reports and labels for mailings, to print our phone directories and to remain in contact with you in meaningful ways. This information is never shared with any persons or organizations other than FUMC Members. Please take a moment to fill out all of the requested information. For your convenience you can place completed forms in the offering tray, find them on our web-site, complete and e-mail to fumc@FUMCBrenham.org, mail them or drop them by the church office.

Instructions: Please use only one form per family unit. Use dashes if you do not want certain information printed. For example, if you want to provide us with the birth month and day, but not the year, please put a dash through the year portion of the questionnaire. Please put N/A if a question is not applicable, for example you have no children living with you. Please print all of your information clearly. Thank you so much for your time in helping us to keep our information up to date and accurate. **Please submit no later than February 9.**

Single / Married / Widow(er) (Please circle one)

Head of Family:

Member / Professing Member / Visitor (Please circle one)

Miss / Ms / Mrs. / Mr. / Dr. / Rev. (Please circle one)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Birthday (month / day / year) _____

Spouse:

Miss / Ms / Mrs. / Mr. / Dr. / Rev. (Please circle one)

Member / Professing Member / Visitor (Please circle one)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Birthday (month / day / year) _____

Address: _____

City / State/ Zip _____

Primary Phone # (listed / unlisted) _____

Cell Phone # (listed/unlisted) _____

Office Phone # (listed/unlisted) _____

Other Phone # (listed/unlisted) _____

Primary Email Address _____

Secondary Email Address _____

Newsletter by mail / email (Please circle one)

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Number / Relationship _____

Children:

Full Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Male / Female (circle one)

Full Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Male / Female (circle one)

Full Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Male / Female (circle one)

Full Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Male / Female (circle one)

Other information, please list (i.e. wedding anniversary): _____

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN HOUSE CHURCH 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.

JUST ONE OR TWO HOSTS STILL 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 soon.

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.

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).

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 – Library	6 8:30 Lay Speaking School / Christ UMC-CS
7 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH 4:30 Youth – Super Bowl / AC	8 9:00 Bible Study/FH	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 8:30 Lay Speaking School / Christ UMC-CS
14 10:30 Confirmation Class – Visit St Peters Episcopal 9:45am & 6:00pm “24 Hours That Changed the World” Sunday School Class begins / FH	15 9:00 Bible Study/FH 6:30 Finance Meeting / FR	16 9:00 Bill Kemp Workshop / Christ UMC-CS 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 6:00 Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Services	18 9:00 Yoga / AC	19 9:00 Emmaus / Library	20
21 12:30 Confirmation Class 9:45am & 6:00pm “24 Hours That Changed the World” Sunday School Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth/AC 6:00 Lenten House Church / TBA	22 9:00 Bible Study/FH 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 8:00 Epiphany / AC
28 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Youth/AC 9:45am & 6:00pm Sunday School Class / FH 6:00 Lenten House Church / TBA						

In Memoriam

Joyce Mantay, Blondean Kuecker's sister, by Don and Mary Wilhelm

Terry Wubbenhorst by Gary and Kay Ivy

Ruby Byrd by Francene and Twain Tharp

Stella Davis by the United Methodist Women

Susan Evans by Jim and Ellen Ellison

Stella Davis by The United Methodist Women

Terry Wubbenhorst by Roger and Patricia Wubbenhorst,

Terry Wubbenhorst by Ryan and Brittney Wubbenhorst

ATTN: ALL UMW LADIES!

What do you know about a Bed and Breakfast? We will be informed at our UMW Meeting on February 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Our guest speaker(s) will be Susan Lopez, and perhaps her husband, James, the proprietors of the Brenham House. Be present on Tuesday to learn more about this interesting business!

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!!!!

Looking Towards Lent

February 17 – 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with ashes

February 21 – 6:00 p.m. Lenten House Churches begin

February 23 – 11:45 a.m. Lenten Lunches begin

March 28 – Procession of Palms at all services with special music by the children and Chancel Choir

April 1 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 2 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Vigil in Chapel

April 4 – Easter Sunday

New Mailing Address for Jim and Nell Faucett

7400 Clarewood Drive
Houston, TX 77036
713-778-2179

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.

**The United Methodist Church
The Texas Annual Conference
The West District**

January 18, 2010

To the members of First UMC Brenham,

I am truly grateful to your congregation's generosity in paying its 2009 Annual Conference and West District apportionments in full. In these challenging economic times, this accomplishment represents a genuine sacrifice on the part of most churches. I in no way take what you have done for granted.

Because of your faithfulness, many ministries beyond the local church – including some in distant lands – will carry on during the year ahead. You make it possible through your giving. Such ministries would not take place if it was not for you.

Once again, my thanks go out to your good people for helping to reach this goal. May God bless your church in the coming year, as we seek to reach more and more persons for the sake of Christ and his Kingdom.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Joe Fort

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