



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

February 15, 2010

A Message from the Pastors

The season of Lent begins on February 17 - Ash Wednesday. There are 40 days in Lent, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. These were the 40 days of preparation for the beginning of his ministry. The number 40 must have been an important number in Judeo/Christian history. Remember that the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land.

Lent began as a time of preparation for converts to Christianity. Easter was the traditional time of baptism for the early church. Persons who were going to be confirmed would go through a period of prayer and fasting in preparation for their entry into Christianity. This time of preparation evolved into a season that all Christians observed – a time to prepare for the observance and remembering of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Christ.

The time of preparation for baptism in the early church could not be done alone. The community became involved in helping faith to grow and mature. Candidates for baptism often spent time in peoples' homes, learning from the experience of daily life what was meant by discipleship. The entire congregation was involved in prayer for those who were led by the Spirit in this journey.

Still today we are called to learn and pray together; to have our lives shaped through the community of faith and fellowship. Lenten lunches, House Church, special times of worship and Sunday School provide many opportunities for each of us to prepare well to hear again the stories of God's redeeming love.

Lenten Lunches

On Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Lunches begin. We will start serving at 11:45 a.m. and be through by 1:00 p.m. A free will offering will be used to support local mission projects.

The speakers are:

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| February 24 | Robert Stutes, Pastor of FUMC Bellville |
| March 3 | Randy Wells, Faith Mission and St. John A.M.E. |
| March 10 | Phil Fenton, Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church |
| March 17 | Larry Embry, Baptist Minister |
| March 23 | Laurinda Kwiatkowski, Associate Pastor of A&M UMC |

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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

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be Tuesday, February 23, at 1:00. The newsletter will be sent out on Thursday, February 25.

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 31, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	59
Worship 11:00 a.m.	119
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	48
Worship Total	230
Sunday School	119
Offering:	\$ 7,676.25

SUNDAY February 7, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	76
Worship 11:00 a.m.	131
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	40
Worship Total	251
Sunday School	106
Offering:	\$ 19,424.85

January Income vs. Expenses	
Income	\$63,955.24
Expenses	<u>\$63,989.57</u>
	(34.33)

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

Staying Busy.....

We never slow down at the CDC! The rest of this month sees the Fire Department here with their Hook and Ladder Truck, EMS will be here with their ambulance, and the teachers and I go to Bryan for two days of in-service training. I will be presenting a workshop for Directors on Saturday morning. Then we have a Field Trip planned to Brookshire's and the Vision/Hearing screener, Nancy Thompson, will be here on Wednesday. In addition, CDA classes will be held for faculty members who are studying to get their Childhood Development Associate Credential.

In the meantime: Recipes for the cook book are pouring in and we could use more! Even a great-grandmother from Houston sent us recipes! February 17 is our deadline so hurry and get your recipes in to us.

We will host a **Spring Festival** on Saturday, March 6. Along with that Festival will be a Garage Sale headed by Terry Dougherty and Jennifer Patrick. Your unwanted things, **can be brought to the Activity Center on Thursday, March 4.** Terry and Jennifer will spend the next day sorting and pricing.

We are also requesting cakes: Cakes to auction off and cakes for the cake walk. Let us know if you will be able to bake one, then please deliver it to us on Friday, March 5, or early morning on Saturday, March 6.

Another way to help is by donating an item to one of the gift baskets sponsored by each classroom. The basket categories are: Baby Basket, Dog Basket, Cat Basket, Girl Basket, Boy Basket, and Water Basket. These baskets will be part of the Silent Auction to be held on March 6 at the garage sale.

Your support is always wonderful and welcomed!

Charitable Giving Alert...Charitable donations made to the CDC will now receive end of year charitable giving statements exactly like the ones issued at the end of each fiscal year by the church office. Therefore, any donations or scholarships should now be written directly to the school with the understanding that full credit will be given to the donor and a tax statement issued yearly. Please direct any questions to the finance secretary. Thank you for your support of the CDC.

The CDC Cookbook



Thanks to everyone who has turned in a recipe for the upcoming CDC Cook Book which will hold recipes from the parents, staff, faculty and church members. We still need more of your recipes! 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 by Mother's Day. They will be \$10.00 each so we are certain they will go quickly.

Keep sending in your recipes so we can have a great book!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

*PreK – First Grade
Sunday School Party*

*February 14 at the
Fireman's Park*

Please dress warmly!

A. C. T. S.

Rehearsal begin on SUNDAY,
February 21 6:00-7:30pm
Upstairs in the Kid's Corner Room 217
Eat before you come!

*Our next musical is going to be a game show that
will happen live the night of the show. We are
sooooo excited about this new kind of musical!!*

ALL KIDS 4 YRS
OLD TO 6th
GRADE COME
JOIN US!



Tweens Class:
Luke Henkhaus
Eric Johnson
Kelly Jurden

Last 6 weeks

Lenten Mission Project:

*Helping Our Church to
Serve Others!*



- Helping our CDC by collecting school supplies & helping in the Garage Sale
- Collecting goods for our church food pantry & for Faith Mission
- Saving our money to give to UMCOR to serve the people of Haiti



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, June 1 –
Saturday, June 5



Looking Towards Lent...

February 17, 7:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Service*

A reflective service with ashes in the Sanctuary.

February 21, 6:00 p.m. *Lenten House Churches*

A time for small group fellowship & study. Call the church office or fill in a registration form to join a house. Study lasts for 6 weeks.

February 23, 11:45 a.m. *Lenten Lunches*

Come and hear wonderful speakers and enjoy a free lunch. Invite your friends. Every Wednesday for 5 weeks.

March 28, *Palm Sunday*

Procession of Palms at all services with special music by the children and Chancel Choir/Praise Band.

April 1, 7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Service*

A special service with Communion and a moving drama entitled *Have You Seen My Son?* Performed by church members.

April 2, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Good Friday Vigil*

Come to the Chapel on your own time for prayer and reflection. A Stations of the Cross slideshow will also be provided.

...and then comes the Resurrection!

April 4, EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Service*

Come and join us for a very special service of music, scripture and nature. Meet at the church parking lot and we will caravan to a beautiful hilltop for this special time. Breakfast afterwards in the AC.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the Front Lawn

Kids bring your Easter baskets!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES @FUMCBrenham

Find a class to join this Sunday!

Crosstrainers Class

This class is composed of adults of all ages. The Crosstrainers meet in the Activity Center after the Celebration service at 10:00 a.m. The class is a discussion class. Topics have included: parenting, relationships, priorities, mission, NOOMA series, etc. Beginning February 21, they will be discussing a study entitled *Good God Questions*. This is a DVD and discussion study led by Kevin Patrick. *We welcome anyone and everyone to join us.*

Epiphany Class

The Epiphany class meets in the Fellowship House across the street. The class begins at 9:45 a.m. This class is open to adults of all ages and will involve both lecture and discussion. Topics have included: a series on the Sermon on the Mount, The Old Testament, Methodism, etc. Beginning February 14 they will begin a new study led by Sam Duree called *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. He will also be leading a class at 6:00 pm if you cannot make it during Sunday School. Please sign up in the church office because space is limited.

Faithbuilders Class

The Faithbuilders Class begins at 9:45 a.m. with announcements in Room 139. The Faithbuilders Class is, as our name implies, a fellowship of believers who are consistently seeking to build our faith in God and in His Son, to build our faith in others and in ourselves. We seek to grow in our faith in all of these areas by studying the Word, learning from others of great faith, and learning from each other. Learning can be fun! We believe, as Jesus indicated so many times, in fellowshiping together. This great fellowship has taught us much about loving others and caring for others, in our class, in our church and in our community. *We laugh a lot, we care a lot, we learn a lot - come join us!*

Fellowship Class

The Fellowship Class meets at 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Room, located in the office area of the Education Building and opens its doors to persons of all ages – single or married. Issues for presentation and discussion are usually short term in duration and represent a variety of theological and biblical perspectives to help persons bring meaning to daily living. Leadership is provided by class members or clergy and lively discussion is encouraged. Studies have included: “Difficult Passages in the Bible”, “Putting Faith into Action”, etc. This class meets for dinner out on the third Friday (usually) of each month at a place the group chooses. *Come fellowship with us!*

Wesley Class

The Wesley Sunday School Class has been serving members continually at FUMC for more than 50 years. It is made up of adults who study the Adult Bible Studies from The New International Uniform Series. The class begins at 9:45 A.M. with announcements of up coming events and prayer concerns followed by prayer. The class meets in Room 126. The group enjoys singing hymns and observing birthdays and anniversaries. Teachers have assigned Sundays to teach the lessons so one teacher does not have to teach every Sunday. Class projects are giving memorial money gifts when a member dies and supporting some other needs in the community. *Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.*

If you would like more information on any of these classes you can contact Jennifer Patrick at Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org.

YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

Youth February Calendar

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....

MISSION MOMENT

The Mission and Outreach team met in late January to discuss plans and projects for 2010. Our budget for 2010 will remain the same as 2009: \$8000 divided among Faith Mission, Bread Partners, Habitat for Humanity, Mission Brenham, and an International Mission (as yet unnamed). Last year we sent our International funds to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund.

our hands-on team went to the Orange, Texas area five times in 2009 and continues to get requests from both Orange and Galveston for work teams. In addition to our ongoing participation in Hurricane Ike recovery, we have committed to refurbish apartments that Faith Mission owns and uses to provide housing for individuals and families without a home. They are in need of such things as paint, minor plumbing repair, new light fixtures, and possibly appliances.

We are excited about this new opportunity, especially because it involves no travel time (the site is actually within walking distance of our church), and can involve all ages of volunteers and skill levels. If this type work opportunity warms your heart, please let me know and your name will get on our list.

Pat Clark, Mission and Outreach Chairman - 979-830-1950 or email: pclark6629@gmail.com



Ronnie Manchester, Glenn Goodman and Bobby Clark assess an apartment at Faith Mission

Email Address Update

The church office would like to remind everyone that we are updating our email addresses and would ask that you revise your contact information for the church. New email addresses are:

Pastor Dale: PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org

Carole Horton: Carole@FUMCBrenham.org

Pastor Terry: PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

Jennifer Patrick: Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

Accounting: Kris@FUMCBrenham.org

Rick Ruiz: Rick@FUMCBrenham.org

Receptionist: FUMC@FUMCBrenham.org

These email addresses can also be located under the "Staff" tab on our new website, www.fumcbrenham.org. If you have not visited our new website, please take a moment to do so the next time you are online. The website has information on worship services, upcoming events, community information and how you can get involved, Bible and study group information, calendar information, and a staff directory, just to name a few of the many things this wonderful website has to offer. Please be sure to take a moment to look at our wonderful website when you get a chance!

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN HOUSE CHURCH RETURN

Sunday evenings during Lent, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Small groups meet together for food, prayer, praise and Bible study. February 21, 28, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Childcare will be provided at the church. You need not be present for all 6 gatherings. Each week is independent.

This year's study is based on the book *Practicing our Faith* edited by Dorothy C. Bass. Christian practices are things Christian people do together over time to address basic human needs in the light of and in response to God's grace to all creation through Christ Jesus. Join friends to learn about six of these practices.

Please register on-line or by contacting the church office.

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 Hiners / Hiners Post / Post Rogers / Hickey 12:00 Circle Susanna / Baker 5:30 Mission Brenham/AC 6:30 Circle Wesleyan / FH	17 6:00 Band/AC 6:30 Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Services	18 9:00 Yoga / AC	19 9:00 Emmaus / Library	20
21 9:45am & 6:00pm “24 Hours That Changed the World” Sunday School Class / FH 12:30 Confirmation Class 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 4:00 Mission & Outreach Mtg/FR 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						

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 March 1. 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!!!!

WELCOME TO FUMC!

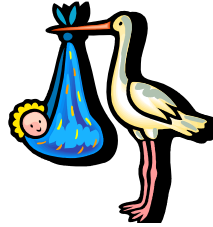
We rejoice to welcome

Mr. C. M. Matthies
306 Magnolia Drive
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979-830-7094

As the newest member of the FUMC family

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations to Tom and Carol Ann Post on the arrival of their new grandson, Logan Henry Post. Logan was welcomed into the world on February 1, 2010 to parents, Richard and Denise Post.



In Memoriam

Stella Davis by The Wesley Sunday School Class

Stella Davis by Henry and Theodora Boehm

Memorial Correction:

A donation was credited as being given in memory of Jerry McCasland by Keith and Holly Dzierzanowski the memorial should have read: In Memory of Donald Gregg by Keith and Holly Dzierzanowski .

Thank You

The church offices would like to thank everyone for returning you Member Data Collection Forms to the office so quickly. This information is being uploaded to our new 'People Software' so that we may better serve our church members. This information will never be shared with any persons or organizations other than FUMC members but will insure that our database is populated with the most accurate information possible. Thanks, again, to everyone for your quick responses.

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.



Saturday, March 6
10:00am - 3:00pm
In the Activity Center

WE NEED YOUR
DONATIONS!

*Please bring your
donations to the
Activity Center on
Thursday,*

*March 4 from
10:00am - 7:00pm*

To Benefit our Methodist Weekday Child Development Center

Permit 270
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