



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

April 15, 2010

A Word from the Pastors

Are you still singing the songs of Easter Sunday? Go ahead and shout Alleluia! The Easter celebration has just begun. Eastertide begins with the Easter vigil and ends with Pentecost. This year Pentecost Sunday is May 23.

In America we are accustomed to one-day celebrations. Each year in late November we begin a count-down to Christmas and begin putting away the decorations on December 26. But Christmas goes another 12 days! And then comes Lent – a time of fasting and prayer – a time to prepare for the sorrow of the crucifixion and the unbelievable joy of the resurrection. We rejoice in the news that Jesus lives – and then quickly go back to our ‘normal lives.’

The ancient church spent this time reflecting on what had happened to them, experiencing this new life given through the waters of baptism, with the laying on of hands and the anointing, the renunciation and profession of faith. They called it mystagogy – exploring the mysteries of being joined to Christ and his mission through the sacraments. Another translation of mystagogy is ‘savoring the mysteries.’ These 50 days may again be used to focus all members of the church not only on the energizing force of the Easter experience but on the sustaining force of Christ throughout life.

You are invited to inhabit fully the wonder and grace of Easter. Experience the beauty of God’s new creation. Embrace this new life given to you through Christ.

Let’s keep this party going!

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, April 26, at 1:00.**

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.



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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
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METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

SUNDAY April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Sunrise Service	48
Worship 8:15 a.m.	158
Worship 11:00 a.m.	246
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	60
Worship Total	520
Sunday School	125
Offering:	\$ 20,254.00

Special Easter Offering \$7,467.25

SUNDAY April 11, 2010

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	57
Worship 11:00 a.m.	123
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	53
Worship Total	237
Sunday School	110
Offering:	\$ 7,467.25

March Income	\$ 51,676.93
March Expenses	\$ 64,121.53
Difference	(\$ 12,444.60)

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

April is moving along!

It's already the middle of April and we are still going strong. We are having our annual *Tryke-a-thon* on Thursday, April 15, to help St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in their fundraising drive. There are so many children who are less fortunate than our own who need our help. We do all we can.

The 'Teddy Bears' and the 'Rainforest' group will take a trip to *Dewberry Farms* this month. They will not only see and touch farm animals, but will see how our food is grown. They enjoy this trip and so do the chaperones!


Cookbooks are due to arrive on Friday, April 23


We are really excited about this cookbook. Having so many people participate in donating recipes and stories was wonderful. I plan on purchasing at least six of these books so I can send one to each person who donated a recipe just from my family. Then there are those that I will purchase and put on my Christmas/Birthday shelf to have ready to give. **You can purchase your cookbooks now by filling out a yellow order card and then pick your book up when it arrives.** We have yellow cards on the credenza in the school and the bookcase in the church office. You can also use the form below and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Prayer Concerns



- Linda Beard
- Elmo Davis
- Eunice Glidden
- Bob Johnston
- Lew Lewellyn
- Alice Limmer
- Marti McLemore
- Peggy Robertson
- Johnnye Van Hook
- Eugene Vanderworth

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____ Price per book \$ _____ No. of Books _____ () Paid \$ _____ () Will pay on Delivery \$ _____ (Committee Copy)	 <h3>ADVANCE SALES COUPON</h3> <p><i>Act now to reserve your copy of this cookbook!</i> To order simply fill out the coupon below.</p> Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ No. of Cookbooks _____ Amount Paid _____ Date Purchased ____/____/____ (Customer Copy)
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

A.C.T.S. Musical Troupe Presents...

Sunday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm in the AC

“Make your own Sundaes” for everyone after the performance!



DON'T MISS THIS MUSICAL!!!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Note Date Change

Monday, May 31 **Kick-Off Night!**

5:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday – Friday, June 1- 4

9:00am – 12:15pm



You can register online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/FUMCBrenham

Easter Fun at FUMC Brenham!



Please turn in your money folders this Sunday!



2010 Vacation Bible School Supply List

GALCTIC BLAST

We are so excited about Vacation Bible School this year. We will be converting the AC into a space station in outer space. We will be learning about the awesome power of God through Bible stories, crafts, games, science experiments and songs. Along with our Bible lessons we will also be learning about recycling, reusing and reducing. We need our church family to help us out with collecting supplies needed for our Galactic Blast V.B.S.

Please bring donations to the church office. We will have bins marked for V.B.S.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!!

- Solid Colored T-shirts
(any size with no designs on them)
- CDs or DVDs (any kind)
- Rolls of Aluminum Foil
- Beach Balls
(bigger, the better)
- Styrofoam Balls (all sizes)
- Plain Faced Round Wall Clocks
(please put your name on it if you want it returned)
- Bleach Pens
- Colored Cellophane
- Metallic Dryer Hoses
- Metallic Electrical/Insulating Tape
- Cardboard Boxes & Sheets
(appliance size especially)
- 2 Liter Soda Bottles
- Milk & Water Colored Bottle Caps
- Aluminum Pie Plates
- Reflective Wrapping Paper
- Computer Keyboards & Monitors
(please put your name on it if you want it returned)
- Black Plastic Sheeting



YOUTH “H.A.L.O” NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

Change the World Event

What If . . .

We unite globally to fight a preventable, treatable disease that kills one child every 30 seconds?

Would You Help?

When: The weekend of April 24 to April 25, 2010.

Build community locally. Fight malaria globally. Change the world.

From Friday evening, April 23 to Saturday morning, April 24

FUMC Youth will be participating in this event by holding their spring lock-in with a “Change the World” theme. Please pray for a successful event not only here locally, but all around the world. FUMC youth and their guests are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a shirt. RSVP's emailed to rcruiz1020@yahoo.com ***MUST be received by Thursday, April 15.***

Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday, May 2, 2010 Youth BBQ Fundraiser

That's right – back by popular demand!!! On Sunday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Youth will be holding their

Third Annual BBQ Fundraiser.

This year the meal will get even better as we've added two sides to the meal making it a nice box lunch/dinner.

FUMC Youth will be pre-selling tickets for this pick-up only BBQ meal for \$8.00 each. Proceeds will be used to help fund summer youth activities. As always, we appreciate your support!



Almost Time for Lakeview Summer Camp! Remember the Dates!

Monday to Friday, June 21 to 25
4th Grade thru 12th Grade
More details soon!

April Youth Calendar

Sunday, April 18 – 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Horseshoe Junction

2010 BLINN BLITZ

On Friday, April 16, at 1:00 p.m., thirty (yes, 30) students from Blinn College are signed up to meet at the Faith Mission complex – Three Oaks Apartments – at 406 Botts Street to help clean out the mini storage units behind the building. A tree limb fell on the old green house so they will work on cleaning that area as well. Across the street, behind a house also owned by Faith Mission, some students will construct additional garden beds. This vegetable garden is used by the SMART kids program. Some of our church members work with the SMART program throughout the year.

If you are willing to help guide this group in either area mentioned, please meet us at the apartment complex about noon on Friday. We will need several adults to be there to assist the students if they have any questions or need guidance.

See you there.



PAINT DAY HAS ARRIVED

The walls are clean and it's time to start painting. On Wednesday, April 21, we will meet at the apartment complex (Three Oaks Apartments, 406 Botts Street), at 9:00 a.m. to begin painting the two bedrooms, the bathrooms and the hallway between them.

Please bring your favorite painting equipment (and wear your favorite painting clothes). We will get those rooms painted in one day (if enough of you show up). If you don't have paint equipment, we'll have new rollers and brushes for you.

Please call me for more information or if you have any questions. Pat Clark - 830-1950

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to Cordelia Cummings for allowing the church to have the Easter Sunrise Service on her beautiful property. It was a wonderful, meaningful service. Thank you, Cordelia, for helping us to create a spirit-filled environment in God's creation.

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I would like to say thank you to Sam Duree, Lanella Gray, Cindy Wells, Nita Hyatt, Terry Dougherty, Jennifer Dalman, and Chris Rogers for their moving performances for our Maundy Thursday Service. It was a special gift and it created a moving time in our service. Thank you for all your hard work.

In Him,
Jennifer Patrick

Flower Ministry at FUMC

Each Sunday, the altar is graciously embellished with flowers for church services from a church member or family of a member. Many times the family members do not wish to take the flowers with them after services.




Smitty and Art Hinnners will take the flowers home with them and divide them into bud vases to be delivered to shut-ins, those who are sick, and to various nursing homes in Brenham. It would be very helpful to Smitty and Art if when you sign up for flowers, next to your name, please indicate either KEEP (if you would like to take your flowers with you) or DONATE (if the Hinnners' may distribute the flowers for you).

You may also call the church offices in advance and let them know how you would like for your flowers to be handled. If you have someone in mind that you would like to remember, please let Smitty and Art know so that they may deliver flowers to that person or family for you. Their phone number is 251-9776.



The Upper Room is celebrating 75 years of service. These daily devotional books are published bi-monthly and include a short, inspirational devotion, a scripture and a 'Thought for the Day' for each day. These are provided by our church and are available in the Narthex, Activity Center, and in the church office. They can also be accessed over the internet at www.upperroom.org or through the link on our church website at www.FUMCBrenham.org.

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				April 1 9:00 Yoga / AC 7:00 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday 11:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil / Chapel CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	April 3
4 Easter 	5 6:00 Council on Ministries / FR	6 8:45 UMW Exec/Library 9:30 UMW General Meeting / AC	7 1:00 CARE / Library 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	8 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:30 UMM / AC	9 9:00 Emmaus / Library	10
11 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH Youth - Guest Speaker/AC	12 1:00 CDC Ad Board / Library 3:00 "42" / MH	13 9:00 Card Group / MH 7:00 Finance Meeting / Library	14 12:00 J.O.Y. Lunch/ Blinn Cafeteria 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	15 9:00 Yoga / AC	16 9:00 Emmaus / Library 1:00 Blinn Blitz / Botts Street	17
18 12:30 Confirmation Class / FH 2:00 Youth / Horseshoe Junction	19 9:00 Yoga / AC	20 9:30 Circle Meetings Hinners / Stratton Post / Stevenson Rogers / Grimm 12:00 Circle Susanna / Pendergrass 6:00 Mission Brenham/AC 6:30 Circle Wesleyan / FH	21 All Day Garden Club Set-Up/ AC 12:00 J.O.Y. Lunch/ Blinn Cafeteria 7:00 Choir	22 All Day Garden Club / AC	23 9:00 Emmaus / Library 6:00 Faithbuilder's SS Game Night / AC	24 8:00 Epiphany / AC
25 12:30 Confirmation Class Youth – Discussion Groups	26 3:00 "42" / MH 1:00 Newsletter Deadline	27 9:00 Card Group / MH 5:30 Evangelism Meeting / FR	28 12:00 J.O.Y. Lunch/ Blinn Cafeteria 6:00 Band/AC 7:00 Choir	29 9:00 Yoga / AC	30 9:00 Emmaus / Library	



J.O.Y. LUNCH BUNCH

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch
in the Blinn Cafeteria
at 12:00 p.m.

We will meet every Wednesday
in the month of April.

The cost is \$6.95 a person.
See you there!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!



The High School Senior Graduation Dinner will be
on
Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Your invitation will be arriving in the mail soon!

"42" Fourth Monday

The "42" group meets in the Mission House (brown house) on the fourth Monday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Those who know how to play are having a lot of fun. We are helping the ones who want to learn and ones who need a little help so they can join in the fun.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

A large, stylized number "42" in a blue, metallic font with a glowing effect.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

The church is having a covered dish luncheon after church on May 23 to honor new members who have joined FUMC in the past few months. This will be a wonderful time to meet our new members and visit with good friends. More details will appear in the May 1 and May 15 newsletters.

Yoga Schedule

Please make a note on your schedule that yoga will be on Monday, April 19, and not on Thursday, April 22, this week only. It will resume on its normal schedule the week of April 25. Please call Pat Clark at 830-1950 if you have any questions.

With Much Appreciation

The choir, organist, soloists, and the Worship Committee did an outstanding job this season of bringing us the Passion story through song and drama (“Where is my Son?” performed on Maundy Thursday).

Thank you to all who participated and made the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services so special and meaningful for the congregation. The music was beautiful, as expressed by many of you, and helped us through Jesus’ trials, His time of sorrow, and brought us into the realm of “He is Risen!”

We need to recognize our youth for taking part in the Palm Sunday cantata, “Reflections of the Cross.” Thank you! It is so good to have you in our worship services.

We were blessed by each offering made in song and scripture during this holy season. Again, many thanks to those who gave of their time and talent, and to those who came to worship with us.

Return Service Requested

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