



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
pastor@startel.net

Associate Pastor
Rev. Terry Dougherty
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WANT TO SAVE POSTAGE AND PAPER?

Bi-monthly newsletters can be e-mailed directly to you. Please contact the church office at fumc@startel.net to get on the distribution list.

A Note from the Pastors

I hope that you have had a restful July because the church calendar for the month of August is packed full of special Sundays, ministry team meetings and activities to prepare FUMC for another year of growing in discipleship through learning, worship, missions and personal faith development.

You are invited to begin by 'Rethinking Church' (see page 6). The youth of FUMC will help with this process on August 16 as they lead worship at all three services. They have been experiencing what it means to be the church serving others every day of the week as they engaged in mission and outreach projects in places near and far away. I know you will want to hear their testimonies.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

All ministry team chairpersons are expected to attend this meeting. We will be discussing our ministry plans for the coming year.

The questions we will be using to shape the discussion are:

1. What will we do this year to enrich the prayer life of our congregation?
2. What will we do this year to help make our worship services more meaningful?
3. How will we encourage people to have a more direct personal encounter with God's Word?
4. How will we encourage people in their personal witness?
5. How will we further FUMC's involvement in hands-on mission work?

Chairpersons – If you are unable to attend, please ask another team member to represent your group.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on August 14 – Deadline for articles is August 11 at noon.

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

5:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meets

6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School

Joanna Reyna, Children's Ministry Coordinator

EDUCATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

On this Sunday, students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship so we can have our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks*. The Third graders will be receiving their Bibles from the church. Our 3rd graders include: Bryce Barnes, Jake Carlile, Lindy Jenkins, Mollie Patrick, Rylie Patrick, Bailee Rettig, Jordan Reyna, Parker Ruffino, Anitra Thomas and David Vernon (please contact the church office if you have a correction or addition to this list). We will also be honoring our school Teachers, Staff and Administrators in all worship services. Please invite a teacher you know to church on Education Sunday.

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3 year olds – Kindergarteners

Saturday, Aug. 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Fireman's Park for Ice Cream and the Carousel

1st – 4th Graders

Sunday, Aug. 23, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Carlile's House for a Treasure Hunt and Cookie Fun

Tweens 5th – 7th Graders

Saturday, Aug. 22, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Brooks Annarino's House for Pool and Pizza

Check out the website www.fumcbrenham.org
for more details on these and other events!

Confirmation Class

One of the most exciting ministries the Church participates in as a family is the Baptismal Journey. This process of Christian discipleship, begun at Baptism with vows made on behalf of the children, is completed at Confirmation when we are made accountable to those vows by instructing our young people in the basics of our Faith. Confirmation is offered to our young people when they reach sixth grade. Persons who have not been confirmed who are at least 12 years of age also are welcomed to join the class. The class will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning in late September and continuing to May 16, 2010. The students will then be recognized on Confirmation Sunday at the end of their confirmation journey.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT(S). PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Please contact Pastor Terry Dougherty for additional information.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY July 19, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	112
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	41
Worship Total	219
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$ 5,552.01

SUNDAY July 26, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	94
Worship 11:00 a.m.	117
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	47
Worship Total	263
Sunday School	80
Offering:	\$ 11,227.00

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
Don Gregg
Jim Tom House
Bob Johnston
Alice Limmer
Peggy Michaels
Peggy Robertson
Earl Wiesepape

Zoo and Science Weeks

Even though summer vacation is coming to a close and parents are preparing to send their children back to school, we never stop at CDC. We are “going to the zoo” and visiting all the animals we can find. Making fun projects to take home are just a part of the learning that goes on. And did you know we have “scientists” madly finishing up projects at the CDC? These “Mad Scientists” are learning how to make a volcano erupt and how to weigh different items and lots of other neat things. We may be laid back during the summer but the children are still learning – they just don’t realize it!

We do need items for the beginning of school. Construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, scissor center (a caddy for holding scissors- we need 5 of these), butcher paper (2 sizes: the 24” inch for diaper changing and the larger roll for painting), glitter (the large size containers), large paint brushes (for little hands), spray bottles (to hold Clorox water), No-spill paint cups. If you would like to purchase any of these items or give money toward these items it would be most appreciated.

YOUTH “H.A.L.O” NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

Lakeview Summer Camp

I had a lot of fun and made a lot of new friends at Lakeview. My favorite things were the worship sessions and the Wet Willy water slide, that was fast and fun, but it gave you a wet wedgie! It was 80 feet long and 100 feet high off the ground. We also discussed our relationships with God and all that he has done for us. If you want to have a better relationship with God, then I highly recommend Lakeview summer camp. --- Taryn Kate Ruiz



ADULT MINISTRIES

Jody Tyson, Adult Ministry Coordinator



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

Looking for ideas or curriculum for your Sunday School class or Small Group? The church library has a number of studies available for use.

There is new curriculum in the library for all adult Sunday School classes and Small Groups. We have all of the short-term lessons from Disciple. The studies include: *An Invitation to John, Psalms, Romans, Genesis, Old Testament* and the *New Testament*. Feel free to take a look and see if one of the studies works for your group.

If you are interested in beginning a new study group during the week or on Sunday morning, please contact Jody Tyson. You can also contact Jody for more information about ongoing studies or with ideas for classes you would like to see offered at FUMC.

An Invitation from Brenham State Supported Living Center (Brenham State School)

Individuals and groups with a desire to share their faith are invited to participate in praise and worship services with the residents of the school. The services are held each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Lillian A. Wilder Memorial Chapel at Brenham State School. Please contact Chaplain Jim Ferguson to schedule a date. His office number is 979-277-1586. Chaplain Ferguson can also be reached at james.ferguson@dads.state.tx.us



20th Annual West District UMC Hymn Sing
and Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church

All are invited to enjoy an evening of wonderful music by church choirs in the West District. In between the choir presentations, the entire group will join in singing a variety of hymns and gospel songs. The evening festivities will conclude with some yummy ice cream (Blue Bell, of course!).

Please call the church office if you would like a ride or if you are willing to take others in your vehicle.

Summer Celebration

Join us at the Celebration Worship Service this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Life Songs Summer Sermon Series continues...

August 2 Life Songs: Hallelujah and Amen
August 9 Life Songs: Praying the Psalms



Join us for breakfast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center before worship.

Invite a Friend **BACK** to Church this Fall

How many people do you know that “used to go” to church but just don’t anymore? Probably quite a few. Most Americans have been to church and yet only about 20% are regular attendees, according to the book *American Church in Crisis* by David T. Olson. Many of these people, current research shows, are willing to try church again, given the right opportunity. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation from a friend or neighbor.

People stop attending church for a variety of reasons. Some of those reasons have little to do with a particular church and much to do with a belief that church in general is just not very important. Before engaging in a conversation with someone who has a hard time believing that one needs church, we need to be clear how to respond. Are you able to explain why church is not optional for a Christian?

Sadly, some people stop coming to church because of their experience at a particular church. Maybe no one spoke to them when they arrived. Perhaps the worship service itself failed to speak to their needs. It is possible that watching everyone leave with lunch plans left them feeling even lonelier than they were when they arrived. Before extending an invitation to someone to come and give church another try, we need to be certain that their negative experiences will not be repeated at our church. Are we able to promise the ones we invite a warm welcome and a meaningful time of worship?

What do you plan to do to insure that each person who enters FUMC receives a warm welcome?

HELP IS NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS

The membership data in the church office lists the names of every person who has joined First United Methodist Church. These records include many children of active members who have grown up and have moved out of their parent(s) home. If your child(ren) no longer resides at your home, please let the church office know his/her current contact information. Thank you.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone who sent cards, offered food, or visited us after Marilyn's surgery. Most of all thank you for all your prayers. Brenham First United Methodist Church is an awesome church!
Marilyn and Jim Gravett

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We know that our mother/grandmother is in a much more wonderful place now.

God Bless, The Nies Family

Thanks to those who remembered me in thought and deed before and after my surgery. Your prayers kept me at peace and my surgery was a success.

Kristine Trevino

Saluting Cordelia Cummings

Cordelia, the seafood luncheon for eight which you prepared and served on July 23 as a contribution to UMW's Harvest Festival 2008 (silent auction department) was a wonderful treat. Thanks for your contribution and all the work you put into it.

Walter and Joyce Fortune

Ronnie and Susan Manchester

Glen and Jetta Goodman

Bob and Donna Sprenger

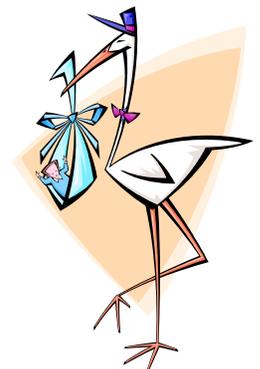


Welcome To the World

Congratulations to new grandparents, Rev. Dale and Karen Chance. They welcomed their new grandson, *Kaden Patrick Chance*, into the world on July 15, 2009.

Congratulations to new parents Cody and Ashley Abbey. Their second child, a boy, was born on July 28, 2009. Ashley is the Childcare Coordinator at FUMC and a teacher in our Pre-school.

If your family is growing, please contact the church office. We would love to announce your new arrival in our newsletter and also in our Sunday services.





Calendar of Events

Calendar of Special Events . . .

Casual Sunday Services

During Summer Months

August 2 – J.O.Y. goes to the theatre

August 4 – UMW General Meeting

August 4 – UMW – Covered Dish Dinner

August 8 – Emmaus Training

August 13 – UMM General Meeting

August 16 – Youth Sunday

August 16 – Church-wide special event begins at noon.

August 23 – Education Sunday

September 13 – FUMC Open House

Sunday	August 2	11:00 a.m.	Thoroughly Modern Millie Lunch / AC
		2:30 p.m.	Services at Gazabo Terrace
		3:30 p.m.	Services at Argent Court
Monday	August 3	6:30 p.m.	Council on Ministries Meeting / FR
Tuesday	August 4	9:30 a.m.	UMW General Meeting / AC
		6:00 p.m.	UMW Covered Dish Dinner / AC
Wednesday	August 5	1:00 p.m.	CARE Meeting / Library
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	August 7	9:00 a.m.	Emmaus / Library
Saturday	August 8	8:00 a.m.	Emmaus Training / FH
Sunday	August 9	5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Training / FH
Monday	August 10	1:00 p.m.	CDC Ad Board Meeting / Library
Tuesday	August 11	9:00 a.m.	Card Group / C8
		5:00 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting / FR
		5:30 p.m.	Mission Brenham / AC
Wednesday	August 12	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	August 13	6:30 p.m.	UMM / AC
Friday	August 14	9:00 a.m.	Emmaus / Library
Sunday	August 16	12:00 p.m.	Re-Think Church Event
		6:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing / Christ UMC (see page 4)
		All Services	Youth Sunday
Monday	August 17	6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting / FR

UMW Covered Dish Dinner – August 4, 2009

The UMW will be having a Covered Dish Dinner on August 4 at 6:00 p.m. for members and their spouses or guests.

Rev. Todd Jordan of Caldwell UMC will be our guest speaker and he will be talking about his recent visit to Africa “Net Trip to Africa ... Nothing But Nets”

Be sure to mark your calendars this special event. For more information, please call Deborah Muckleroy at 836-2514.

School Bag Reminder

Thank you to all the UMW who have finished sewing their school bags and have dropped them by the church office. Please keep in mind that all the bags completed by Friday, August 31. If you feel you will not be able to sew the bags you took, please call Dena Miller 251-2511 (cell) or 421-9016 (home) and she will pick them up from you.



There will not be any yoga classes during the month of August. The classes will resume on Tuesday, September 1

Welcome New Members to FUMC

Please be sure to introduce yourself to new members our church family and add their addresses to your directory.

Charles and Peggy Moser
 1707 South Jackson Street
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 979-836-6777

WHAT IF WE RETHINK CHURCH ?

What if church were not just a place we go, but something we do? What if we were to go beyond the doors of the church to serve those in the world that are in need? What if we were able to engage the world through our faith?

Rethinking church is about taking action. It is a wake-up call reminding us of the many needs of human beings, both in our own backyards and around the world. It is a call to action for all United Methodists to become involved together in a world bigger than one individual's reach.

So here is what FUMC of Brenham has planned to do to help get us started. **We're having a Rethink Church Day, Sunday, August 16, starting right after the 11:00 service. We're going to make a difference in people's lives and it is only going to take about three hours of your time.**

First, we'll have a light lunch and watch a quick DVD explaining our goal. Then we'll break up into small groups, to do a project you pre-pick that interests you. We plan to have it all done by 3:00 p.m.

Here's a glimpse of the projects:

- Door hangers in neighborhoods
- Making and packaging cookies for our police department
- Visiting local nursing homes
- Making cards of appreciation for community leaders and teachers
- Praying for local businesses
- Leaving love at Laundromats
- A community project
- And more...

Watch for more details in the church bulletins and find out how to sign up for this great afternoon of sharing and caring and reach out to others.

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