



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
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

A Note from the Pastors

The following is a note received from Eric Dehmer, Lay Leader at Chappell Hill UMC. Eric is part of a task force formed to discern ways to revitalize a small church in the north part of the West District.

As promised, I'm sending you a little more information about how the church I visited yesterday tripled in size in just five years. What's even more amazing about this is that Mooreville is in the middle of nowhere.

Rev. Josh Robbins is a dynamic, young pastor who has inspired his mostly graying congregation to reach out to their community with his can-do attitude. One of the key processes they have employed to that end is community canvassing.

Dividing up a neighboring community (again, they are in the middle of nowhere) using maps and six to ten teams of three, they have gone door-to-door handing out church brochures and inviting folks to come on four separate occasions. They have no way of quantifying the degree of their success in terms of folks who responded and who are now members. They have, however, noticed a profound change in their attitude to new folks who walk through their doors.

In essence, they recognize that a cultural evolution has taken place within the congregation, preconceived barriers have been broken and replaced with a willingness to embrace the stranger in their midst. What would happen to this denomination if all our churches suddenly experience such a revelation? What if just one UM church in Washington County could embrace such a vision? Dare to dream –

FUMC is RETHINKING CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 at NOON in the ACTIVITY CENTER. COME and FIND OUT HOW!

On Sunday, August 23 we will bless the students, teachers and administrators as they prepare to begin a new school year. See page 2.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on August 28 – Deadline for articles is August 26 at noon.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator – Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

Back to School Parties

Pre-Kers & Kindergarteners

Saturday, August 22, 2009
10:00 a.m. at the Fireman's Park
Ice Cream & Carousel Rides



1st - 4th Graders

Sunday, August 23, 2009
1:00pm at the Carlile's Home
Treasure Hunt & Cookies



Tweens 5th - 7th Graders

Saturday, August 22, 2009
5:00 p.m. at the Annarino's Home
Pool & Pizza

www.fumcbrenham.org for maps to homes

Education Sunday Sunday, August 23rd

-  3rd Graders receive Bibles
-  Blessing of the Backpacks
Bring your backpacks to church
-  Honor all of our
Educators & Administrators
-  Recognize our
Sunday School Teachers

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meet your new teachers on Education Sunday. We will be playing games and learning more about the coming year.

3 Year Olds to Kindergarten

Michael & Jennifer Dalman

Keith & Sandy McGill

Keith & Barbara Killgore

1st - 2nd Grade

Paul & Joanna Reyna

3rd-4th Grade

Tricia Trostle

Holly Carlile

Cheryl Middleton

Jeff & Tiffany Jenkins

Tweens: 5th -7th Grade

Bobby & Melissa Cook

Doug & Patrice Summerour

Brooks Annarino

Back to Church Sunday Sunday, September 13th 10:00 a.m. Activity Center



Invite your friends!

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

End of the Year

For those of you who keep up with the CDC, we are still busy, even as our year comes near the end. We only have one more week of the summer program, and the *Dinosaurs* will be coming out of the woodwork! We will be experiencing all sorts of Dino's this week with puppets, drawings, stories, and everything preschool!

Our faculty will have a gathering on Saturday, August 15, to plan for the new school year that begins Monday, August 31. Two of our school board members, Sally Jones and Barbara Baker, will supply lunch for our teachers. Thank you!

We will be closed the week of August 24 – August 28 for the playground to be re-mulched, the floors to be waxed and the carpets shampooed.

The mulching of the playground will cost \$2,700.00. The playground needs at least six inches of mulch and will require at least two days of labor. If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please contact the CDC.

We do need items for the beginning of school. Construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, scissor centers – which are caddies for holding scissors - we need five of these, butcher paper (two 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) and no-spill paint cups. If you would like to purchase any of these items at Wal-Mart or donate any funds toward these items, just let us know.

Carol Gregg has requested that Memorial contributions for Donald be given the First United Methodist Church Child Development Center. Thank you.

SUNDAY August 2, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	53
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	30
Worship Total	210
Sunday School	82
Offering:	\$17,168.50

SUNDAY August 9, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	126
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	30
Worship Total	233
Sunday School	95
Offering:	\$ 6,324.00

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

Jim Tom House

Bob Johnston

Alice Limmer

Peggy Michaels

Peggy Robertson

Earl Wiesepape

Marti McLemore

Ruby Byrd

YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director racruz1020@yahoo.com

This Sunday will be Youth Sunday!

The youth will be leading all three services this Sunday. Please make sure you come out to support us. We have worked hard preparing for this day and hope you will enjoy the services.

Upcoming Youth Fall Events

Houston Astros Game – the youth plan to attend an Astros game late summer.

Technology Night – Our youth will help church members with the operation of cell phones, DVD players, computers, internet, etc. So if you need some help figuring out the latest technologies this will be a great opportunity.

Youth Family Retreat – As we get into some cooler weather and the conclusion of school band and sports, we plan to hold a special family retreat this fall/winter.

Texans Football Game – the youth plan to attend a Houston Texans football game this fall/winter.

Weeeee'rrrrre Baaaaaacccckk!!!!

And what a trip it was! The mission trip to help Hurricane Katrina victims in southern Mississippi was a doozy! This area was where the eye of Hurricane Katrina passed and brought with it over 25 feet of water which totally obliterated the town. Hard work, hot, humid weather, and many spirit led youth and their adult chaperones helped several families nearing completion of their homes and also assisted with the Pearlington Camp, aka Pearl Mart, which has served the community with their needs for the last four years. As far as mission trips go, this one challenged our youth and adults to be kinder, more understanding and patient servants. It was hard sometimes, but God was there with us every step of the way – and we made it!!!! We are glad to be home!

A shout of Thanks!!!!

Thank you to all the people who supported us on our mission trips this summer. From the chaperones to the prayers to the financial support – we appreciate it all that you do for our youth!!!!



H.A.L.O.



ADULT MINISTRIES

Jody Tyson, Adult Ministry Coordinator

Upcoming Special Event

An evening with Dr. David Snowdon, author of *Aging with Grace* will be on Thursday, September 3 between 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Bush Presidential Conference Center in College Station.

David Snowdon will be the keynote speaker

Breakout Sessions will include:

- Signs and Symptoms of Dementia – *Alzheimer's speaker bureau*
- Prevention and Risk Factors – *Nancy Leslie, PhD*
- Care for the Caregivers – *Ann O'Malley, ANP, GNP*

Lecture, Breakout Session and Buffet are all FREE!

Register by phone 979-731-1231 or online www.txbsi.com/symposium.

Please contact Pastor Terry for more information or if you are interested in attending. The church will arrange transportation if there is a need.

This event is sponsored by:



*** * * J.O.Y. * * ***

Just Older Youth



We had a great time at the theatre earlier this month. We shared a yummy lunch and saw a fun musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Keep an eye out for our next day trip.





Glenn Goodman, Bobby Clark, Ronnie Manchester and Clifford Brisbin installed a ramp at a home in Clay last week. FUMC is working with the Brazos Valley Area on Aging Ramp Project to help make homes more accessible to persons with special needs.

Workshop: Christian Contemplative Prayer

*The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation,
nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is"
because the kingdom of God is within you.*

- Luke 17:20

Join us on either **September 1** or **September 3** at the Chappell Hill United Methodist Church for an introductory workshop to Christian Contemplative Prayer. Christian Contemplative Prayer is a non-denominational spiritual practice that has ancient roots and contemporary relevance. It can help you reduce stress, improve your health, and better appreciate life's gifts. Most important of all, it can help you feel more centered in God's boundless love.

Learn to listen to God in God's own language:
the language of Mystery and Silence.

The all-important aim in Christian Contemplative Prayer is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but **the** reality in our lives; to let it become the reality which gives meaning to everything we do, everything we are.

- John Main, Benedictine Monk (from *Word Into Silence*, Paulist Press)

Workshop Location:
Chappell Hill United Methodist Church
5195 Church Street
Chappell Hill, Texas
979-836-7795

This workshop will be offered at two different times:
❖ Tuesday, September 1 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
❖ Thursday, September 3 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Choose whichever worship best meets your schedule.

This workshop is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP for this event at rev.paulajean@yahoo.com or call Chappell Hill UMC at 836-7795.

The Future of Health Care in our Nation

How Will We Participate in the Discussion?

The future of health care in our nation is a subject that is fueling much discussion among politicians, various interest groups and TV and radio talk show hosts. This topic also is generating thought and discussion in our homes and among friends, inside and outside of the church.

As followers of Christ, we are expected to think not only of our own interests, but to consider the welfare of those who are weakest and most vulnerable. It is impossible to discern what position to support when only one point of view is heard. Take the time to study the challenge before us and prayerfully consider possible solutions to the difficult task of creating a system that values all life.

Some good resources on faith and public policy come from Texas Impact (texasimpact.org) and the UMC Board of Church and Society (umc-gbcs.org).

Do not hesitate to share your thoughts with your elected representatives. In addition to our president, governor, and U. S. Senators, these are the elected representatives for Brenham:

Congressman Michael McCaul
131 Cannon HOB
Washington DC 20515

State Senator Glenn Hegar
PO Box 1008
Katy, TX 77492

Representative Lois Kolkhorst
PO Box 1867
Brenham, TX 77833

FROM THE 2008 UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Health is a condition of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. John 10:10b says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Stewardship of health is the responsibility of each person to whom health has been entrusted. Creating the personal, environmental, and social conditions in which health can thrive is a joint responsibility - public and private. We encourage individuals to pursue a healthy lifestyle and affirm the importance of preventive health care, health education, environmental and occupational safety, good nutrition, and secure housing in achieving health. Health care is a basic human right.

Providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after injury or illness is a responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all, a responsibility government ignores at its peril. In Ezekiel 34:4a, God points out the failures of the leadership of Israel to care for the weak: "You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured." As a result all suffer.

(NOTE: Though approved by the UMC General Conference, the Social Principles are not considered "church law," but rather a prayerful and thoughtful effort to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation.)



GCORR
General Commission on Religion and Race
of THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Truth and Wholeness: Replacing White Privilege with God's Promise

When: Monday, September 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship House

This DVD study was developed by The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and The General Commission on Religion and Race to help encourage discussion about discrimination, racism and white privilege. The intent of the project is to challenge white Christians to see the truth of white privilege in our church and culture, and to act justly in our search for true wholeness and transformation as disciples of Jesus Christ.

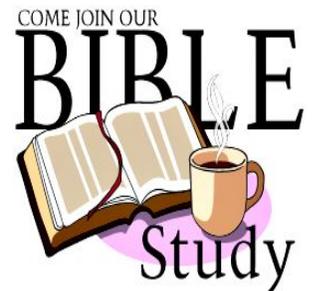
Because I serve as a board member of the General Commission on Religion and Race, I am interested in receiving some feedback on this material. With your help this resource may be better shaped to reach persons across the Texas Conference who are concerned about these issues and who hope to be a part of God's work of healing and restoration.

Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or pastort@startel.net if you plan to participate.



***NEW MONDAY MORNING STUDY
BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 21 at 9:00 A.M.!***

EXPERIENCING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME



The DVD-based curriculum, *Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time* by Tim Scorer is a perfect partner for *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. This 10-week study provokes inquiry, welcomes questions, engages the imagination and encourages listening for and discovering the word in the other. Anyone with a hunger to know and engage the Bible at deeper levels is encouraged to participate in the study. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or pastort@startel.net to sign up.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the numerous cards sent to me during my convalescence and rehab after suffering a stroke. Every day my spirits were lifted when the mail was brought to me. Also, thank you for the meal when we arrived home, and other food. And the prayers are appreciated too! I am blessed richly by you all.
Bob Johnston

You are a precious congregation to pray, send cards, e-mails and to call Dave. Your prayers were answered!

Love – love – love - Darlene Wyatt



Welcome New Members of FUMC

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

*Hugh and Aniela Pitts
8145 FM 390 East
Brenham, Texas 77833
979-836-4797*



In Honor of

Calvin Beckendorf on his birthday on August 4 by Louis and Joycine Hanath

In Loving Memory Of

Don Gregg by Art and Smitty Hinnners of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Elmer and Mary Ann Faykus of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by W.S. and Lois Houston of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Marilyn Whitmarsh of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Gerald and Elizabeth Muckleroy of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Marnie Whitmarsh of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by John and Caroline Holmes of Midland, TX



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 6:30 pm Council on Ministries/FR	4 6:00 pm UMW Covered Dish Dinner/AC	5 1:00 pm CARE Meeting Library 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6	7 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	8 8:00 am Emmaus Training/FH
9 5:30 pm Sunday School Teach Training/FH	10 1:00 pm CDC Advisory Board/Library	11 9:00 am Card Group/C8 5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting/FR 5:30 pm Mission Brenham Meal	12 7:00 pm Choir Practice	13 6:30 pm UMM Meeting/ AC	14 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	15
16 YOUTH SUNDAY 12:00 pm RETHINK CHURCH /AC 6:00 pm -Sing Hymn / College Station	17 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting / FR	18 9:30 am Murphey / Post / Smith Circle Mtgs. 6:30 pm Wesleyan Circle	19 1:00 pm Trustees/Youth Chair Cleaning / AC 7:00 pm Choir Practice	20	21 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	22 8:00 am Hebrew Language Seminar/AC
23 EDUCATION SUNDAY	24	25 9:00 am Card Group/C8 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting/FR	26 7:00 pm Choir Practice	27	28 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	29
30	31	Sept. 1 9:00 am UMW Exec Meeting/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting/FH	Sept . 2 1:00 pm CARE Meeting Library 7:00 pm Choir Practice	Sept . 3	Sept . 4 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	Sept . 5

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.

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.



Harvest Festival Silent Auction – October 27

The Harvest Festival is just a few months away. It's time to start thinking about items for the silent auction for our Harvest Festival this fall. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call:

Audrey Boney at 830-8057
Donna Sprenger at 251-8101
Joyce Fortune at 251-7174

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 cannot make it to the church to drop them off, please call Dena Miller 251-2511 (cell) or 421-9016 (home) and she will pick them up from you.

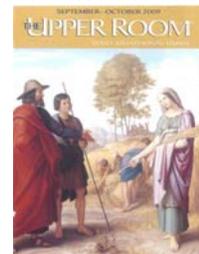
Yoga Reminder

Yoga classes with Pat Clark resume on Tuesday, September 8. Hope to see the regulars and some new faces joining in!



Upper Room

The September/October issue of The Upper Room will be available to you on August 23 in the Narthex, Activity Center and the church offices.



Do You Have a “From the Ground Up” Share?

One of the best ways to reach persons for Christ is by starting new congregations. Our Annual Conference has a goal of beginning at least ten new churches a year. We hope for some of these initiatives to be within the bounds of the West District. Starting new churches requires much funding, though. Land and construction costs are both expensive.

To help make this happen, the Texas Annual Conference has a program called “From the Ground Up.” Methodists volunteer to take out a \$100 annual “share” as a special contribution to *From the Ground Up*. This share is paid in two installments of \$50 each. The majority of these funds will go to help with the costs of new church start-ups. A smaller portion is also used to help congregations in critical areas with special ministry undertakings that can make a difference in their communities. It is also true that out of every share, a portion of the funds are returned directly to our district for discretionary use.

If you are not presently a shareholder in *From the Ground Up*, we encourage you to take this step. Even taking out a partial share would be welcome. We will be holding a “*From the Ground Up Emphasis Sunday*” on August 30. Brochures about the program will be available at that time. Please be in prayer about how you can support the development of new churches in our part of the state of Texas.

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