

First United Methodist Church

March Edition Newsletter 2020

Sunday Mornings at FUMC

8:45 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Celebration Service in the Activity Center

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Nursery Care provided.

The Traditional Service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham Radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV at 11:00 a.m.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Promises! Promises! Ever heard that shouted at you when you've failed to keep your promise to someone? I heard it from my daughter when she was somewhere in her early teens (it's all a blur to me now.) The news wasn't what she wanted to hear. We were moving. Again. And we were moving to a location neither of us had ever heard of, let alone set foot in.

"You promised! You promised I would have a say in whether or not we moved again. You promised you'd talk to me first and let me help decide! It's not fair! I don't believe you anymore!"

Ouch. It was all true, and yet, there I was trying to make another move sound great with even more promises. "You'll make new friends and you can still keep in touch with the ones you have. Maybe the school will have the elective courses you've been hoping for. They promised to paint the room at the parsonage any color you want. I promise it'll be ok." Promises. Promises.

Have you ever found yourself doubting the promises of God, especially when something big and new and different is right around the corner but you don't know what it'll be like? Unlike those of human parents, God's promises are infallible and eternal. No, we don't know what's right around the corner in our individual, familial, church, and national futures. What we can trust is that it'll be ok.

Read it, meditate on it, accept it, own it:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV)

Grace & Peace, Pastor Bobbie

From the Board of Stewards

The BOS met on Tuesday, February 11, for their business meeting.

In review of the financial health of this congregation the BOS discussed ways in which we might increase our revenue, given that our income is not meeting expenses.

Other discussion topics included a celebration of the Methodist Weekday Children's Development Center's great ministry to our community. The BOS discussed repairs needed around the windows of the MWDC/Parlor building, accessibility/emergency exit from the choir loft, replacement of the shower in the associate parsonage, foundational repairs on the corner of the Activity Center by the "table" closet, the main kitchen's commercial garbage disposal and dishwasher.

Minutes of the meeting will be posted upon approval. The minutes of January's meeting are posted on the church office bulletin board.

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

In Luke 10 it is written, ³⁸ *Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.* ³⁹ *She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.* ⁴⁰ *But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."* ⁴¹ *But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."*

The liturgical season of Lent is upon us, Friends. It's time to set our busy-ness to one side (don't worry; it'll be there when you turn back to it), open our hearts and minds, and *sit for a time at the feet of Jesus*. Interrupt your usual routines of prayer or study or worship and invite the Holy Spirit to awaken your awareness of God's invitation to come and be with Him.

Your clergy and staff have prepared several opportunities for you to come away with Jesus. Please take advantage while you have the opportunities.

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. – Taize style worship in the Sanctuary.
Sunday, March 22, 2:30 p.m. through Monday, March 23, 9:00 p.m. – Walk the Labyrinth in the Activity Center.

Monday, March 23, Noon – Healing and Anointing Service in the Activity Center.

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. – *Lectio Divina* Ancient Scripture Reading for Adults & Youth (Fellowship/Gray House) and Children (Mission/Brown House)

Sunday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. – Worship with Song in the Activity Center

Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9th 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary; Tuesday April 7th will be open some extra hours from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service in the Activity Center

Resources:

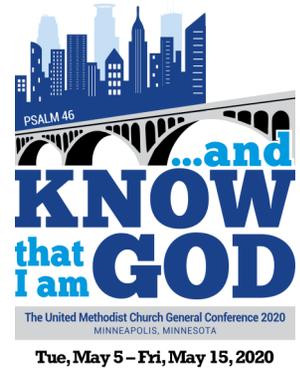
Looking for ways to make a difference in Brenham? Find volunteer opportunities at www.forthecity.center.

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THEIR LIVES COUNT
know that we are not here to make an impression

*we're here to make a
difference*
Ann Voskamp

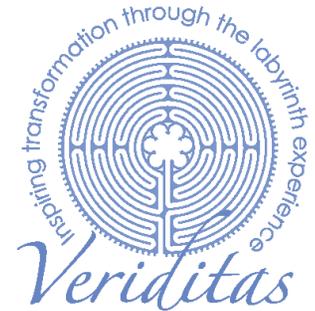
Resources (continued):

Want to know more about General Conference 2020? <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/>



Are you asking the question, “What in the world is a Taize style worship?” Watch one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXppelcrdHs>,
Learn about it: <http://www.taize.fr/en>

If “Walking a Labyrinth” sounds a little New Age-y to you, read about it here: <https://labyrinthociety.org/about-labyrinths>



Find out how to bless your church when you shop:

<https://umcmarket.org/featured>

What's the best Bible to have? You don't have to go to a website!
The best Bible is one that you read!



Music Ministry Notes:

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on Wednesdays. Choir practice starts at 6:30 PM in the choir room.

If you are interested in joining any of the music ensembles that make up our music ministry please contact Matt.

matthewhulon@gmail.com

Coda:

In the bottom left corner of the hymnal you will see the composer or arranger of a hymn and often the source. One of those sources sighted commonly is *The Sacred Harp*. Several different hymnals were published in the mid 1800s but the most famous is the White and King hymnal published in 1844. It was out of this hymnal a signing tradition grew that still has influence on music in the American tradition. The movie *Cold Mountain* featured Sacred Harp Singing as a part of the soundtrack. Sacred Harp styled singing relies on crisp rhythm and full sounds to carry the energy. Unlike the hymns that came over from Europe, that evolved in cathedrals with stone floors and towering ceilings that created beautiful acoustics, these hymns were meant to be sung in small wooden churches and school houses. The acoustics were often lacking, there was no organ or piano, no choir leading from the loft, few if any trained musicians but the congregation sang everything in four part harmony. So many of our favorite hymns come from this tradition and it greatly influenced the sound of American choirs. One of the most amazing things about hearing a Sacred Harp singing convention is how much everyone puts into it. No matter how good they may or may not sound, each member makes a joyful noise and the energy is incredible. As we move into Lent and Easter some of the hymns and Anthems are inspired by this tradition. Feel free to sing out with the same energy that started an entire movement of American singing.



YOU'RE WELCOME

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

You will notice that on Sunday mornings, you will be welcomed to our services and events held in the Sanctuary, with new signage. This is that let everyone who attends in that location that they are both welcomed and important to all of us at First United Methodist Brenham.

We also have launched new attendance registration forms that allows us to have the most updated contact information for members and important data from our guests so we can keep everyone up to date on all of our events and activities

Lastly, the Evangelism committee is taking up the challenge of contacting long time members who have not attend recently or regularly to make sure we know their status of health issues, transportation needs, or personal attention. If you know of someone who needs to be contacted please let Delores know in the church office and she can forward the information to Carole MacManus our Evangelism Chair or one of the pastors.

YOUTH NEWS

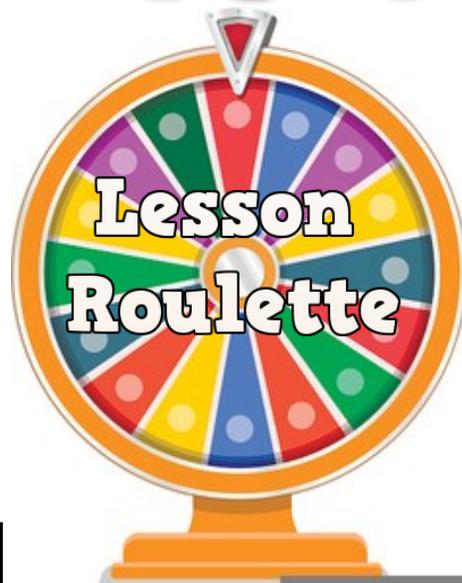
HIGH SCHOOL TRIP:
June 7-13, 2020

MISSION TRIPS

MS & JR HIGH TRIP:
July 9-12, 2020

There is still room. Contact Jennifer for more info, Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org

Mark Your Calendars
Sun, Apr 5
Lunch & Dessert Auction

Join us on Sunday nights for UMYF @6pm. Each gathering we play a game and "spin the wheel" to see what our discussion topic will be. Who knows what we will talk about. We have had some really great discussions so far. Bring a friend!

NO UMYF **Spring Break**
March 8

Mar 1	Cross & Rosenbaum
Mar 15	Sedlar & Stroech
Mar 22	Childs & Hook
Mar 29	Gee & Baker

Methodist Weekday

Fundraiser benefits upgrades needed in each classroom and the little kids restroom.



BBQ Fundraiser
March 24th
Drive Thru

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Leg Quarter, Sausage, Potato Salad, Green Beans and Bread

We currently have 86 children enrolled in MWDC. We are looking to hire a part-time infant aide and a substitute for our Daycare Center.

We are asking for each child to sell at least 10 tickets. They will have till March 5th to sell tickets. The money & unsold tickets are due on March 6th. You will be responsible for any tickets that are not turned back in. Tickets can be purchased in the MWDC office and church office.



To our Wonderful Church Family, Mark and I would like to thank everyone for all the kind words, cards and letters we received after the death of my father, Lester Ray Nichols. Your prayers, love and support meant so much to us.

*With Love,
Nita and Mark Hyatt*

For those of you who do not have Joyce Fortune's current address:
Mrs Joyce Fortune
The Villages of River Oaks
1015 S. Shepherd, Apt. 611
Houston, TX 77019

Children's Corner

February Happenings

Elementary:

February was all about how Jesus wants us to live! We learned about the Beatitudes through scavenger hunts, discussion groups, and crafting a pocket reminder of the Beatitudes. Then we looked at who we are at our core and who Jesus wants us to be through the tried and true Saran Wrap game! We talked about what is expected of us as Christians in this world, and we looked at properties of oil and water: how can we mix in this world while still holding true to who God calls us to be? Finally, we ended the month of love talking about how Jesus transformed in front of Peter, James and John. And, how Jesus wants us to transform to be more like him. We played a game and crafted a tea light to help us remember that Jesus is God's son in whom He is well pleased!

Church Nursery: The nursery kids also followed along with the older children this month! They created a bee and looked at the "Bee Attitudes"! They colored and played their way through what it means to listen, follow and obey Jesus!

February Mission Work: This month the elementary kids made Valentine's for our church members that are in nursing homes! We prayed over each Valentine and talked about what it means to love our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. A special thank you to Johnny Campbell, Braelyn Stroech, and Kaleb Stroech for helping deliver them!

February Memory Verse: Matthew 11: 25

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Vacation Bible School



Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, children grow strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God.

Coming June 29 through July 2!

Registration will open in April.

For questions or to be a VBS volunteer,

please contact: ChrisAnn@FUMCBrenham.org

Prayer Pals – Coming March through May!

We want YOU! We need YOU! We ask YOU to choose a child and pray for them during the upcoming months! You are welcome to write a quick note to them or give them a high-five when you see them at church, too! Prayer Pals allow for our younger church members to know that they are being thought of and prayed over during the day.

To Sponsor a Child: Beginning March 15, there will be pictures of our children in the Activity Center. Please take the time during the month of March to choose 1 child (or more) to commit praying for through the end of the school year. Each child you sponsor will come with a picture and information about the child's age, grade level, and likes and dislikes! You will also be given certain testing days that will impact your child; these are days that the kids will want prayer for calm, patience and Wisdom as they navigate the state testing.

Prayer is so POWERFUL!! Thank you for sponsoring a child!

Children's Corner (continued)

Thank you

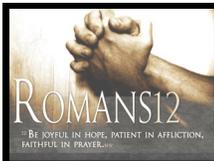
to our

February Sunday School Teachers:

Jennifer Campbell, Kathy

Campbell, Carolyn Cross, Tiffany

Jenkins, Connie Masterson, James



PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Glen Amerson
Ed Baker
Mary Burgess
Virginia Collier
Wanda Curbo
Beverly Duree
Susan Ebel
Ellen Ellison
Marshia & Bud Foster
Miriam Gillis
Carolyn Hale
Joycine & Louis Hannath
Luene Harmer

Virginia & A.W. Hodde, Jr.
Lydia House
Martha & William Lee
Beverly Leyrer
Susan Manchester
Kalyn Meschwitz
Sue Perry
Kenneth Pieper
Jean & Harold Pool
Red Powell
Edna Rote
Ron Walberg
Linda Winstanley
Faye Wubbenhorst

Others

Rick Fitzgerald
Sue Gibson
Donna Gore
Mary Grigor
Carol & John Haarmeyer
Melissa Hale
Dianne Hall
Julie & Ed Hardin
Gale Heisler
Chaz Hodges
Kathi Ivy
Mike Kalil
Sharon & Fred Ketcham
David Kiemsteadt
Don & Ray Manchester

Susan McMurray
Mary Ann Meals
Cindy Mullins
Ray Neuse
Lloyd Pieper
Karen Presley
Sue Quinn
Stan Royal
Annie Schultz
Cindy Smith
Jim Sockwell
Marissa Spangler
Susan Stollman
Susan Stoltman
Rusty Walding
Brylee Waltrip



Memorials Received

In memory of
Barbara Baker
By
Mary and Don Wilhelm
The United Methodist Women
Kay and Gary Ivy



Starts
March 8th

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Nursery: 4
9:30 Traditional 128
9:30 Celebration 67
Total: 199
Sunday School: 62
Offering: \$25,407.00

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Nursery: 6
9:30 Traditional 105
9:30 Celebration 35
Total: 146
Sunday School: 48
Offering: \$6,620.00

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Nursery: 3
9:30 Traditional 126
9:30 Celebration 65
Total: 194
Sunday School: 58
Offering: \$9,663.00

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Nursery: 3
9:30 Traditional 101
9:30 Celebration 62
Total: 166
Sunday School: 52
Offering: \$25,125.00

2020 Budget: \$668,783.00
Offering Needed Each
Week: \$12,861.40



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Church Staff

Rev. Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor
Rev. Greg Smith, Associate Pastor
Jennifer Patrick, Director of Student Ministries
Chris Ann Stroeck, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Matt Hulon, Minister of Music
Diane Garrett, Organist
Kris Trevino, Office Manager
Delores Hammargren, Administrative Assistant
Raemona Burks, Child Development Center Director
Lelli Hernandez, Nursery Coordinator
Cindy Mathis, Custodian

Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, March 24th by 4:00 PM.**
If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org; or 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.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:45 AM Breakfast/AC 9:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanc 9:03 AM Celebration Service/AC 10:45 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM UMYF/Confirmation /AC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study/FH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:45 AM UMW Executive Board/Library 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Classroom UMW General Mtg/AC 7:00 PM Taize Service/Sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 7:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM Epiphany Training/AC</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>8:45 PM Breakfast 9:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanc Celebration Service/AC 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:30 PM Kruse Village NH Worship 3:30 PM Kruse Village Worship 6:00 PM UMYF/Confirmation/AC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study/FH 5:30 PM Missions Committee/FR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/classroom Hinners Circle/MH Hewitt Circle/FH 12:00 PM Susanna Circle/FH 6:00 PM Wesleyan Circle/FH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 7:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 PM Breakfast 9:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanc Celebration Service/AC 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Labyrinth Available 6:00 PM UMYF/Confirmation/AC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Labyrinth Available all day/AC</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Healing & Anointing Service/AC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Card Group 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Classroom 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 4:00 PM—6:30 PM MWCDC BBQ Drive Thru 6:00 PM Board of Stewards/FR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting/FR 1:00 PM Care Team Meeting/FR 6:15 PM Lectio Divina/FH 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 7:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM UMYF/Confirmation /AC 7:00 PM Worship with Song/AC (come and go)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study/FH</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Classroom</p>				