



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

October 1, 2009

A Message from the Pastors

First United Methodist Church, Brenham has a new website!

All the information you need to know now is posted at www.FUMCBrenham.org. Look there for information about worship, study, missions and other ways you can connect with others in this community of faith. There is a lot going on this fall so visit the website often. If you would like to suggest additions to the site please contact the church office and Brenda will be glad to connect you with the person responsible for getting it done – we have several web administrators who share the job of keeping the website current.

Membership contact information is available to church members through the website. All you need to do is register and select a password. Prayer requests can also be submitted and shared by registered members.

Many thanks to Kevin Patrick for all of his efforts in this endeavor.

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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



Have you signed up for your family portrait? Pictures will be taken on October 14, 15, 16 and 17. Call the church office or visit www.FUMCBrenham.org and follow the Olan Mills link to make your appointment today!

Special Events Coming up in October
(be sure to check the calendar on pg. 11)

- October 3 – Mission Forum
- October 4 – Stewardship Kick-Off
- October 6 – UMW *Herbs of the Bible*
- October 7 – A.C.T.S. begins
- October 13 – J.O.Y. trip to Newman Castle
- October 14 – SoulFeast Begins
- October 14 to 17 – Olan Mills portraits
- October 18 – Blessing of the Animals
- October 24 – Family Fun Day at Oil Ranch
- October 27 – Harvest Festival
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat

Save the date in November for:

- November 5 – Methodist Children's Home
- November 15 – Charge Conference

Next Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on October 13
Deadline for articles is October 12 at 2:00 p.m.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

SUNDAY September 20, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	63
Worship 11:00 a.m.	132
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	44
Worship Total	243
Sunday School	109
Offering:	\$ 7,891.00

SUNDAY September 27, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	136
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	60
Worship Total	264
Sunday School	107
Offering:	\$ 6,936.46

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
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson
Earl Wiesepape

All Things Fall

Colors of fall - changing of the leaves - leaves falling from the trees - weather changing – pumpkins - Harvest Festival - Halloween parties! We have a busy month ahead! During the first part of October we have a meeting with the Washington County Childcare Association, a faculty meeting and a school board meeting. In addition, we are planning a fire drill, and Ms. Ashley and I will have our pictures taken for the new church directory and our new web site www.FUMCBrenham.org.

In September we held our annual fall Drive-thru Dinner and that went great! Thank you for purchasing tickets and supporting the school. Our school board did a super job!

We have five teachers who are working on their *Child Development Associates* (CDA) Credential. This degree is vital to our being accredited next summer by the National Association of Child Care Professionals (NACC). We have been working for over a year on this accreditation, sending out surveys to parents and learning how we can improve our school. We need this accreditation to raise our level of excellence in all areas, which includes our teachers. Due to husbands being laid off or having their hours cut back, our teachers are in need of some sort of scholarship assistance to help with their accreditation. The total cost for the CDA is \$500.00 per individual. The teachers have paid as much as they can, however, for three of them to finish this program, we need an additional \$900.00. I have assured them that you would be willing to support them in some way.

Please donate to the CDA Scholarship Fund so we can attain our goal of becoming an accredited school. Thank you.

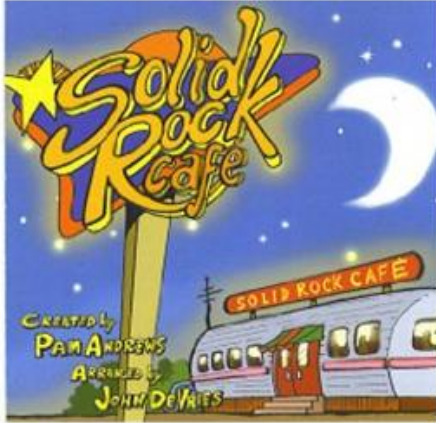


CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator – Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER



It's time again forA.C.T.S.

First Rehearsal

This Wednesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. in the A.C.

Bring a snack dinner. We will listen to the musical & pass out important information.

A.C.T.S. is open to all kids 4 yrs to 6th grade.

Invite a friend or two!

****FAMILY FUN DAY ****

Mark your calendar for **October 24**. We will have a family fun day at Oil Ranch, in Hockley. If you want more info about Oil Ranch you can go to their website www.oilranch.com. We will meet at the church at 9:30a.m. and caravan together. The cost is \$10 a person (for 2yrs & up – kids younger than 2 are free). Pack a cooler with a lunch for your family and lots of water. There is a snack shop if you would rather purchase a lunch. Bring a few extra dollars for *snow cones!* This is a wonderful place with *tons* of activities for people of all ages. Feel free to invite more families to join us. Contact me by October 18 if your family will attend at Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org or 836-2008.

At the end of the day every child will receive a pumpkin!



Saturday, October 31st

4:00 p.m. Activity Center Parking Lot
(come & park your car 30 minutes before)

Everyone come in costume, decorate your car trunk & pass out goodies to the kids!

Trunks will be judged and awarded prizes

Kids will get to walk the red carpet and show off their costumes

SANDWICHES & other **GHOULISH GOODIES** will be served

YOUTH “H.A.L.O” NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

“H.A.L.O”

Does anyone know what this stands for? Ask a youth and find out!

Coming Soon... the youth fall fundraiser...great Christmas gifts will be on sale soon!!!

October Youth Calendar

- Sunday, October 4 – Youth – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 11 – Youth – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 18 – Small Group Discussions– 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25 – Guest Speaker– 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31 – Trunk or Treat / Game Night – 4pm – 10pm - Activity Center parking lot

Wesley Foundation @ Blinn

We are pleased to let everyone know how blessed we are to have record attendance at our luncheons this semester. For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, a short devotional is given weekly by Rick Ruiz and lunch is provided by FUMC and other local churches. We continue to grow and appreciate your support!

Wesley Foundation @ Blinn is also in the beginning stages of building a **BBQ Team** which will be cranking up this fall semester. The goal of this endeavor will be to raise funds for the Wesley Foundation @ Blinn and other mission works. Since we are just starting out, we are looking for a medium to large trailer bar-b-q pit (a loaner) and some sponsors to help us with the start-up costs. This is going to be a very worthy ministry and the students at Blinn are very excited about helping others through this new ministry! Ask Rick about it!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Jody Tyson, Adult Ministry Coordinator



TRIP TO METHODIST CHILDREN’S HOME

First United Methodist Church of Brenham has long supported the children’s home in Waco with financial gifts. This year the Missions and Outreach committee has planned a trip to Waco to visit the facilities. That date is **Thursday, November 5**. Hopefully you will be able to join us as we tour the two campuses in Waco.

We plan is to meet at 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen of the Activity Center and have breakfast together (consisting of a locally purchased fast-food breakfast item, coffee and juice) and leave the church by 8:30 a.m. We will drive private cars, so let us know if you are willing to be a driver and how many you can accommodate in your car.

We will tour one facility in their 14-passenger buses in the morning and have lunch on the way to the second location for that tour in the afternoon. We should be back in Brenham no later than 6:00 p.m.

Expenses for the day will be your lunch (around \$10) and a donation towards the breakfast items (and perhaps sharing the cost of gas). ---- Pat Clark, Chairman - Missions and Outreach Committee



Harvest Festival Update

Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away - do you have your tickets yet? Tickets are available in the church office and I encourage all church members to get their tickets ASAP because tickets will be sold out the week before the Festival. The tickets are \$8.00 each and may be purchased after each church service **on October 18 and 25**. Don't wait, get your tickets today! Donations for turkeys are greatly appreciated and can be left in the church office, checks made payable to UMW, memo: turkey donation.

Preparations are well underway with much more to be done. I encourage all UMW members and others interested in helping with Harvest Festival to attend the **October 6** UMW meeting at 9:30 in the Activity Center. You will be updated and informed about all the opportunities there are to help make Harvest Festival a success.

We will begin preparing for Harvest Festival on **October 11** after church by cleaning out the refrigerator, freezer and clearing off the countertops. If you have items in either the frig or freezer please check and label them, otherwise they may get thrown out. On **October 14 and 15** we will be making our cornbread dressing. If you have not signed up to help and would like to, please join us in the kitchen at 9:00 each morning for a busy day of cooking and great fellowship.

On **October 26** our turkeys will be delivered at 9:00 a.m. and, as always, we would greatly appreciate the help of the Methodist Men to cut up and bag the turkeys. If you are available that morning for a few hours please be in the kitchen at 9:00 a.m. We will also need volunteers to help set up the tables Sunday, **October 25**, after church and also to help put them back after the Harvest Festival is over. If you are available to help, please contact Kim Limmer for more info.

Our Harvest Festival is a wonderful church tradition and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 27** and plan to be there. There is much to do preparing for Harvest Festival and I welcome any and all help, so if you want to participate in any way or need any information regarding Harvest Festival, just give me (Kim Limmer) a call at 836-9119.



“Who is Our Neighbor?”



October 3 - Lakewood UMC, Houston

Sponsored by Partners in Mission with Missional Excellence Team

The schedule will begin with registration on Saturday morning at 8:30 am followed by the Welcome. Each participant will attend exciting workshops from an impressive list of choices, have time in the Global Village and participate in the closing worship. During lunch you will be able to visit with other missionaries and find out how missions have impacted their lives. Cost is \$30 (single) or \$50 (couple). Registration form is available in the church office or contact Pastor Terry for more information.

OLIVE WOOD FIGURINES

On Sunday, October 11, the Mission and Outreach committee will give you the opportunity to see and purchase some of Israel's beautiful figurines made from olive trees. When you first arrive in Israel you can't help noticing these beautiful trees. They're everywhere, along the roadways, in front yards of homes, and especially in the lush countryside north of Jerusalem. Of course the most famous place to see olive trees is the garden of Gethsemane, where the trees have been tested and are definitely 2000 years old.



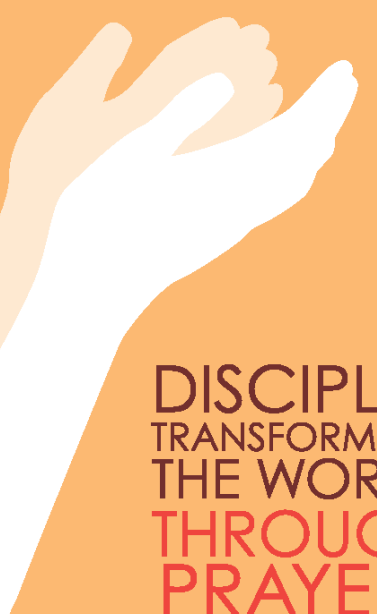
From the olive tree comes a wood that can be carved into beautiful shapes. I purchased these items at a small factory in Bethlehem and carefully wrapped them in my clothes for the trip home from Israel. Now you will have an opportunity to purchase olive wood pieces. A Palestinian Christian family from Israel will be at First United Methodist Church in Brenham giving you the opportunity to see and purchase some of these beautiful pieces. --- Pat Clark - Missions and Outreach

Philipsbury Methodist Cemetery

First United Methodist Church Brenham owns this cemetery, located about seven miles south of Brenham off of Highway 36 South on Philipsburg Lane (left off of 36-S). Gravesites are available. Please call Calvin Beckendorf at 979-836-5121 for more information. The cemetery is maintained by FUMC United Methodist Men.



CELEBRATE LAITY SUNDAY 2009



DISCIPLES
TRANSFORMING
THE WORLD:
THROUGH
PRAYERS



Laity Sunday (October 18, 2009) -- Disciples Transforming the World: Through Prayers excerpt from an article by Sandy Jackson on gbod.org

"When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Thus they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church: To faithfully participate in its ministries by their **prayers**, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness." (par. 217 *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2008*)¹

How often do we repeat this vow? How often do we keep it? How do we "participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers"?

Prayer may be much talked about and too often not practiced. How goes your practice of prayer? And what can you do to improve it?

Our prayer practices critically affect our discipleship. The time we spend in prayer (or the lack thereof) is reflected in our lives. Think about people you know whose prayer lives are intentional and fruitful. They are the people to whom you go with prayer requests. Sometimes it is the pastor, but sometimes not. Pastors are not the only people who have active prayer lives. There is something about people with active prayer lives that gives you confidence in their ability to communicate with God. It should be more than the ability to use flowery words and phrases. It is their sincere and open conversation with the Lord and Giver of Life.

Lanella Gray will bring the message at 8:15 and 11:00.
Bobby Cook will speak at the Celebration Service.

Blessing of the Animals October 18, 2009

Pets and their people are invited to the Blessing of the Animals at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18 — rain or shine — in the church parking lot (under the carport). This service celebrates the important place that pets hold in our lives, reminding us of the wonder of God's creation and our role as stewards of the earth and all of its creatures.

The service will begin with a procession of the animals and end with an opportunity for each pet to receive an individual blessing. All pets should be held, caged, or on leashes, and all children with pets must be accompanied by an adult. Children may bring stuffed animals. Those whose pets do not travel well or do not get along well with other animals are asked to bring a photo of their pet.



Kick-Off Sunday



This Sunday, October 4, will be designated as KICK-OFF SUNDAY. Kick-off of the 2009 stewardship campaign that is. Yes, we're talking about the "S" word – Stewardship! We are going to talk about all of the aspects of stewardship — not just money. True stewardship goes beyond money; it includes our time, our talents, our treasure, our witness and more.

You will receive a letter from the Stewardship Team within a few days. God has blessed us abundantly. You've been asked to consider radical generosity. Let's now extend our radical "gratitude" and share the best that God gives to us.

Choir Notes

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on the Christmas Cantata, "The Mystery and the Majesty" by Joseph Martin on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. We would love for anyone to join us – only a love of music and praising the Lord is required! It is an especially exciting time for the choir as we prepare for Advent and the expected arrival of the Christ Child. Who doesn't love to sing carols in adoration of His birth? Come join us! This Sunday, October 4, the choir will be singing "Holy" with handbells accompaniment by Deborah Muckleroy, Lee Brodhead, Judy Pendergrass, Debi Meschwitz and Carol Ann Post.



We thank the choir and handbell players for helping provide joyous and meaningful music for our congregation as they worship.

In Loving Memory Of

Jerry McCasland by Lois and W.S. Houston, Jr. of Brenham, TX

Jerry McCasland by Keith and Holly Dzierzanowski of Brenham, TX

Ruby Byrd by Lois and W.S. Houston, Jr. of Brenham, TX

Ruby Byrd by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hahn of New Ulm, TX

Ruby Byrd by Peggy Lampe of Brenham, TX

Ruby Byrd by Art and Smitty Hinnners of Brenham, TX

Ruby Byrd by W.A. and Tanya Rosenbaum of Burton, TX

Ruby Byrd by Lennis and Tim Richardson of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Lennis and Tim Richardson of Brenham, TX

Ruby Byrd by Marilyn Whitmarsh of Brenham, TX

Welcome New Members to FUMC

Please be sure to introduce yourself to the newest members of our church family and add their contact information to your directory:

Kay Weiman
604 South Day Street
Brenham, TX 77833
979-830-5053

Rita and Stanley Schneider
501 West Mansfield
Brenham, TX 77833
979-421-9933

New Member Celebration Lunch

A new member celebration lunch will be Sunday, November 1, at noon in the Activity Center. All members are urged to participate in the celebration and bring a side dish to go with the church furnished meat. Please bring a large serving covered dish in your last name category. The categories are as follows:

A-F - Casserole
G-L - Vegetable
M-R - Dessert
S-Z - Fruit

The new members within the last year are guests and need not bring anything. Hope to see all of you there.

October UMW Meeting

The October UMW Meeting will be held in the Activity Center on Tuesday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Our program will be given by a Master Gardner, June Smith-Welch. Her topic will be “*Herbs of the Bible*,” which should be of great interest to all cooks and gardeners – just about all of us!

Hope to see you there!

J.O.Y. (*Just Older Youth*)

Mark your calendars now for our Fall Day Trip to Newman’s Castle on **Tuesday, October 13**. The cost is \$12.50 per person. The price includes the tour and lunch. You can register for this trip through the church office or fill out the registration forms in the worship services or in Sunday School. If you would like more information contact Jennifer Patrick at Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org or call the church office 836-2008.

New Yoga Schedule



Beginning October 6, the FUMC yoga schedule will be as follows:

First Tuesday of the month class time is 11:30 in the Activity Center. All other Tuesdays of the month the class will start at 8:30

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.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00 pm Workshop Christian Contemplative Prayer/CHUMC	2 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	3 8:30am -3:00pm TXC Mission Forum Lakewood UMC Houston
4 Communion Kick-off of Stewardship Campaign 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth 5:30 pm SNSG / FH	5 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 7:00 pm Nominations Meeting/Library 7:00 pm Council on Ministries/FR	6 9:00 am UMW Exec Mtg/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC <i>Herbs of the Bible</i> 11:30 am Yoga / AC	7 1:00 pm Care Mtg/Library 6:00 pm ACTS/AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	8 6:30 pm UMM Mtg. / AC	9 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	10 8:00am-4:00pm Emmaus/AC
11 Holy Land Articles-TBA 12:00-3:00 pm UMW / AC 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth 5:30 pm SNSG / FH	12 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 9:00 am Truth & Wholeness Study/FH 1:00 pm CDC Ad Board /Library	13 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group/ Mission House 10:00 am J.O.Y. Trip to Newman Castle 5:30 pm Mission Brenham	14 9:00 - 3:00 Harvest Festival Prep. / AC 3:00 pm Olan Mills /TBA 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	15 9:00-3:00 Harvest Festival Preparation / AC 3:00 pm Olan Mills /TBA	16 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library 3:00 pm Olan Mills /TBA	17 10:00 am Olan Mills /TBA
18 Laity Sunday 9:30 am Confirmation Visit to St. John AME Church 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals 5:00 pm Youth-Small Grp. Discussion 5:30 pm SNSG / FH	19 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 6:30 pm Finance Meeting/FR	20 8:30 am Yoga / AC Circle Meetings 9:30am Smith/Nelms Post/Reiland Murphey/Murphey 12:00 pm Susanna/AC 5:00 pm Evangelism/FR 6:00 pm Wesleyan/FH	21 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	22	23 8:00 am Harvest Festival Cooking/AC 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	24 9:30 am Family Fun Day Oil Ranch / Hockley 1:00 pm Goodman's 50 th Anniversary Celebration /AC
25 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth 5:30 pm SNSG / FH	26 7:00 am Harvest Festival Setup /AC 9:00 am Bible Study/FH	27 8:00 am Harvest Festival Country Store 9:00 am Card Group/ Mission House 6:30 pm Trustees /FR	28 7:00 am UMW Harvest Fest. Clean -Up 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir & Celebration Band	29	30 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	31 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat AC Parking Lot 4:00 pm Youth Game Night

SoulFeast

Every Wednesday
Beginning October 14 thru November 18

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
In the Activity Center
donations appreciated

Classes at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Dale will continue the study of Characters of the Bible. Class will meet in the office area.

Pastor Terry will lead participants in learning and experiencing different ways Christians pray and worship. Come and learn about Celtic Christianity, Taize, Lectio Divina, African American Spirituality, and Contemplative Prayer. Group will meet in the Sanctuary.

Adult Classes (all groups meet for 6 weeks)

Jr. and Sr. High class

A.C.T.S. for all kids pre-school through 6th grade

Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m.

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