



# First United Methodist Church

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The Power of Alleluia!

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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](mailto:PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org)

Associate Pastor  
Rev. Kay Reed  
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What power, what joy in the magnificent Easter hymn *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today."* I especially find joy in the first line of the fourth verse – *"Soar we now where Christ has led."*

I don't know about you, but my heart is still soaring as I reflect on Palm Sunday and the special 9:00 Celebration service and the Easter cantata at the 8:15 and 11:00 services. I couldn't have thought of a better way to begin our Easter Vigil than with inspiring worship and musical presentations by our Praise Team and Sanctuary Choir. What a blessing we all received. My heart soars when I see so many dedicated people all working together. To all in our music ministry – THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

Lent and Holy Week again remind us that there is no Easter without first going through the cross. The Lenten lunches were well attended and the UMW circles provided wonderful refreshments and lunches. Again my heart soared to see ministers from our community and surrounding communities all working together.

I can't even put into words my experience at the Maundy Thursday and four Easter services. They were some of the most powerful worship services I have ever experienced. Thursday night we celebrated Holy Communion together and witnessed a powerful Good Friday drama. Easter Sunday was glorious with the early sunrise service, a "surprise" cannon firing, an infant baptism, beautiful Easter lilies, the Hand bell choir, the joyful singing, and all the special music. As I looked around the sanctuary at all of the smiling faces my heart again soared and I thanked God for what He is doing in our church. We are soaring!

Easter is a time to affirm that the human spirit was created to soar – to seek the highest, most noble expression of life it can find. As Christians, we affirm that Jesus Christ not only lived that high and lofty life – He pointed the way for us.

So, let us soar! Always remember that even in the heights there is air turbulence, and that as we soar in joy we may also experience that turbulence. But Easter is the message that the human spirit cannot be defeated. It was created by God to soar, and –

*"Made like him, like him we rise,  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!"*

Let your Alleluias ring out. For every Sunday is Easter!

Kay

# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY April 1, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	108
Worship 11:00 a.m.	170
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>343</b>
Sunday School	127
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$12,885.98</b>

*April, 2012*

The CDC is welcoming spring. If you drive by you are going to see the children out and about exploring the world around them. We will be setting up centers for outdoor activities and planning outdoor field trips.



We will be hosting our annual Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude's on April 20th. The children will spend a week learning about bike safety and how they can help sick children.

## SUNDAY April 8, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 7:00 a.m.	39
Worship 8:15 a.m.	132
Worship 11:00 a.m.	235
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	88
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>503</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$20,090.00</b>

**Easter Offering \$2,525.00**

### MARCH TOTALS

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$47,430.36</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	<b>\$49,522.22</b>
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>(\$ 2,091.86)</b>

### YTD TOTALS

<b>YTD Income:</b>	<b>\$166,079.78</b>
<b>YTD Expense:</b>	<b>\$154,531.14</b>
<b>YTD Net Total:</b>	<b>\$ 11,548.64</b>

### *Donations Received*

*In memory of*  
**Dr. John Cantrell Plummer**  
By Cindy Wells

*In memory of*  
**Jeannie Draehn**  
By Gloria Roehling and Family

The position of Church Nursery Coordinator at FUMC is currently open and in need of filling. This is NOT CDC. Consideration will be given to having the position filled by a Church member volunteer or a team of Church member volunteers. For more information contact Lanella Gray-830-5576, Charles Sander - 836-7801, Pastor Dale or the church office-836-2008.

### *Ladies*

Our May UMW General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Jo Powell will present a most interesting program you won't want to miss. There will be a sale of gently used jewelry and accessories. The proceeds will go through UMCOR to benefit a mission in South Africa. The program is a book review of "Beaded Hope" about a South African mission. All women of the church are invited!

### **BLINN STUDENTS WILL DO THE WORK**

April 27<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Blinn Blitz. Students from Blinn assemble on an afternoon when there are no classes and are assigned projects around Brenham. What we need is projects for them to work on, mainly yard clean-up projects (raking flower beds, piling up fallen branches, etc.) Often these jobs are exhausting to homeowners, but not to these students. And, they get credit for volunteering, so they're willing and eager.

This is your chance to sign up your project with the Blinn Blitz crew and have it done in one afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to contact me and tell me what work you'd like done.

**Pat Clark, Missions and Outreach**  
**830-1950**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator,  
[Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)

## ACTS

Rehearsals are Sundays,

**5:00- 6:30pm**

Spring Performance Date:

**Sunday, May 13**

That's So  
**DANIEL!**



## VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

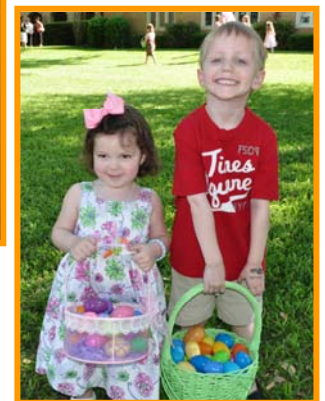
If you would like to help us with some of our supplies for VBS here are some of the things we need for donations so far:

- fun noodles (water noodles)
- old CDs
- cans of Great Stuff insulation foam
- plastic bath poofs


*We are also looking for someone to make us small wooden crosses out of thin wood approx. 8"x4".*

V.B.S. is the week of June 4 -8

**REGISTER FOR V.B.S. NOW!!** You can register online to attend or volunteer. Go to: <http://overboard.cokesburvvbs.com/FUMCBrenham>



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Contata <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/ FH <b>5:00</b> Youth/AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	<b>2</b> <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>2:00</b> Staff Meeting/Lib <b>6:00</b> Council on Ministries/FR	<b>3</b> <b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC  <b>5:00</b> Trustees/FR	<b>4</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>7:00</b> Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary	<b>6</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  <b>Church Office            Closed</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>EASTER</b>  <b>7:00</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> Regular Service Times <b>10:00</b> Easter Egg Hunt	<b>9</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>1:30</b> CDC Board/ Library <b>5:30</b> Finance / FR	<b>10</b> <b>9:00</b> Card/ MH <b>6:00</b> Evangelism/FR  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>6:30</b> UMM/ AC	<b>13</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library <b>5:00</b> Girl Scouts Lock-In	<b>14</b> Girl Scouts Lock- In/AC Until 10:00
<b>15</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/ FH <b>5:00</b> Youth/AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	<b>16</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>5:30</b> Prayer Team/FR	<b>17</b> <b>9:30</b> Rogers Circle/ Duree Hinners Circle/ FH Cummings Circle/ Stratton <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan/ FH	<b>18</b> <b>12:00</b> Susanna Circle/DeSalvo <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>20</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library	<b>21</b> <b>1:00</b> Youth/ Camping Trip to Somerville
<b>22</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/FH <b>2:00</b> Girl Scouts/AC <b>2:30</b> Care Center <b>3:30</b> Bluebonnet Hills <b>5:00</b> Youth /Somerville ACTS/ Rm.139	<b>23</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>3:00</b> 42/MH	<b>24</b> <b>9:00</b> Card/ MH  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00</b> Care Team/Lib. <b>2:00</b> Staff Meeting/Lib. <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>27</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library  Blinn Blitz	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/FH <b>5:00</b> Youth /AC ACTS/ Rm.139	<b>30</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn					
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## Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wed. April 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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.



### *Prayer Concerns*

Lane Buban  
Susan Ebel  
Jacque Ketcham  
Betty Moss  
Elizabeth Muckleroy  
Coleen Murphey  
Bonnie Perry  
Sue Perry  
Peggy Robertson  
Jerry Stratton  
Alyce Super  
Jody Tyson  
Alan Williamson

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rick@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:rick@fumcbrenham.org)

### *April Youth Calendar*

**Sun. April 15th - 5-8pm, Youth in AC**

**Sat. & Sun. April 21st & 22nd – Lake  
Somerville Camping Trip**



**Sun. April 29th - 5-8pm, Youth in AC**

### *THANK YOU!!!!*

*A very heartfelt  
“Thank you” to all of  
you who have pitched  
in and helped out  
during our time  
between custodians  
and those of you who  
see things that need to  
be done and just do  
them. You people are  
amazing and we are  
all so blessed to have  
you in our midst!!!!*



### **Know Anyone we can help?**



**July 12-15<sup>th</sup>** FUMC Brenham will be hosting Big House. Several work groups of junior high students will be here in town to do small mission projects such as landscaping, painting, cleanup etc. If you know someone locally in Washington County who has difficulty doing some maintenance on their home or property and may benefit from some volunteers helping out, please call Rick or the church office **by March 21<sup>st</sup>** so that we may consider them for this special opportunity. Thank you!!!

***SAVE THE DATE!!!!***

***SUNDAY, JUNE 24***



**PALM  
SUNDAY  
&  
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Celebrations**



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