

First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

November 1, 2009

A Message from the Pastors

Harvest Festival is a much-anticipated event in our community and this year's Harvest Festival met or exceeded everyone's expectations. The United Methodist Women (UMW) worked long and hard to make this a fun and successful day. Thank you to all who contributed time and talents, delicious food and beautiful craft items.

While it is true that the annual Harvest Festival raises thousands of dollars to be used to support mission programs in our community and in places far from here, the greatest joy for me is to observe the fellowship that takes place before, during and even after the day of the event. UMW circles gathered to prepare all of the dishes for the meal, to plan and decorate tables, and I am sure there were many other behind-the-scene activities going on. The men lent a hand to carve turkeys and help in any way asked of them. Events like this are important ways members and friends get to know one another better as we work together to support our church and its mission. Some of the best sharing happens when we are engaged together in service. It is truly the church at its best!



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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
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Associate Pastor
Rev. Terry Dougherty
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The fellowship and food were fantastic!

The ladies (and men) all worked hard to keep the plates full!



Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on Friday, November 13. **Deadline for articles is Wednesday, November 11 at noon.** Copies will be available in the Church Offices, the Parlor Breezeway, the Narthex and the Activity Center. The newsletter is also posted electronically on our new website, FUMCBrenham.org. Back issues of the newsletter can also be accessed on the website.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

SUNDAY October 18, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	68
Worship 11:00 a.m.	114
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
Worship Total	252
Sunday School	112
Offering:	\$ 8,583.00

SUNDAY October 25, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	84
Worship 11:00 a.m.	140
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	49
Worship Total	278
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$ 16,971.00

SEPT. INCOME	\$ 44,259.54
SEPT. EXP.	\$ 55,989.77
	(-\$11,730.23)

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
Eunice Glidden
Jim Tom House
Bob Johnston
Alice Limmer
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson

Also in our prayers are the families of

A.Q. Plummer who passed away on October 22.
and
Earl Wiesepape who passed away on October 23.



We enjoyed the trip to the pumpkin patch!

Leaves and Turkeys

This is the month of Thanksgiving so we are spending our chapel time thanking God for all He gives us. The children are young and not all of them understand this concept, however, we are planting lots of little seeds. The children sing of thanks to God for all His critters, for His son Jesus, for the stars that twinkle in the sky, for their parents and families, and for their teachers and school.

The three year olds and the pre-k class will be taking a HUGE field trip to Dewberry Farms on the November 9. They will go through a corn maze, then a pumpkin patch, they see animals that we talk about in the classroom, and are then going to have a picnic lunch. Wow!

Keep your eyes open for the announcement of when we will have our *Christmas Bake Sale*. Any of the women that baked goodies for the *Harvest Festival* are more than welcome to bake for the school! Just let Barbara Killgore, Barb Murphy, any other board member or myself know.



Blessing of the Animals

Our pets received a special blessing from the pastors.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator

KIDS CORNER



OIL RANCH 2009

YOUTH “H.A.L.O” NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com



It's Almost That Time!!!



The youth have been working diligently making decoupage crosses and hearts. Decoupage is the process of putting a covering (i.e. tissue paper, etc.) onto an unfinished piece of wood. Everything turned out great! Some of the items you can hang on a wall, others are on stands, some big, some small, but they are all made by FUMC Youth with tender loving care and will be finished in time to purchase between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will be affordably priced and quantities are limited to what has been made. Be sure to look for us after Thanksgiving between services.

Congratulations to the BHS Cub Band

The Brenham Cubs High School Marching Band beat out five other 4A bands to take first place at the area UIL Marching Band Contest Saturday in Rosenberg. By winning in Rosenberg, the band has earned a spot in the state competition that will be held Tuesday, November 3, at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Performance time is 10:00 a.m. FUMC youth band members are Kara Jurden (percussion), Emily McLemore (tuba), and Eric Ruiz (French horn).

November Youth Calendar

Sunday, November 1 – Game/Movie Night in AC, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 7 – Babysitting Gig in the AC, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 8 – Youth in AC, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15 – Youth in AC, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 22 – Youth in AC, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 29 – No Youth activities

Clifford Brisbin, Bobby Clark and Glenn Goodman constructed a ramp for the Mission House located on Baylor Street so that it will be accessible to all. Thank you!



CHARGE CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. – FUMC ACTIVITY CENTER

Each year, about this time, churches meet with the District Superintendent for the purpose of approving the church budget and lay leadership teams for the coming year. It is also a time to cast forth a vision of the way our church will live out the mission of the United Methodist Church– to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

For the past few years the churches in our area have met for Charge Conference as a “hub.” The other churches in our hub are Bellville, Brenham Circuit (Mount Zion, Pleasant Grove, Richards Grove), Chappell Hill, and Giddings Circuit (Giddings and Paige UMC).

The United Methodist Women will serve a meal immediately following the Charge Conference. It will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with the other congregations in the hub and to experience the connection we share as United Methodists.

Below is a listing of persons who have moved out of the area and are no longer active in our church. A letter was sent to each person last year.

**SECOND READING OF INACTIVE MEMBERS FOR REMOVAL FROM
CHURCH ROLES BY ACTION OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alewine	Ms. Dana Hext
Mr. David Atwood	Ms. Kathleen Hunt
Mr. Gary Averitt	Ms. Elizabeth Liner
Mr. Bruce Barlett	Mr. Rusty Liner
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Behrens	Ms. Mary Mares
Mr. Michael Benold	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Maxfield
Mr. Mike Bergman	Mr. and Mrs. Don McFadyen
Mr. Roger Berhausen	Mrs. Tracy McNicoll
Mr. George Blackburn	Ms. Heather McNicoll
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis	Mr. Mark Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dreschel	Mrs. Peggy Muehlstein
Mr. Eric Dunagan	Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pampell
Miss Laura Duty	Mr. Brad Porch
Mrs. Susan Eastland	Miss Brandy Ravey
Ms. Ernestine Estes	Mrs. Kim Ross
Mr. Kyle Edwards	Mr. Kevin Ambler (Ross)
Ms. Ann Fuelberg	Mr. Kyle Ambler (Ross)
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Galvin	Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Schwake
Mr. Scott Gilpin	Ms. Markalita Trask
Mr. and Mrs. Ken George	Mrs. Victoria Vermillion
Goerig Family	Ms. Jenny Webb
Mrs. Tresa Glass	Mr. David Willits
Mr. Duane Grabarschick	Mr. Donald Willits
Mrs. Lori-Lynn Heidemann	Ms. Betty Wilson
Mrs. Laurie Hendrick	Mrs. Terri Wilson
Ms. Marjorie Herndon	Mr. Brandon Worsham

Letters have been sent to those with contact information – those listed gave no response or the letters mailed were returned by the post office.

FUMC MEMBERS HONORED

Blinn Announces Hall of Honor Inductees

The Blinn College Ex-Students Association recently announced the 2009 Hall of Honor inductees.

Dr. Deanna Alfred has been the Brenham Independent School District assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction since 1989. She is a graduate of Blinn College, the University of Texas, the University of North Texas, and Texas A&M University.

2009 W. R. White Award



Lanella Spinks Gray has served as an unofficial ambassador at Baylor's original campus in Independence, Texas, since 1992. She earned a bachelor's degree in theater and education from Baylor in 1954. When Baylor re-acquired the land where the school's original male campus in Independence was located, the groundwork was laid for Gray's active role in celebrating Baylor's heritage.

Baylor started bringing incoming freshmen to Independence a few years ago as part of the Line Camps program, and since then Gray has helped welcome hundreds of students and educated them on the history of Baylor University. She continues to serve on the Board of Library Advisors, in addition to being a life member of the Baylor Alumni Association and a member of the Baylor Bear Foundation.

Thankful

Being thankful is an attitude of humility.

Being thankful is praising God for being alive.

Being thankful is a learned habit.

Being thankful is being full of thanksgiving.

Being thankful is looking for the good in everyone and everything.

Being thankful is a way to praise God.

Being thankful is being aware there is a God and know He is not me.

Please remember to recycle your empty ink cartridges. You can drop them in the box in the pass-through near the sanctuary or place them in the gray bin in the church office. Rebates from these cartridges are used to offset the expense of office supplies for the CDC and church. Thank you!

November 1, 2009



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus . . ."
Hebrews 12:1

We remember those in our faith who've gone before us: the cloud of witnesses. The imagery of this verse suggests an athletic contest in an amphitheater. The witnesses here are not spectators, but inspiring examples.

J. F. Knox
Myrtle Melcer
Dorothy Iwig
Nola Cummins
Donald Gregg
William Love

Raymond Williamson
Gladys Davis
Robert Crabb
Dorciel McEachern
Charles Crouch, Jr.

Jerry Ann McCasland
Ruby Byrd
A.Q. Plummer
Earl Wiesepepe
Annie Belle Schwartz

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:

Susie Sanclemente
300 West Alamo, Apt. A
Brenham, TX 77833
979-836-3984

Audrey Simpson
1120 Green Street
Brenham, TX 77833
979-836-1545

SoulFeast

Every Wednesday 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 meets in the office area.

Pastor Terry will lead participants in learning and experiencing different ways Christians pray and worship. Group meets in the Sanctuary.

Jr. and Sr. High class
A.C.T.S. for all kids pre-school through 6th grade

Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Emmaus Gathering

Our Church is hosting the November Gathering in our Activity Center on Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m. If you've ever been a pilgrim on a "Walk to Emmaus" weekend, please bring your favorite **Mexican food dish** and join us for an evening of fellowship and worship. Our very own "Celebration" Praise band will be playing music for the service. Wear your lanyard and bring your blue and purple books. We hope to see all of ya'll there. For more information, contact Patrice Summerour at (979)451-5415.



UMW General Meeting

Be sure to join the ladies of the United Methodist Women for their General Meeting on Tuesday morning, November 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Special Guest Speaker will be Bettye Beason from Seabrook United Methodist Church and she will be hosting a program on *Mary and Martha*.

This will be an interesting presentation and everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Be sure to check our website FUMCBrenham.org for calendar updates! There's always something interesting happening at FUMC!

FUMC T-Shirts

Do you have a First United Methodist T-shirt? June Ross and Marianne Nelms will be taking orders for T-shirts, polo shirts and denim shirts starting on November 1 at the New Member Celebration Luncheon. In addition, a table will be set up for taking orders on the following Sundays – November 8 and November 15 – after Sunday School and before the 11:00 church service. The sign-up table will be located in the covered walkway outside of the Parlor. Order forms can also be picked up in the church offices. Please plan to pay when your order is placed. Prices vary depending on the style of shirt you would like to have. Any questions call either June Ross at 421-9077 or Marianne Nelms at 836-0053.



SMILE! Olan Mills is Back!

There was a big turn out for pictures last month, yet a number of people were unable to have their photo taking for the new church directory. If you were unavailable for pictures for the last month, Olan Mills will be back on Wednesday, November 18. Please call the church office to sign up. This will be our last opportunity for pictures for the new church directory.

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.

NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 12:00 pm New Member Luncheon/AC 1:00 pm Confirmation Class / FH 2:30 pm Brenham Rest Home 3:30 pm Kruse Village 5:00 pm Youth Game Night / AC	2 9:00 am Bible Study / FH 7:00 pm Administrative Council Mtg/FR	3 9:00 am UMW Exec Mtg/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC 11:30 am Yoga/ AC	4 1:00 pm CARE / Library 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	5 8:00 am Missions Trip to Waco / Meet at AC	6 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	7 10:00 am Emmaus / Library 4:00 pm Emmaus Gathering / AC and Sanctuary 5:00 pm Youth Baby Sitting / AC
8 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth / AC	9 1:00 pm CDC Ad Board Meeting / Library 1:00 pm BVCOG Interfaith Preparedness Workshop/AC	10 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group/ Mission House 5:30 pm Mission Brenham	11 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 6:00 pm A.C.T.S. /AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	12 8:00 am CDC Pie Bake/AC 6:30 pm UMM/AC	13 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	14
15 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 3:30 pm Charge Conference/AC 5:00 pm Youth / AC	16	17 Circle Meetings 9:30am Smith/Newman Post/Cummings Murphey/Chance 12:00 pm Susanna/Summerour 6:30 pm Wesleyan/FH 11:30 am Yoga / A	18 3:00pm Olan Mills - Picture Makeup Day 6:00 pm A.C.T.S. /AC 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm -Choir NO BAND TONIGHT	19	20 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	21
22 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth / AC	23 8:00 am CDC Pie Bake/AC	24 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group/MH 5:00 p.m. Evangelism/FR 6:30pm Trustees/FR	25 11:30 am CDC Thanksgiving Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir NO BAND TONIGHT	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH	30	Dec. 1 9:00 am UMW Exec Mtg/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC 11:30 am Yoga/ AC	Dec. 2 1:00 pm CARE / Library 6:00 pm A.C.T.S. /AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band	Dec. 3	Dec. 4 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	Dec. 5 7:00 am A.C.T.S. Rehearsal / AC



TRIP TO METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The Methodist Children's Home is a non-profit child care ministry affiliated with the seven United Methodist Annual Conferences of Texas and New Mexico. Founded in 1890, the Home began as an orphanage and has developed into a comprehensive program of care. The Home serves more than 1,000 children daily through residential care, a Boys Ranch, foster care and a college program.

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 to meet at 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen of the Activity Center and have breakfast together 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).

To learn more about the home, please visit their website. It has so much valuable information for you to discover: <http://www.methodistchildrenshome.org/index.html> Please let the church office know by Tuesday, November 3, if you intend to participate in this trip.

Click on the link on the [FUMCBrenham.org](http://www.methodistchildrenshome.org/index.html) homepage to be a FUMC Brenham Facebook Fan

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