



# First United Methodist Church

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*Open Hearts. . .  
Open Minds. . .  
Open Doors. . .*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

7:30 a.m. Refreshments in the Parlor (all morning)  
8:15 A.M. Worship in the Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center  
9:00 a.m. Celebration Service In the Activity Center  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*Nursery care provided*

The 11:00 service is Broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 And Channel 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Lead  
pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate  
pastortj@fumcbrenham.org

Greetings Friends,

The Advent season is upon us. As someone reminded me in worship yesterday, the First Sunday in Advent is December 3 and it's going to go fast after that point. We have a jam-packed Advent season this year and *I'd like to give you some information and then issue a challenge.*

### The information is simple: Our December worship schedule.

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, and 24 are all Advent Sundays (get ready for Christ's birth)  
Monday, December 4, begin looking for a post card that will publicize the Christmas Extravaganza to be delivered to your home. We've arranged to have customized post cards delivered to 5000 homes in the Brenham zip code. Hopefully this will alert the community to the event and get them excited about attending!

Sunday, December 17 is the Christmas Extravaganza and in a nutshell:

8-10 a.m. Production Rehearsal (This is for people in the production so if you're not singing or playing an instrument, this is not for you.)

10:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast served in the Black Box Theatre at Blinn College. Our Worship Committee is hosting this! Come and enjoy a muffin and coffee or juice!  
*This will also be the ideal time to greet folks from outside our congregation and tell them how much we'd love to have them involved in our ministries!*

11:00 a.m. – Christmas Extravaganza Presentation in the WW O'Donnell Performing Arts Center at Blinn College. Yes, we'll be lighting the Advent Wreath and yes, we'll be praying and reading scripture and telling the story of Jesus' birth.

Sunday Morning, December 24 we'll celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at *all three services, 8:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.* in the Sanctuary/Activity Center.

Sunday Evening, Christmas Eve we'll have a Celebration worship service at 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center and a Traditional worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Both will include candlelight and communion.

Sunday, December 31, we will celebrate with one worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### **Come and enjoy! Worship and be encouraged! Invite others to join us for all these dates!**

Now, for the challenge. For the season of Advent, December 3 through 24, I'm instituting a spiritual fast for all FUMC Brenham members, friends, staff & clergy. It will not be a fast from food or drink but rather a fast from negative thinking and speaking. Refrain, at least for the weeks of Advent, from unfair or unjustified cruel thoughts (especially) toward others in our congregation. Likewise, when you are tempted to speak harshly, unkindly, over critically, JUST DON'T DO IT. Replace the negativity with a positive thought/comment or a prayer that asks for encouragement and unity within our church.

Why this challenge? I'm instituting this spiritual fast because I believe we would do well to take advantage of the warmth and love of the Advent season by calling ourselves into account for building one another up in love, appreciation and mutual respect. There are so many ways we can be divided from one another and it's simply not necessary. We are a beautiful tapestry of generations, abilities, experience, love for God and neighbor, spiritual maturity...the list could go on. We have been placed here by God in this particular place of Brenham, at this particular time and with particular gifts we have to offer for God's ministry. Let's allow ourselves to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as we participate in this fast. Think of it this way: it's our Christmas gift back to God.

Grace & Peace, **Pastor Bobbie**



**Sunday October 1, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	81
9:00 Celebration:	54
11:00 Worship	75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>211</b>
Sunday School:	93
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$6,826.00</b>

**Sunday October 8, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	68
9:00 Celebration:	58
11:00 Worship	85
<b>Total:</b>	<b>212</b>
Sunday School:	64
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$18,104.00</b>

**Sunday October 15, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	54
9:00 Celebration:	73
11:00 Worship	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>198</b>
Sunday School:	65
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$7,867.00</b>

**Sunday October 22, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	51
9:00 Celebration:	62
11:00 Worship	57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>172</b>
Sunday School:	54
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$6,341.00</b>

**Sunday October 29, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	65
9:00 Celebration:	54
11:00 Worship	76
<b>Total:</b>	<b>198</b>
Sunday School:	78
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$9,706.00</b>



*Prayer Concerns*

Luene Harmer  
 Bob Jenkins  
 Steve Haley  
 Mike Kalil  
 Jim Clements  
 Darlene Wyatt  
 Gretchen Nobels  
 Ann Bevers  
 Frank Tyson  
 Debra Healy  
 Ed & Barbara Baker  
 Clifford & Betty Brisbin  
 Glenn Amerson

Joyce Whitehead  
 Hannah Smith  
 Kathi Ivy  
 Alan Williamson  
 Bud & Marshia Foster  
 Phil DuVal  
 Marjorie Reed

Our homebound members and Those serving in the military.



**Sunday November 5, 2017**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	71
9:00 Celebration:	72
11:00 Worship	98
<b>Total:</b>	<b>243</b>
Sunday School:	72
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$15,262.00</b>

**October Totals**

Income:	\$54,935.00
Expense:	\$55,053.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$118.00)</b>

**YTD Totals**

Income:	\$494,728.00
Expense:	\$539,357.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$44,628.00)</b>

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in the Harvest Festival Silent Action!

***The Silent Auction Committee***



Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:fumc@fumcbrenham.org) or 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.







# Trunk or Treat AND



# CHILI COOK-OFF

- 1st Place: Perry Ratcliff
- 2nd Place: Ran Newman
- 3rd Place: Beth Williams
- Taster's Choice Award: Beth Williams

## Christmas EXTRAVAGANZA

### Instrument Rehearsal Schedule

Dates for Instrumentalists	Time	Location
Sun. Nov 12	5:00-6:00	HS Band hall
Sun. Dec. 3	6:00-7:30	TBA
Sun. Dec 10	1:00-2:00	TBA
Wed. Dec 13 - both	6:30-8:30	Activity Ctr
Sun Dec 17	9:00	Blinn stage



**JUNE 2-9, 2018**  
**NASHVILLE, TN**  
 Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
**\$100 Deposit Due Nov 19**



**JULY 12-15, 2018**  
 TBA  
 Current 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
 \$60 Deposit is now past due so if you  
 want to attend contact Jennifer ASAP

**Donations**

**Received**

In memory of  
**Frances Parker**

By

George Casey  
Tom & Carol Ann Post  
Fredericka DeBerry  
Gary & Kay Ivy  
FUMC Chancel Choir

In memory of  
**Velda Maltas**

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post

**Donations**

**Received**

In memory of  
**Warren Sallach**

By

Norman & Joyce Medow

In memory of  
**Sandy Delgado**

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post

In memory of  
**Jeffrey Janner**

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post  
Don & Mary Wilhelm  
Gary & Kay Ivy  
Larry & Konnie Thomas

**Donations**

**Received**

In memory of  
**Rev. Sam Duree**

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post  
Jerry & Patty Stratton  
Bill & Jo Powell  
Louise Goodrich  
Donald & Gwen Spiess  
Don & Mary Wilhelm  
Tom & Susan Scanio  
Barbara Ponder  
Brooks & Nona Taylor  
Gary & Kay Ivy  
Larry & Konnie Thomas  
Keith & Carolyn Hale

Thank you for all the members who serve the church faithfully! We appreciate you. If you are not currently serving, please prayerfully consider nominating yourself for a service area. Below is a list of ministry areas with openings:

\*Evangelism – Outreach to the unchurched, welcoming and guest ministry.

\*\*Stewardship – Planning and executing the stewardship education and campaigns for the congregation.

\*Missions – Service projects and trips, support for service agencies through the United Methodist Church and the larger community. Assisting the underprivileged.

\*Worship – Planning and creating an atmosphere of worship through lay readers, acolytes, worship arts, communion, and seasonal events.

\*\*Nominations & Leadership Development – Identification, education and nurturing of church leadership.

Lay Leader – This individual works very closely with the pastor in the spiritual life of the church, administration, and communication. The Lay Leader serves on the Board of Trustees, Administrative Council, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and Nominations & Development. The Lay Leader is heavily involved in setting the church's vision and the ministries to support that vision.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – For each clergy person appointed to a congregation there is elected from the congregation a lay person to attend annual conference (May), serve on Staff Parish Relations Committee, and Nominations and Leadership. The Lay Delegate is key in bridging the annual conference with the local church.

\*Meets every other month

\*\*Meets several times during the summer and fall



## Remove by Action of Charge Conference 2017

### *Name*

Connaroe, Adam
Garrison, Darrell
Garrison, Lamoyne
Barnes, Lauri
Burkhart, Darrell
Burkhart, Gill
Burkart, Lisa
Copelin, Kevan
Dillard, John
Dukes, Scott
Eckert, Renee
Fox, Dorothy
Gregor, Kaci
Hogan, Richard
Hogan, Liz
*Hogan, Ben
Johnson, Herbert
Johnson, Barbara
*Johnson, Bethany
Johnson, Michele S. Higgs
Janak, Lisa
Knebel, Melissa
Kubos, Harris Sr.
Kubos, Mimi
Linstrum, Karen
Lonero, Larry
Lonero, Cheryl
*Lonero, Sarah
Love, Sonya
*Love, Miranda
Mason, Julius
Mass, Christopher
Mass, Tadd
Meadows, Ruthann
McLaughlin, Janet
Morris, Dawn
*Morris, Amanda
Pagan, Darla
Pomeroy, Paul
Pomykal, Kenneth
*Pomykal, Tanya
Powell, Tena

### *Name*

Price, Robert
Rodenbeck, Nicki
Rogers, Brent
Rogers, Krista
Rozypal, Bonnie
*Rozypal, Ryan
*Rozypal, Reagan
Rutherford, Eddie
Schnebly, Cindy
Sharp, Gail
*Sharp, Christopher
Spinn, Margie
Spinn, Mark
*Spinn, June
Stilson, Emily
Struthers, Nathan
Tannahill, Patty
Thornton, Karen
Williams, Andrew
Williamson, Karen
*Williamson, Chandler

Please help us with contact information for the following church members. We have attempted to contact them but have been unsuccessful. If you have current contact information on any of these individuals, or reasons why they should not be removed from the membership list, please contact the church office at 979-836-2008, thanks.

### **Christmas 2017**

with



and the


[State Supported Living Center](#)

Our annual support for these two outreach ministries starts on Sunday, November 19th. That is the day when you will be able to select an "ornament" with a gift suggestion for either a child of an incarcerated parent or a resident at the Living Center. These gifts, at a cost of between \$15.00 and \$25.00, help share the love of Christ.

Dates to remember:

- November 19 and November 26 - select an ornament from the tree
- December 3 - on or before have the **unwrapped** Living Center gift to FUMC
- December 10 - on or before have the **wrapped** Angel Tree gift to FUMC
- December 17 - 21 - help deliver the Angel Tree gifts

# NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <i>All Saints Day</i> <b>10:00</b> Worship/ FR <b>6:45</b> DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR <b>7:00</b> Cantata Rehearsal/ CR <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir/ CR Praise Band/AC	<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/AC <b>5:30</b> Exercise Class/ FH	<b>3</b> <b>9:00</b> Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>6</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blin <b>6:30</b> Trustees/ FR	<b>7</b> <b>8:45</b> UMW Exec./ FR <b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC	<b>8</b> <b>6:00</b> Evangelism/ FR <b>6:45</b> DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR <b>7:00</b> Cantata Rehearsal/ CR <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir/ CR Praise Band/AC	<b>9</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/AC <b>5:30</b> Exercise Class/ FH <b>6:30</b> UMM/ AC	<b>10</b> <b>9:00</b> Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>4:00</b> Charge Conference/ Christ UMC College Station <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>13</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blin <b>1:30</b> CDC Board/ Library <b>6:00</b> Missions/ FR <b>7:00</b> Admin. Council/ FR	<b>14</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH <b>12:00</b> Susanna Circle/ Summerour	<b>15</b> <b>6:45</b> DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR <b>7:00</b> Cantata Rehearsal/ CR <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir/ CR Praise Band/AC	<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/AC <b>5:30</b> Exercise Class/ FH <b>6:00</b> CDC Thanksgiving	<b>17</b> <b>9:00</b> Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>6:00</b> Area Wide Thanksgiving/ The Cannery UMYF/ AC	<b>20</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>21</b> <b>9:30</b> Hinners Circle / Duree Healy Circle/ FH Amerson Circle/Stratton <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan Circle/ FH	<b>22</b> <i>Offices Closed</i>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> <i>Offices Closed</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>4:00</b> Advent Sanctuary Dressing	<b>27</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>29</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	<b>29</b> <b>1:00</b> Care Team/ FR <b>6:45</b> DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR <b>7:00</b> Cantata Rehearsal/ CR <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir/ CR Praise Band/AC	<b>30</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/AC <b>5:30</b> Exercise Class/ FH		

## Help Supply Goodies for Our College Students!

The children and youth will be putting together "Goodie Bags" for our college students as they approach their final exams. Please donate any of the following items by **Sunday, Dec 3 BEFORE the Sunday School hour**. You can bring your items to the church office or to the Activity Center. These items will go to our current Wesley students at Blinn students and our former youth off at college.

### Suggested Items:

juice boxes	pretzels	stress balls
small water bottles	jerky	silly putty/slime
candy/pre-packaged desserts	nuts mixes	\$5 gift cards/coupons to fast food
chips/crackers	pens/pencils	homemade items



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