



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

July 15, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

*Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 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." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42*

One of the great things about summer is having the time to visit with family and friends. There is so much to do to get ready to travel – especially if there are children involved. If you have been the destination place for visiting family and friends you know already about the long list of chores to do before, during and after the arrival of your guests.

Have you ever gotten so involved in preparations for guests and trying to meet their real or perceived expectations that you wind up not paying as much attention as you should to *them*? After your guests arrive do you spend time just simply enjoying the visit or does it seem that all your time is spent in the other room doing dishes? What would happen if no one paid attention to the meals or sleeping arrangements?

Before we are too hard on Martha, stop and think about all the work that goes on at the church behind the scenes. We love to gather for fellowship and meals and that requires planning, preparation and clean-up. Yet I wonder how many of you have missed a wonderful program because you never came out of the church kitchen.

Both Mary and Martha loved Jesus. In this story, Jesus reminds us that our efforts and deeds are to be balanced and even nourished by times of doing absolutely nothing but sitting and being with God.

## Summer Taize Prayer Service

July 25 and August 22

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### What is Taize Prayer?

Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song, scripture readings, prayer and silence. Through Taize, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within. Everyone is welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Brenda Bebee is no longer in the FUMC office. Ashley Abbey has agreed to fill in as receptionist until the position is filled. The church office will be closed at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few weeks.

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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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Rev. Terry Dougherty  
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**SUNDAY July 4, 2010**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	58
Worship 11:00 a.m.	98
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	35
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>191</b>
Sunday School	66
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 18,476.50</b>

**SUNDAY July 11, 2010**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	80
Worship 11:00 a.m.	100
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	56
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>241</b>
Sunday School	88
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 16,205.02</b>

**Below are the corrected numbers  
for the July 1 Newsletter**

<b>JUNE INCOME</b>	<b>\$44,875.32</b>
<b>JUNE EXP.</b>	<b>\$58,815.88</b>
	<b>(\$13,940.56)</b>
<b>YTD INCOME</b>	<b>\$315,908.13</b>
<b>YTD. EXP.</b>	<b>\$340,090.79</b>
	<b>(\$24,182. 66)</b>

*Prayer Concerns*



- Linda Beard
- Calvin Beckendorf
- Elmo Davis
- Eunice Glidden
- Robert Hickey
- Bob Johnston
- Lew Lewellyn
- Alice Limmer
- Marti McLemore
- Bob Perry
- Peggy Robertson
- Robert Smith
- Howard and Johnnye Van Hook
- Eugene Vanderworth

**METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661 or [Carole@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Carole@FUMCBrenham.org)

**Happy Days are Here Again**

Ah, those hazy crazy days of summer! We should rephrase that as those hot, muggy and rainy days of summer. The children were unable to have their Water Day this past two Fridays because of the rain but hopefully we will be back in full swing the rest of the month.

This month is taken up with Sports, Science, Music and Hawaiian Camps. Since the week of the July 12-16 is Science week, we expect things to disappear and explode!

The Teddy Bears and the Rain Forest groups are going to the movies on the July 14 to see Toy Story 3. That sounds like a great field trip.

During Music camp the children will be involved with all types of musical instruments. Not only will they listen to the different types of music but they will also make instruments.

Hawaiian Week is going to be filled with grass skirts and leis and information about the 49<sup>th</sup> state.

We continue to do what we do during the summer which is having a laid back atmosphere in the CDC. Meanwhile the office is busy at work preparing for the fall of 2010.



*Pictured are Cohen, Waylon, Nick, Kylah and Tyler celebrating July 4th*

**New Address and Phone**

Please make changes in your address book for:  
Regina Terry  
1211 Foothill Drive  
Champaign, IL 61821  
217-377-1892

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

# KIDS CORNER



**Attention!!**  
**All PreKers -**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Graders**  
(just completed)



## WATER FUN DAY

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 3 – 4 p.m.**  
**Church Lawn**

Wear your bathing suit & bring a towel! We are gonna have a fun & wet time. If you have a sprinkler or slip n slide you can bring please let me know by email [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org). Bring a friend!!

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY  
FOR WORSHIP,  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

## ATTENTION!!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
(just completed)

## MESSY GAME DAY

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 p.m.**

Wear clothes you don't mind throwing away when we are done!

Location TBA

I am looking for parents help and for someone to host this event in their back yard. Please contact Jennifer if you can attend and if you would like to host the event. Note: your backyard will covered in biodegradable "stuff" when we are done.

A Look Ahead...

**August 22**

## EDUCATION SUNDAY

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Third Graders receive Bibles
- Honor our Teachers
- Back to School Parties in Children's Sunday School Classes



I am currently updating our information for our children's ministry. Please email me your child's birthday, updated email, phone numbers, etc. at [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org)

# YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)

## Youth Summer Trip

What a wonderful trip it was! As many of you know, the youth went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, this past week after a stop-off in Arlington, Texas, where we took in a Rangers game and fellowshipped with people from Martin UMC in Bedford.

This trip was different from those mission trips we had taken the past couple of years. This trip helped us to explore the gifts given to us and how we should use them. The study was in movie/discussion form and I think, hope and pray that our youth continue to act on what they learned this past week.

What a blessing it was to go to Eureka Springs. Although it rained a lot throughout our stay, it didn't dampen the enjoyment of one of the most beautiful places many of us have ever seen. We saw "The Great Passion Play" which was a live reenactment of Jesus' last days. What a blessing to have this opportunity!

We took a ton of pictures too! We are going to put these pictures together and you will be able to see them outside of all the services on a computer soon!

The youth and I would also like to express our deepest gratitude to our church family for supporting us giving us these opportunities to grown in faith and have fun doing it! Rick and the Youth

### July Youth Calendar

(\*\*Please note some dates have changed\*\*)

Monday, July 19: 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Surprise! Surprise – Local Service Project!

Wednesday, July 21: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Pool Party at the Summerour's

Tuesday, July 27: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Trip to Bolivar Peninsula

Thursday, July 29: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Cooking Class #4 in the AC

**A Quick Note: The Youth will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Wash on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.**



Everyone is invited to join us for the  
The 21st Annual District Hymn Sing  
and Ice Cream Social  
Sunday, August 15, 2010  
at 6:00 p.m.

at Christ UMC in College Station  
*Please call the church office if you would like to  
caravan together*





## A Good and Generous Nation

Bishop Janice Riggle Huie – June 30, 2010

This Sunday our nation will celebrate its 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence. We will remember stories from our past, some on a grand scale but some more personal. Each of us has a heritage that unfolds within a broader context of history. Thanks to my sister Patty, we have learned more about our own family history in recent years. The Orts family came to America in the 1850s as German immigrants. Economic conditions in Germany were extremely difficult. There were more people than jobs. Military service was compulsory. Opportunities were scarce. Thousands of people—mostly young men—braved the trip across the Atlantic to come to America.

Over a period of 30 years, five Orts brothers arrived in Texas seeking a better life. They were neither well educated nor highly skilled—mostly farmers and carpenters. The first to arrive was George who docked in Galveston in 1854. He settled in Bastrop. One by one, other brothers followed—each helping the next one to settle. August (our direct ancestor) and his wife arrived in 1863 during the Civil War. They left their one-year-old son in Germany until they could build a better life here. The parents weren't re-united with their son until six years later when the maternal grandmother arrived in Texas with the boy. While the Orts family came to Texas as nominal Lutherans, they were converted by German-speaking Methodist circuit riders who established Methodist churches in the area around Bastrop and Gonzales.

The Orts immigrants didn't expect an easy life as evidenced by the letters they wrote back to Germany. However, they were willing to work hard and make sacrifices on behalf of a better life for themselves and their children. This July 4<sup>th</sup> I will give thanks for a nation and a church which welcomed my family as immigrants.

At the same time, I am deeply aware that current issues of immigration have impacted our nation and our church at many levels. I frequently hear accounts of today's immigrants who relate their own stories of hope and heartache, struggle and success. At the same time, I hear many cries of complaint against those who "come here illegally."

Emotions run high along a continuum that represents all points of view. I continue to believe that people, across the spectrum of beliefs and convictions about immigration, are people of good will. Yet, as we have seen in the wake of the recent passage of the Arizona law and the violence along our U. S.-Mexican border, the immigration debate is dividing us not only as a nation, but also within our own United Methodist Church.

I believe that immigration is deeply spiritual and moral issue. Over and over again, the Scriptures encourage us to welcome the stranger, provide hospitality for those who may be different from us, and to care for the least of these. I think of Abraham welcoming the three strangers, the Good Samaritan caring for the wounded man of a different ethnic group, the parable of the Last Judgment, and many more. The lectionary readings from Luke this summer emphasize hospitality as a defining mark for a disciple of Jesus.

For almost a year I have joined with faith leaders from the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and other Protestant denomination—along with key Jewish leaders—in occasions of prayer and conversation around this issue. I encourage you to engage in conversation as well. Begin with Scripture and prayer. Remember or discover your family's story of coming to America. Read carefully the whole statement that the Houston faith leaders have signed. Talk with your pastor. Listen to voices on all sides of this issue. Practice clear, calm conversation. Pray that our beloved nation will find a way to welcome the stranger even as Christ welcomes us.

Along with other faith leaders in Houston, I believe:

"As people of faith, we see in the faces and hear in the voices of the immigrants in our midst, the image of God. The dignity inherent in us all is clouded, diminished every time one of God's own suffers from poverty and want, or from oppression of any kind. We pray for, and commit to continue to act toward, a comprehensive immigration policy that protects families, provides an avenue for the undocumented to come out of the shadows, that punishes those who exploit the immigrant, and yes, secures our borders from those who would do us harm. Even though we come from many and varied faith communities, we are united in our belief that this great nation is big enough, generous enough and good enough to welcome stranger in our shores—those who come here for a better life."\*

Have a blessed Fourth of July and may God bless America.

Grace and peace,  
Janice Riggle Huie



## My Story

In Psalms 145:8 it reads “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and loving kindness”. May we, who profess to be Christians, follow this admission and follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. S. Hinners

*“Evangelism” means sharing God’s Good News. The Evangelism Ministry Team invites you to share “Your Story” with the church. Here are a few questions to get you started:*

*How did you come to know Jesus Christ and what difference has knowing Him made in your life?*

*Tell about a particular time in your life when God’s presence made a huge difference in overcoming a difficult situation.*

*What is the meaning of prayer in your life? How have you seen God answer your prayer?*

*You can submit your story to the church office any time. The size of the story is not important – short or longer, the testimony you are willing to share with others will help remind others of God’s immeasurable love.*




## **MISSION PROJECT UPDATE: Faith Mission Apartment Refurbishing on Botts Street**

Work this past week consisted of three days, not the usual one. The entire apartment floor, which is concrete, has been painted. The old kitchen linoleum was sanded and prepared for new vinyl tile squares. The new tile has been installed. The final punch list is short; we're almost finished.

We'll make the apartment available for anyone to come see what we did. We're proud of what we did and we want to show it off! When we are completely finished, we would like to have anyone interested over to come and see it.



# July 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC  <b>3:00</b> Youth – Local Service Project	<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Independence Day  	<b>5</b> Independence Day Observed – Church Offices Closed Today  Youth Summer Trip	<b>6</b> No UMW Meeting  Youth Summer Trip	<b>7</b> Youth Summer Trip  <b>1:00</b> CARE / Library  <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Youth Summer Trip  <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC  <b>6:30</b> UMM / AC	<b>9</b> Youth Summer Trip  <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library  <b>2:00</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>10</b> Youth Summer Trip
<b>11</b> Youth Summer Trip	<b>12</b> <b>1:00</b> CDC Ad Board Meeting / Library  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>13</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group / MH	<b>14</b> <b>7:00</b> Youth Cooking Class #3 / AC	<b>15</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC	<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>2:00</b> J.O.Y. Day Trip to Theatre	<b>19</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Youth – Local Service Project  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>20</b> No Circles – Except: <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan / Brenham House  <b>6:30</b> Trustee Meeting / FR	<b>21</b> <b>10:00</b> UMW Exec Meeting / Library  <b>11:30</b> Youth Pool Party  Office Closed at <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC	<b>23</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library  Office Closed at <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8:00</b> Emmaus / AC
<b>25</b> <b>3:00</b> Water Fun Day / TBA  <b>7:00</b> Taize Prayer Service / Sanctuary	<b>26</b> <b>3:00</b> 42 / Mission  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>27</b> <b>9:00</b> Youth – Trip to Bolivar Peninsula  <b>9:00</b> Card Group / MH  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC  Office Closed at <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>29</b> <b>NO YOGA TODAY</b>  <b>9:00</b> Youth Cooking Class #4 / AC	<b>30</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library  Office Closed at <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>31</b>

## Mt. Zion UMC Bar-B-Que Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, July 24 starting at 10:00 a.m. until ???  
 At the Mt. Zion Fellowship Hall – 500 High Street – Brenham, TX  
 Stop by and get a plate with all the trimmings! Only \$7.00 per plate  
 For more information, please call Linda Toliver at 836-6744.  
 For Delivery, call 836-6579



# United Methodist Women Gala

August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center

Everyone is Invited

Be sure to bring a Friend!

Entertainment by Van Miller

Meal is being provided by

United Methodist Women

The Gala is an annual event hosted by UMW

This year's theme is "***Black and White***"

Please mark this date on your calendar

Reservations are required by July 27<sup>th</sup>

RSVP: Florence Julian 337-9344 or email [djulian@intergate.com](mailto:djulian@intergate.com) before July 27

or you may also contact the church office to RSVP

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