



First United Methodist Church

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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. Kay Reed
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On a car ride home from the beach a few weeks ago, my family listened to the audio book *Heaven is For Real* by Pastor Todd Burpo. It was a powerful book on many levels, and I was glad I could share the experience with my kids. Kevin & I could relate to many aspects of this book - especially after spending almost a week in the hospital with Max last spring. I was inspired by so many aspects of what the little boy, Colton, remembered about his 'heavenly' experience. One part that personally jumped out to me was when Colton relayed a message to his father from Jesus:

"...he [Colton] talked constantly about how much Jesus loves the children. I mean constantly. He would wake up in the morning and tell me: "Hey Dad, Jesus told me to tell you, He really loves the children." Over dinner at night: "Remember, Jesus really loves the children." Before bed, as I helped him brush his teeth, "Hey Daddy don't forget, Jesus said He really, really loves the children!" We might have grown weary of Colton's nonstop message about Jesus' love for kids, but it did transform the way we approached children's ministry in our church. "

Pastor Burpo continued to talk about being denied by people when he asked them to be a children's Sunday School teacher and becoming frustrated. However, now he said he has a stronger message for folks when they would give him the usual excuses why they couldn't help: *"...I lovingly reminded people that Jesus clearly viewed children as precious – and that if he loved kids enough to say adults should be more like them, we should spend more time loving them too."*

I LOVE the children's ministry at our church! We have amazing Sunday school teachers, VBS volunteers, A.C.T.S. helpers and Children's Church leaders. Our children's program has grown not only in number but in service and discipleship. I have seen men and women be inspired by our children and be astounded by their faith and their questions. Sometimes we forget about that child-like faith because we haven't spent a whole lot of time with them or listened to their message of faith. Just think about what we could be missing!

I would like to give each of you an opportunity to spend more time with our children. I have many ways you can help out and at whatever comfort level. I currently have all the Sunday School teachers for the school year, but you could be a helper in one of the classes. I do need more volunteers to help in our Children's Church program. It is wonderful time (9:30-10:00am Sundays) to share the pastor's scripture message with children at their level. If you want to ask a current leader more about it, ask Nita Hyatt or Libby Kiecke - they are some of our fantastic Children's Church leaders. Please email me or call me in the office if you would like more info on ANY of our children's programs. And remember what Jesus said – *He really loves the children!*

In God's Grace,
Jennifer Patrick

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Friday, Sept. 9, 2011 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to 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.



METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY August 14, 2011 Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	127
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	42
Worship Total	249
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$ 11,091.00

SUNDAY August 21, 2011 Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	88
Worship 11:00 a.m.	130
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	35
Worship Total	255
Sunday School	116
Offering:	\$ 12,432.80

SUNDAY August 28, 2011 Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	153
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
Worship Total	298
Sunday School	143
Offering:	\$ 10,632.51

JULY TOTALS

July Income:	\$55,523.67
July Expense:	\$57,809.82
July Total:	(\$2,286.15)

YEAR TO DATE

YTD Income:	\$350,041.21
YTD Expense:	\$395,062.10
YTD Total:	(\$45,020.89)

Welcome Back!!!

September is the month for meeting new friends and learning new things about ourselves. This month the children will be learning about families, school and dinosaurs.

The CDC will be closed Sept. 5th

Open House

Wednesday, Sept 7th
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Fall Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Thursday, Sept. 29th

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Salad Garlic Bread Brownie

Tickets will be available Sept. 12th in the Church office or CDC office. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Ashley

***Thank you to the church members who volunteered to give the CDC hallway a fresh new look.

Upper Rooms

The September and October editions are now available in the sanctuary and church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org



**CHURCH-WIDE
EVENT @FUMC
SEPTEMBER 18TH
10:00AM
WORSHIP SERVICES@
8:25, 9 ON THE GO, & 11**


**Get Connected
@FUMCBrenham**

face painting **games** **crafts**
brunch **Dunking Booth** *Bring a friend!!*

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

September Youth Schedule

Sun., August 28th - 5-8pm - Youth Kickoff in AC/Around town

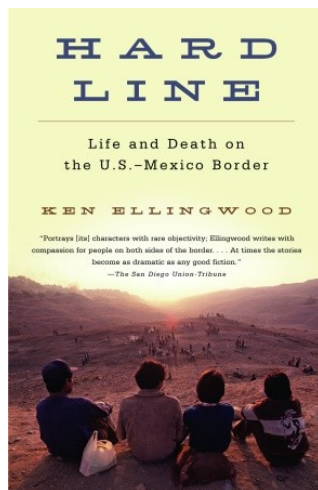
Sun., September 4th - 5-8pm - Youth in AC

Sun., September 11th - 5-8pm - Bowling

Sun., September 18th - 5-8pm - Youth in AC

Sun., September 25th - 5-8pm - Movie & Lesson

The youth would like to welcome all of the recent confirmands who will be joining youth this fall. Remember youth and parents...you are the future of the Methodist church! Your presence at church and youth is so important to keeping our commitment as Christians to being the Body of Christ.



Church Book Read

The next Church Book Read will be Oct.13th in the Fellowship House at 1:30. The selected book to read and discuss is "Hard Line" by Ken Ellingwood. The book is in the church library or you can buy the book to read before our meeting. The book concerns the history of immigration on the southern border of the U.S. Everyone is welcome to join this interesting group. Please call Jo Powell for more info. 836-8171

Handbells

The Handbell Choir will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come by if you are interested or would just like to check it out. We would love to have you. For more information contact Kay Reed at 836-2008.



Education Sunday 2011

Third Graders
Receive
Bibles



Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Commissioning of
Sunday School Teachers



UMM Drive Thru BBQ



Harvest Festival News:

It may not feel like it, but fall is right around the corner and so is Harvest Festival. That means there is lots of scheduling and planning to be done, so I encourage all UMW members and anyone interested in helping with Harvest Festival to attend the UMW meeting Sept. 6th at 9:30 in the activity center. This is a very important and informative meeting regarding the Harvest Festival, Country Store & Silent Auction. Circle packets will be handed out, there will be sign up sheets for making the dressing, info for Country Store and Silent Auction will be discussed. Please start thinking about items for the Silent Auction, things you may have at home or things you know someone would donate. If you have any questions regarding Silent Auction you can contact Audrey Boney at 830-8057. Or the Country Store is always looking for donations of cakes, pies, cookies, and other homemade items. Please keep this in mind in the coming weeks.

There are many ways to help with Harvest Festival and I encourage anyone who would like to participate or get more info to attend the Sept. 6th meeting, be watching the newsletter for updates, or give me a call at 836-9119.

See you soon!
Kim Limmer



Are you on Facebook? FUMC Brenham is. Go to our page, First United Methodist Church Brenham, and "like" us.



Prayer Concerns

Ed Baker
Mary Holt
Dorothy Baker
Gene Kelm
Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Chuck Springer
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Nancy Atkinson
Jim Hickey
Wanda Lenley
Royalyn Brady
Jackie Ketchem
Anita Goodrich
Kathy Rote
Ryan Singleton
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Betty Moss
Lois Houston
Linda Daugherty
Henry Kitzman Jr.
Julie Rogers
Charlotte Pruitt

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Sign-Up...Sign-Up...Sign-Up

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. FUMC relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for details.

Thanks so much!

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	3
4 5:00 Youth/ AC	5 Offices Closed Labor Day	6 9:30 UMW/ AC 6:30 Nominations Meeting/ FR	7 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	10
11 5:00 Youth/ Bowling	12 1:00 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Evangelism/ FR	13 9:00 Card/ MH	14 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	17
18 Get Connected Sunday/ During Sunday School 10:00 5:00 Youth/ AC	19 3:00 42/ MH	20 9:30 Goodman/ Harmer Smith-Nelms/ FH Banker/ Medow 12:00 Susanna/ AC 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	21 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	24 8:00 Epiphany Training/ AC
25 5:00 Youth-Movie	26 3:00 42/ MH 7:00 Council on Ministries/ FR 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	27 9:00 Card/ MH	28 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	
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Do you know someone whom you would like to *connect* to our church?

Are you a church member but sometimes feel *disconnected*?

Would you like to see our church *connect* more to the world?

SUNDAY, September 18

CHURCH-WIDE BRUNCH

***CHILDREN & YOUTH
ACTIVITIES***

***SHARING OF CHURCH
MINISTRIES***

FELLOWSHIP



Get Connected

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**Join us for 'Get Connected' Sunday
September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the AC
BRING A COVERED DISH for BRUNCH**

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