



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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Things for Which I Am Thankful

At this time every year I start thinking of the things for which I am thankful. Any attempt to list every blessing for which we are thankful will meet with astonishing defeat. However, can we not at least try? Here are just a few things for which I am thankful.

- For the Pilgrims who survived the harsh winter and set aside a day to give thanks.
- For our national leaders who made Thanksgiving Day an official holiday so families could spend a day together and give thanks for the blessings we have received today.
- For the privilege of being alive.
- For the awesome mystery of the changing seasons.
- For Texas sunrises and sunsets.
- For Blue Bell ice cream.
- For popcorn and movies.
- For my car that is paid for.
- For new relationships that are becoming friends.
- For a free pulpit from which to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- For a mother and father and sister and brother and niece and nephew who know me and love me anyway.
- For Brenham, Texas, my home, and for First United Methodist Church my spiritual family.
- For a wonderful church staff and many faithful volunteers.
- For my two puppies Noel and Nicholas.
- For all the thoughtful things you, the members, have done in welcoming me to Brenham.
- For people who believe in me.
- For living in a nation where I don't have to fight for my freedoms.
- For the Lord Jesus whose presence is often more real to me than the things I see and touch.
- For the assurance of forgiveness and eternal life.
- For the deep conviction I have that this life is temporary and that death is only a door to a more abundant life in Christ.
- For not being born a turkey (though some may disagree with me about this).

As you prepare for the holiday season, I hope you will be in worship every Sunday that you are in town. See you Sunday as we worship together and give thanks.

Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thurs., Nov. 17, 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.



SUNDAY October 23, 2011
Church Attendance:

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	178
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	37
Worship Total	286
Sunday School	101
Offering:	\$ 11,711.50

SUNDAY October 30, 2011
Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	139
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	60
Worship Total	279
Sunday School	114
Offering:	\$ 8,563.00

SUNDAY November 6, 2011
Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	53
Worship Total	252
Sunday School	112
Offering:	\$ 13,217.33

OCTOBER TOTALS

Oct. Income:	\$56,535.63
Oct. Expense:	\$58,302.14
Oct. Total:	(\$1,766.51)

YEAR TO DATE

YTD Income:	\$522,596.16
YTD Expense:	\$561,826.36
YTD Total:	(\$39,230.20)



November



Thanksgiving Feast

The Methodist CDC will be having a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 22nd from 11:00 to 12:00. We will be serving Turkey, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, and Pie. The children will be singing a few of their favorite songs.



All parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents are invited.

** Please sign-up how many guests you plan to have attend on the sign-up sheet.



Can Food Drive


The CDC is collecting canned food starting November 7th thru Dec 15th. Donations will go to the Salvation Army.

Volunteers Needed

The church has a member who needs transportation to Houston for medical appointments. If you have questions or are interested in helping please give Pastor Kay a call at the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org



A.C.S.
Children's Musical Theatre Troupe
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX

**It All Happened in
the Country**

Sunday December 4, 2011
6:30 p.m.
in the Activity Center
Dessert Buffet to Follow

For more info email
jennifer@fumcbrenham.org



TRUNK or TREAT
CONGRATULATIONS!

Most Creative Trunk
Carlile's Swamp Theme
Best Trunk Theme
Herzog's Pumpkin Hallow
Theater
Overall Best Trunk
Baker's Haunted Trunk
Best Jack-o-Latern
Rylie Patrick



FAMILY CAROLING

Sunday, December 11
Meet at Noon in the AC

Bring a sack lunch and join us as we share in fellowship and outreach to those in rest homes. After we Christmas carol we will come back for cookies and punch. Bring your friends and family and make this your family's tradition of giving.



YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

November Youth Schedule

November 6 - Youth 5-8pm

November 13 - Youth 5-8pm

November 20 - Youth 5-8pm

November 27 - No Youth



The youth had their 1st Annual Chili Cookoff. The chili was made by the youth and their parents and hopefully next year, it will be a churchwide event. A very "capable" and "select" group of judges from the United Methodist Men had a difficult decision deciding whose chili ranked supreme. The results were:

FIRST PLACE: Nick Summerour and his parents, Patrice & Doug

SECOND PLACE: Allyson Jenkins and her mom, Tiffany

THIRD PLACE: Eric Ruiz and his dad, Rick



CONGRATULATIONS!!!...

To Emily McLemore (tuba) , Eric Ruiz (french horn), and Kara Jurden (percussion) all are FUMC Brenham youth members who are in the Brenham Cub Band. They have made their way through several marching band contests and will now be performing at the State Marching Band Competition on November 7 & 8 in San Antonio!!!



TRUNK OR TREAT



THANK YOU!

We had a FANTASTIC turn out to our 6th Annual Trunk or Treat. There were almost 200 kids and adults participating outside passing out candy and getting the candy. I want to thank EVERYONE who made this event such a success.

- UMM for purchasing and cooking our hotdogs. You are all such a blessing and we all appreciate the time you took to help make this event happen.
- Rick Ruiz and the youth (and parents) for the great Chili Cook-Off. I can't wait to see how many pots we have set up next year!!
- To the Children's Ministry team who helped set up for the event.
- All the church members that came out to pass out candy. It wasn't just a "kid" event and we thank you all for participating.
- To all the parents who brought their families. And a big thank you to the Summerour's and the other parents who stayed late and helped clean up.

I can't wait to see what is store for us next year. Do you know what your trunk's theme will be next year?? To see who won our trunk and jack-o-lantern contest check out the Children's page.

In God's Grace,
Jennifer



Harvest Fest 2011

J.O.Y. CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday, December 17

2:00 p.m.

Brenham Children's Chorus

Christmas Production

Blinn Performing Arts Center

4:30 p.m.

Reception at Pastor Kay's House

More details to come!!!



Join us in conversation with

**Bishop
Janice Riggle Huie**

"Becoming Fruitful Churches"

Thursday, November 17, 2011

**Christ UMC
4201 State Hwy 6 South
College Station, TX 77845**

2 p.m. – Clergy

6 p.m. – Laity

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 2011

6:00 p.m.

@ First Christian Church

Thanksgiving & Christmas Happenings



More details on all these events will be in upcoming newsletters and on the website at www.FUMCBrenham.org.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 13, Angel Tree begins

Sunday 20, 6:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving
First Christian Church

Friday 18, 12:00 p.m.
Advent Study "The Journey"
Bring a lunch and meet in the FH

Tuesday 22, 6:30 p.m.
Advent Study "The Journey"
Meet outside church offices

Sunday 27
First Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER

Sunday 4, 6:30 p.m.
A.C.T.S Children's Musical
"It All Happened in the Country"
in the A.C.

Wednesday 7, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Cantata at Bellville FUMC
"To the Glory of the Lord"

Sunday 11, Noon
Christmas Caroling at Rest Homes
Meet in the AC

Sunday 11, 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary
"To the Glory of the Lord"

Sunday 18, 4:00 p.m.
Songs of the Season

Saturday, 24
5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. Communion Christmas Eve Service

Sunday 25
One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
No Sunday School



The Combined Chancel Choirs
Of
Brenham First United Methodist Church
And
Bellville United Methodist Church
Present
THE GLORY OF THE LORD
(A Christmas Cantata by Tom Fettke)

Dates: Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Bellville FUMC and
Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. at Brenham FUMC

Everyone is invited!!

Donations Received

In memory of Eunice Glidden

By
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ebel
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Post
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stratton
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gravett
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tate
Mary Ann Strom

In memory of Herb Brewer

By
Mr. and Mrs. High Pitts

In memory of Laura Cornett

By
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duree
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ebel

In memory of Robert Hickey

By
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spiess
Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilhelm

* *Lots more to follow in the next newsletter.



Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Nancy Coghlan
Jackie Ketchem
Anita Goodrich
Kathy Rote
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Lois Houston
Tim Berryman
Henry Kitzman Jr.
Julie Rogers
Marilynn Wrigley
Larry Smith
Ron Mills Jr.
Madeleine Robinson
Bill Stratton
Carrie Naas
Judy McMillan
Vernell Carnagey
Paul Fulton
Judy McMillan
Dr. Boehm
Nancy Atkinson

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Thanks FUMC

Harvest Festival was again a great success this year and I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make that happen. It is a great feeling watching things come together and everyone pitching in to do their part each year to make Harvest Festival a continued success. It truly motivates me and inspires me to keep doing my part to continue this wonderful church tradition.

On behalf of UMW I would like to thank Donald Spiess for purchasing our tickets each year, we appreciate your support. Thank you to those of you who set up the tables, sold tickets, baked an item, helped prepare the dinner, served the dinner or take-outs or cleaned up. Everyone did such a great job. I would like to give a special thanks to the following people: Dena Miller for the great job organizing and preparing the dressing and to ALL the women who helped make our dressing so delicious. To ALL the UMM who helped cut up the turkeys, clean the kitchen, set up and clean up, served the drinks and especially for all your help where ever needed in the kitchen. I appreciate you all so much and thank you for always being there to help. Thanks to all who heated up the turkey, GREAT job, to Michelle Smith for keeping the drive thru organized and running smoothly and to ALL those who served those 400 plus take-out dinners. Ya'll were AWESOME!! Thank you to my church family for coming out and supporting Harvest Festival. I want to especially say thank you to all my fellow UMW members. I could not do this without all your support and your willingness to always help. I truly appreciate each one of you, your love and support motivates me each year. What inspires me to continue to doing Harvest Festival is ALL the UMW members who came before me that started this tradition and are still helping and those that stand with me each year to make sure we carry on this wonderful evening of good food and great fellowship. We are ALL doing an amazing job each year and I can't say thanks enough!!

The Silent Auction and Country Store Committees would sincerely like to thank everyone for their part in making each one of these events a success as well. Thank you for all the great items donated and your help in making Silent Auction and Country Store a big part of Harvest Festival success each year. Each committee puts in a lot of time and work and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you all again so much.

Love, Kim Limmer

As many know, my husband, Byron Jamison, was involved in a near fatal car accident June 7th as he was driving to Dallas and was critically injured. Also, his sister, Janice Bammel of Houston is recovering from cancer surgery. I cannot adequately express the gratitude for the love, prayers, concern and support our family has received from everyone at FUMC Brenham during this trying summer. Byron and I joined the church the first of June after moving to Brenham to retire and be near family. It is truly a blessing to have such a wonderful family of friends. I have seen the power of prayer and on behalf of Byron, Janice and the entire Jamison and Harmer families; I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings to all,
Barbara Jamison

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2011

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BREHAM STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER RESIDENT'S GIFTS

On Sunday, November 13th we will begin our Angel Tree ministry. Small trees will be up on a table near the entrance to the parlor, and in the Activity Center. Angels with the names of children of incarcerated parents will hang on the trees. Each angel will contain a child's name, his or her age, and gift suggestions. Some angels will have messages from the inmate to the child.

Each child will get two gifts, one a clothing gift and the other a toy (or something appropriate to the child's age). In some cases, one gift for the value of two is chosen, depending upon the circumstances. The gifts should not exceed \$25 each and should be wrapped, with the child's name on it.

Also on the trees will be paper ornaments with the names of residents of the BSSLC. Gifts for the residents should also be \$25 and gifts are returned unwrapped.

I hope you will empty each tree on the 13th. All gifts will be due in the church's office area by Sunday, December 11th. Delivery to the children will take place the following Sunday, December 18th.

Won't you please help make this a happy Christmas for some very deserving children and some very special adults?

Pat Clark
Missions and Outreach

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 UMW/ AC 5:00 Trustees/ FR	2 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary Leadership/ FH 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00 Yoga/ AC	4 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	5 4:00 Emmaus/ AC & Sanctuary
6 12:00 New Member Luncheon 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139 Youth-Movie/ AC	7 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	8 9:00 Card Group/ MH	9 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	11 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 6:00 A&M Wesley/ AC- until Sat. afternoon	12
13 11:00 UMW Insulation of Officers/ Sanctuary Youth Fall Fundraiser- taking orders/ AC 4:00 Choir/ Choir Room 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139 Youth/ AC	14 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Evangelism/ FR	15 9:30 Goodman/ Reiland Smith/ Smith Banker/ Beckendorf 12:00 Susanna/ DeSalvo 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	16 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 9:00 Yoga/ AC 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	18 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	19
20 3:00 ACTS-decorating/ AC 4:00 Choir/ Choir Room 5:00 Youth Fall Fundraiser-taking orders/ AC 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service/ First Christian Church	21 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	22 6:30 Advent Study/ FR	23	24 Office Closed For Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed For Thanksgiving	26
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The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem
New Advent Study

October has passed and the stores and advertisers have already put out Christmas displays and begun the annual seasonal marketing push. They used to wait until at least Thanksgiving to begin the big sales pitch.

Yes, my brothers and sisters it is already time to get ready for Advent and Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation and expectation. It is a time for us to journey to the manger with our eyes focused on the spiritual as well as the material things.

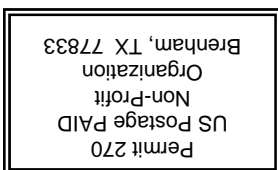
The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem is the book we will be reading for Advent and the path we will be taking on our way to Christmas. Not only will we walk the paths they walked back then, we will also see how the Christmas journey impacts our lives, and the lives of others in our world today. And hopefully, we can help others to see or experience the presence of Christ in us and through us in the ways we walk our journey to Christmas morning and beyond.

How will you prepare yourself for Christ to draw near to you this year? Are you expectant of the joy of the Lord to come into your life in this Christmas season? Come and join with others from our church as we travel the road of Advent together.

Two sessions will be offered: Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at noon. Sessions #1 will begin Friday, November 18th and Session#2 begins Tuesday, November 22nd. Please make plans to join us.

Just a Reminder:

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2012, they can be mailed, dropped in the collection plate, or dropped by the church office. Also, if you have signed up for ACH withdrawal but haven't provided your banking information, please complete the registration process so that those can be entered. Thank you for your support of FUMC.



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