



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
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Associate Pastor
Rev. Kay Reed
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There Is No Substitute

In Nome, Alaska, teachers receive the same professional journals and publications as teachers in other states. But the situations they face are quite different from all the other states.

A fourth-grade teacher, a newcomer to Alaska, had just received her latest curriculum resource and was discussing with the class the suggestions for a Christmas pageant. The instruction manual read: "For the children playing Santa's reindeer, there should be brown outfits, and passable reindeer horns could be made of bare branches, trimmed to the proper shapes and painted."

She looked out at the barren, treeless, snow-covered landscape. "Well, children," she sighed, "I guess we'll have to do something else. We can't make horns of branches because there isn't a tree for miles."

The children looked disappointed. Then one little boy spoke up, "We haven't any trees, teacher," he said. "But we do have lots of reindeer horns."

Sometimes we have to improvise. Our shepherds wear bathrobes. We make camels out of cardboard. But sometimes we substitute so much that we overlook the real thing.

We adults do a good job of substituting as well. We are so caught up in the festivities that we have forgotten the real message of Christmas. We have let Santa Claus and bright lights and packages take the place of the Christ Child and His message of salvation and hope.

This Christmas, let's not substitute any longer. We will still have joy and happiness, but it will come from having Christ in our hearts and not tree branches on our heads.

See you Sunday,
Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wed. Dec. 28, 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 December 4, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	107
Worship 11:00 a.m.	100
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	89
Worship Total	300
Sunday School	119
Offering:	\$ 16,194.33

SUNDAY December 11, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	85
Worship 11:00 a.m.	129
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	46
Worship Total	262
Sunday School	108
Offering:	\$ 15,808.95

NOVEMBER TOTALS

Nov. Income:	\$42,495.12
Nov. Expense:	\$53,780.23
Nov. Total:	(\$11,285.11)

YEAR TO DATE

YTD Income:	\$563,099.28
YTD Expense:	\$617,753.00
YTD Total:	(\$54,743.72)

2012 PLEDGES

Estimated for FY 2012	\$482,613.00
Pledges to date for FY	\$422,121.00
	(\$60,492.00)



December

Merry Christmas from the CDC



Methodist CDC will be closed December 23rd.



Can Food Drive

The CDC collected canned food from November 7th thru Dec 15th. Donations went to the Salvation Army. Thanks for your support and donations!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHILDREN @FUMC a.c.t.s. MUSICAL



CHRISTMAS CAROLING



SINGING AT THE STATE SCHOOL



YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org



December/January Youth Schedule

December 25 - Merry Christmas...No Youth

January 1 - Happy New Year...No Youth

January 8 - Youth - 5-8pm in the AC

January 15 - SIFAT Fundraiser sales begin
Youth - 5-8pm in the AC

January 22 - Youth - 5-8pm in the AC

January 28 - Baking Day in the AC

January 29 - Youth/Church Luncheon & Cake Auction

Upcoming Youth Events...

In January, the youth will begin selling delicious See's Candies to help support next year's trip to SIFAT! You may recall that SIFAT is a summer camp and mission experience in Alabama that provides training for youth groups interested and involved in mission work. So...for Valentine's Day the youth at FUMC Brenham will be selling these chocolates to support that very special summer trip.

Also, on Sunday, January 29th, the youth will be sponsoring a church wide Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction. Everyone is invited to have lunch with the youth and show off their cooking and baking skills that day. And, we'll have a professional auctioneer who will get everyone in the mood!

Pastor Kay Reed, Kimberly Behrens and FUMC Church,

Thank you, so very much, for participating in our Special Holiday Chapel Service. We often rely on the participation of community members to make our special events extraordinary. Our residents and staff enjoyed the sounds of the season! The childrens' performance was outstanding. The fact that you gave of your time and energy to be a part of our Hoilday Service means so much to the people that live at Brenham State Supported Living Center.

*We hope that you will participate again, next year!
Thank you again, for your time and entertainment.*

*Cynthia Jordan
Asst. Res. Director*



Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Jackie Ketchem
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Henry Kitzman Jr.
Julie Rogers
Bill Stratton
Vernell Carnagey
Paul Fulton
Judy McMillan
Dr. Boehm
Mark McCasland
Bob Sprenger
John Fort
Marylou Appel
Palmer Hopkins
Tim and Lennis Richardson
Frances Poston

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

When Christmas Is On Sunday...
Do I Have To Go To Church?

For several days now, folks have been asking "Because Christmas is on Sunday do I have to go to church?" That's the wrong question. The right question is "Should I want to go to church?" You see, you never "have" to go to church.

The right question asks where you place the priorities of your life. Is worship of God incidental and something you do when it is convenient? Or is worship basic to your very being? Is worship something you do out of duty or out of gratitude?

"Christmas on Sunday upsets our routine." "It interrupts our family celebration." "If I go on Christmas Eve doesn't that count?" There are many reasons and excuses to stay home on Christmas morning, but ultimately the question narrows down to what you believe and how strongly you believe.

Do you have to come to church on Christmas morning? No. But I hope your faith is deeper than secular consideration and that you'll remember that your actions will speak louder than your words.

Wherever the holiday may take you, let your faith take you to a house of worship on Christmas morning. You should want to go and express to God your praise and thanksgiving for the gift of Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Kay

UMW Library Notice

Please return your books to the library so we can inventory them by the end of the year. Mary Jane Jean will be in charge of the books next year, and there are some gone but not checked out. Twelve new books will be available in 2012.

Thanks,
Jo Powell

Thanks FUMC

Thanks to you, our FUMC friends for the prayers, thoughts and concerns in our time of sorrow. Your help has been very much appreciated.

Thanks,
The Baker Family

The New Upper Room booklets are now available
in the Sanctuary and Church Office.

Donations Received

In memory of
Coma Richardson

By
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spiess
Cordelia Cummings
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banker
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelms

In memory of
David Allan Baker

By
Mr. Gary and Kay Ivy

In memory of
Robert Hickey

By
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pieper
Lanella Gray
Cordelia Cummings

In memory of
Lois Houston

By
Cordelia Cummings
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners
Lydia House
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuecker Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spiess
Rev. and Mrs. Larry Embry
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Beverley Burt
Ella Lee Hart
Debbie Lehrmann
Patsy Kasprovicz
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coles
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. R. Hal Mooran
Robin Cook

* *Lots more to follow in the next newsletter due to the amount of memorials coming in daily, thanks for your patience.

The Sounds of Christmas



Cantata



Caroling



State School



ACTS



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	3 ACTS-All day/ AC
4 12:30 Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary 6:30 ACTS-Performance / AC	5 10:00 Study Fellowship Group-Advent Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 5:00 Trustees/ FR	6 10:00 UMW Christmas Coffee/ Amerson	7 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Christmas Cantata/ FUMC Bellville	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 UMM-Ladies Night / AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	10
11 12:00 Christmas Caroling/ Meet upstairs in the Kid's Corner 2:00 Girl Scouts/ AC 3:00 Youth Christmas Party/ Out of town trip 4:00 Christmas Cantata / Sanctuary	12 10:00 Study Fellowship Group-Advent Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Evangelism/ FR 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	13	14 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	17 2:00 Joy Event/ Blinn
18 4:00 Christmas Concert/ Sanctuary 5:00 Youth/ AC	19 10:00 Study Fellowship Group-Advent Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	20 9:30 Goodman Circle/ Chance Banker Circle/ Cummings 10:00 Smith Circle/ FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Summerour 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	21	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library Offices Closed at noon	24 5:30 1 st Christmas Eve Service 7:00 2 nd Christmas Eve Service
25 11:00 This will be the only service	26 Offices Closed	27	28 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	29	30	31
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY



Postcard Date



Andrew

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

from the staff at FUMC



Kay Reed

Megan
Hengrave

Justin
Reino



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