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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 96 Cable TV.*

#### Pastoral Staff

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# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

February 17, 2014

## Covered Dish Luncheon & Live Cake Auction

### SUNDAY, February 23

Join us for a time of food and fellowship, PLUS help our youth raise money for their summer mission trip to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. There will be a live auctioneer calling out to find the biggest bid. So be ready to place a bid on one of the youth's "cake masterpieces". If you would like to donate a cake too, we would love to auction it off as well. Please bring the following for the covered dish luncheon:

#### LAST NAMES

**A – I** = Bring a side dish or salad

**J – S** = Bring a main dish

**T – Z** = Bring a bread



*Dessert provided by the youth*

# JOY

## Just Older Youth

Join us for lunch and a show on **Friday, February 21**. We will meet for lunch at 11:30am at the Blinn cafeteria and then after lunch walk across the street to see Blinn theatre's production of *Alice in Bed* (the show is free). If you have any questions about this event contact Jennifer by email at [Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org).

#### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY Feb. 2, 2014

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	90
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	76
Worship 11:00 a.m.	109
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>285</b>
Sunday School	137
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$15,447.23</b>

## SUNDAY Feb. 9, 2014

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	84
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	125
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>296</b>
Sunday School	142
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$14,711.61</b>



February



### MWCDC Fundraiser

Chopped Beef Stuffed Baked Potato Drive-Thru Dinner  
with all the fixings -March 28<sup>th</sup>

4:30-6:30p.m. in the church parking lot

Tickets will be available starting March 3<sup>rd</sup> you can  
purchase tickets from parents, Weekday School staff  
and from the church office.

# UMYF

## NEWSFLASH

### MAKE A CAKE!!

**Sunday, FEB 23** at noon we will have a covered dish luncheon at church followed by a cake auction to raise money for our mission trip. All youth are encouraged to make a cake for the cake auction. Those going on the trip are required to make a cake and wear your T-shirts. If you do not have a shirt then come to UMYF on Sunday to pick your up.

**Covered Dish Luncheon  
& Live Cake Auction**



Last week: Is the Bible true?  
This week: Can it be proven  
that God exists? Is God  
male?

### UMYF MEALS

Feb 16 -

Lillian Arreola &  
Postons

Feb 23 -

NO UMYF

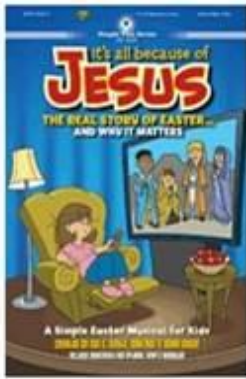
Mar 2 -

Bakers & Smestuen



Did you know that our United Methodist Church conference sponsors a summer camp every year? It's at Lakeview Methodist Retreat Center in Palestine, Tx. The camp is open to any kid or youth that will be going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade to going into 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Last year we took 13 kids, youth & adult sponsors and hope to take more this summer. The date for our district is **June 30-July 4**. More info on costs will come later. If you would like to visit the website go to <http://lakeviewmcc.org/activities/summer-camp>.

# KIDS CORNER



Rehearsals will begin February 23 in room 139. The show date is on May 18th. ACTS is open to all Kinder - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Invite a friend and join us for music & fun!



## Vacation Bible School 2014 June 9-13

We are currently recruiting volunteers. We need people to help decorating, spending time with kids and helping assist our station leaders. We have something for everyone. This is an amazing blessing for our church to the kids we serve. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more info please email Jennifer at [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org).



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## Donations Received

### *In memory of*

**Henry Post**

By

Ivan & Faye Wubbenhorst

### *In memory of*

**Frank Goodrich**

By

Wayne & Cathy Meyenberg

Eileen Raschke

Juanita Hickey

Milton & Twila Tate

Beverly Burt

Janet Young

Buddy & Elaine Dorow

Wesley Sunday School Class

Chancel Choir

Nick & Marianne Nelms

Tom & Carol Ann Post

Ivan & Faye Wubbenhorst

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Embry

Marilyn Whitmarsh

Donald & Gwen Spiess

Larry & Konnie Thomas

Don & Mary Wilhelm

Mary Lee Schneider

Art & Smitty Hanners

Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Hodde Jr.

Gary & Kay Ivy

### *In memory of*

**Jack Neely**

By

Mrs. Wayne Hold

Jetti Lynn Fahle

Grace Crawford

Stephen & Jo Lynn Davis

Lorna Sommerfield

P. Burnley

Shirley Charpiot

Hugh & Aniela Pitts

Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Neely

Joyce Miller

Theodora Boehm

Austin County State Bank

### *In memory of*

**Mike Baker**

By

Chancel Choir



## Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh

Robert Smith

Jacque Ketcham

Aubrey Johnson

Richard Coghlan

Kathy Rote

Jim Ellison

Gene & Betty Moss

Glenn Amerson

Justin Flanagan

Jim Clements

Henry and Blondean Kuecker

Bennie Waggoner

Charles Sander's niece Sophia

Roy Hodges

Arlene VanEman

Ron & Elaine Walburg

Marti McLemore

Debra Healy

Sue Flanagan

Marilyn Wrigley

Gordon Densmore

Our homebound members  
and those serving in the military

## **Lenten Luncheon Worship Series**

One of our longstanding traditions during the season of Lent is to welcome our community in for lunch and worship. This year we are blessed to "welcome home" those who have deep connection with First UMC Brenham as our Lenten Luncheon Preachers. This year's dates and preachers include:

March 12      Rev. Holly (Ebel) Wilson

March 19      Rev. Terry Dougherty

March 26      Rev. Joe Fort, Jr.

April 2        Rev. Kevin Gilmore

April 9        Rev. John Reasons

Please make the Lenten Luncheons part of your Lenten Discipline.

## Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

Here are some more thoughts on First Corinthians 1 . . .

### 1 Corinthians 1

**<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

If we live like we're called to live people may think we are a bit out of step with the world around us and they'll be correct. The message of Jesus sets the whole world aright from being left askew. When we follow Jesus we join up with a counter-cultural movement that says things like "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" as compared with what the world teaches "get even first and often." The message of sacrificial living for the sake of God's Kingdom is foolishness, especially in a world of consumption. And that's how we're called to live and what we're called to proclaim!

**<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

Whether we're foolish or wise, weak or strong, God remains wiser and stronger, always.

Well, that's about it for now. I'll share more next time!

give your Love to JESUS & be fun!



### **.O.Y. Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Party Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center**



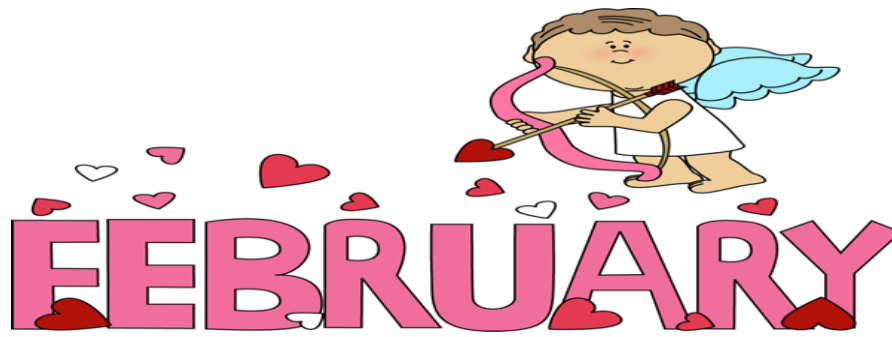
Beads      Soup      Cornbread  
Music      Masks      Games

Crowning of JOY King and Queen

There will be a surprise guest coming to entertain us.

If you have a decadent dessert you want to give up for Lent, which begins the next day, please bring it and we will help you eat it.

If you need a ride call the church office.



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <b>8:00</b> Epiphany/ AC
<b>2</b> <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>3</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>4</b> <b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC	<b>5</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>6</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>7</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>12:00</b> Leadership Luncheon/ AC <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>10</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>1:30</b> CDC Board/ Library	<b>11</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	<b>12</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>13</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>6:30</b> UMM/ AC	<b>14</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>17</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>6:00</b> Mission & Outreach / FR	<b>18</b> <b>9:30</b> Morris Circle- Rogers/ FH Post Circle/ Keenan Murphey Circle- Nelms/ MH <b>12:00</b> Susanna Circle/ Hyatt <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan Circle/ FH	<b>19</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>20</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>21</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor <b>11:30</b> JOY/ Blinn	<b>22</b> <b>8:00</b> Epiphany/ AC
<b>23</b> <b>12:00</b> Church Luncheon & Cake Auction/ AC	<b>24</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>25</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	<b>26</b> <b>1:00</b> Care Team/ Library <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>27</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>28</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	
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**“A Note on Lent**

**Lent is the forty-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of repentance, of considering Christ’s sufferings and rethinking how we are called to take up our own crosses. Some of us give up things like chocolate or television during this season as a sort of fasting, and others try to integrate something new into their lives, like visiting folks in prison, sewing clothes, exercising, or praying. It is a good season to rethink how we live and to let some things go, or maybe even to develop some new holy habits. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Traditionally, the palm branches from Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned and the ashes are placed on the foreheads of Christians as a sign of repentance.”**

*(Excerpt From: Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove & Enuma Okoro. “Common Prayer.” Zondervan, 2010. iBooks.)*

**Ash Wednesday Worship, Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

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