



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 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Jon Stouffer
jon@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Kay Reed
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LENTEN LUNCHESES

Wednesdays beginning March 12
at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Center

Speakers

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



April 17
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 18
Good Friday Service
7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, March 12, 2014 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

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY Feb. 16, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	14
Worship 8:15 a.m.	90
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	74
Worship 11:00 a.m.	102
Worship Total	280
Sunday School	157
Offering:	\$5,130.25

SUNDAY Feb. 23, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	101
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	86
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Worship Total	318
Sunday School	123
Offering:	\$11,946.02

FEB. TOTALS

Feb. Income:	\$47,365.55
Feb. Expense:	\$50,451.43
Feb. Total:	(\$3,085.88)



The Pre-K kids loved story time with Ms. Tami!

Upcoming Event:
The Annual Trikathon is coming up in April.



MWCDC Fundraiser

Chopped Beef Stuffed Baked Potato Drive-Thru Dinner with all the fixings - March 28th
4:30-6:30p.m. in the church parking lot
Tickets will be available starting March 3rd you can purchase tickets from parents, Weekday School staff and from the church office.

KIDS CORNER



Children's Lenten Outreach

In the month of April we will be selling goods from for Rahab's Rope. This organization supports women and children in India to stop human-trafficking and keep kids in school. There are many things in their catalog. Some of the items are made by the women and some items are part of Fair Trade. If you would like to go ahead take a peek at the catalog simply go to their website: <http://www.rahabsrope.org/>

Rehearsals are from 4-5:30pm on Sundays in room 139. The show date is on May 18th. ACTS is open to all Kinder - 6th graders. Invite a friend and join us for music & fun!



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 4th grade to going into 12th 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>.



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.

UMYF

NEWSFLASH

GREAT CAKE AUCTION!!

A big thank you to everyone that helped set up and clean up after our cake auction. The event was a HUGE success. The good news is we made enough for our next payment plus a little for the payment after that. In April we will begin our next "flushing" fundraiser☺

Youth Lenten Outreach

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Have a fun & safe Spring Break.
There is no UMYF!



UMYF MEALS

Mar 2 –
Bakers & Smestuen
Mar 9 & 16
NO UMYF
Mar 23
Schwartz & Zelenkas



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Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
 Jacque Ketcham
 Richard Coghlan
 Gene & Betty Moss
 Arlene VanEman
 Ron & Elaine Walburg
 Marti McLemore
 Bob Moran
 Cindy Nelms Haddock

Kathy Rote
 Jim Ellison
 Glenn Amerson
 Justin Flanagan
 Jim Clements
 Robert Smith
 Debra Healy
 Marilyn Wrigley
 Marsha Parker

Henry and Blondean Kuecker
 Bennie Waggoner
 Charles Sander's niece
 Sophia
 Gordon Densmore
 Our homebound members
 and those serving in the
 military

Sunday Afternoon Study Group

We began our newest group study on Sunday, March 2. We look forward to great fellowship as we dive into **Animate: Faith**, a 7-week course that imaginatively explores central topics of Christianity. In each Animate: Faith session, our group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, followed by discussion. Each session examines a faith topic: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, the cross, the Bible, and the church. Everyone is welcome - invite a family member or friend! Childcare is available.

Donations Received

In memory of

Linda Daugherty

By

William & Sue Perry

In memory of

Frank Goodrich

By

William & Sue Perry

Kathyrine Jones

In memory of

Chris Johnston

By

Bobby & Pat Clark

When: Sundays - March 2 - May 4

4:00-5:30 pm

(we will not meet 3/9, 3/16, or 4/20)



Where: FUMC Fellowship House (Gray house located across the street from the church office)

Contact Jennifer Campbell with any questions - jennpencecamp@gmail.com

A Big Thank You to those who bought cakes at the Youth Cake Auction!!

Eric & Karla Rettig
 Sandra Carlile
 Andrew & Susan Ebel
 Frank & Jody Tyson
 Cordelia Cummings
 Riley & Carol MacManus
 Bobby & Pat Clark
 Bobby & Melissa Cook
 Kathy Lewman
 Susan Jenkins
 Ran & Evelyn Newman
 Earl & Shirley McIntyre
 Jeff & Beth Appel

Lydia House
 John & Tricia Trostle
 Vickie Herzog
 Jon & Holly Stouffer
 Lanella Gray
 Kevin & Jennifer Patrick
 Aaron & Angela Sedlar
 Sandy Delgado
 Jeff & Tiffany Jenkins
 Doyce & Cindy Wells
 Coleen Murphy
 James & Emily Henkhaus
 Milton & Twila Tate

Stouffer's Food For Thought

So, it's been a while since I planned Bible reading for our whole congregation and there's that new movie out called "Son of God." I haven't seen it yet. A good friend saw the movie and mentioned that it put the whole story of Jesus in context from beginning to end. From that I thought it would be good to read some of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection during the 40 days of Lent. Adding the number of chapters in Mark's and Luke's accounts equals 40.

I invite you to cut out the following plan, fold it in half and keep it in your Bible as a Lenten bookmark and take up this discipline of reading Mark and Luke, one chapter each day for the forty days of Lent.

give your Love to JESUS & be fun!

What is Hope?

At one of the churches I served in West Texas I was doing my best to prepare a sermon on hope. I studied, prayed, and worked hard. On Sunday, I presented the results and the congregation listened attentively. Afterward, an elderly man spoke to me and said, "*Every farmer knows what hope is. It is what you feel in the spring when you bury seeds in the ground. You know that new life will appear.*" With few words, he said more than I had said in my whole sermon.

Hope is trust in life's spring of goodness. The Lenten season proclaims this hope. The word *Lent* refers to the lengthening of days that herald spring's coming. When faithfully and personally observed, Lent can be a time of sprouting new growth within ourselves. Trusting in God's providence, we enter the cycle of life that is forever being renewed.

It is not by coincidence that people of faith tend to be hopeful people. They know that there is more to life than today's immediate experience. There is an eternal spirit that gives new life. When Moses gave his final blessing to the children of Israel, he included the words, "*The eternal God is your dwelling place (refuge) and underneath are the everlasting arms*" (*Deuteronomy 33:27*). These words, often read during funeral services, should be remembered at all times, for they are the source of our confidence in life. We trust the God, in whose care and providence we dwell. The everlasting arms are always there.

Hope is trust. Hope is courage. Hope is a second wind. Hope is what keeps us going when the road is hard. Our source of hope is in the everlasting God, who guides and strengthens people throughout all ages: today, tomorrow, and every day to come.

See you Sunday,
Kay

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 Arlene Van Eman Service/ Sanctuary
2 12:00 Worship Team/ FR 6:00 UMYF/ AC	3 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	4 8:45 UMW Exc./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 5:00 J.O.Y./ AC	5 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service/ Sanctuary	6 9:00 Yoga/ AC	7 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	8
9 Daylight Savings Begins 	10 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	11 9:00 Card Group/ MH	12 11:45 Lenten Lunches begin- Rev. Holly Wilson/ AC 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	13 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	14 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	15
16	17 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 Mission & Outreach / FR Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 9:30 Morris Circle- Herbst/ FH Post Circle/ Duree Murphey Circle- Nelms/ MH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	19 11:45 Lenten Lunch Rev. Terry Dougherty/ AC 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	20 9:00 Yoga/ AC	21 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	22 8:00 Emmaus/ AC
23 6:00 UMYF/ AC	24 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	25 9:00 Card Group/ MH	26 11:45 Lenten Lunch Rev. Joe Fort Jr./ AC 1:00 Care Team/ Library 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	27 9:00 Yoga/ AC	28 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor 4:30 CDC Drive- Thru/ AC Parking Lot	29
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Lenten Reading Plan

5-Mar	Mark 1
6-Mar	Mark 2
7-Mar	Mark 3
8-Mar	Mark 4
10-Mar	Mark 5
11-Mar	Mark 6
12-Mar	Mark 7
13-Mar	Mark 8
14-Mar	Mark 9
15-Mar	Mark 10
17-Mar	Mark 11
18-Mar	Mark 12
19-Mar	Mark 13
20-Mar	Mark 14
21-Mar	Mark 15
22-Mar	Mark 16
24-Mar	Luke 1
25-Mar	Luke 2
26-Mar	Luke 3
27-Mar	Luke 4

28-Mar	Luke 5
29-Mar	Luke 6
31-Mar	Luke 7
1-Apr	Luke 8
2-Apr	Luke 9
3-Apr	Luke 10
4-Apr	Luke 11
5-Apr	Luke 12
7-Apr	Luke 13
8-Apr	Luke 14
9-Apr	Luke 15
10-Apr	Luke 16
11-Apr	Luke 17
12-Apr	Luke 18
14-Apr	Luke 19
15-Apr	Luke 20
16-Apr	Luke 21
17-Apr	Luke 22
18-Apr	Luke 23
19-Apr	Luke 24

Sunday, March 9th
Daylight Savings Begins



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