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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

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dale Chance
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First United Methodist Church

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April 18, 2013

What's Right with the Church!

(I write this article after overhearing a conversation at a restaurant in College Station. I also write this because I love the church.)

There's so much that's right with the church. I think it's important for all of us to be reminded of that from time to time. I think it's important because there are so many people today within the church or outside the church, or on the sideline of the church, who are constantly reminding us of all that's wrong with the church. They may not say it directly. Sometimes they say it indirectly, at lunch or during coffee break, and they start talking about why they're not in the church or about their criticisms of the church. And they point out to us all that's wrong with the church.

Sometimes they say we're hypocrites. I'm sure you've heard it before, "You folks in the church are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites." How do you respond to an accusation like that? Well, one way of responding is by agreeing...because they're right. First United Methodist in New Orleans ran an ad in the newspaper that said, "Tired of worshipping with the same old bunch of hypocrites? Well, come and worship with a new bunch of hypocrites!" I don't know whether I like that ad, but I appreciate the honesty. That's who we are.

But, it's not all that we are. There is a lot that's wrong with the church today and it's awfully easy to sit back and criticize the church. But in my humble opinion, even though there's a lot wrong with the church, there's even more that's right with the church.

There is no institution in the world that serves people like the church. There is no institution in the world that helps families like the church. There is no institution in the world that teaches love like the church. There is no institution in the world that lifts God up like the church. There is no institution in the world that proclaims that we are forgiven like the church. There is no other institution that offers the wonderful good news of grace. And there is no other institution that has as its foundation the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

There is a lot that's wrong with the church. And it's so easy to sit back and criticize the church, isn't it? But there's even more that's right with the church. Let's not forget it. And let's not let the world forget it either.

See you at the church!

Kay

One Church, One Faith

Last October the church had a three day time of spiritual renewal with Dr. Jim Jackson called One Church, One Faith. A couple of people have shown an interest in doing something like this again. If you would be interested in underwriting or planning this event, call Pastor Kay.

Did You Know?

Did you know the 11:00 worship service is video-taped each Sunday? If you would like a copy of any service, please call the church office. You can view the video if you have a DVD player on your computer or television.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY April 7, 2013 Church Attendance:

| | |
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| Nursery | |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 68 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 123 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 60 |
| Worship Total | 251 |
| Sunday School | 128 |
| Offering: | \$16,226.51 |

SUNDAY April 14, 2013 Church Attendance:

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| Nursery | 9 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 90 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 123 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 64 |
| Worship Total | 286 |
| Sunday School | 120 |
| Offering: | \$9,229.90 |

MARCH TOTALS

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| March Income: | \$59,519.46 |
| March Expense: | \$52,822.38 |
| March Total: | \$6,697.08 |

YTD TOTALS

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| YTD Income: | \$161,701.73 |
| YTD Expense: | \$156,912.31 |
| YTD Net Total: | \$4,789.42 |



*The kids enjoying
their picnic at the
park.*

Up Coming Events -

4/22 CDC Drive-Thru

4/25 Spring Pictures

INTENTIONAL ACTS OF KINDNESS MONTH

10 More Intentional Acts of Kindness

Bye now as we near the end of our Intentional Acts of Kindness Month hopefully you have realized the joy in being kind to strangers, friends and family. You have also probably noticed the more we practice, the better we get at it. We literally train our brains everyday by the things we repeatedly say and do.

Here are 10 more Last Minute Gift Ideas for You-

- Donate one of your favorite possessions
- Give someone fresh fruit
- Buy and extra umbrella on a rainy day and give it to someone
- Leave some extra money in a vending machine
- Pay the toll for the person behind you
- Don't pass an opportunity to say "I Love You"
- Recycle
- Practice patience
- Share a special recipe with a friend
- Sometime drop everything to help someone else

Here is one final act, be kind to yourself. This is important, because we often treat ourselves less kind than we would a stranger. Do something nice for yourself, you are so worth it!

KIDS' CORNER



We have been asked to be a test church for some new curriculum from Holy Moly. The PreK-Kinder class will be testing out the materials on April 21. Be sure to bring your PreK-Kindergartner this Sunday!!



Spring Musical performance is right around the corner. Join us on Sunday, May 12 at 6:30PM in the Activity Center. We will have ice cream sundaes after the show. You will NOT want to miss this musical!!!



Sunday, May 19 at 10:45am
One Service in the Sanctuary
Luncheon to follow in the AC



Mark your calendars now!
Vacation Bible School is July 22-26 this year.
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!!

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YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Director, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org



Creating a work of art!



TEAMWORK!



Sunday, April 21

12:30pm Lunch @Campbells
and The Tabernacle Experience

Sunday, April 28

5:30-8:00pm Photo Scavenger
Hunt – bring your phones!

Sunday School Creativity



The Board of Trustees are undertaking a major maintenance project that is outside the normal maintenance budget. We have engaged a contractor to replace 28 stones at the front entrance wall of the Sanctuary. The cost of this project is approximately \$300.00 per stone.

The Trustees are seeking additional funding for this project. If you would like to donate a stone or stones to assist in this project, please make your checks to First United Methodist Church and footnote the check *Church Stones*.

Thank You

Clarence Jean and Ken Pieper
Board of Trustees

UMM

The Methodist Men will have a guest speaker on Thursday, May 23rd instead of the 2nd Thursday of the month. The whole congregation is invited ladies included. A pot luck meal will be served with fried chicken, hot rolls and brownies at the 6:30 evening dinner. Members with the last name ending in A-K please bring a vegetable, last names ending in L-Z please bring a salad. Please RSVP to Ken or Ann Pieper at 979-836-4801 with your name and the number of attending.

UMW

The next UMW general meeting will be May 7th starting with coffee at 9:30 in the AC. Carolyn Hale will present the program *"Interesting Women in Jesus' Lineage"*. Carolyn is a devoted Bible student! At St. Lukes Methodist Church in Houston she took Disciple Bible Study 1,2,3,4; then taught many Bible classes before she moved to Brenham. She has an interesting background as a coach and judge of women's gymnastics and as a computer programmer. Everyone is invited to this interesting program and a chance to visit with friends. The Sewing Kits should be completed and turned in by the May circle meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Tom Brazzel
Kathy Revenaugh
Melissa Hale
Grant Cook
Jacob Krebs
Bob Baker
Jim Hickey
Kathy Rote
Justin Davis
Pete Robertson
Marnie Whitmarsh
Elaine Walberg
Marti Mclemore
Jim Forsythe
Ben Davis
Jim Miller
Chester D'Olive
Floyd Chapman
Barbara Moran
Robert Wright
Jacque Ketcham
Deborah Kolber
Linda Daugherty
Jo Anne Wheelless
Ann Cartwright
Bob Perry
Virginia Collier
Eloise Carmen
Frances Sidebottom
Regenta Jenkins
Elaine Dorow

Our homebound members
and those serving in the military

BLINN BLITZ 2013



A record 263 Blinn College students participated in Blinn Blitz - the school's annual day of service to the Brenham community! The event originated with 40 students in 2010 and expanded to more than 135 last year.



THANK YOU BLINN BLITZ

Frances and I would like to publically thank the seven Blinn students that came over, raked and sacked 27 bags of leaves on our place last Friday. It was part of Blinn College's 4th Annual Blinn Blitz; A Blinn College Service Learning Project. One of the students was a mature lady who had gone back to school to study nursing. We also thank Pat and Bobby Clark and the Ruth Hinners of our church for arranging and overseeing this effort. It makes us feel good about the future of our youth.

Sincerely,
Edwin Sidebottom

Donations Received

In memory of
Billy Thompson

By
Art & Smitty Hinners

Attention FUMC

FUMC will be giving our choir director Bob Robertson a farewell reception Sunday, May 12th in the parlor in between services. More details will follow soon.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, April 29, 2013 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 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| | 1 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn | 2 9:30 UMW/ AC 6:00 Worship/ FR | 3 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room | 4 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 5 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 6 |
| 7 3:00 Confirmation/ FH 5:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 6:30 Youth/ AC | 8 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:00 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Mission/ Library 6:30 Finance/ FR | 9 9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Evangelism/ FR | 10 1:00 Council on Ministry/ FR 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room | 11 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC | 12 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor 1:00 Blinn Blitz/ Blinn 6:00 Mushaway Wedding Rehearsal/ Sanctuary | 13 6:00 Mushaway Wedding/ Sanctuary |
| 14 3:00 Confirmation/ FH 5:00 Sunday Small Group/ FH ACTS/ Rm. 139 6:30 Youth/ AC | 15 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn | 16 9:30 Post Circle/ Burt Goodman Circle / Tate Reiland Circle – Reiland & Gillis/ FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Pendergrass 6:30 Wesleyan Circle- Baker & Goodrich/ FH | 17 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room | 18 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 19 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 20 9:00 CDC Drive-Thru Prep/ AC Kitchen |
| 21 12:30 Confirmation & Youth/ Meet at the Campbell's 5:00 Sunday Small Group/ FH ACTS/ Rm. 139 | 22 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn | 23 9:00 Card Group/ MH 5:00 Trustees/ Library | 24 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room | 25 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 26 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 27 |
| 28 2:30 Brenham Rest Home Service 3:00 Confirmation/ FH 3:30 Kruse Village Service 5:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 Sunday Small Group/ FH 6:30 Youth/ AC | 29 10:00 FSG/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn | 30 9:00 Card Group/ MH | | | | |
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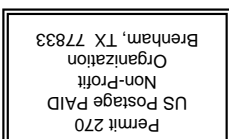


Kindness

Kindness is a natural human quality that requires intentional action to realize it's potential. Kindness is not only good for our physical, but our emotional well-being. Studies show that thinking about, observing and practicing a kind act stimulates the vagus nerve, which literally warms up your heart. Kindness, which reduces stress, anxiety and depression, can literally put us and others at ease.

Kindness works wonders in the relationships we have with ourselves and with everyone else, even people we don't know. Try it next time you are out and about. Offer a kind word or gesture to someone you meet, or to someone who works in town or serves our community. Notice what happens. Thank a clerk at a store for going the extra mile with helping you. Thank the grocery checker for being fast and getting you out quickly. Thank the bank teller for always being cheerful and kind. Thank a friend for always being there for you. Thank your spouse for the little things they do for you.

Lastly thank God for the opportunity to serve Him on this earth by your kindness to others.



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