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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
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First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

May 1, 2014

Join us on May 18 for

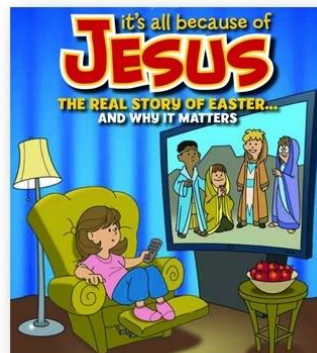


Special Worship Times on May 18th

- 8:15 am Traditional in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
The Confirmation vows will be in this service
- 12:00pm Luncheon to follow in the Activity Center

Our 2014 Confirmands

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Jewel Beckendorf</i> | <i>HarLi Lewman</i> |
| <i>Lauren Herzog</i> | <i>Zachary Poston</i> |
| <i>Travis Sallach</i> | <i>Ross Schumacher</i> |



A.C.T.S. Musical

May 18th at 6:30 in the Activity Center

Ice Cream Sundaes after the show



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, May 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 March 23, 2014

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 8 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 90 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 75 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 126 |
| Worship Total | 299 |
| Sunday School | 152 |
| Offering: | \$10,597.68 |

SUNDAY March 30, 2014

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 9 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 101 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 90 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 128 |
| Worship Total | 328 |
| Sunday School | 143 |
| Offering: | \$10,490.81 |

SUNDAY April 6, 2014

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 11 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 69 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 74 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 101 |
| Worship Total | 255 |
| Sunday School | 107 |
| Offering: | \$13,899.26 |

SUNDAY April 13, 2014

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 9 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 108 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 98 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 107 |
| Worship Total | 385 |
| Sunday School | 132 |
| Offering: | \$17,191.09 |

SUNDAY April 20, 2014

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 10 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 125 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 103 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 219 |
| Worship Total | 457 |
| Sunday School | 101 |
| Offering: | \$15,710.09 |

MARCH TOTALS

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mar. Income: | \$76,388.32 |
| Mar. Expense: | \$58,865.04 |
| Mar. Total: | \$17,523.28 |

YTD TOTALS

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| YTD. Income: | \$188,356.12 |
| YTD. Expense: | \$152,168.59 |
| YTD. Net Total: | \$36,187.53 |



Easter



Triathlon

KIDS CORNER



Confirmation Sunday

May 18, 2014
10:30am in the Sanctuary
Children Confirmands:
Jewel Bekendorf
Lauren Herzog
Travis Sallach



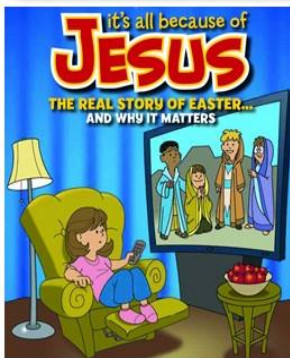
Have you registered
for VBS 2014 yet?
Well, what are you
waiting for??

June 9- 13
9am - 12:30pm
4yr olds - 5th grade



Register online:

2014.cokesburyvbs.com/
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A.C.T.S. SPRING MUSICAL

It's All Because of Jesus

Sunday, May 18
6:30pm in the Activity Center
Ice Cream Sundaes to follow



Palm Sunday



Confirmation

Sunday

May 18 10:30am in the Sanctuary
 Luncheon to follow
 Youth Confirmands:
 HarLi Lewman * Zachary Poston
 Ross Schumacher



We need youth volunteers for our VBS this summer. VBS week is June 9-13. You can help with an age group or a station. Go online and register to volunteer today!
2014.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenhamTx

YOUTH WEEK 2014

POOL PARTIES JUNE 1 - 5 DESTINATION UNKNOWN
 TRIVIA PARTY
 KIDNAP PARTY OUTREACH

Spring UMYF Retreat



Friendship



Growing in our Faith



Fun!



Worship & Communion



The Wesley Sunday School Class, the longest continuing class at FUMC, meets in the Wesley Sunday School room next door to the Parlor. We meet on Sundays at 9:30 for fellowship and start announcements and prayer requests at 9:45. We are a unique class because we sing a couple of songs as part of our lessons and the teachers take turns teaching. The teachers are not professional Bible scholars, but are works in progress because they are also continuing their education with us.

Our lessons are Bible based and we use *The New International* material. We have room for anyone who is not already in a class or would just like to give us a try. You might even want to become one of our teachers.



Prayer Concerns

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

Kathy Rote
Family & Friends of Bob Sprenger
Glenn Amerson
Tim Young
Jim Clements
Robert & Michele Smith
Regenta Jenkins
Tom Barrett
Cheyenne Crawford

Henry and Blondean Kuecker
Bennie Waggoner
Charles Sander's niece
Sophia
Gordon Densmore

Our homebound members
and those serving in the
military

Donations Received

In memory of

Arlene Van Eman
By
Cherry Daugbjerg
Michele Dare

In honor of

Rev. Sam Duree
By
Lindsey Duree

Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the children and youth in their Lenten Mission Project: Rahab's Rope. So far we have raised almost \$2000 for the fight against human trafficking. If you missed the sale on Palm Sunday don't worry you have one more opportunity. After the ACTS performance on May 18 we will have our tables set up in the back. I have ordered more items of the items that we sold out and actually got a couple of new things. Help us reach our goal of \$2500 to help these women and children in India.

Church Directory Corrections

- Juanita Hickey's*** # 979-530-6420
- Richard Coghlan's*** # 979-551-9088
- The Melville's*** # 281-744-0019
- The Hale's*** # 979-289-0033
- The Giles***
- Mona's cell # 713-553-7180
- Butch's cell # 281-381-7927

Dear Church Friends at FUMC:

Robert and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, emails, prayers and meals. We absolutely couldn't have made it through these past weeks without our church family. A special thanks to Pastor Jon for his visit and frequent calls. We are blessed to be part of such a fine church family.

Sincerely,
Robert & Michele Smith

Stouffer's Food For Thought

WOW!!! What a Celebration for Holy Week & Easter!!!

Last weekend we took the opportunity to visit Hannah & Ben in Abilene and to attend West Elm UMC. They too are a very loving and welcoming congregation! As we arrived I went to take a picture of the sign and Hannah & Holly went through a different door. On my way to find them, I was greeted by three or four people who introduced themselves to me and the fourth knew that I was looking for my family and showed me the direction they went! Even as we sat in the pew awaiting the beginning of worship, we were greeted by several others including a suggestion that the person in front of us might cause a little trouble. We felt right at home! Worship was awesome and the pastor challenged us to deepen our faith in God by extending our reach into the community! I say, "the pastor challenged us" because of our United Methodist connection, I received this challenge on our congregation's behalf!

More to come on this subject, but for now, I've got to run! See You Sunday!!! (and watch out, I might be up to mischief as we gather for worship!)

Give your Love to JESUS & be fun!



Open Gates and Open Hearts

Many Ukrainian Easter cards portray gardens with beautiful flowers – with an easily overlooked detail: the gate to the garden is left open just a bit. These cards give us a visual reminder of an Easter tradition in the Ukraine. During the season of Easter, doors are to be ajar. This symbolizes that our risen Lord has opened what is locked. Jesus has opened the door to heaven. And we, in turn, are to open up the door of our heart to Jesus.


What a beautiful picture of a wonderful truth. Christ has indeed opened the door of heaven. He has opened up eternal life to all who would enter in. What was hidden is now revealed. What was closed is now open.

Yet there is one door Christ cannot open. It is the door to your heart. Only you can do that. Only you can open your life to His love, His truth, His life. The real tragedy is not that Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins. That was the price for our freedom from sin and death. The resurrection proves that it was not in vain.

No, the real tragedy is that even with Christ going through all of that for us, there are still some people who refuse to let Him in. Have you opened your heart's door to Him? Have you let Him come in with all His glory and splendor? Have you experienced His joy and forgiveness? If not, leave your door ajar. He'll do the rest.

See you Sunday,
Kay



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | 1 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 2 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 3 |
| 4 4:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 6:00 UMYF/ AC | 5 10:00 Bob Sprenger Service/ Sanctuary 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn | 6 8:45 UMW Exc./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC | 7 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC | 9 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 10 |
| 11  Mother's Day | 12 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Mission & Outreach / FR | 13 9:00 Card Group/ MH | 14 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 15 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 16 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 17 10:00 Emmaus Team/ AC |
| 18 12:00 New Member & Confirmand Luncheon/ AC 6:30 ACTS Performance/ AC | 19 | 20 9:30 Morris Circle/ FH Post Circle/ Ebel Murphey Circle/ MH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ DeSalvo 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH | 21 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 22 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 23 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Offices Closed Memorial Day | 27 9:00 Card Group/ MH | 28 1:00 Care Team/ Library 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 29 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 30 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor 6:30 CDC Graduation/ Sanctuary | 31 The Start of Youth Week |
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |

New Member and Confirmand Luncheon

There will be a church wide luncheon in the Activity Center on May 18th following the 11:00 service. The new members, who have joined during the past year and the confirmands will be our honored guests and not required to bring food. Fried chicken and rolls will be provided by the church and members are asked to please bring side dishes, suggested as follows:

Those with last names starting with-

A-F pasta or white vegetable

G-K Deserts

L-P salads

Q-Y other vegetables



Come one and all and help make this a joyous occasion for the new members and for our church.

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