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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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August 1, 2013

Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! Thank You All here at First UMC Brenham and in the Brenham community for such a warm month-long welcome. Every day I wake up in our new home and I am overjoyed that I have the high honor and privilege of being one of the pastors at First UMC Brenham. Sometimes I'm so excited I don't think I need any coffee! (I still drink it though!)

It's difficult to believe how quickly this month has passed and it is equally exciting to see all that God is doing in our midst. As we worship this month, we will continue looking at our vows as members of this church – Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. It is easier for me to remember and understand this way, "I Promise to Pray, Participate, Provide, Perform, and Proclaim." As we remember our promises, I'd like to share news of our B.R.P. with you!

First UMC Brenham Bible Reading Plan (THE B.R.P.)

During the month of August, our congregation is invited to add the Book of Proverbs to our daily study time. There are 31 chapters in Proverbs and 31 days in August, so the formula is this: each day, read one chapter! If we miss a day, there are no worries, read the chapter that corresponds to the date! (Then as we are able, read what we missed.)

After reading the chapter, (may I suggest earlier in the day) pray for a few minutes about the verse or verses that jumped out so strong to you! Ask God for guidance and direction to include new or renewed practices that help put into action the verses that captured your attention.

My Reading formula is this:
read ponder think pray listen live write

If you'd like to follow my thoughts on Proverbs, I hope to blog daily – about all God reveals this whole month – that's at <http://stouffersfoodforthought.wordpress.com/>.



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, Aug. 12, 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 July 14, 2013
Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 10:45 a.m.	236
Worship Total	241
Offering:	\$6,910.00

SUNDAY July 21, 2013
Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Worship 11:00 a.m.	145
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	68
Worship Total	289
Sunday School	95
Offering:	\$11,376.27

SUNDAY July 28, 2013
Church Attendance:

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	116
Worship 11:00 a.m.	175
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	93
Worship Total	394
Sunday School	123
Offering:	\$6,274.22

JUNE TOTALS

June Income:	\$63,876.17
June Expense:	\$55,020.28
June Total:	\$8,855.89

YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$314,801.62
YTD Expense:	\$307,810.94
YTD Net Total:	\$6,990.68



The Pre'K kids love staying cool in the shade, and learning to play baseball. They are having tons of fun trying to beat the heat!!!!

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Rote
Marnie Whitmarsh
Robert Smith
Chester D'Olive
Floyd Chapman
Jacque Ketcham
Virginia Collier
Aubrey Johnson
Bennie Waggoner
Frances Sidebottom
Paul Pipes
Jan Pledger
Glen Amerson
Jim Clements
Pat Niel
Kent Kilbourn
Steve James
Gene Moss
Richard Coghlan
Frank Goodrich
E.J. Eyre
Robert Jenkins
Tyler Rankin
Linda Daughtery
Ivan & Faye Wubbenhorst
David Revenaugh
Charlotte Bennett
Lucy Riccardi

Our homebound members
and those serving in the military

Thanks FUMC!

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for being with Jim and I and our family the last few months during Jim's illness and his passing. He was touched by the many thinking of you cards he received. He looked forward to Smitty's delivery of flowers almost every Sunday and always commented on how pretty the flowers were. He felt the love and kindness of each outreach we received. The continued support we both felt and shared was expressed in so many different ways; meals, pies, desserts, cookies, cards, phone calls, visits, rides, mulch, home repairs, pet care, fish, flowers, hugs and more. During May and June, Jim enjoyed visits from out of town friends and relatives and each time they enjoyed a homemade dessert, cookie or meal, they would comment on what a loving and supportive church and how blessed we were.

Jon, Kay, Joel, Meagan, Kris, Joyce and Sam helped us create a very meaningful and personal Celebration of Life service in Jim's memory and it helped all of us to share with you what a special person Jim was and how he touched lives in his own quiet way.

Thank you again for wrapping us in God's love as we made this difficult journey.

Dena Miller, Laurie, Russell, Jackson, & Delaney Webb, Kevin & Sandra Miller, Craig, Dylan & Logan Miller and Tramp (the cat).

Dear Church friends,

The cards and telephone calls were absolutely great but what turned the tide were the prayers. Thank-you ever so much for all you have done to help me recover.

Sincerely,
Nick and Marianne Nelms

Thank you, to the faithful group that assists me with all the care home worship services. You are so greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Pastor Kay

Donations Received

In memory of

Barbara Moran

By

Red and Jo Powell

In memory of

Jim Miller

By

Red and Jo Powell

Art and Smitty Hinners

Buddy and Elaine Dorow

Hugh and Aniela Pitts

Louis and Joycine Hanath



The Wednesday Prayer Vigil is in need of another prayer warrior. The 9am to 10am time slot will be available as of Wednesday, August 28th and every Wednesday thereafter. If you are interested, or need more information, you can contact Calvin Beckendorf @ 836-5121 or Chris Rogers @ 251-7528.

Communion Helpers Needed

We are in need of two volunteers to help with communion preparation.

Two helpers are needed for each of the three-month periods and we have two empty slots, one for July/Aug/Sept and one for Oct/Nov/Dec. It's only three times a year that you are needed so I hope we can find some willing helpers.

Please contact Jenifer Amerson at 836-0130 if you can help.

KIDS CORNER

Bring Me Your Caps & Tops!

The children and youth will be making crafts to sell in the UMW Harvest Festival. We need a ton of **plastic bottle caps** (all colors, any bottle) and **glass bottle tops**. Don't worry we won't judge where the bottle tops came from - hahaha! Actually, the way we are using them, only the underside of the cap shows. There is a box set up in the church office for donations, and if you see me around you can give them to me (please put them in a plastic ziploc bag). Thank you so much for your donations. The more tops/caps we get the more crafts we can make and sell.

In Him, Jenn

We have some fun activities coming up in August. Check your email and website for all of the details. It is going to be a great year!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Aug 4 – Jana Aguilar

Aug 11 – Lisa Hook

Aug 18 – Carolyn Cross



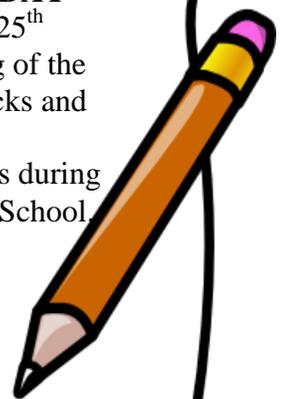
Family Pool Party

Country Club

Date TBA

EDUCATION SUNDAY

August 25th
Blessing of the Backpacks and outdoor activities during Sunday School.



VBS 2013



Everywhere FUN FAIR



LAKEVIEW



UMYF Summer Fun!



Musical Overnighter



Swimming with the UMW

END OF SUMMER

August 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 NO UMYF	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 UMYF 6-8pm	12	13	14	15	16 	
18 NO UMYF	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Back to School Party @the church 6-8pm	26 	27	28	29	30	31

YOUTH NEWS

I am looking for a family to sign up for our UMYF meal on Aug 11th. I will have more details coming soon on our Back to School party. I will also be emailing all of you about our Overnight Retreat at Lake Conroe!

Family Pool Party
Country Club
Date TBA

Celebration of Appointment Sunday



HELP!! Our church staff is going to jail and they need to be bailed out. More details to come!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	3
4	5 6:30 Worship Team/ FR	6 6:00 UMW/ AC	7 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	10
11 6:00 UMYF/ AC	12 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Finance/ FR	13 9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Evangelism/ FR	14 1:00 Council on Ministries/ FR 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	17
18 6:00 West District Hymn Sing/ Christ UMC, College Station	19	20 9:30 Post Circle- Schmidt/ MH Goodman Circle- Dorow / FH Reiland Circle- Hanath/ AC Kitchen 6:30 Wesleyan Circle- Lopez-Wilhelm/ FH	21 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	24
25 Education Sunday- Blessing of the Backpacks 6:00 UMYF/ AC	26	27 9:00 Card Group/ MH	28 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	31 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
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MORE Thoughts and Prayers I Use Before Entering the Pulpit

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5*

"When you step into the pulpit, you are asking God to use you to work a miracle." John Lawson

One subject and one text: "...Jesus Christ and Him crucified." *1 Corinthians 2:2*

Lord, if you give me your power, I will give you all the glory.

"Be careful what you say, the King of kings is here!" Hugh Latimer

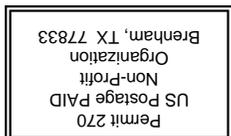
"Lord, I want to be an eloquent preacher, but if by stammering and stuttering I can bring greater glory to you than by eloquence, then let me stammer and stutter." Samuel Logan Brengle

Lord, free me from all concern about what people may think about me, but give me a deep burden for what people think about you.

"For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." *2 Corinthians 4:5*

"For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." *Isaiah 55:10-11*

See you Sunday,
Kay



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