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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
November 5, 2015

Sundays In November



Sunday 1,
All Saints Day in Worship
Youth Choir Sings in Celebration

Sunday 8, in all services
Teen Challenge Sunday
Potluck at noon

Sunday 15
UMW Instillation
Youth Choir sings in Traditional services

Sunday 22, in all services
Commitment Sunday
Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Sunday 29
1st Sunday of Advent



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:00 am**. If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or 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.



Prayer Concerns

SUNDAY September 20, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	68
Worship 11:00 a.m.	103
Worship Total	240
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$10,458.00

SUNDAY September 27, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	79
Worship 11:00 a.m.	110
Worship Total	261
Sunday School	105
Offering:	\$6,566.00

SUNDAY October 4, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	63
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	60
Worship 11:00 a.m.	120
Worship Total	251
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$19,771.00

SUNDAY October 11, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	82
Worship Total	228
Sunday School	103
Offering:	\$9,383.67

SUNDAY October 18, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	103
Worship Total	243
Sunday School	111
Offering:	\$7,151.20

SEPTEMBER TOTALS

Sept. Income:	\$45,779.95
Sept. Expense:	\$49,358.48
Sept. Total:	(\$3,578.53)

YTD TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$457,065.91
YTD. Expense:	\$462,242.91
YTD. Net Total:	(\$5,177.00)

Richard Coghlan
Gene Moss
Delmer McAdow
Glenn & Luene Harmer
Art Hinners
Buddy & Elaine Dorow
Henry Kuecker
Frances Sidebottom
Jeremy Duree
Kathyrine Jones
Alan Williamson
Jim Hickey
Marge Foelber
Rev. Jim Foster
Mike Kalil

Ed Baker
Cameron Winchell
Marilyn Gravett
Ryan Vandersommen
Candy Smith
Connie Waggoner
Paul McIntyre
Susan Davenport
Lydia Nichols
Lillian Healy
Gerald & Pam Cox

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

Thanks FUMC!

Art and I want to thank you all for your calls, flowers, food, and kind words. You have been so thoughtful throughout these months. Art has so appreciated your calls, prayers and active concern, and we both appreciate the time you all have sat with us during all the hospital commitments.

Although Art's health is failing he has some good days to go along with the not so good days. Thankfully he is not in pain, which is a true blessing.

Thank you all so much for just being the kind, considerate and caring church family that you are. In due time Jesus will welcome Art to his new home above, where I know he will be happy and whole again.

In Christ Love,
Art & Smitty Hinners

Donations Received

In memory of

Marnie Whitmarsh

By
Lydia House

In memory of

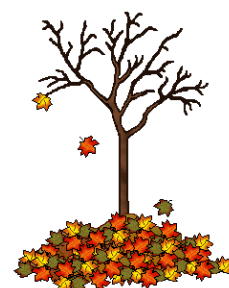
Ruby Lentz

By
Ivan & Faye Wubbenhorst

In memory of

Lorraine Teufel

By
Lydia House
Art & Smitty Hinners
Otto & Christine Janner
Seidel Schroeder
Henry & Blondean Kuecker
Linda Siptak
Donald & Gwen Spiess
Mable McKnight



KID Stuff!

SUPER SUNDAYS

@FUNG

November 1
November 15
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Meet in the Activity Center
Super fun VBS activities
For kids 4yrs old – 6th grade

Youth activities

TEEN TALK

November 8
7-8 pm upstairs in the youth room
****Note time change****

UMYF Meals
Nov 1– Trevino & Patrick
Nov 8 – no meals
Nov 15 – Rettig & Poston

NEW DATE!



Something for **EVERYONE!**



All youth, children & parents are invited to have a Family Fun Day at Dewberry Farms on **Sunday, Nov 8**. We will meet at the church at 12:45 pm (after the potluck) and caravan together to the farm. The cost is \$20 a person (this includes a lot of extras \$12 for the basic entrance). Plus bring money for snacks. We will leave the park by 6:30pm.



Youth Choir will perform
Nov 1 in Celebration Service & Nov 15 in Traditional services

Thanks to Steve Haley for the great Children's Moment on Laity Sunday.





Stouffer's Food For Thought

-Prayers-Presence-Gifts-Service-Witness-

I remember on the Third Sunday of Advent in 1982, we sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" as the Hymn of Commitment and at the first note of the hymn I started into the aisle to walk forward to join the church only to be grabbed by the arm by my sponsoring family. Susan and Bert were volunteer youth coordinators and long-time family friends from when we lived in Denver, Colorado. They knew me when I was an infant and I met them for the first time when we moved to Houston in August, 1982. Upon our arrival, we stayed with the Tandy's and they insisted that I participate in UMYF and Sr. Hi Bible study, which I did. Within five months of our arrival in Houston, I had come to faith in Christ and was ready to join the church for the first time in my life.

Susan let go of my arm after we sang verse one, and I finally walked down front to meet Pastor Wayne and Pastor David. They asked for my vows of church membership. In that day, our vows included prayers, presence, gifts, and service. It wasn't until 2008 that the General Conference added witness. And I said, "yes, I will support the United Methodist Church and this congregation through my prayers, presence, gifts, and service." And I am glad to add "witness" to that today.

My Prayers – I do best when I keep both a specific time to pray daily and an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day. I always want to try to be my best and some days I really am at my best in my faithfulness to this vow.

My Presence – Over the years I've grown more certain than ever that one of the reasons I am called to be a pastor is that I need (for my own benefit and well-being) to be here at church and about the faith community's business more frequently than anyone else! I don't know if that's a fair way to say I'm faithful to this vow or not.

My Gifts – Through the years, Holly and I have always put our gift to the church first in our budget and through continued work we are able to tithe (10%). It took us many years to reach this place and we are thankful we are able. We long for the time that we can do more because of the great blessing that we know in being part of the loving and caring congregations we have served through the years and that we now serve here at First UMC, Brenham.

My Service – Once again, this may not be fair for me to write about since I am called and given grace to live a lifetime of service in full-time ministry. However, I do try to work beyond my role as pastor through various ministry opportunities. One of my favorite is our congregation's Helping Hands ministry. I continue to hear Pastor Kay's call from before Lent 2015, "Be present to our faith community in a new way." which led me to sing with the choir for that season.

My Witness – I think for me particularly, it is absolutely essential to see that my witness is well beyond my work as a pastor. Witnessing for me is how I live my life when I'm the only one besides God who sees what I am doing. That's when my witness matters most to me because that shapes how I live when everyone's watching.

I'd love to hear from you how you see one or some or all of these vows shape your life and how you try to be at your best in faithfulness – and I believe often are at your best. Please give me a call, send an email, let's have a coffee together and visit how we might encourage one another in our faithfulness.

may Christ be our sufficiency! Pastor J





Thanks to the effort of Helping Hands and some members of Teen Challenge, all of the mulch got distributed in the playground.



Trunk OR Treat





Operation Christmas Child is quickly approaching. We have boxes ready for you to pick up. They need to be turned in by Friday, November 20th. The boxes will be blessed during the morning worship services Sunday, November 22nd. Pick up a box or two and bless a child this Christmas.

New Bible Study

Monday, November 16th the Monday morning Bible study will begin a new study entitled "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul."

What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and by land, to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call – a call to turn the world upside down.

This study is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings have shaped the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his influence on Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Come join us on Monday mornings at 10:00 in the Gray House.

JOY News

Two events are scheduled for the month of November. The first is a trip to Veterans Park On Wednesday, November 18th. We will meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 and drive to College Station for lunch at The Olive Garden. After lunch we will visit the Brazos Valley Veteran's Memorial. At the park memorials are located along a half-mile trail. The historically correct bronze statues along the pathway provide strong visual images to portray the look of our brave veterans throughout our nation's history. Remembering Veteran's Day, November 11th, come and reflect on the service and sacrifices of our veterans and their families.

The second event is Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00 p.m. we are invited to enjoy a performance by the Baylor Chamber Choir. The choir will perform in the historic Independence Baptist Church. Independence Baptist Church is the oldest continuously active Baptist church in the State of Texas, the church was organized in 1839 and it was in this congregation that Sam Houston was baptized.



The new cross in progress

Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to those that have supported the Capital Campaign through prayer or prayerful giving. We have raised \$48,685 of the approximately \$80,000 needed, so we are over halfway towards our goal. Please remember this campaign in your prayers and consider giving if you are able to support this endeavor over and above your regular offerings. Your gifts are being put to good use to preserve and beautify our sanctuary and we hope to have the cross up this month.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saint Sunday 4:00 Supper Sundays/ AC 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/ AC	2 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	3 8:45 UMW Exec./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 12:00 First Tuesday's Together/ FH	4 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	5 9:00 Yoga/ AC	6 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	7
8 Adult Teen Challenge Sunday 12:00 Covered Dish Luncheon/ AC 12:45 Children/ Youth-tip to Dewberry Farms/ AC 7:00 Teen Talk/ AC	9 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Missions/ FR	10 9:00 Card Group/ MH	11 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	12 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	13 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	14
15 UMW Installation Sunday 4:00 Super Sundays/ AC 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir 6:00 UMYF/ AC	16 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	17 9:30 Tate Circle/ BH Rogers Circle/ FH Cumming Circle/ Foster 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Summerour 6:30 Finance/ FR Wesleyan Circle/ FH	18 11:00 Joy Trip- Veteran's Park/ AC Parking Lot 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	19 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:00 CDC Thanksgiving Feast/ AC	20 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	21
22 Commitment Sunday 4:00 Supper Sundays/ AC Joy Trip-Baylor Choir Performance/ Independence Baptist Church 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/ AC	23 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Charge Conference/ FR	24 9:00 Card Group/ MH	25 1:00 Care Team / FR 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	26 <i>Offices Closed</i> Happy  Thanksgiving	27 <i>Offices Closed</i>	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/ AC	30 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn					



The UMM invited the Brenham Fire Department to visit for our September meeting, and we learned a lot about the truck and its equipment. It was decided at this meeting that a donation of \$1000.00 would go toward the purchase of an air bag used to lift heavy items off accident victims.

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