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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

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November 4, 2016



Faith mission Annual
Community Wide
Thanksgiving

Pastor Jon Stouffer will preach at this year's community wide Thanksgiving held on November 20th and 6:00 p.m. at the Cannery. Hope to see you there!

Newsletter Deadlines



Due to the busy holiday season approaching we want to post the next two newsletter deadlines. The deadline for the December newsletter will be **Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10:00 am.** and the January deadline is **Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** 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.



Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

- November 23rd – closing @ 12:00 p.m.
- November 24th – closed
- November 25th - closed



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, **non-invasive and painless health screenings at First United Methodist Church on 11/15/2016.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441. You may also visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners** and enter our zip code in the box on the main page. Enter a short questionnaire and hit complete, tests may be recommended for you or you can choose tests yourself based on your needs/wants. Select keep and continue and select testing locations (8 weeks out to find FUMC) to complete sign up and select times. You may use your Flexible Spending Account to pay for such tests.



Prayer Concerns

SUNDAY October 9, 2016

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
Worship 11:00 a.m.	188
Worship Total	214
Sunday School	91
Offering:	\$19,240.00

SUNDAY October 16, 2016

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	66
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	85
Worship Total	224
Sunday School	92
Offering:	\$8,421.00

SUNDAY October 23, 2016

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	53
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	90
Worship Total	221
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$11,197.00

SUNDAY October 30, 2016

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	79
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	105
Worship Total	253
Sunday School	91
Offering:	\$10,133.00

October TOTALS

Oct. Income:	\$62,191.00
Oct. Expense:	\$57,462.00
Oct. Total:	\$4,729.00

YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$519,971.00
YTD Expense:	\$548,322.00
YTD Net Total:	(\$28,351.00)

Richard Coghlan
 Delmer McAdow
 Luene Harmer
 Henry Kuecker
 Frances Sidebottom
 Alan Williamson
 Bob & Susan Jenkins
 Fred Ketcham
 Ken & Joy Goedeke
 Roberial & Dorothy Boenker
 Mike Kalil
 Juanita Hickey
 Amber Jean
 Susan Fowler
 Eloise Carmen

Jeffery Janner
 Norman Kitzman
 Boyce Weiman
 Kristi Vanzura
 Sam & Beverly Duree
 Linda Winstanley
 Emily & Owen Reavis
 Steve Ritchie
 Jimmy Carter
 Frank & Jody Tyson
 Elizabeth Foster
 Rev. Max Grubb
 Billie Ford
 Ronnie Ochoa

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

Donations Received

In memory of
Bob Perry

By

John & Sherry Barkman
 Smitty Hinners
 Frances Sidebottom

In memory of
Jim Hickey

By

Ken & Ann Pieper
 Debra Gilbersta
 Frances Sidebottom
 Don & Mary Wilhelm
 Kay Reichwein
 Nick & Marianne Nelms
 Smitty Hinners
 Tom & Carol Ann Post
 Gary & Kay Ivy

In memory of
Bryan Campbell

By

Cynthia Hamrick

In memory of
Ed Standerfer

By

Bill & Doris Mays

In memory of
Buddy Dorow

By

Cynthia Hamrick
 Clara Deavers
 Doyce & Cindy Wells
 Ron and Nynvia Mills
 Don & Mary Wilhelm
 Larry & Konnie Thomas
 Gary & Kay Ivy
 Henry & Blondean Kuecker
 Dorothy Addicks
 Ron & Elaine Walberg
 Lydia House
 The Wesley Sunday
 School Class
 Frances Sidebottom
 Donald & Gwen Spiess
 Tom & Carol Ann Post
 Nick & Marianne Nlems
 Ken & Ann Pieper
 Smitty Hinners
 Henry & Blondean Kuecker

Family Sunday School Pumpkin Carving



Sign Up Now!

HIGH SCHOOL
MISSION
TRIP

JULY 16-21, 2017
New Orleans, LA
Current 8th-12th grade
\$60 Deposit Due BEFORE
you are registered

BIG HOUSE
JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

JULY 6-9, 2017
Houston, TX
Current 5th - 8th grade
\$60 Deposit Due BEFORE
you are registered



Nov 6 – Aguilar & Sedlar
Nov 13 – Anderson & Rettig
Nov 20 – Patrick/Poston/Ebel
Nov 27 – Trostle & Herzog

Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

It's November 1, 2016! I'm wondering where the year has gone! There are two months left of 2016 and it will soon be 2017. As I look forward to the New Year, my first goal is to finish this year well. I have several books on my "to read in 2016" reading list that I haven't even started. I have fitness levels that I have yet to reach! And I have projects yet uncompleted. My plan is to do all that I am able to do at the best of my ability and not worry about what remains yet to be completed.

One thing I always look forward to at the end of one year and the beginning of the next is a trip to the Abbey of Gethsemani. With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays this year, my trip to the monastery is scheduled for the first week of the New Year. Always when I pray through that week, I remember our congregation and the needs, hopes, dreams of and for our people. If you have special prayer requests for that week, please let me know. It is my joy to spend time praying for these needs while I am sharing with the monks whose motto is "prayer and work."

One last thing: Thank you for your faithfulness through this year! You all make possible the ministry that God entrusts to us as a people. It is a joy to work with you all as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ and build God's Kingdom in our community!

may Christ be our sufficiency,

Jon



Operation Christmas Child is quickly approaching,
We have boxes ready for you to pick up.

Collection Week is November 14th – 20th

The boxes will be blessed during the morning worship services
Sunday, November 20th.

Pick up a box or two and bless a child this Christmas.



Treasure Patch Thanks

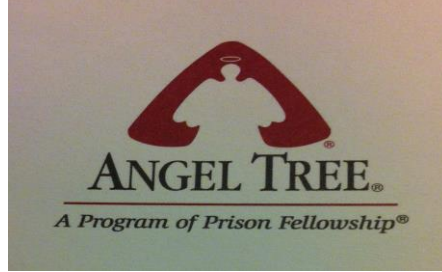
A **BIG** thank you goes out to all who donated items, and to all who bought items in the UMW Harvest Festival Treasure Patch. Your generosity made the fundraising for the missions event a banner success!

Thanks FUMC!

The family of James Lee Hickey thanks First United Methodist Church for the kindness and love that was given to us during the time of our sorrow as Jim passed on to his eternal home. There is no way that we can express to Pastor Jon, Pastor Kay, and all the church members for all the prayers, the kindness and love that was shown to us. How great God has made our church! Please continue to pray for us during this difficult time, and may God bless each of you.

Love,
Juanita Hickey

Christmas 2016
with
The Brenham State Supported Living Center
and the



Our annual support for these two outreach ministries starts on Sunday, November 20th. That is the day when you will be able to select an "ornament" with a gift suggestion for either a child of an incarcerated parent or a resident at the Living Center. These gifts, at a cost of between \$15.00 and \$25.00, help share the love of Christ.

Dates to remember:

- November 20th and 27th - select an ornament
- December 4th or before - the **unwrapped** Living Center gift taken to the FUMC Office
- December 11th or before - the **wrapped** Angel Tree gift taken to the FUMC Office
- The week of December 19th – 23rd - help deliver the Angel Tree gifts

Things for Which I Am Thankful

At this time every year I start thinking of the things for which I am thankful. Any attempt to list every blessing for which we are thankful will meet with astonishing defeat. However, can we not at least try? Here are just a few things for which I am thankful.

- For the Pilgrims who survived the harsh winter and set aside a day to give thanks.
- For our national leaders who made Thanksgiving Day an official holiday so families could spend a day together and give thanks for the blessings we have received today.
- For the privilege of being alive.
- For the awesome mystery of the changing seasons.
- For Texas sunrises and sunsets.
- For Blue Bell ice cream.
- For popcorn and movies.
- For new relationships that are becoming friends.
- For a free pulpit from which to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- For a mother and father and sister and brother and niece and nephew who know me and love me anyway.
- For Brenham, Texas, my home, and for First United Methodist Church my spiritual family.
- For a wonderful church staff and many faithful volunteers.
- For my two puppies Noel and Nicholas.
- For people who believe in me.
- For living in a nation where I don't have to fight for my freedom.
- For the Lord Jesus whose presence is often more real to me than the things I see and touch.
- For the assurance of forgiveness and eternal life.
- For the deep conviction I have that this life is temporary and that death is only a door to a more abundant life in Christ.
- For not being born a turkey (though some may disagree with me about this).

As you prepare for the holiday season, I hope you will be in worship every Sunday that you are in town. See you Sunday as we worship together and give thanks.

Kay

TRUNK or Treat



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:45 UMW Exec./ FR 9:30 UMW/ AC	2 11:30 First Tuesday Together/ The Senior Center 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/ AC	3 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	4 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	5
6 All Saints Sunday 6:00 UMYF/ AC 	7 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	8 9:00 Card Group/ MH	9 10:00 Worship/ FR 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/ AC	10 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	11 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	12 9:00-4:00 Ladies Retreat/ Caldwell
13 6:00 UMYF/ AC	14 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 5:00 Sager Brown Meeting/ FR 6:00 Missions/ FR CDC Thanksgiving/ AC	15 All Day Life Line Screening/ AC 9:30 Goodman Circle/ FH Hickey Circle/ Parlor Amerson Circle/ MH 12:00 Susana Circle/ DeSalvo 5:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	16 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/ AC	17 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	18 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	19
20 6:00 UMYF/ AC Faith Mission Community Wide Thanksgiving/ The Cannery	21 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	22 9:00 Card Group/ MH	23 Offices Closing @ Noon	24 Offices Closed 	25 Offices Closed	26
27 6:00 UMYF/ AC	28 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	29	30 1:00 Care Team/ FR 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/ AC			

Jon's Regular Office Hours

Monday 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. – Noon & 1 pm. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. – Noon, & 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. – Noon, & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
(Mondays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. is your pastors' conference time together)
(Tuesdays 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. & Wednesdays 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. are sermon writing times)

Jon's Regular Visitation Hours

Monday 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Kay's Regular Office Hours

Monday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. – Noon
(Mondays 1 pm – 2 p.m. is your pastors' conference time together)
(M, T, W, F 9 a.m. – 10 am are sermon writing times)

Kay's Regular Visitation Hours

Tuesday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.



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