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*Open Hearts. . .*

*Open Minds. . .*

*Open Doors. . .*

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

7:30 a.m. Refreshments in the Parlor (all morning)  
8:15 A.M. Worship in the Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center  
9:00 a.m. Celebration Service In the Activity Center  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*Nursery care provided*

The 11:00 service is  
Broadcast each Sunday on  
Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280  
and Channel 96 Cable TV.

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# First United Methodist Church

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**September 2018**

Dear Friends,

I enjoy discovering the origins of words and phrases because how we understand and use both words and phrases across generations change, often dramatically. For example, to refer to a person as “naughty” used to mean that they had nothing or had naught. It then evolved to mean evil or immoral and, finally, in today’s common English it simply means a person is behaving badly.

“The proof is in the pudding,” is a centuries old phrase that used to be “The proof of the pudding is in the eating.” However, some linguistics folk believe that the word, “pudding,” referred to a kind of sausage which consisted of various kinds of minced meat and other ingredients packed into a casing. One would do well to eat it cautiously since that kind of food could be risky. So, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

In our day, the “proof is in the pudding” simply means we cannot judge something unless we’ve tried, used or experienced it. Sometimes I don’t think we even realize when we’re misjudging or assuming something to be good or bad, helpful or not. I believe that’s the case when it comes to the spiritual practice of stewardship. (Some will quit reading at the very mention of the term but I encourage you to read on...)

Stewardship has gotten a bad rap for a couple reasons. First, it’s judged to relate only to money when it actually has to do with all the blessings we have in our lives: relationships, possessions, spiritual gifts, time, our abilities, and yes, our money. Second, it’s judged to be that time of the year when “the church” (as though some of us are somehow not included in it) asks for money. Which entails “the church” getting into our personal business by making us feel guilty. Last year I was told that a stewardship drive would turn people off and drive them away. But the opposite happened. Instead, people expressed surprise at how informative and pleasant the month’s emphasis on stewardship turned out to be. Additionally, more people made a financial commitment to the ministries of the church.

Here is the challenge I have for each of us. This year, in September, when our preaching and teaching are focused on financial stewardship, look at it as an opportunity to learn about it before conjuring up our old judgements about it. When invited to consider how you will measure your life, broaden your understanding of stewardship to how you use your time, spiritual gifts, abilities, and yes, your financial resources. I challenge all of us to trust God with His instructions with regard to stewardship. Let’s try opening our minds to new understanding of stewardship because there is joy to be experienced!

For me, making a financial commitment in the form of a tithe has been a blessing in ways I never imagined. Of course, I love the idea that I’m following God’s instructions but beyond that it makes me feel more invested in the church as a whole. It brings me joy to be involved in the way the ministries of the church change lives of so many people. It is not, for me, an obligation or a source of guilt or a burden in any way. Honestly, to financially commit to the church is an honor. The proof was in the pudding, so to speak.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Bobbie

## Missions Corner

### **Updates:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our back to school supply drive at the church. We were able to bring all of the schools supplies over to "For The City", the organization that was heading up and running the drive. The supplies we donated, along with donations from others throughout Brenham, were able to help over 400 students receive school supplies to start the year off right. The remainder of the supplies was then split up between the schools to help students. Overall, it is estimated that over 800 students will be helped by all the supplies donated.

The Missions Committee was also busy with a hand sanitizer project. Before school began, the missions committee was able to deliver 3 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer to faculty, staff and teachers at each of the Brenham schools (that is over 600 bottles of hand sanitizer!). On the bottles was a prayer for the teachers for the upcoming school year. This was a way that we could show all of our staff and teachers how much they are loved and appreciated. The schools were surprised and extremely grateful we did this and many teachers have expressed their thanks.

Pastor T.J. and other pastors from the community, were able to brighten the day of students in Brenham through the Donuts and Blessing program put together by the Washington County Ministerial Association. Pastor T.J. along with Pastor Ross Shelton of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, teamed up to hand out over 175 donut holes to students at Krause Elementary. It was a great time to say hello and bless students as they began a new school year.

On August 22, the Missions Committee put together an outreach to Blinn College for new students and their families who were registering and moving in for the new school year. We were able to set up two locations to hand out water bottles and information about the church and the Wesley foundation. It was a hot day but we had many volunteers who came out and showed the love of Jesus in a practical way to students and families. Overall, we passed out at least 300 bottles of water and made connections with students and families inviting them to church and welcoming them to Blinn. We were also able to collect the names and numbers of 14 students who are interested in receiving rides to church.



### **Upcoming Opportunities: Van Ministry**

Since we collected the names and number of students who were interested in rides to church, this has opened up an opportunity to develop a new ministry here at the church. We are looking for wonderful people who would be willing to drive either the church bus or van to pick up and drop off students each week for church. Each week we'll send a text to the students who are interested in getting a ride to and from church with the location of where to meet (for example in front of the student center). We would need someone to pick the students up by 8:15am so they can be at church for a good Sunday Morning breakfast and then bring them back to campus after service is over around 10a.m. It is less than a 10 minute drive from the church to Blinn. We are hoping to get a rotation of drivers that can either do both before and after service or maybe someone would be willing to do one way and someone else do the other way. If you are interested please see Pastor T.J.

### **Activate Missional Outreach Conference**

On Saturday, October 13 from 8:30 AM until 2 PM there is an Expanding Missional Outreach conference at Christ UMC in College Station. This will be an, "exceptional learning time for churches desiring to create a clean vision, understanding of God's will and call to mission and outreach." This event is open to pastors, church leaders, church attendees, and mission and outreach teams. The event is free. If you are interested please contact Pastor T.J. We will need to RSVP by October 5 to the district office. If you have any questions you can also see Pastor T.J.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Mission Serve**

On Saturday, October 20, we will have an opportunity to go to the Texas Annual Conference Mission Center in Conroe to help assemble and verify relief supplies, such as flood buckets. We will leave the church by 8:30 AM and work at the Mission Center from 10:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Lunch will be offsite. Youth are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact Pastor T.J.

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	61
9:00 Celebration:	54
11:00 Worship	85

**Total: 202**

Sunday School: 60

**Offering: \$14,003.00**

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	67
9:00 Celebration:	90
11:00 Worship	72

**Total: 232**

Sunday School: 64

**Offering: \$10,323.00**

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	54
9:00 Celebration:	148
11:00 Worship	72

**Total: 276**

Sunday School: 42

**Offering: \$8,685.00**

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	64
9:00 Celebration:	99
11:00 Worship	69

**Total: 235**

Sunday School: 63

**Offering: \$11,151.05**

**July Totals**

Income:	\$45,927.00
Expense:	\$59,599.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$13,672.00)</b>

**YTD Totals**

Income:	\$356,988.00
Expense:	\$375,416.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$18,427.00)</b>

**Memorials Received**

In memory of

**Frank Tyson**

By

Kathryn and Bob Baines  
Shirley Goetz  
Lee Kiefe

In memory of

**Georgia Standerfer**

By

The Fellowship Class  
Jan Herbst  
Smitty Hinnens  
Kay and Gary Ivy  
Mary and Don Wilhelm

In memory of

**Bob Haberman**

By

Peggy and Charles Moser

In memory of

**Phil Duvall**

By

Kay and Gary Ivy

In memory of

**Steve Haley**

By

Harriet Anne Tabb  
Mimi and Mike Mushaway



**Prayer**

**Concerns**

Glen Amerson

Calvin Beckendorf

Jim Clements

Richard Coglan

Wanda Curbo

Ellen Ellison

Jeff Folton

Amy Hemsell

Juanita Hickey

Kathi Ivy

Sue Perry

Jan Pledger

Harold Pool

Marjorie Reed

Kathy Schatte

Tonya VanCleve

Cheryl Williamson

Marilyn Wrigley

Nancy Yeary

Mary Burgess

Beverly Burt

Walter Fortune

Bud Foster

Lydia House

Edna Rote

Our homebound members and those serving in the military.



**Did you know?**

1. Our Evangelism and Missions Committees combined efforts to provide several new teachers with gift cards to the Brenham Toy Company and Teacher Supply Company.
2. Corporal Jared Campbell of the Brenham Police Department conducted a building security analysis on our facilities and gave us a great report!
3. Especially our Child Development Center which is practicing good security habits.
4. Back to Church Sunday is **September 16!** Our Evangelism committee will provide you with easy ways to invite friends, family and others to come back to church.

Grief comes in all shapes and sizes. It lasts for different lengths of time for everyone. What every person has in common when grieving, however, is the need for care and support. That's what Grief Share is all about.

Grief Share is a weekly support group for persons experiencing grief, no matter the reason. Through shared experiences, scripture and tender-loving care, participants will be able to make their way through the journey of grief, toward renewed hope. Consider ways in which this support group might be helpful to you and others. The group is open to the entire community!

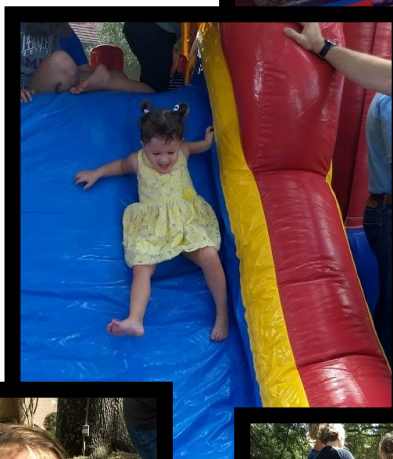
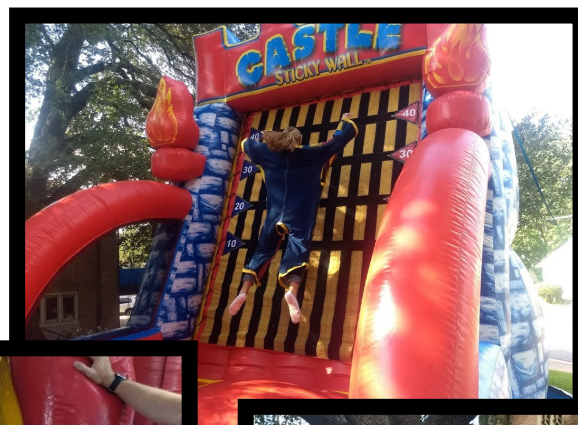
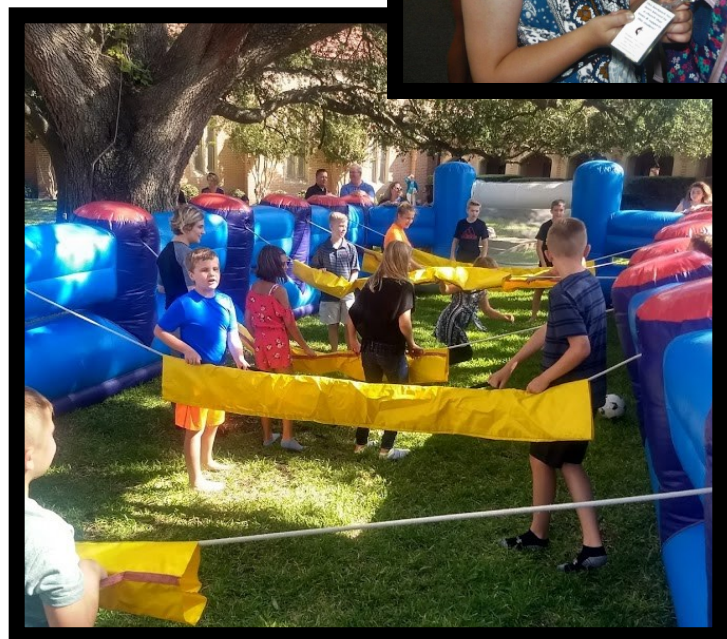
Grief Share begins on Sunday, September 30th.

Please call Pastor Bobbie at the church office (979-836-2008) for additional information.



# Education SUNDAY

2018





## Methodist Weekday Child Development Center

This school year has started off great! We welcome you to come by and visit with us and see what each class is doing and see the joy on the children's faces.

"Great News!" We are in the process of upgrading the playground. Contractors will be laying down turf for the playground, which began Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>. It will take about a week to complete and we are so excited to see the end result. We know the children, teachers and most of all the parents, will be happy about no more dirt in their shoes, hair and clothes.

We have a wonderful team here and we are looking to hire 2 more aides for the MWCDC. If you know anyone that is great with children and very active, please invite them come by the school office to pick up an application. If you have any questions about the school please call Raemona Burks-Director (979) 830-8661.

**Enrollment: 68 kids and 4 kids on the waiting list for December.  
2018-2019 school year following classrooms**

**Baby Pandas:** 6 weeks-11 months, 5 children (4 on waiting list)

**Lil Koala:** 12-17 months, 5 children

**Lil Cheetahs:** 18-23 months, 7 children

**Giraffe's:** 2 year olds, 9 children

**Zebras:** 3 year olds, 7 children

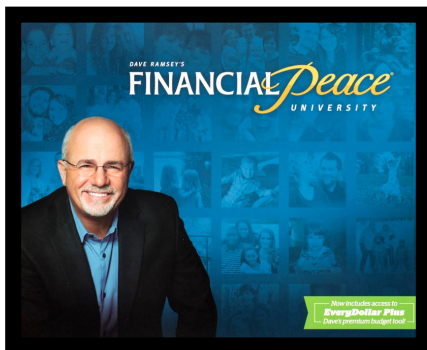
**Safari:** 4 year olds, 9 children and 4 after care children

**Lil Jungle:** 5-6 years after schoolers, 7 children

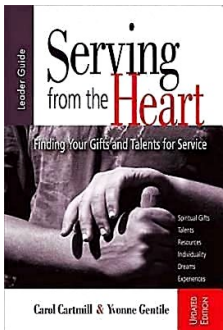
**Jungle:** 6-12 years after schoolers, 15 children



**We are still open for enrollment. So Come on By!!!**



What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the group go to [www.fpu.com/1071213](http://www.fpu.com/1071213) or contact Pastor T.J. because we're offering it at First United Methodist Church Brenham beginning **Wednesday, September 12 at 6 PM.** This is a great class that is being taught by Casey Henley. You won't want to miss it!



### **Serving From the Heart**

Imagine what could happen in the world if every Christian identified and put his/her spiritual gifts to service for God! Imagine the ministry that would be possible and the lives that would change if we all understood what it means to be uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit, set apart for the work of ministry.

In three sessions, participant in Serving From the Heart will complete a spiritual gifts inventory, learn the differences between spiritual gifts through Bible study, and identify areas of ministry which allow people to discover the joy of serving God from the heart.

This class will be led by Pastor Bobbie Maltas, **Sunday afternoons, 4 PM – 5 PM.** Each participant can expect to spend about 15 minutes of study each week, in addition to one hour of class time. Each participant will need a study book and a Bible.

Registration forms are on the clipboards outside the Parlor and Activities Center. Or you may call the church office to register.



# UMYF

We had a great time at our Back to School UMYF. The youth got to take their "back to school aggressions" out on each other in Sumo wrestling & with Hungry, Hungry Hippo.

**Aug 26—Prayer Walk** around our public schools. Please continue to pray for our schools and the students, teachers and staff.

**Sept 2—NO UMYF**

**Sept 9—UMYF 6-8 PM.** We will begin our new study based on the comedy of John Crist.



Thank you to all that purchased drive thru meal tickets for the UMM fundraiser.



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### Music Ministry Notes:

**As hard as it is to believe, the Summer is almost over, school is back in session and hopefully the heat will be behind us soon. This Fall will mark the return of the Handbell Ensemble under the direction of Reverend Kay Reed. Handbells practice will be on Wednesdays starting September 5th from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Fellowship House. They will play periodically throughout the year during worship.**

**In addition to handbells, Youth Choir will begin meeting on the Second Sunday in September, starting September 9th, in the choir room at 4:00 PM. All Jr. High and High School aged youth are welcome to join.**

**Also starting in September, we will begin rehearsing Christmas music. Rehearsals for Christmas will be on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 PM. Anyone who would like to sing at Christmas is welcome to join us. We only ask that you make a joyful noise.**

## Remove by Action of Charge Conference 2018

**We're missing some folks!**

**Please check this list of folks who have at some point been connected with our congregation. Pastor Bobbie has attempted to contact them but unfortunately the correspondence returns undeliverable or "No Forwarding Address," and the electronic communication hasn't been successful either.**

**If you know the whereabouts of anyone on this list and/or if you know how to contact anyone on this list, please contact the church office at 979-836-2008 and provide that information. Pastor Bobbie would like to find out why they have not been active in the life of the church. And, if at all possible, she would like to encourage them toward active membership, whether in our church or another United Methodist Church.**

**Thank you so much!**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your expressions of love and concern during our recent and on-going health related challenges. We are very grateful.  
Calvin and Marie

Connaroe, Adam	Mass, Tadd
Garrison, Darrell	Meadows, Ruthann
Garrison, Lamoyne	McLaughlin, Janet
Barnes, Lauri	Morris, Dawn
Burkhart, Darrell	Morris, Amanda
Burkhart, Gill	Pagan, Darla
Burkart, Lisa	Pomeroy, Paul
Copelin, Kevan	Pomykal, Kenneth
Dillard, John	Pomykal, Tanya
Dukes, Scott	Powell, Tena
Eckert, Renee	Price, Robert
Fox, Dorothy	Rodenbeck, Nicki
Gregor, Kaci	Rogers, Brent
Hogan, Richard	Rogers, Krista
Hogan, Liz	Rozypal, Bonnie
Hogan, Ben	Rozypal, Ryan
Johnson, Barbara	Rozypal, Reagan
Johnson, Bethany	Rutherford, Eddie
Johnson, Michele S. <i>Higgs</i>	Schnebly, Cindy
Janak, Lisa	Sharp, Gail
Knebel, Melissa	Sharp, Christopher
Kubos, Harris Sr.	Spinn, Margie
Kubos, Mimi	Spinn, Mark
Linstrum, Karen	Spinn, June
Lonero, Larry	Stilson, Emily
Lonero, Cheryl	Struthers, Nathan
Lonero, Sarah	Tannahill, Patty
Love, Sonya	Thornton, Karen
Love, Miranda	Williams, Andrew
Mason, Julius	Williamson, Karen
Mass, Christopher	Williamson, Chandler

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, September 10, 2018 at First United Methodist Church of Brenham.

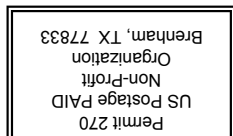
Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

**Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

#### **Newsletter Deadline**



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 12:00 PM.** If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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.



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