



First United Methodist Church

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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

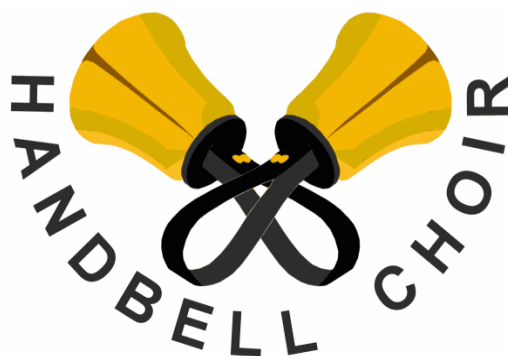
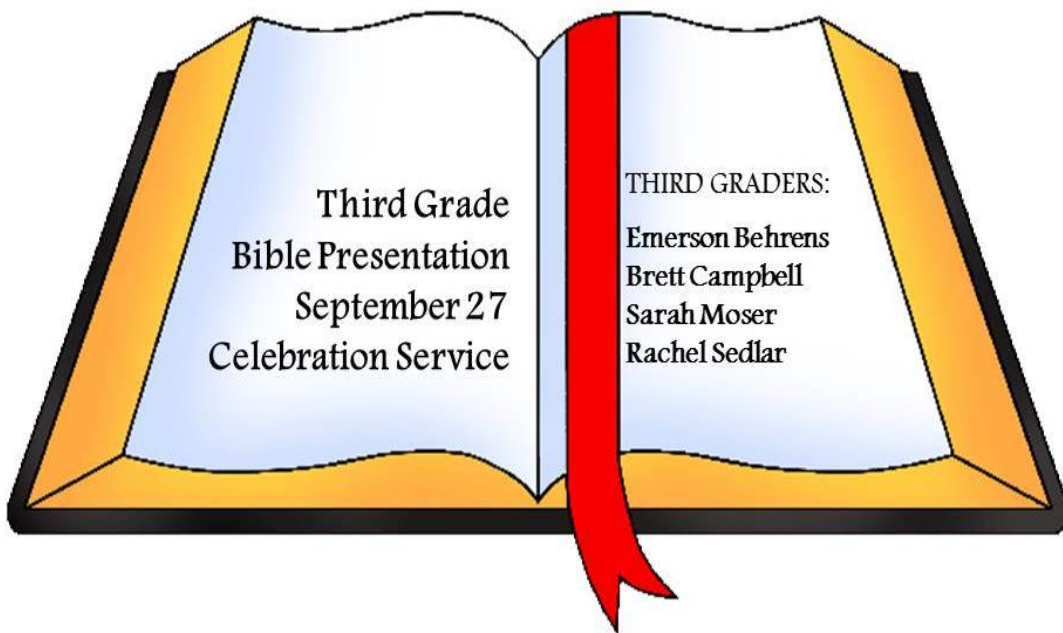
Nursery care provided

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
jon@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Kay Reed
kay@fumcbrenham.org



Hand Bell choir will begin again on **Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Gray House. If you are interested in playing we have two openings in the choir. For more information or any questions contact Pastor Kay 979-836-2008.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, September 15, 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.

SUNDAY July 12, 2015

Church Attendance:

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| Nursery | 4 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 86 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 42 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 103 |
| Worship Total | 235 |
| Sunday School | 67 |
| Offering: | \$10,628.00 |

SUNDAY July 19, 2015

Church Attendance:

| | |
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| Nursery | 6 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 68 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 69 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 71 |
| Worship Total | 214 |
| Sunday School | 98 |
| Offering: | \$8,016.96 |

SUNDAY July 26, 2015

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery | 3 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 69 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 60 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 77 |
| Worship Total | 209 |
| Sunday School | 68 |
| Offering: | \$7,992.18 |

SUNDAY August 2, 2015

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 2 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 83 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 73 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 134 |
| Worship Total | 292 |
| Sunday School | 110 |
| Offering: | \$16,152.40 |

SUNDAY August 9, 2015

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery | 2 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 79 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 70 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 101 |
| Worship Total | 252 |
| Sunday School | 84 |
| Offering: | \$11,978.00 |

JULY TOTALS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| July Income: | \$48,678.61 |
| July Expense: | \$56,077.31 |
| July Total: | (\$7,398.70) |

YTD TOTALS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| YTD. Income: | \$354,237.76 |
| YTD. Expense: | \$361,948.68 |
| YTD. Net Total: | (\$7,710.92) |



Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
 Richard Coghlan
 Gene Moss
 Audrey Simpson
 Delmer McAdow
 Glenn and Luene Harmer
 Marilyn Wrigley
 Art Hanners
 Buddy & Elaine Dorow
 Henry Kuecker
 Georgia Standerfer
 Frances Sidebottom
 Jeremy Duree
 Kathyrine Jones
 Carolyn Hale
 Lorraine Teufel
 Alan Williamson

Rev. Jim Foster
 Mike Kalil
 Ed Baker
 Cameron Winchell
 Hugh and Aniela Pitts
 Marilyn Gravett
 Louise Goorich
 Mike Henigan
 Eileen Raschke
 Jeffery Janner
 Gayle Earls
 Ernestine Moore
 Marvalyn Reiland
 JoAnne Thompson

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

Donations Received

In memory of

**Kathleen Patricia
Mushaway**

By

Kenneth and Ann Muchow
and Family
Gary and Kay Ivy

In memory of

Ed Sidebottom

By

FUMC Card Group
Marilyn Whitmarsh

In memory of

John Vavroch

By

Cordelia Cummins

*The Faith Builders Sunday
 School Class has given an
 honorary gift to the Missions
 Committee in the name of our
 four retired pastors:*

***Calvin Beckendorf
 Sam Duree
 Earl McIntyre
 Don Raschke***



FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

FLAME & MATT MAHER

September 16 7pm

Produced by KSBJ Special Events and brought to you by local Churches in Brenham

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday morning at 10am for a fun-filled hour in Sunday school. We want to see our FUMC children come to Sunday School. It's going to be another great year watching our Whirl videos and learning more about what is preached about each Sunday morning. There is a class for YOU!!

PreK – Beginner Reader (1st)

Teachers: Jana Aguilar, Holly Carlile Tiffany Jenkins

Strong Reader (2nd-3rd grade)

Teachers: Lisa Hook, Laura Childs & Kimberley Behrens

Tweens (4th-5th grade)

Teachers: Rob Aguilar, Sherri Bogan, Nancy & Roger Appelt

Our 6th graders will be joining the Jr High class upstairs in the youth room for Sunday School.



If you love VBS @FUMC you will **love** Super Sundays @FUMC. Starting **Oct 4**, Super Sundays will happen on the **FIRST & THIRD** Sunday of the month. Our meeting time will be from **4-5pm** starting in the Activity Center. We will have 3 rotations each Sunday just like at VBS – recreation, baking, science, bible, music & crafts. This is a **GREAT** event to invite friends to come.

We are currently looking for people to help. The idea is that you will only need to help once and month or even once every two months. It is the same structure as VBS. We will have our station leaders and need a few volunteers to walk the kids to each station. If you want to help with a station or be a group leader please let me know jennifer@fumcbrenham.org.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Dunking Booth



EDUCATION SUNDAY



Bubbles & Chalk



Bunnies!!

The Woodcutter's Parable

"Come to me.... Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me."

Matthew 11:28-29

Once there lived an old woodcutter who decided the time had come to teach his son to follow in the woodcutting trade. The apprentice was young and eager, and each day would follow his father into the woods, swinging his axe with great zeal and vigor. However, as the days wore on, it seemed to the young man that the trees became tougher and harder to cut down. Progress slowed to a crawl. Finally, when felling the trees became impossible, the young man turned to his father and cried, "Father, for some reason I am no longer able to cut down the trees! What is wrong with me?" The woodcutter saw his son's plight and answered, "Why don't you sit down, take a little time and sharpen your axe?" "Oh, no!" responded the boy. "If I do, I will never have the time to cut all these trees!" "Well," replied his father, "then I suppose that is a decision we all must make, whether to keep on swinging at the trees or take the time to sit and sharpen our axes."

Many Christians believe in the Lord, but finally feel they don't have the time to sit down and learn the Bible. They are too busy living. What they don't realize is, learning the Bible IS living! Such knowledge enhances our lives and makes living more fulfilling and more fun. An Indian proverb says, "If you give a man a fish, he has only one meal. But if you teach him how to fish, he can live all his life." That is what Bible study is all about. I want us to be people grounded personally in scripture, not people who must rely on what others say about the Bible. To learn the scriptures takes time. But how could your time possibly be spent in any way better than this?

If you are tired of swinging at the trees and want to sharpen your axe, please consider coming to the Monday morning Bible Study. We meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Gray House. Beginning September 14th we will begin a study of the book of James. If you would like a book they are available in the church office for \$10.00.

See you Sunday,

Kay

Thanks FUMC!

Thank you to all who sent cards, food, visits, phone calls, and prayers. I am doing better every day and hope to be back to church full time again soon. The support of my church family has been really great and so very much appreciated by my whole family.

Thanks again,

Louise Goodrich and Family

I would like to thank the amazing members of my church family for all the cards, visits, calls, prayers, etc. since the passing of my dear husband Ed. I have so appreciated the great care that the church has given me.

Thanks again,

Frances Sidebottom

To the wonderful staff and members of FUMC, my family and I would like to say thanks. Thank you for taking the time to pray and help us during the time my husband was in the hospital and then passed away.

Thanks so much!

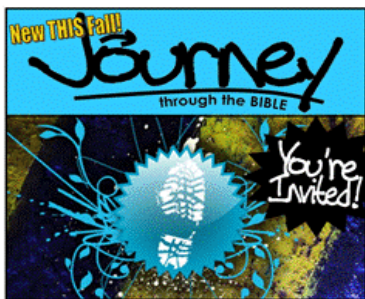
Cindy Mathis and Family



Color War



Intro to both classes starts Sept 13



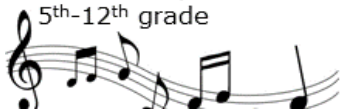
Starting this Fall, UMYF will have two different style lessons that will take us through the Bible. We will sample both of these lessons on 9/13 and your student can decide which style they prefer. Please come to UMYF this day. I need to see how the group will be divided up so we can plan the rest of our UMYFs accordingly. I really want to stay inside the 2 hour window but we may need to make some adjustments.

TEEN TALK

I have heard and seen a lot of the pressures our teens and college students go through. I want our youth group to be a safe place for them to come and talk about the struggles and the triumphs they are going through. I have found a wonderful counselor, Laura Kwiatkowski, to help give her tools to deal with those thoughts and feelings. I spoke with Laura about the struggles I see our youth (and my college students) going through. I just don't feel qualified to help them in a concrete way. The great news is that Laura has agreed to help us out and offer a group time once a month for our youth to come together and share. It's called Teen Talk. This is going to be a VERY special gift we are offering everyone. We plan to take this one step at a time and see how it goes. I love these kids so much! I want them to be healthy in body, spirit and in mind. We will start Teen Talk **September 13 from 5-6pm upstairs in the youth room before UMYF.**



Youth Choir will start in September 5-6pm in the choir room. For youth 5th-12th grade

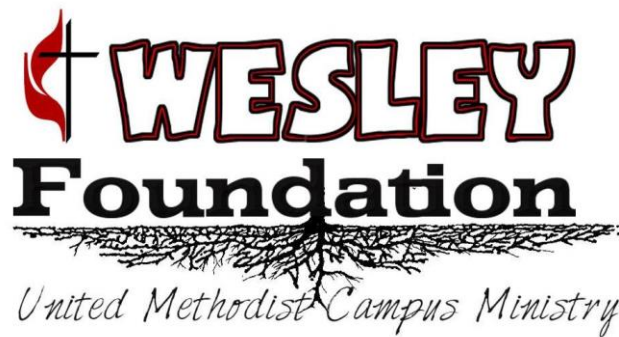




| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | 1 8:45 UMW Exec./Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 12:00 First Tuesday's Together/ FH | 2 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 3 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 4 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <i>Office Closed</i>  | 8 9:00 Card Group/ MH | 9 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 10 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC | 11 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor | 12 |
| 13 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/ AC | 14 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Mission & Outreach/ FR | 15 9:30 Tate Circle/ Parlor Rogers Circle/ FH Cumming Circle/ MH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH | 16 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 17 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 18 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor | 19 |
| 20 Dr. Joel Plaag's Last Sunday 9:15 Reception for Joel/ Parlor 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/ AC | 21 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 6:30 SPRC/ FR | 22 9:00 Card Group/ MH | 23 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | 24 9:00 Yoga/ AC | 25 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor | 26 8:00 Epiphany/ AC |
| 27 3rd Grade Bible Day 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF | 28 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH | 29 | 30 1:00 Care Team / FR 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC | | | |

ADOPT-A-STUDENT^{college}

We are looking for a few good church members to be an extended family for our college students. I may have up to 10 college students from the Wesley Foundation that will sign up to be adopted. So what does it mean to adopt a student? You will be given their name, address and phone number. Simply make contact with them, invite them to church, offer to pick them up, purchase a meal ticket our church is selling, write them a letter of encouragement, send a little care package full of goodies, invite them to a lunch or dinner out or in your home. The possibilities are endless. The most important thing is to remind them someone is praying for them and cares about them here in Brenham. If you would like to sign up please email me at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or call the church office and let me know you would like to be an adoptive family, and I will get all the info to you. Please prayerfully consider this outreach opportunity.



Wesley Foundation meets on Mondays from noon to 1pm in the Student Center of Blinn College. We usually have around 15-20 students attend each Monday. Currently the meal is provided by Kevin or Jennifer Patrick. We could use more help! If your small group, committee, circle or Sunday School Class would like to help out by making a meal or covering the cost of a meal we would greatly appreciate it. The students look forward to our home-cooked meals. They tell us Wesley helps them get a positive start to their week. Please email jennifer@fumcbrenham.org if you or your group can help out. Thank you so much!

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