



First United Methodist Church

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Lent – A Time of Reflection

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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 10 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor
 Rev. Dale Chance
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Associate Pastor
 Rev. Kay Reed
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A preacher was walking down the street one day when he came upon a group of boys huddled around a little stray puppy. The preacher approached the boys and with a friendly smile he asked, "Well, what are you fellows up to?" One of the boys spoke up and said, "We're swapping lies. The guy that tells the biggest one gets the puppy." The preacher spoke up and said, "Boys, boys! I'm shocked! Why, when I was a boy your age I never even thought of telling a lie." Then the boys shouted together, "You win, preacher! The dog's yours!"

I would imagine that if we're completely honest about it, we're all confronted with the temptation to stretch the truth just a bit from time to time. I think that's especially true when it comes to admitting our own faults. That's just something that not very many of us like to do. Not very many of us like to admit that we actually have faults. Not very many of us like to admit openly that there are actually areas in our lives that are in need of being changed. But the truth of the matter is, whether we like to admit it or not, we all have our faults. We all have areas in our lives that need changing.

In part that's what the season of Lent is all about. Lent is the time of year when we take a close and honest look at who we are and what we are as God has made us and as God wants us to be. Now that's not easy. It's never easy to look closely at ourselves and name those areas where we have failed, and then to change those areas. Breaking out of an old way of life and old habits is never easy.

The good news is that we can be changed if we really want to be changed. But the change begins with us. It begins with you and me. We can choose to live as a new person and live a new way and to ask God's help. Or we can continue down the same old path.

Do you have some areas in your life, like I do, that are in need of change? What are those areas for you? Could it be that some things other than Jesus Christ have become most important in your life? Does your worship attendance reflect what you say is most important in your life? What about what you give of your financial resources to help enable the ministry of Christ through the church. Does what you give reflect what is most important in your life, or is that an area that needs changing?

Lent – a time of reflection, a time of repentance, and a time to change old habits and to begin new ones.

See you Sunday,
 Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tues. March. 13, 2012 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.



METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY February 5, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	129
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	50
Worship Total	255
Sunday School	119
Offering:	\$ 13,791.08

SUNDAY February 12, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	41
Worship Total	240
Sunday School	107
Offering:	\$ 5,908.50

SUNDAY February 19, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	88
Worship 11:00 a.m.	142
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	56
Worship Total	291
Sunday School	113
Offering:	\$ 8,630.00

SUNDAY February 26, 2012

Church Attendance:

Nursery	11
Worship 8:15 a.m.	93
Worship 11:00 a.m.	183
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
Worship Total	352
Sunday School	136
Offering:	\$ 8,958.00

JANUARY TOTALS

Jan. Income:	\$79,582.56
Jan. Expense:	\$48,003.83
Jan. Total:	\$31,578.73



The CDC is now collecting labels from Campbell's brand products, the labels are for the Labels for Education Project. There will be a box in the CDC and in the church walk-thru next to the Parlor to collect your label donations.



Fire Truck Visit



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

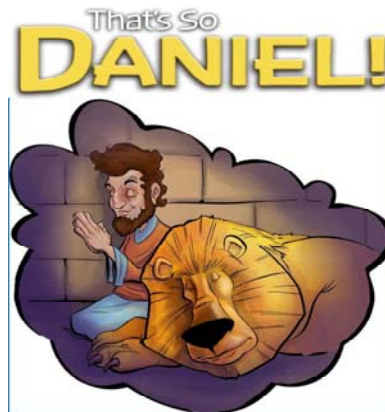


LENTEN MISSION PROJECT *Bead for Life*

This Lenten season we will be learning about the women of Uganda, about poverty and about the ways these women are learning to take care of themselves and their families. We will be following a special curriculum with the kids in Sunday School, as well as having Bead Parties to help raise money and awareness for these women.

ACTS

Rehearsals are Sundays,
5:00- 6:30pm
Spring Performance Date:
Sunday, May 13



All kids are encouraged to come to all services on **Palm Sunday, April 1** to wave palms. This will also be the day we sell our beads to raise funds for the women of Uganda. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there on this special Sunday.

Easter Sunday at 10:00am
On the front lawn.
Bring your basket!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

J U N E 4 - 8

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

March Youth Calendar

Sun., March 4th –1:30-10:00 p.m. / Small Senior High Trip
Sun., March 11th – Spring Break
Sun., March 18th – Spring Break
Sun., March 25th – 1:30-10:00 p.m. / Small Junior High Trip

Missions & Outreach

The following is a note I received about some special needs at our Lakeview Methodist Conference Center near Palestine. If you, or anyone you know, are willing to donate any of these items, please let me know and we'll find out how to arrange for pick-up. If you have the equipment to cut cedar, perhaps we can put a group together and go volunteer our time.

Dear Lakeview Friends,

There are a few things we need at Lakeview. So, under the thought of asking and receiving, here is the list:

- 1. Really big rocks. Limestone, iron ore, matters not... we need them for landscaping and fire pits. We have a trailer and can pick them up, if anyone has a source.*
- 2. Large finishing mower, pto driven... used and in good shape is ok with us.*
- 3. Crews to come cut cedar and make posts for new fences. We have the trees, just need the labor help.*
- 4. 30+ HP Tractor*

*Thanks for thinking of us.
Matt Idom*

Pat Clark, Chair
Missions & Outreach

Attention UMW

Our next general meeting will be March 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. We do hope all plan to attend, the program will be lead by speaker Coach Don Wilhelm. This is sure to be an interesting and informative program. Hope to see you there!

**Program Chair
Smitty Hinnars**



Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Jackie Ketchem
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Julie Rogers
Bill Stratton
Judy McMillan
Dr. Boehm
Hilda Randall
Ray Kincy
John Davis

Mark McCasland
Palmer Hopkins
Frances Poston
Rex Ray
Barbara Jamison
Kathy Stone
Ronny Walberg
Miriam Gillis
Jason Grimm
Norman Kitzman
Joycine Hanath
Doyce Wells

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Donations Received

In memory of
Arlene Bunker

By
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller

In memory of
Curtis Wells

By
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pitts

In honor of
Rev. Sam and Beverly Duree

By
Mr. and Mrs. Wayde Hamrick

In honor of
Nick Nelms

By
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell

In memory of
Mary Katherine Pomykal

By
Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Sam Duree
Juanita Hickey
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller

In memory of
Elsie Guinn

By
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

In memory of
Nancy Atkinson

By
Beverly Burt
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tate

In memory of
Kay Bobo

By
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy

In memory of
Lois Houston
&

Coma Richardson
By
Susan Bullock

Thanks FUMC!

Dear FUMC Brenham,

The family of Betty Averitt would like to express their deep appreciation for the loving care and concern shown to Betty during a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. The cards, visits, gifts and weekly altar flowers from you communicated God's love toward her. Everyone's faithfulness made a lasting impression, not only on Betty, but her children and grandchildren as well.

Thank you for manifesting His presence in our lives.

Sincerely,
The Betty Averitt Family



EASTER CANDY NEEDED

Please help out the Children's Ministry in donating wrapped Easter candy. There will be a box in the church office for donations. We have been very good recyclers over the last couple of years so we do not need any plastic eggs. We will be collecting candy up until Sun. April 1st. Thank you for your donations!



VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you would like to help us with some of our supplies for VBS here are some of the things we need for donations so far:

- sea shells
- fun noodles (water noodles)
- old CDs
- cans of Great Stuff insulation foam
- plastic bath poofs
- plastic Hawaiian leis

We are also looking for someone to make us small wooden crosses out of thin wood approx. 8"x4".

Attention Ladies

A resale of ladies accessories will be held May 1st at the General Meeting in the AC. The money collected will go through UMCORE to benefit a mission in South Africa. The program is a book review of "Beaded Hope" about a South African mission. Please donate your jewelry, belts, purses, accessories, and collectables to Jo Powell, the church office, or to circle or general meetings. Thanks!

Donations Received

In honor of

Milton and Twila Tate

By

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamrick

In memory of

Eunice Glidden

By

Mr. and Mrs. William Perry

In memory of

Arline Bunker

By

The Schneider's
The Woodward's
The Ray's

In memory of

Cherry Massey

By

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

In memory of

Collins Carroll

By

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

In memory of

Clara Stahl

By

Sara Shieffer

In memory of

Betty Averitt

By

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners
The UMW
Rebecca Meek
Mr. and Mrs. William Perry
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tate
Mary Del Rio
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
Lydia House

* *Lots more to follow in the next newsletter due to the amount of memorials coming in daily, thanks for your patience.

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	3
4 12:00 Confirmation/ FH 1:30 Youth-Senior High Trip 5:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139	5 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	6 8:45 Exec. Meeting/ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC	7 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Randy Wells/ AC 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	10
11 Youth- Spring Break Daylight Savings Day	12 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	13 9:00 Card/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	14 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Kay Reed/ AC 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18 Youth- Spring Break 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139	19 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	20 9:30 Rogers Circle/ MH Hinners Circle/ FH Cummins Circle/ Reiland 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	21 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Robert Stutes/ AC Susanna Circle 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	24
25 12:00 Confirmation/FH 1:30 Youth-Junior High Trip 2:00 Girl Scouts/ Ac 5:00 ACTS/ Rm.139	26 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 9:00 42/ MH	27 9:00 Card/ MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	28 11:45 Lenten Lunch- Rev. Rick Sitton/ AC 1:00 Care Team/ Library 5:30 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	31
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Wednesday, February 22
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Wednesdays beginning
February 29 11:45am in the AC

Speakers

February 29
Reverend Earl McIntyre

March 7
Reverend Randy Wells

March 14
Reverend Kay Reed

March 21
Reverend Robert Stutes

March 28
Reverend Rick Sitton

**Maunder Thursday &
Tenebrae Service**
7:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary

**Service includes Holy
Communion and a
drama entitled
Good Friday Grace**



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