



# First United Methodist Church

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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.

### Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Lead  
pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate  
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Dear Friends,

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

The delegates for Brenham First UMC include Tom Scanio, Amber Gableman (both lay delegates) and Pastor T.J. Gableman and myself (clergy delegates.) In preparation for our attendance at the conference we all participated in a pre-conference meeting during which we reviewed the conference schedule, rules, and the resolutions that have been submitted for consideration.

The resolutions we read had to do with the wording in the Book of Discipline regarding homosexuality. Various opinions were expressed in the resolutions and as each one was presented we had the opportunity to hear representatives who supported and representatives who opposed each resolution.

In order to give you some background, at the 2016 General Conference (which meets every 4 years and is the only body that has the authority to amend the United Methodist Book of Discipline) the Council of Bishops requested the formation of The Commission on a Way Forward. The request was approved by the General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. The Commission has been giving updates to the Council of Bishops and by May 4 is expected to give their final recommendations. On Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m., our bishop, Bishop Scott Jones, will offer a live event and live stream to share with the people of the Texas Annual Conference. Bishop Jones will share the commissions recommendations and the preliminary response from the Council of Bishops. If you would like to participate in the live stream, please go to: [www.txcumc.org/bishoplivevideo](http://www.txcumc.org/bishoplivevideo) on May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

You can read much more about the Commission on The Way Forward at [www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward-about-us](http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward-about-us). You can read news updates about the Commission's work at [www.txcumc.org](http://www.txcumc.org).

Tom Scanio and I have discussed how we might be able to disseminate more information about the process of changing the Book of Discipline, what the current resolutions are, and what the future holds for the United Methodist Church. We are planning the first Congregational Vitality Assembly on Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 4:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The gathering will last no longer than 45 minutes, you may submit questions in writing in advance of the event by dropping them off at the church office or sending them by email to me. We'll do our best to share what we know and we hope you'll be there.

Grace & Peace,

**Pastor Bobbie**



## Prayer Concerns

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

### **Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	65
9:00 Celebration:	61
11:00 Worship	66
<b>Total:</b>	<b>194</b>
Sunday School:	63
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$11,084.00</b>

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

### **Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	61
9:00 Celebration:	47
11:00 Worship	65
<b>Total:</b>	<b>176</b>
Sunday School:	68
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$11,362.00</b>

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

### **Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	61
9:00 Celebration:	62
11:00 Worship	63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>188</b>
Sunday School:	68
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$11,125.00</b>

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

### **Church Attendance**

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	63
9:00 Celebration:	59
11:00 Worship	59
<b>Total:</b>	<b>183</b>
Sunday School:	65
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$15,477.00</b>

Luene Harmer  
 Bob Jenkins  
 Mike Kalil  
 Jim Clements  
 Frank Tyson  
 Glenn Amerson  
 Joyce Whitehead  
 Bud Foster  
 Marjorie Reed  
 Edna Rote  
 Mary Burgess  
 Sue Perry  
 Nancy Yeary  
 Marilyn Wrigley  
 Harold Pool

Jeff Folton  
 Jim Oliver  
 Jan Pledger  
 Bob Haberman  
 Ron Steimann  
 Linda Winstanley  
 Doris Mays  
 Charlie Pyle  
 Jerry Stratton  
 Lydia House  
 Christopher Hoffman  
 Amy Hemsill

Our homebound members and  
 Those serving in the military.

### Easter Offering

**Total: \$3,625.00**

### April Totals

Income: \$70,586.00  
 Expense: \$50,873.00  
**Total: \$19,714.00**

### YTD Totals

Income: \$217,870.00  
 Expense: \$204,878.00  
**Total: \$12,992.00**

### Donations Received

In memory of  
**Alan Williamson**  
 By  
 Walt & Joyce Fortune



### Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** 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.



Join us in worship as we celebrate the Confirmation of these young people. It is a very special time in our church family.

# Confirmation Class 2018

*Conner Appelt*

*Gunner Gee*

*Addie Bogan*

*Ben Rogas*

*Milo Childs*

*Grant Rogas*

*Abbie Cross*

*Callie Ross*

*Cass Seeber*

*Caraline Ross*

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

9:00am in the Activity Center

Celebration Worship Service

HIGH SCHOOL  
**MISSION**trip

Please keep the 21 youth and adults in your prayers as we travel to Nashville, Tn. We leave June 2 and return June 9. Thank you for being such a generous church with gifts and prayers.

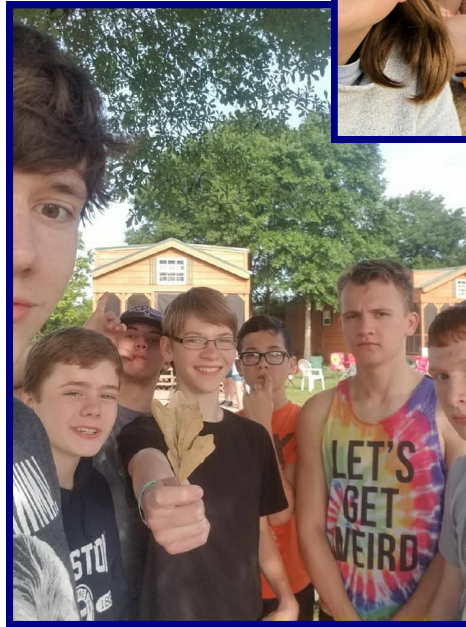


You'll have the opportunity to meet, eat, play, and spend time with everyone from the church at our **Church Picnic** on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, at Fireman's Park. You may not know it but we have a cook team made up of dads from the Celebration service and they're going to cook brisket for us! Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish (Last Name A-L bring a side dish; M-Z bring a dessert), and a lawn chair. Our new confirmation students and their families have been invited to come and be specially recognized. We'll also have a beautiful cake to honor those who will be confirmed the following day in worship. All the eating utensils, paper goods, iced tea/lemonade, and condiments will be provided by the church.

There will be a bounce house for the kiddos, as well as lawn games, the playgrounds and the merry-go-round (\$1 and you ride all day.) We can sit and visit, plus we've invited live musicians to entertain us with music everyone will enjoy! We'll meet at the big pavilion, 10:30 a.m. – whenever. Let's get together for Christian fellowship – and invite a neighbor or friends because you don't have to be a church member to enjoy the church picnic.

Would you like to know more? The United Methodist Church offers online courses in several areas of interest. Learn at your own pace, learn in the convenience of your own home. Interact with others taking the course and with the instructor! Some courses are free; others require a registration fee. Check it out at [www.umctraining.org](http://www.umctraining.org), the





Fun in the sun at our Spring Youth Retreat to Jellystone Park.



## Vacation Bible School

June 25—28, 2018

Register your child & to volunteer online now at

[cokeburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenham](http://cokeburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenham)



## Children's Sunday School Holy Land Party

Sunday, May 20  
10:15am in the AC kitchen

We will explore the Holy Land through its native food.

Acts 2:42 – They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Small groups are just that, small groups of people that gather for an opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus through Bible study as we learn from one another. However, it is also a time of connection with others through fellowship and prayer. In small groups we laugh together, we build friendships, we may even cry with one another and we pray for one another. They are also times when the group can come together and be in mission. Small groups can serve together at a food bank or Faith Mission. They could sponsor a child or sponsor a program in the United Methodist church. They can collect food or school supplies to donate or even sponsor a child during Christmas. Small groups are also an opportunity to invite people in a non-threatening way to meet others from the church and invite them to learn more about God in the process.

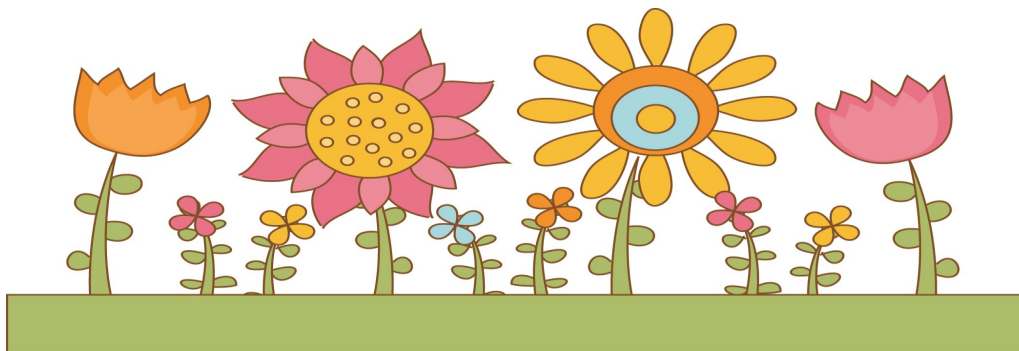
What do small groups look like? They can be meetings in the morning or afternoon or evening. They can be DVD and book-based studies. They can be a once a month dinner at a home or gathering over a cup of coffee. They can be done around an activity like fishing. They can have themes such as dealing with the loss of a loved one or support for those who are experiencing an illness or a gathering time for those who have young kids.

Small groups are exciting, and you will not want to miss out. Out of the small group meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, there are three small groups that will be forming. One will be a small group based on the new book by Adam Hamilton called *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. A second small group will be Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace* which is a wonderful way to learn about money management, budgeting and using our resources to honor God. Finally, a once a month dinner small group will be forming where a group will meet for growth and fellowship over a wonderful meal.



Be on the lookout for more information in the bulletin and by announcements. Also, if you are interested in leading a small group or have ideas for a small group please let me know. Small groups can form and start anytime.

This is an exciting new opportunity that you will not want to miss!

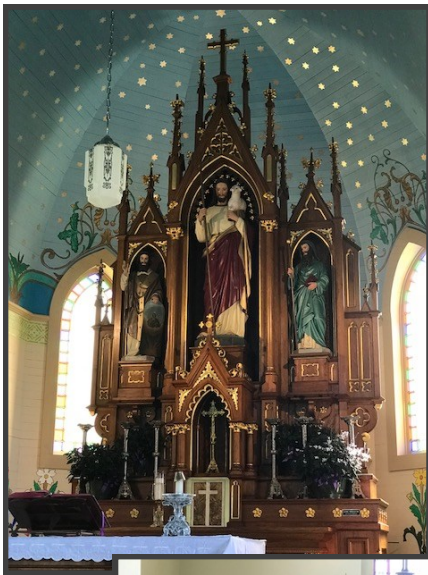
In Pursuit of Him,  
**Pastor T.J.**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	2 2nd- 9th High Scholl Mission Trip/ Nashville
3	4 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 6:30 SPRC/ FR	5	6 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	7 7th-10th Hosting Jr. High Big House 9:00 Yoga/AC 11:30 Lunch Bunch- Small Group/ FH 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 DISCIPLE FastTrack Study/ FR	8 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	9
10	11 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Nominations/ FR	12 9:00 Card Group/ MH	13 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	14 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC DISCIPLE FastTrack Study/ FR	15 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	16
17  17th -23rd Hosting High School UM Army	18 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH	19 6:00 Wesleyan Circle/ TBA	20 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	21 9:00 Yoga/AC 10:30 Wonder Women of the Bible Study/ MH 11:30 Lunch Bunch- Small Group/ FH 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 DISCIPLE FastTrack Study/ FR	22 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	23
24 1:00 VBS Set-Up	25  VBS Week 25th - 28th 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	26	27 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR	28 10:30 Wonder Women of the Bible Study/ Parlor	29 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	30





## *Painted Church Tour* *Thursday, April 26, 2018*

### ***Summer Bible Studies***

*DISCIPLE I Fast Track* will meet Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. beginning June 7 through August. This is a 12-week study of the Old Testament by the same folks who brought us DISCIPLE Bible Study in its traditional 36-week form. This study provides the participant with a wealth of knowledge without the long-term commitment of the traditional study. Leader: Pastor T.J. Gabelman

*Wonder Women of the Bible*, by Brenda Poinsett, will meet Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – Noon, beginning June 21 through August 9. Leader: Pastor Bobbie Maltas

Come and learn the attributes of courage, faith, love, wisdom, nerve, and humility in diverse biblical women to inspire us to know and commit ourselves to Christ and to be empowered by Him. The cost for the book varies, depending on the form; students will be responsible for purchasing their own copy.

*Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, by Adam Hamilton, will meet Sundays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., beginning July 1 through August 1. Leader: Pastor Bobbie Maltas

In this book, the author invites the reader to climb down from the barricades of the culture and political wars, and discover a Christian faith capable of bringing people together. Cost of this class is \$15 which pays for your book and a portion of the teaching materials.

***Registration is open for all three studies. Sign-up sheets are located in the Parlor and the entryway to the Activity Center. You may also register by calling the church office. Childcare is available for both by reservation only.***

When you see our custodian **Cindy Mathis**, congratulate and thank her for **6 wonderful years of service** to FUMC Brenham. Cindy is an amazing employee and worker for Christ. We love her and her whole family and are so blessed she has served us these last 6 years. Here's to many more wonderful years together.

- A very grateful FUMC Staff

***Below is a letter Cindy's son wrote in honor of her work anniversary to our church.***

*I want to congratulate my mom on her anniversary at her job. At the hardest points in her life the people she works for and works with were there by her side and never left her side. They have been there for me and my sister and little brother, through our ups and downs as well. I am more than grateful to have my mom work for such humble people that love, care and support her in everything she does. THANKS FUMC Brenham for allowing my mom the opportunity of six years with you!*

***WE LOVE YOU!***

***Sammy Hudgen and Family***

**Pentecost – Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Let's celebrate! We're going to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at all three services on May 20. **WEAR RED!!!**

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