



First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor * Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

September 1, 2009

A Note from the Pastors

On August 16, members of First United Methodist Church of Brenham experienced new ways to share the love of Christ throughout our community. We baked cookies and delivered them to the police department, fire and EMS stations. Hundreds of cards were stamped and signed – these went to all teachers in every public school in Brenham. Personalized cards also were delivered to each local elected official. Bottles of cold water were handed out at local parks and bags of quarters were offered to folks at Laundromats in town. A group of FUMC members prayed in front of several local businesses and another placed door hangers in neighborhoods. Children from the elementary Sunday School classes accompanied several adults to Trinity Nursing Home. The children delighted the residents with joy-filled singing and then visited residents, passing out a pretty placard to place on the bedside tables. Michele Smith and the rest of the Evangelism Team did a great job in helping us to “Rethink Church!”

So what’s next?

On September 13, FUMC will host “*BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY.*” On any given Sunday the number of persons attending worship at FUMC represents about 1/3 of the membership of this church. And this is better than the national average! Some of you reading this newsletter attend worship regularly – some of you have not been here for quite a while. Each Sunday I wonder and worry about the reasons so many chose to stay at home. What would FUMC look like if 2/3 of our members attended regularly?

For those who attend a worship service every week – this is an invitation to contact a church member you have not seen in a while or to invite a friend or neighbor or relative to come and experience worship with you. For those who are having a hard time remembering the last time you came to church – this is an invitation to come back to church; to re-connect with others who are striving to be more Christ-like in our day-to-day lives and to re-discover the blessings of a life lived in a supportive faith community.

Now is a good time to **Rethink Church.**

MANY THANKS TO OUR YOUTH FOR THE THREE OUTSTANDING WORSHIP SERVICES THEY PLANNED AND LED ON AUGUST 16.

You can find a link to Nick DeSalvo’s message at FUMCBrenham.org

You can also pick up a copy in the church office.

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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
pastor@startel.net

Associate Pastor
Rev. Terry Dougherty
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

Next Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on September 11
Deadline for articles is September 10 at noon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator – Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

Back to School Parties



Third Graders Get Their Bibles



Sunday School Kick-Off



Singing for the Nursing Home



*****BACK to CHURCH SUNDAY***
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 10:00 a.m.**

Do you know someone new to Brenham?
Do you have a friend you would like to invite to church?
Is there a friend you haven't seen at church in a while?
Then invite them to church for worship, brunch and a whole lot of fun.
We will have a moonwalk, face painting, games and crafts for all the kids.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661 or Carole@FUMCBrenham.org

SUNDAY August 16, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	82
Worship 11:00 a.m.	152
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship Total	298
Sunday School	110
Offering:	\$ 7,552.10

SUNDAY August 23, 2009

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	140
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	49
Worship Total	271
Sunday School	117
Offering:	\$ 7,182.00

Loose \$1 bills placed in our collection plates will be used to support Hurricane Ike recovery work in the Texas Annual Conference.

Prayer Concerns



Linda Beard

Ruby Byrd

Elmo Davis

Jim Tom House

Bob Johnston

Alice Limmer

Marti McLemore

Peggy Michaels

Peggy Robertson

Earl Wiesepape

Up and Going Strong

The CDC has begun its fall term. We are beginning the year at almost full capacity, with only a few openings in some of the classrooms. Our infant room has become very popular and we have a waiting list!

All About Me is the theme for the month as we welcome new children and new staff. Your contributions of school supplies has helped immensely and I hope you won't forget about us as you do your weekly Wal-Mart shopping run.

The floors have been waxed and the carpets shampooed, thanks to Mr. Raul; and Cody Abbey and his worker spread 80 cubic yards of mulch on our playground! Wow!

We are planning a lot of activities this month and hope you will keep up with us on the lobby bulletin board.

YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcauz1020@yahoo.com

Fall Youth Starts Up Again This Sunday!!!

Come join us for fun and games, grillin' and some chillin from 5:00 to - 8:00 p.m. this Sunday, August 30, in the Activity Center. Immediate family is welcome to join us! Hope to see you then!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lackey family.

Justin Lackey is a member of our youth group and we hope and pray for them as they deal with the loss of his father.

Technology Night

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The youth will be available to assist those that need help with the functions of a cell phone, DVD player, computer or any other electronic device. Please register by calling Rick in the church office and leaving a message with your name(s) and how many will be attending. We look forward to an interesting evening!

September Youth Calendar

- Sunday, August 30 – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Back to School Youth Family Night in the Activity Center
- Sunday, September 6 – No Youth
- Sunday, September 13 – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Youth – Monthly Discussion Groups in the Activity Center
- Sunday, September 20 – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Youth Technology Night in the Activity Center
- Sunday, September 27 – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Youth Game Night in the Activity Center

ADULT MINISTRIES

Jody Tyson, Adult Ministry Coordinator

The Crosstrainers Class

This class is composed of adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. The Crosstrainers meet in the Activity Center after Celebration Service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The class is based on discussion. Topics have included: parenting, relationships, priorities, mission, etc. This fall 2009, we will be studying the NOOMA series with Rob Bell. Kevin Patrick will be leading this session. Kevin met Rob at the National Youth Leaders Convention in Nashville, TN, when the second NOOMA video was publically released for the first time. The highest production quality and creative application of modern digital film techniques help bring the 2000 year old message of the love and grace offered by God through Jesus Christ to a 2009 audience.

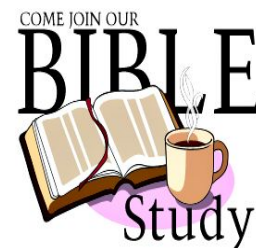
The Fellowship Class Begins a New Study September 6th:

Living a Life of Love and Laughter ***A Dynamic Guide for a Happy Life***

Join them Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Area (outside the church offices)

**NEW MONDAY MORNING STUDY
BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 21 at 9:00 A.M.!**

EXPERIENCING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME



The DVD-based curriculum, *Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time* by Tim Scorer, is a perfect partner for *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. This 10-week study provokes inquiry, welcomes questions, engages the imagination and encourages listening for and discovering the word in the other. Anyone with a hunger to know and engage the Bible at deeper levels is encouraged to participate in the study. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org to sign up.

Want an easy way to begin your day with the Word of God? The Upper Room devotional guide is available at FUMCBrenham.org



Are You Preparing to be Married or Desire to Enrich Your Marriage?

PREPARE/ENRICH is a customized couple assessment completed online that identifies a couple's strength and growth areas. Based on a couple's assessment results, a trained facilitator provides four to eight feedback sessions in which the facilitator helps the couple discuss and understand their results as they are taught proven relationship skills.

What are the major goals of the PREPARE/ENRICH Program?

There are several goals of the **PREPARE/ENRICH** Program. In order to achieve these goals there are exercises designed to help couples improve their relationship skills. The program helps couples:

- Explore strength and growth areas
- Strengthen communication skills
- Identify and manage major stressors
- Resolve conflict using the Ten Step Model
- Develop a more balanced relationship
- Explore family of origin issues
- Discuss financial planning and budgeting
- Establish personal, couple and family goals
- Understand and appreciate personality differences

Pastor Terry Dougherty recently has been trained as a **PREPARE/ENRICH** facilitator and she is excited to have the tools to effectively help couples build strong, resilient relationships. Visit the website at www.prepare-enrich.com to learn more about the program. Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.com to learn more about how this program can help strengthen the relationships of both engaged and married couples.

Who is our Neighbor? Mission Forum

The Texas Annual Conference Mission FORUM will be held on October 3 at Lakewood UMC in north Houston. This mission forum is for anyone interested in workshops to help your church find a mission project to participate in. There will be four identical workshops at different times. For more information, Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org.



Sharing a meal & some kindness



Cookies for our community leaders



RETHINK CHURCH



Making cards for teachers



Sharing a smile & a water

What if church was a verb?



August 16, 2009



GCORR

General Commission on Religion and Race
of THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Truth and Wholeness: Replacing White Privilege with God's Promise

When: Monday, September 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship House

This DVD study was developed by The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and The General Commission on Religion and Race to help encourage discussion about discrimination, racism and white privilege. The intent of the project is to challenge white Christians to see the truth of white privilege in our church and culture, and to act justly in our search for true wholeness and transformation as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Because I serve as a board member of the General Commission on Religion and Race, I am interested in receiving some feedback on this material. With your help this resource may be better shaped to reach persons across the Texas Conference who are concerned about these issues and who hope to be a part of God's work of healing and restoration.

Please contact Pastor Terry at 836-2008 or PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org if you plan to participate.

Stay connected. Links to the Texas Annual Conference and the United Methodist Church websites can be found at FUMCBrenham.org

DAYSRING REVIVAL

The First United Methodist Church of Madisonville

Is hosting

“Dayspring Revival”

Mark your 2009 calendars for

September 27, 28 and 29

Featured Speaker:

Wesley Putnam

Evangelist, Singer and Composer

Watch for more details.

Thank You

I want to thank you for the basket of cookies you sent to the police department this past week. It means a lot to me personally and to my fellow officers knowing that there are people “out there” that care and support us. Sometimes it seems that there just isn’t any.

Thank you all again and God Bless You! Please keep us in your prayers!

Sgt. Mike Janecek, Brenham Police Department



Dear Rick Ruiz, Youth Director and FUMC Youth,

Thank you for sharing your faith with your church family at all or the worship services on August 16th. The entire program was a witness to your faith in God and commitment to serve others in God’s name. All were richly blessed.

Pastor Dale and Pastor Terry

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Rick Ruiz and our youth for helping clean the chairs in the Activity Center. Justin Lackey, Eric Ruiz, Graham Henkhaus, Lane Jurden, Kara Jurden, and Taryn Kate Ruiz took time from their busy back to school schedule to roll up their sleeves and make our church look better. When you are eating those yummy pancakes and the Thanksgiving Feast this fall, watch those crumbs!



Thank you so much for all the many cards and prayers we received at the time of the passing of my father, John Alton Middleton, Jr. We are thankful to have such a wonderful church family.

Doug and Cheryl Middleton

Thank you for the memorial gift to FUMC in mother’s name. Your friendship and fellowship meant so much to her. Although this is a very difficult time for our family, your thoughts and prayers are a comfort.

Sincerely, The family of Jerry McCasland



Dear Church Family,



My daughters and I want to thank you for the love you have shown us during Don’s illness and death. Your cards, thoughts and prayers have given us the strength we needed at this time of our lives.

God has truly blessed us with a kind and compassionate church family.

God Bless You, Carol Gregg

We would like to take some time out to say “Thank You” for baking the wonderful treats for our department! We really appreciate it! From everyone here at Washington County EMS, thanks again!

Washington County EMS



Back to Choir!

The Chancel Choir welcomes Ann Brazzel as its newest member. We are so happy she has joined the alto section!

The choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room and we are always looking for new singers! Come as you are and enjoy unwinding as you sing God's praises in preparation for Sunday worship.

We will be having a Potluck Supper at the parsonage (1800 Shady Lane) on Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m., to celebrate the beginning of yet another choir year. There will be good food, fellowship, lots of laughter and of course, a **short** rehearsal!

Look for our new blue robes and stoles coming soon!!!



A **Sacred Recital and Congregational Hymn Sing** will take place on Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m., in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brenham. Original compositions by John Vavroch, baritone soloist, will be sung accompanied by John Dujka, pianist. Mr. Dujka teaches full-time in the music department at Blinn College and Mr. Vavroch teaches at Blinn part-time. Familiar hymns will be sung by the congregation throughout the program. An offering will be taken that will be used for music scholarships at the college. The community is cordially invited to attend.

In Loving Memory Of

Don Gregg by Gary and Kay Ivy of Brenham, TX

Amos Henke, Donna Sprenger's father, by Gary and Kay Ivy of Brenham, TX

John Alton Middleton, Jr., Doug Middleton's father, by Gary and Kay Ivy of Brenham, TX

Amos Henke by the Sharecroppers Antique Farm Equipment Club of Brenham, TX

Jerry McCasland by Jerry and Patty Stratton of Brenham, TX

Jerry McCasland by United Methodist Women

Don Gregg by Maxine Barber of Burton, TX

Don Gregg by Floris T. Whittaker of Brenham, TX

Don Gregg by Curtis and Kathy Buck of Burton, TX

Don Gregg by Virginia Mullens Sanders of Hurst, TX

Don Gregg by Mike and Linda Stanisci of Hurst, TX

Don Gregg by Sarah, Sue and James Vierus of Washington, TX

Don Gregg by Robert and Juanita Hickey of Brenham, TX

Jerry McCasland by Robert and Juanita Hickey of Brenham, TX

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 am UMW Exec Meeting/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC 1:30 pm Workshop Christian Contemplative Prayer/CHUMC 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting/FH	2 1:00 pm CARE Meeting Library 7:00 pm Choir Practice	3 6:00 pm Workshop Christian Contemplative Prayer/CHUMC	4 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	5
6 Communion	7 Labor Day Holiday Offices Closed	8 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group/C8 5:30 pm Mission Brenham/AC 7:00 pm Admin Council	9 7:00 pm Choir	10 6:30 pm UMM Mtg. / AC	11 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	12
13 Back to Church Sunday Open House	14 9:00 am Truth & Wholeness Study/FH 1:00 pm CDC Ad Board	15 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:30 am Murphey / Post / Smith/ SusannaCircle Mtgs. 6:30 pm Wesleyan Circle	16 7:00 pm Choir	17	18 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	19 8:00 am Epiphany Training/AC
20 11:00 am Recognition of Acolytes 3:00 pm Confirmation mtg. for parents and students / AC	21 9:00 am Experiencing the Bible Study/FH	22 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group / C8 5:00 pm Evangelism/FR 6:30 pm Trustees/FR Mom2Mom/FH	23 7:00 pm Choir	24 5:00 pm Faithbuilders/AC	25 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	26
27	28 9:00 am Experiencing the Bible Study/FH 4:00 pm Missions and Outreach / FR	29 8:30 am Yoga / AC	30 7:00 pm Choir	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library	Oct. 3

FUMC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Church office will be closed
during the lunch hour each day.

MONDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

TUESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

WEDNESDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

Celebration Band Practice
at 7:00 / AC

Choir Practice at 7:00

THURSDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

FRIDAYS

Church office hours 8:00 – 5:00

Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group
9:00 – Library



MONTHLY CALENDAR

1st MONDAY of MONTH

Admin. Board (odd months)
Council on Ministries
(even months) 7 p.m.

1st Wednesday of MONTH

CARE Team Meeting
1:00 p.m. in the Library

2nd MONDAY of MONTH

CDC Advisory Board 1 p.m.

1st TUESDAY of MONTH

United Methodist Women
General Meeting 9:30 a.m.

3rd MONDAY of MONTH

Finance Meetings (even months)

3rd TUESDAY of MONTH

UMW Circle Meetings
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

2nd/4th TUESDAY of Month

Card Group 9 a.m.

2nd THURSDAY of MONTH

United Methodist Men
6:30 p.m.

4th TUESDAY of MONTH

Evangelism Team Meets
5:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meets
6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

One of the most exciting ministries the Church participates in as a family is the Baptismal Journey. This process of Christian discipleship, begun at Baptism with vows made on behalf of the children, is completed at Confirmation when we are made accountable to those vows by instructing our young people in the basics of our Faith. Confirmation is offered to our young people when they reach sixth grade. Persons who have not been confirmed who are at least 12 years of age also are welcomed to join the class. The class will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning in late September and continuing to May 16, 2010. The students will then be recognized on Confirmation Sunday at the end of their confirmation journey.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT(S). PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Please contact Pastor Terry Dougherty for additional information.



UMW's Annual Harvest Festival Silent Auction

The Harvest Festival is right around the corner on October 27. The Silent Auction committee is already accumulating items but **more items are needed!** If you have any questions, please call:

Audrey Boney at 830-8057
Donna Sprenger at 251-8101
Joyce Fortune at 251-7174

Vases

Please be sure to drop your bud vases by the church offices so that Smitty Hinnens can use them to make flower arrangements for shut-ins. She made 43 in just two days without duplicating anyone!



www.fumcbrenham.org

Be sure to check out the new FUMC website. Up to the minute information is now available at your fingertips! Thanks to Kevin Patrick for all his work to build this new site.



Harvest Festival News



Harvest Festival is October 27 this year and preparations are well underway. The September 1 UMW meeting is one I encourage and invite everyone to attend as we will be discussing all the upcoming details and schedules. The meeting is scheduled for September 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. This will be a very important meeting regarding Harvest Festival with Circle packets being passed out and sign-up sheets for making dressing and other duties being passed around. It would be great to have as many UMW members and any others interested in helping with Harvest Festival to be in attendance to help get everyone involved and informed of the upcoming schedules and opportunities to help make our Harvest Festival a continued success.

Hope to see you all there! Call me at 836-9119 for more info -
Kim Limmer

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