



First United Methodist Church

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April 2019

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Our lives are full of different seasons and each season is unique in its time and purpose. As one season ends, another season begins. As many of you are aware, I have recently been appointed to be the new senior pastor at Rusk First United Methodist Church in Rusk, Texas. I have dreamed about being a senior pastor for a long time and now that season is here and I am excited about this opportunity. This also means that a season is ending, in this case my time as associate pastor here at Brenham. There are two things I would like to share with you about my season in Brenham (I don't have enough space to write everything I wish I could say).



Open Hearts. . .

Open Minds. . .

Open Doors. . .

First, thank you! When you begin a new season at a church you come with expectations and anticipation as well as uncertainty. How will we fit into the church? How will we be accepted? Will we be accepted? Looking back, I can say that I, as well as Amber and Charles, have been welcomed, accepted and loved beyond what we could have ever hoped for and for that we all say thank you.

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

Second, this has been a divinely appointed season in my life as a pastor. Looking back over my life I realize there are certain places and times that I truly believe that I would not be who I am today without those moments. For example, Dr. Hackett's Homiletics class at Southeastern University gave me an incredible foundation for preaching (never mind the fact that it was at Southeastern that I met Amber). At the moment I didn't realize how much of an impact that class would have on me but looking back I realize that the class had a profound impact on my ministry today.

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

I believe that one day when I look back over my entire time in ministry that I will look back and say that I am not the pastor I was without this season in Brenham. I have grown as a pastor in ways that I never dreamed possible when I first arrived. For that, I say thank you. Thank you for your encouragement, your support, the way you have challenged me and the way that you believed in me and saw in me things I had yet to see in myself.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Senior
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Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate
pastortj@fumcbrenham.org

Please know this is not goodbye yet. My new appointment at Rusk FUMC does not begin until July 1st. I want to finish this season of my ministry giving you excellence in all I do.

In Pursuit of Him,
Pastor T.J.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	54
9:00 Celebration	70
11:00 Worship	69

Total: 194

Sunday School: 45

Offering: \$10,937.20

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	5
8:15 Worship	60
9:00 Celebration	47
11:00 Worship	58

Total: 170

Sunday School: 55

Offering: \$12,618.25

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	4
8:15 Worship	72
9:00 Celebration	75
11:00 Worship	75

Total: 226

Sunday School: 58

Offering: \$32,530.00

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	62
9:00 Celebration	49
11:00 Worship	69

Total: 183

Sunday School: 55

Offering: \$15,083.00

175th Church Anniversary Celebration!

Welcome and thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Charles and Carolyn Sander for serving as chairpersons for the celebration of FUMC Brenham's 175 years of ministry in and around the Brenham community. We'll be looking back at our history, imagining what it was like to gather in a log schoolhouse, "Hickory Grove," and also dream what the future holds for us.

Our official anniversary celebration day is Sunday, October 13, 2019, but we're certainly not limited to one day. After all, how can you pack 175 years' worth of blessings into one day?

And so preparations must begin! Please consider being part of the 175th Anniversary Planning Team, hopefully a team comprised of people of all ages, having been involved in the congregation for any number of years, and who simply want to help us make the most out of this momentous year. We're putting out the call to folks who love this church and the people in it; people who are willing to help us plan fun events as we get creative thinking of ways we can both remember and look forward.

Contact Pastor Bobbie at the church office if you'd like to be on the planning team. It's our hope that all ages and worship styles and tenure of church involvement will be represented. Thanks so much!

Meet the Neighbors

Join the confirmation class as we pray our way through the neighborhoods of Brenham and invite people to worship with us for Easter Sunday. We're distributing information about faith, the resurrection story and how wonderful it is to be connected to a church like ours.

Date: Saturday, April 13
Gathering Time: 9:30 a.m.
Gathering Location: Fellowship House

We'll assemble our gift bags, get into prayer teams and hit the neighborhoods by 10:30 a.m. We'll return to the Fellowship House by Noon for Pizza and sharing stories of neighbors we've met that morning.

This is definitely a family event!



Mark your calendar!

The church-wide picnic will be Saturday, May 11th!





Palm Sunday

April 14

Waving of Palms in all
3 Worship Services



Maundy Thursday

April 18

7:00 pm in the Activity Center
Worship led by our Youth



Good Friday

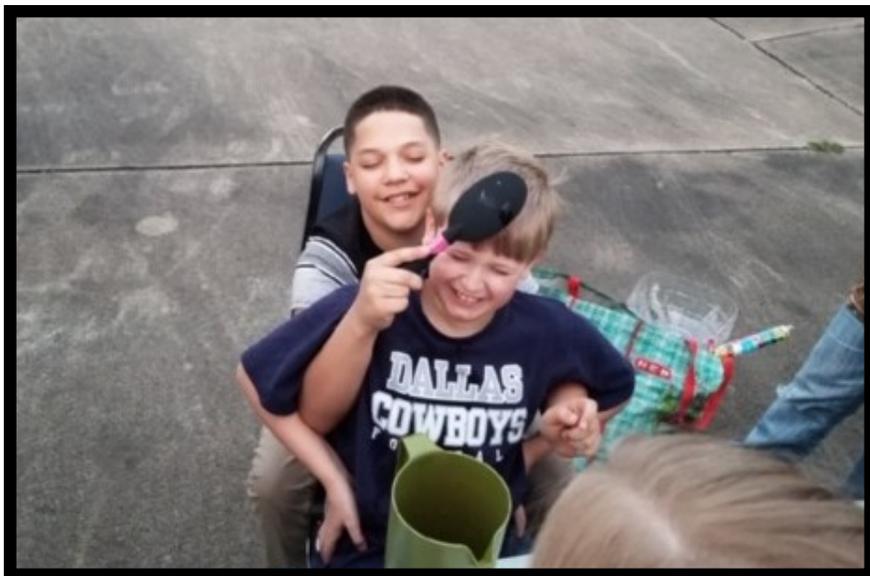
April 19

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Worship led by the Chancel Choir
"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

2019 Confirmation Class enjoying a faith in action exercise.



One of the many activities enjoyed by our 2019 Confirmation Class.





Music Ministry Notes:

Youth Choir: Youth Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 5:00 PM in the choir room before Youth. Any Jr. High through High School youth are invited to participate.

Bells of Praise: Handbell Choir is rehearsing in the Fellowship House Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00. Anyone interested in joining is invited.

Adult Choir: The Chancel Choir meets Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

If you are interested in joining any of the music ensembles that make up our music ministry please contact Matt.

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Coda: "The music for Lent sounds like a dirge." If you work in church music long enough you hear some derivation of this. What most people are commenting on is the fact that most music for Lent is written in a minor key as opposed to a major key. But why choose minor? Key signatures are thought to have certain emotional characteristics. For example the key of D major was called "the key of glory" in the baroque era. That's why the Hallelujah chorus is written in D major. Lent is a time of reflection, fasting, and prayer. The scripture readings for Lent reflect this call to repentance and prayer and by extension the hymns do as well. So in setting a hymn text for Lent a composer or arranger will often pick a minor key to reflect the text. After all, would "Were you there" have the same impact if we were to sing it to an upbeat major tune?

Members are now able to donate a percentage of their purchases to First United Methodist Church via their Amazon.com account. If you select First United Methodist Church as your charity on smile.amazon.com, each time you make a purchase, .5% of eligible purchases will be donated to FUMC Brenham on a quarterly schedule. Please use the charity link below if you want to set FUMC as your preferred charity on Amazon.



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UMYF

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



Drive Thru
Wed., April 24

Sandwiches, chips & homemade cookies
\$8.00 each Youth will soon be selling tickets.



UMYF MEALS:

Apr 7—Trostle,
Aguilar, Sedlar

Apr 14—Jenkins,
Rosen, Masterson

Apr 28—Ross, Hooks



UMYF & Confirmation enjoyed some

GREEN food as they celebrated St Patrick's Day and the youth studied Green Eggs & Ham.



Sunday, April 14

All children will wave palms in ALL 3 WORSHIP SERVICES. Please plan to meet in the back of the sanctuary at 8:15am.



June 24 - 27

ON LINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:

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EASTER EGG HUNT



April 21 at 10am

On the front lawn on Easter morning
Bring your Easter basket and a camera!

Please help us fill all of our plastic Easter eggs. We need donations of pre-wrapped candies to the church office or Activity Center by Friday, April 12. The youth will be filling the eggs during Sunday school on April 14. Thank you for your donations!

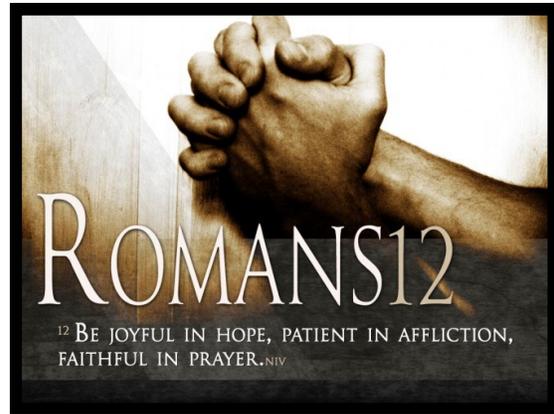
Memorials Received

In memory of
Edith Peterson
By
Smitty Hinners

In memory of
Dr. Bud Smith
By
Cordelia Cummings

In memory of
Joe Edwards
By
Danna Edwards

In Honor of finding
Miss Daisy
By
John Keilman



Prayer Concerns

Glen Amerson
Ed Baker
Calvin Beckendorf
Mary Burgess
Jim Clements
Wanda Curbo
Ellen Ellison
Jeff Folton
Walter Fortune
Bud & Marshia Foster
Miriam Gillis
Joycine & Louis Hannath
Luene Harmer

Kathi Ivy
Barbara & Keith Killgore
Jean Laws
Beverly Leyrer
Nynvia Mills
Evelyn Newman
Sue Perry
Harold Pool
Marjorie Reed
Edna Rote
Jerry Stratton
Linda Winstanley



April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 6:30 PM SPRC/FR 7:00 PM Shepherd Team/AC	2 8:45 AM UMW Exe. Meeting/Library 9:30 AM UMW general meeting/AC 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study/ Faithbuilders Classroom	3 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/Chapel 6:30 PM Choir/CR Disciple 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	4 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	5 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	6
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21 EASTER 10:10 AM Egg Hunt	22 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 5:30 PM Evangelism/Library	23 9:00 AM Card Group 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Care Team/FR 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/Chapel 6:30 PM Choir/CR Disciple 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	25 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	26 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	27
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The Methodist Mafia, otherwise known as (left to right), Mary Ann Sharkey, David Brodhead, Joe Sharkey, and Cynthia Hamrick, posed here as they took a break from the 1860's gunfight in downtown Brenham.

Methodist Weekday Child Development Center

Enrollment: 82 kids and 3 on the waiting list

Staff: 8- Teachers /1 cook
4-Teacher Assistants
5- Aides
1-Asst. Director
1-Finance person
2-Subsitute Teachers



The Methodist Weekday School of the United Methodist Church is seeking to employ a mature, responsible person who loves children to work in our day school. We are looking for a long-term lead position in our Aftercare classroom Full time. Then an Aide position in our Infant class full time, and a Teacher aid in our 2-year-old classroom part time. Also a Cook for part- time. Candidates should have one-year experience working in a daycare or with children.

If you know someone who is energetic, outgoing and loving, please send him or her our way to fill out an application at 408 N. Baylor St. Brenham, TX.

MWCDC would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, April 23rd by 4:00 PM.** 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.

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