



First United Methodist Church

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Open Hearts. . .

Open Minds. . .

Open Doors. . .

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

Starting July 7th

- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 9:15 a.m. Community Song and Prayer in the Activity Center
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Celebration Service in the Activity Center
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Nursery care provided

The 9:30 Traditional Service is Broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Senior
pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Greg Smith—Associate
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Dear Friends,

As the 175th Anniversary Committee make plans to celebrate the establishment of Methodism in Brenham, I get more and more excited. What a great feeling to know that where we are as a church today is the result of so much love, prayer, devotion, work, and sacrifice made by so many saints who have gone before. We stand on the shoulders of countless faithful people.

I hope you've been reading the newsletter articles written by Bill Hardt because through those writings we get a glimpse of the challenges this church has not only survived found opportunities to give thanks to God for His steadfast and providential care. I love visiting with the folks of this congregation who have been members for 30-plus years. I've been learning about the history of our location in Brenham, the growth and expansion of ministries over the years, as well as some very funny stories, like the one about the pastors who ended up in jail. (You'll have to see Bill about that one.)

Carrying on the tradition of faithful servanthood is a man we all know and love, Mr. Tom Post. Tom has served as our Church Treasurer for 13 years! When he accepted the position it was due to the fact that the treasurer at the time had fallen ill. When invited, Tom stepped up and began what would be a ministry of his heart. What many of us don't know is that Tom took the responsibilities of Church Treasurer and expanded that position to include even more vital responsibilities. We are indebted to him for his service to our church.

Sadly, Tom has tendered his "resignation" as our Church Treasurer and will so be much freer to enjoy time with his wife, Carol Ann, with their family and traveling. If you don't know about their trips to various parts of the world, you're missing something. While we're saddened that Tom will not be our Church Treasurer any longer, we'll still hear his lovely voice in the Chancel Choir. Thank you Tom!

Tom is one of so many volunteers with servants' hearts at this church. Take time to thank each other and build one another up with love and support. We are the body of Christ!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
9:30 Traditional	129
9:30 Celebration	38
Total: 168	
Sunday School:	61
Offering: \$14,125.24	

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	4
9:30 Traditional	115
9:30 Celebration	64
Total: 183	
Sunday School:	52
Offering: \$7,470.21	

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
9:30 Traditional	107
9:30 Celebration	46
Total: 155	
Sunday School:	45
Offering: \$10,680.98	

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	122
9:30 Celebration	72
Total: 197	
Sunday School:	58
Offering: \$6,933.96	

June Totals

Income: \$55,532.09
Expense: \$59,931.55
Total: (\$4,399.46)

YTD Totals

Income: \$332,342.75
Expense: \$325,123.53
Total: \$7,219.22

Memorials Received

**In memory of
Rev. Calvin Beckendorf**

By

**Kay and Gary Ivy
Mary and Don Wilhelm
Ann and Thomas Brazzel
Patty and Jerry Stratton
Marily Whitmarsh
Martha and Bill Lee
Charol Ann and Tom Post
Joan and Bill Powell
Konnie and Larry Thomas
The Wednesday Prayer Group
Deborah & Gerald Muckleroy
Twain & Francene Tharp
Penny Sutton
Ann and Kenneth Pieper
Blondean Kuecker
Theodora Boehm
Nicky Moore
Kay Reichwein
UMW**

**Betty and Roy Hodges
Susan & Ronnie Manchester
Jetta and Glen Goodman
Jean and Harold Pool
Mary Jane & Clarence Jean
Kate and David Friday
Faith Builders Class
Mary Ann and James Troyer
Joy & Richard Beckendorf
Bill Sanderson**

**In memory of
Bobbie Eloise Carmen**

By

**Carol Ann and Tom Post
Kay and Gary Ivy
UMW**

**In memory of
Beverly Burt**

By

**Susan and Ronnie Manchester
Jetta and Glen Goodman
Deborah and Gerald Muckleroy**

Pastor Greg's Welcome Breakfast





Missions Moments

I wanted to share a few observations and some take-aways from my meeting this month with the Mission Committee headed up by Gary Bogan.

This committee is an exciting crew of team members who truly have a heart for being the hands and feet of Christ in this community and beyond. First UMC Brenham has recently become part of “For The City” which is a network of community partners building a bridge between community needs and available resources to see and be the good for our city. This will help to build our mission opportunities and increase our visibility in Brenham and beyond. We are currently working through “For The City” to facilitate our Back to School efforts. We as a congregation have several ways of helping in this endeavor:

- Drop off a **NEW** backpack in our Activity Center or in the Parlor.
- **Buy a \$5 supply grab** bag at H-E-B (there is a display of brown paper bags on an endcap near the school supplies section of the store that is labeled, “For the City School Supply,” and you pick one up and pay for it at the check-out.)
- **Volunteer** at the supply market on August 3rd (where children will “shop” for their own school supplies)
- Become a corporate or community **sponsor** (and through the church office we can give you the contact information.)

School begins on August 14th. So we are encouraging everyone to be involved in whichever way works for you. We will also be supplying every teacher in Brenham ISD with a bottle of hand sanitizer which will have a prayer and a blessing attached from FUMC Brenham.

The FUMC Missions Team will also have the annual bottled water give away on the first day of registration at Blinn College, which will be August 21st. We are hoping to get as many volunteers that can come out to assist with the dispersing of water bottles to the various students on campus. Last year was great success hoping for even greater numbers of interacting with students this year.

The missions committee is also collecting gift cards for CASA kids. The donation box for gift cards is located in the Activity Center on the front table.

Finally the Missions Committee is sponsoring the formation of a community wide Church Softball league. We currently have four churches interested. If you know of any local churches who may be interested, please let the Missions Committee know so as soon as possible. The games will be scheduled this fall in Hilt Park.

Lastly, I am amazed at the committees and their dedication, creativity, and passion. As the newest addition to this congregation and staff, I am proud to be a part of a church who chooses to be the hands and feet of Christ for the Glory of God.

Many Blessings!

Pastor Greg



Music Ministry Notes:

August 16th we will be going on a tour of local pipe organs. Contact Matt for more information or ask for a schedule from the office.

Choir practice begins August 14th at 6:30 in the Choir Room.

Starting on August 18th, the Chancel Choir will begin preparing Kim André Arnesen's *Magnificat* to present to the church on December 21st. If you would like to sing with the choir for that Sunday, talk to Matt to get a rehearsal schedule.

Handbells will begin rehearsals in September.

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

Matthewhulon@gmail.com

Coda: In honor of our upcoming organ tour I thought I'd talk a bit about organ placement in churches. If I were to ask people where the organ is in most churches they would point to the console (where the organist sits to play) but that is only the "control center" of a large and complex instrument. The organ is more than the console, it's the pipes that make the sound, the wind-chest, the blower, the valves, it's a thousand moving pieces that we don't normally see. Pipe organs are often built in such a way that, while visible, they are tucked away from the congregation and that includes the console and the organist. But that distance has led to a mystery around the instrument. Because most people only hear the organ at church and because most churches have the console set over to the side of the chancel, it isn't unusual for someone to remark, "I never knew the organist played with their feet too" the first time they actually watch someone play. One of my favorite things to watch a concert organist do is show off their virtuosity on the pedals. The upcoming organ tour is an opportunity to **see** the organ played and not just hear it. I encourage everyone who has ever been intrigued by the instrument to join us on August 16th.

A Moment In Time

Wm. C. Hardt for the Committee

When the Civil War finally ended, everyone knew that the old social order based slavery was forever destroyed. Few could anticipate how tumultuous the religious scene would become during the era immediately after the war.

The first and most obvious change was that African Americans were now free to organize their own religious lives without having to conform to the wishes of the people who formerly held them in bondage.

Before the war at least a quarter of Texas Methodists were African American. Washington County holds the distinction of having the only Methodist African American licensed to preach before the Civil War whose name we know. A man named John Mark was licensed by the Washington Circuit Quarterly Conferences beginning in 1852. Joseph P. Sneed recorded in his diary hearing him preach and commented favorably on his sermon. Sneed also reports that when the man who held John Mark announced his intention to move further west, Methodists in Washington County bought John Mark so that he could remain and preach here. Alas, I have not been able to corroborate this statement with any other document.

After emancipation African Americans had choices that did not exist before the war. They could join the MEC which was known for its anti-slavery stand in 1844. They could join the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) or African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ) churches, both of which were totally controlled by African Americans. They could also remain in the MECS, but since that denomination had been founded on a defense of slavery, that option wasn't particularly appealing. In Brenham's case, it really wasn't appealing since the Brenham pastor was Franklin C. Wilkes who had been a colonel in the Confederate army.



Bring your Backpack to Worship!

Games for children & youth on the front lawn after worship. If you would be willing to help with any of the activities please contact Jennifer Patrick: Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org

SAFARI PARK

August 4 12:30pm



At first I was planning on going to the new one in CS but they do not offer a vehicle guided tour. Our bus and church van do not have windows that go down - that's no fun! The one in Franklin offers a tour in an old school bus with busted out windows - which is a lot of fun!

So if we can get enough parents to caravan together (with vehicles that have windows that go all the way down) we can go to the one in CS. If not we will go to the one in Franklin.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN DRIVE. I will update the location and cost once I know which park we can go to. *This is Madison's last Sunday.



BACK TO SCHOOL edition.

Sunday, Aug 11 *11am-1:30pm

(note that this is a lunch Chopped right after worship)



In this event the ingredients will be provided in our AC kitchen. You will be in teams and then a menu must be created and executed with what is available in the kitchen and in your basket. This is a fun event to invite a friend to! I need parent judges. Please let me know if you can attend and be a judge.



Sunday, Aug 18 6-8pm

I'd like to try something new. On this Sunday, we will eat dinner together and then go into a youth worship time. This will not look like Sunday morning exactly. It will be more like the worship times we have on our mission trips. We will have songs and an active message. This is for the whole youth group. Parents are invite to come as well. This is also a wonderful time to invite a friend to come. It's something that God has put on my heart and I think that it could be a really good "root growing" experience.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 MWCDC Closed For training/using bus and van 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	3 MWCDC training/ using bus and van
4 12:30 PM UMYF: Safari Park, College Station/Parents drive	5 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 7:00 PM Admin Council/FR	6 6:30 PM Nominations & Lay Leadership/FR	7 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	8 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 11:30 AM Book Club/FH 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH 6:30 PM UMM/AC	9 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	10
11 10:45 AM Youth Parent Meeting/ Sanctuary 11:00 AM-1:30 PM UMYF/CHOPPED Back to School Edition/AC	12 MWCDC CLOSED- teacher in-service 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 1:30 PM MWCDC Board/Library	13 MWCDC CLOSED- teacher in-service	14 MWCDC -First Day of School BISD-First Day of School 6:30 PM Choir Practice Resumes/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	15 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH 6:30 PM 175th Celebration Planning mtg/FR	16 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor 9:30 AM Pipe Organ Tour/ Individuals drive	17
18 BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	19 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 6:30 PM SPRC/FR	20 6:00 PM Wesleyan Circle/TBA	21 Mission Team Blinn Water distribution/ All Day 2:00 PM Worship Com/FR 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	22 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	23 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	24
25 10:45 AM "Hope Mommies" Service Project/ AC 6:00 PM UMYF School Prayer Walk/AC	26 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH	27	28 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/FR 1:00 PM Care Team/FR 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	29 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	30 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	31 Epiphany Training/AC



New Sunday Activities
Schedule

Breakfast 8:45 A.M.
in the Activity Center
Community Song & Prayer 9:15 A.M.
in the Activity Center
Traditional Worship 9:30 A.M.
in the Sanctuary
Celebration Worship 9:30 A.M.
in the Activity Center
Sunday School for All Ages 10:45 A.M.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Glen Amerson	Lydia House
Barbara and Ed Baker	Sonny Houston
Mary Burgess	Beverly Leyrer
Aaron Collier	Sue Perry
Wanda Curbo	Ann Pieper
Ellen Ellison	Jean & Harold Pool
Dorinda Forsythe	Red Powell
Joyce & Walter Fortune	Marjorie Reed
Marshia & Bud Foster	Edna Rote
Miriam Gillis	Billie Schmidt
Joycine & Louis Hannath	Milton Tate
Luene Harmer	Jody Tyson
Smitty Hinners	Linda Winstanley

Others

Jan Agee	Mike Kalil
Bret Amerson	Kathi Ivy
Barbara Biggers	Cindy Mullins
Jennifer Boudreaux	Ray Neuse
Susan Davenport	Lloyd Pieper
Rick Fitzgerald	Marge Roberts
Donna Gore	Annie Schultz
Claire Green and family	Cindy Smith
Carol & John Haarmeyer	Marissa Spangler
Melissa Hale	Connie Warmke
Donna Jacobson	Cheryl Williamson



Join us for the

Pipe Organ Tour on August 16th

Our first stop is at

First Presbyterian Navasota from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
302 Nolan St., Navasota, TX 77868

Second Stop

St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
906 George Bush Dr., College Stations, TX 77840

Lunch Break from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Then resume the tour with us at our third stop at

A & M United Methodist Church from 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
417 University Dr., College Station, TX 77840

Fourth Stop

First United Methodist Church Bryan from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
506 E. 28th St., Bryan, TX 77803

Everyone is responsible for their own transportation.



Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, August 22nd 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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