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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
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Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate
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First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

January 2019

New Year Blessings, Friends!

It's a new year with new opportunities to grow in likeness of Christ, to be fruitful in ministry and enjoy the blessings of God. My prayers are for your physical, spiritual and emotional well-being as well as a deep gratitude for the mercies God has shown to you, our church and our community.

In this issue of the FUMC Brenham Newsletter, you'll notice two things about our slate of lay leadership. First, there are a number of names you may not recognize. We are blessed to have a good balance of new and seasoned leadership, representation of more generations, and representation of all three worship services. I am convinced that when our diversity as a congregation is seen in the diversity of our lay leadership, it increases our fruitfulness in effective ministry. I encourage you to pray for each of these leaders as they serve Christ through the church.

The second thing you'll notice is the number of open lay volunteer positions. It is my sincere hope that if you weren't personally contacted and invited by Nominations and Lay Leadership to serve, you'll take the initiative and volunteer. If you were contacted and invited but have since reconsidered, please contact me or one of the members of Nominations and Lay Leadership. Regardless of the "class year," all volunteer positions are for a one-year term of service.

Our 2019 Lay Leadership will be installed at all three worship services on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Every chairperson, committee member, and church council member will be there to officially take responsibility for leadership. It's also an opportunity for the entire congregation to see and pray for those who are pledging to do their best for the good of us all.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie



The office will be open on January 2nd to resume normal activities.



January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED NO ACTIVITIES	2 8:00 AM Normal Office Hrs Resume 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Financial Peace/MH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	3 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	4 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	5
6	7 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 6:30 PM SPRC/FR	8 9:00 AM Card Group/MH 9:30 AM UMW/AC	9 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	10 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH 6:30 PM UMM/AC	11 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	12
13 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	14 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 1:30 PM MWCDC Board/Library	15 9:30 AM Goodman Circle/MH Hewitt Circle/FH 12:00 PM Susanna Circle/ Pendergrass 6:00 PM Wesleyan Circle/FH	16 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	17 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 11:30 AM Book Club/FH 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	18 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	19
20 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	21 Office Closed for MLK Day CDC Open 5:30 PM Evangelism Team/Library 6:00 PM Nomination Committee/FR	22 9:00 AM Card Group/MH	23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	24 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	25 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	26
27 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	28 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn	29	30 1:00 PM Care Team/FR 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	31 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH		



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. Matthewhulon@gmail.com

Coda:
This Halloween we celebrated the organ with a short concert of organ music provided by Diane Garrett. It was a wonderful event and one I hope to not only grow but make a tradition of the church. It brings to mind a question that I have heard for years in a multitude of settings, "why use the organ in church?" After all, the number of young people learning the instrument is shrinking, they are expensive to install, and not everything is meant for organ accompaniment. With all those things being true doesn't it make sense to just abandon the instrument in favor of a piano?
In short, YES it DOES make sense to abandon the instrument BUT ONLY if those were the only questions we can ask. But one more question needs to be asked, why use the organ in the first place? I could go on and on about the tradition of its use and the amazing versatility of the instrument but I won't. Rather I'll say this, the organ adds to worship in a unique way, it gives people a space to hide in vocally. Those among us with...shall we say tonal challenges...don't always feel comfortable singing if they feel exposed. The organ gives all of us a space to make a joyful noise without feeling like we might drive our neighbor to another pew next Sunday. Simply put the organ's worth in worship comes from its power as an instrument.

Sunday, December 2, 2018	
Church Attendance	
Nursery:	4
8:15 Worship	65
9:00 Celebration:	76
11:00 Worship	85
Total: 230	
Sunday School: 62	
Offering: \$16,086.00	
Sunday, December 9, 2018	
Church Attendance	
Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	53
9:00 Celebration:	94
11:00 Worship	63
Total: 213	
Sunday School: 57	
Offering: \$18,859.65	
Sunday, December 16, 2018	
Church Attendance	
Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	0
2:30 Christmas Celebration:	271
11:00 Worship	101
Total: 374	
Sunday School: 0	
Offering: \$12,464.05	

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YTD Totals

Income: \$630,343.00
Expense: (\$657,032.00)

(\$26,689.00) Total Deficit



UMW

Smitty Hinnners and I would like to thank FUMC for sponsoring our November mission trip to Sager Brown. The mission experience covers five days and five nights, beginning on Sunday evening and ending Friday morning.

We met teams from seven churches, including teams from Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, and Oklahoma.

Smitty worked in the sewing room and with only four women sewing, they finished 162 school bags. I worked on school kits and our team finished 1,428.

We conclude the week with Vespers service, a time of sharing and holy communion. Team leaders from each group plan this special service. This year Smitty was one of the greeters and I led the Call to Worship. We end singing Shalom... Farewell dear friends. Stay safe dear friends. Have peace, have peace. We'll see you again; we'll see you again. Have peace.

It's always difficult leaving this beautiful campus. I'm looking forward to taking another group next year and I ask that you prayerfully consider going.

Blessings,
Kathy
Schatte



UMW certainly had a wonderful Christmas Coffee Celebration this year at Design II. Thanks to Susanna Circle for setting this up and hosting. Everyone had a wonderful time.



**First United Methodist Church
Brenham, Texas
2019 Nominations and Leadership Development**

Administrative Council

Chairperson	Pat Clark
Vice Chairperson	Open
Lay Leader	Tom Scanio
Secretary	Roxanne Maxwell
Lay Delegates to Annual Conference	Kevin Patrick and Tom Scanio
SPRC Chairperson	Milton Tate
Trustees Chairperson	Howard Tomlinson
Finance Chairperson	Kimberly Ratcliff
Church Treasurer	Tom Post
Church School Secretaries	Gerald & Deborah Muckleroy Marshall & Bethany Conarroe
UMM President	Keith Killgore
UMW President	Kathy Schatte
Evangelism Chairperson	Martha Ratcliff
Worship Chairperson	Open
Missions Chairperson	Gary Bogan
Stewardship Chairperson	Haley Henly
Weekday Child Development Center Director	Raemona Burks
Director of Music	Matt Hulon
Student Ministries Director	Jennifer Patrick
Student Ministries Asst. Director	Position Eliminated
Church Photographers	Nick Nelms
Senior Pastor	Bobbie Maltas
Associate Pastor	T.J. Gabelman

Administrative Council At Large Members

2019	2020	2021
Ann Brazzel	Bill Day	Ann Wackman

Staff Parish Relations Committee

2019	2020	2021
Milton Tate	Mark Hyatt	Casey Henly
Cynthia Hamrick	Jennifer Campbell	Kirsten Gee
Jody Tyson	Open	Open

Board of Trustees

2019	2020	2021
Donald Spiess	Gerald Muckelroy	Clifford Brisbon
Ken Pieper	Clarence Jean	Glen Goodman
Howard Tomlinson	Nita Hyatt	Kay Reed

Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor

Nominations & Leadership Development

2019	2020	2021
Linda Hermann	Open	Open
Deborah Muckleroy	Open	Open
Mary Jane Jean_	Open	Open

Bobbie Maltas*, Senior Pastor

Finance Committee

Chairperson	Kimberly Ratcliff
Lay Delegates to Annual Conference	Kevin Patrick & Tom Scanio
Senior Pastor	Bobbie Maltas
Administrative Council Chairperson	Pat Clark
Trustees Representative (elected by Trustees)	Howard Tomlinson
Financial Secretary	Kris Trevino
Treasurer	Tom Post
Stewardship Chairperson	Haley Henly
SPRC Chairperson	Milton Tate

Finance At Large Members

2019	2020	2021
John Trostle	Charles Sander	Joey Gee
David Brodhead		

Memorial Committee

2019	2020	2021
Cynthia Hamrick	Emily Henkhaus	Kimberly Ratcliff
Carolyn Sander	Elaine Clark	Jennifer Ebel

Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor

Endowment Fund Committee

Finance Chairperson	Kimberly Ratcliff
Trustee Chairperson	Howard Tomlinson
Administrative Council Chairperson	Pat Clark
Senior Pastor	Bobbie Maltas

Methodist Weekday Child Development Center Board

2019	2020	2021
Charles Sander	Linda Herrmann	Ann Pieper
Linda Pipes	Susan Jenkins	Meagan Hargrave
Paula Baker	Lee Brodhead	Betsy Spiller

Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor

Missions

2019

Perry Ratcliff
Jan Herbst
Martha Lee

2020

Gary Bogan
Suzette Mozier
Open
T.J. Gabelman, Associate Pastor

2021

Cheryl Middleton
Roxanne Maxwell
Open

Evangelism

2019

Martha Ratcliff
Open
Cindy Wells

2020

Kathy Campbell
Elaine Walberg
Open
Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor

2021

Gary Hewitt
Open
Open

Worship

2019

Smitty Hanners
Billie Schmidt
Susan Manchester

2020

Carol Ann Post
Carolyn Sander
Patty Stratton

2021

Open
Louise Goodrich
Sue Hewitt

Debi Meschwitz, Acolyte Coordinator

Sound Operators: Dan Jurden, Glen Crow, Roxanne Maxwell, Charles Gabelman,
Amber Gabelman

Communion Steward Chair:

Senior Pastor, Bobbie Maltas
Associate Pastor, T.J. Gabelman

Assistant:

Choir Director, Matt Hulon

These Ministry Teams are not elected by Charge Conference Communion Stewards

January/February/March

Carolyn Sander
Joyce Fortune
Doris Mays
Carol Ann Post

April/May/June

Susan Manchester
Marianne Nelms
Jenifer Amerson

Substitutes

Marilyn Whitmarsh
Louise Goodrich
Smitty Hanners

July/August/September

Donna Sprenger
Barbara Baker
Betty Hodges

October/November/December

Coleen Murphey
Jenifer Amerson
Kay Ivy
Lee Brodhead

J.O.Y. Team (Just Older Youth)

Sue Flanagan
Ann Wackman

Coleen Murphey
Celia Haley

Open
Open

Care Ministry Team (not elected)

Smitty Hanners
Marianne Nelms
Juanita Hickey
T.J. Gabelman*, Pastor
Barbara Kilgore

Louise Goodrich
Peggy Moser
Carol Ann Post
Patty Stratton (prayer chain)
Jean Banker

Danna Edwards
Susan Manchester
Kay Ivy

Prayer Concerns

Jenifer & Glen Amerson
Calvin Beckendorf
Mary Burgess
Beverly Burt
Jim Clements
Wanda Curbo
Ellen Ellison
Jeff Folton
Walter Fortune
Bud & Marshia Foster
Miriam Gillis
Luene Harmer
Lydia House

Kathi Ivy
Barbara & Keith Killgore
Jean Laws
Paul McIntyre
Coleen Murphy
Sue Perry
Harold Pool
Marjorie Reed
Edna Rote
Jerry Stratton
Twila Tate
Jody Tyson
Don Wilhelm

Jess Bolton
Jim Clements
Carole & John Haarmeyer
Melissa Hale
Donna Jacobson
Cynthia Lewis
Maxine Little
Cindy Mullins
Kathy Revenaugh
Marge Roberts
Richard Royal
Susan Sanclemente
Annie Schultz

Garland Smith
Marisa Spangler
Connie Warmke
Cheryl Williamson
Nancy Yeary

Pray for our homebound members and those serving in the military and our nation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, January 21st, 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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