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Open Minds. . .
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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.

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First United Methodist Church

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May 2019

Dear Friends,

Several years ago, congregations across our Texas Annual Conference began adopting a model of structure known as the Single Board Model. At this point, the estimated number of Single Board Model churches in the TAC is 57. That information came from our conference's Office of Congregational Excellent.

Single Board Model, also known as "Board of Stewards," was a model utilized by the Methodist Church used until shortly after WW II, when protestant churches began to implement age-level and specialty ministry committees. Single Board was brought back to use recently because it allows administrative boards and committees (Board of Trustees, Staff/Pastor-Parish, and Finance committees) to meet together at one time. Decisions about ministry that once were required to delay new initiatives for weeks or months are made at one meeting time with Single Board.

This is basically how Single Board works. Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee identify three representatives from each of the administrative areas – Board of Trustees, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and Finance Committee – to serve on the Board of Stewards. The Board of Stewards meets on a regular basis to administer all of those areas in one meeting. On the meeting agenda, when it's time to give attention to trustee matters, all the stewards give attention to trustees. When it's time to give attention to the financial matters of the church, all the stewards give attention to finance. You get the idea.

Single Board Model does not involve the ministry committees, like Missions or Evangelism, nor does it change anything about Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee. We will still have a Treasurer. The Board of Stewards replaces Board of Trustees, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations and Finance Committees as independent groups. And it also replaces Administrative Board. The ministry teams will continue to meet and communicate on a regular basis.

Implementation of Single Board at any church must be voted on by the entire church membership in a church conference that is presided over by the district superintendent or a designated elder.

Our Administrative Board voted favorably in April for information on the Single Board Model to be presented to the congregation at large. The proposed new structure will be presented in three town hall meetings, scheduled at various times so that everyone has an opportunity to learn about the model, during May, June and July.

Our first town hall meeting will be on Thursday, May 16th in the Activity Center at 6:30 PM. I will give a Power Point presentation and distribute written information as well. We'll have a time of questions and answers, as time allows, following the presentation. The dates of the other town hall meetings will be published soon.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie

As I approached the city of Franklin four days after a tornado had torn through it, I saw trees up-ended with their roots exposed to the sky, fences recently patched to keep cattle in the fields, and random pieces of debris lodged in the branches of trees or along the side of the highway. When I entered First UMC of Franklin, I expected to see stacks of relief supplies but instead I saw piles and piles of plastic Easter eggs. Easter was only a few days away and someone's heart skipped over what was being handled by everyone else – water, garbage bags, chain saws – and thought about the children who might possibly go without an Easter egg hunt this year.

Rev. Polly Standing, FUMC Franklin's pastor, ushered me around the most devastated neighborhood, weaving in and around emergency vehicles, waving at county officials and stopping to visit with work teams who were piling up lumber that had once been someone's home. She even stopped to call a veterinarian whom she knew was willing to take in lost animals. And one of the work teams had befriended one such dog, at once friendly and showing signs of being injured.

When we stopped at a distribution center I talked to a woman named Gloria. She's recently retired and is heavily involved with the day-to-day operation at her church, now helping families replace pantry and closet

items. I told her the families who had already lost so much were blessed to have her helping them when she looked at me and said, "Well, I know how much they need the help. My house was brought down to the ground three days ago." My heart broke for her.

Thank you to everyone who donated needed items that I was able to deliver to Rev. Polly. She was blown away by the items, the donations from three of the UMW circles and the gift cards from another circle. Thanks for your generosity. As Gloria told me, "You just don't know how much you appreciate someone coming and helping in any little way until you're the one who needs the help."



Sunday, April 7, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	45
9:00 Celebration	68
11:00 Worship	60
Total: 176	
Sunday School:	49
Offering:	\$13,935.99

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	70
9:00 Celebration	64
11:00 Worship	73
Total: 209	
Sunday School:	52
Offering:	\$8,582.40

**Sunday, April 21, 2019
(Easter)**

Church Attendance

Nursery:	6
8:15 Worship	96
9:00 Celebration	137
11:00 Worship	149
Total: 388	
Sunday School:	N/A
Offering:	\$12,162.89

Sunday, April 28, 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

March Totals

Income:	\$76,636.57
Expense:	\$50,516.65
Total:	\$26,119.92

YTD Totals

Income:	\$192,179.22
Expense:	\$150,499.35
Total:	\$41,679.87

It's time for our picnic again!

When: Saturday, May 11th, 10:30 A.M.

Location: Brenham's Fireman's Park, the large pavilion
You'll have a chance to meet, eat, play and spend time with everyone from the church at our annual church picnic. Combined worship services aren't the only way to get our church family to mingle! Our picnic is a wonderful day of spending time together and breaking bread.

Our Celebration Pit Team will provide the meat – it was delicious last year! Everyone is invited to bring a dish (Last Name—A-L bring a side dish; M-Z bring a dessert.)

All the eating utensils, paper goods, iced tea/lemonade/ water, and condiments will be provided.

We'll have a bounce house and games for the children, in addition to the three playgrounds at or near to Fireman's Park. The antique carousel will be operating. For \$1 you can ride all day! Bring dominoes or your favorite card or board game to share.

Thank you to the church groups who've already volunteered to take care of special tasks for the picnic:

Council Administration (any board members who aren't on another committee) – Cleaning the park tables and covering them;

Evangelism – Transport paper goods to the park on Saturday and return unused ones to the church;

Finance – Post flyers around the church campus and to the MW CDC families;

Suzanna Circle – Transport the beverage dispensers and beverage mixes to the park; clean and return them to the church;

There are a few more chores that need to be adopted by ministry committees or families or groups within the church. Contact Pastor Bobbie if you can pitch in and help make this a great day!



Graduation Dinner

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship invites our church family to join us in a celebration dinner honoring our High School Graduates and their families.

Sunday, May 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center

Please RSVP to jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or call the office. Meal provided by the youth and their parents
The meal is free. All donations go to support youth ministries



RE-LIVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS AND HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Senior Dinner is coming up, May 5 at 6pm, and in an effort to remind the graduating seniors that our world changes, but one thing remains the same no matter what happens in life (and also an effort to have a little congregation-wide fun) we're gathering high school photos of anyone in our congregation who would like to contribute - the "more mature," the better and bonus points for a great hair-do or "interesting* clothing choice (1980s, I'm looking at you)! We'll make a display at the Senior Dinner, organized by decade, with the photo, the person's name and their graduation year. I hope to have a wall covered with photos of our church family to show our graduating seniors that they're loved and supported by a whole host of people who have, by the grace of God, "been there, done that"!

Here's how you can help:

1. **Dig up a high school (or teenage/college-aged) photo** that you would be willing to share.
2. **Get the photo with your name and class year to Jennifer Campbell** in one of the following ways:

If you are able to scan the photo or snap a good photo with your phone, you can email it to jennpencecamp@gmail.com

- Make a copy of the photo and deliver to the church office. You can give it to Delores or put it in Jennifer Patrick's mailbox.

If you do not have access to a scanner or copier, I will be happy to make the copy for you. I will be very careful with your photo and return it to you as soon as possible.

Email me at jennpencecamp@gmail.com or call/text me at 210-347-2389 to make arrangements.

3. **Attend the senior dinner** and join in on the fun as we celebrate a very special group of graduates! The dinner is **May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center**. Details to come. Please RSVP so we can plan for food/seating.

Even if you are unable to attend senior dinner we would so love for you to participate in the picture project.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Campbell. Thank you in advance for helping us with this project!



Music Ministry Notes:

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

Bells of Praise: Handbell Choir is rehearsing in the handbell room, formerly the prayer chapel off the Sanctuary, Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact Pastor Kay.

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: We all shared in the global tragedy that was the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. As the cathedral was burning, groups of people gathered to pray and sing hymns. In thinking about the fire at the cathedral I thought back to high school. When I was in high school First Presbyterian of Navasota caught fire. The sanctuary, built in 1894, had to be extensively repaired and restored. The piano in the sanctuary had to be replaced. The organ needed to be rebuilt almost entirely. Almost everything in the sanctuary and downstairs fellowship hall had to be taken out and refinished. Today, on the wall leading from the choir room up the stairs to the sanctuary, there is a picture of the choir from the early 1900's. I see it every week when I stop by to practice organ. And I'm always struck by how deeply connected we are through the making of music. It is as essential to our nature as breathing. I find tremendous comfort in knowing, though change and tragedy will come, beating time in the background there will always be people making music.

UMYF

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



Thank you all that bought tickets for our fundraiser! We sold over 1145 sandwiches!



Our Graduates

Jake Carlile * Lindy Jenkins * Mollie Patrick
Rylie Patrick * Bailee Rettig * Jordan Reyna

June 24 - 27

ON LINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:

cokesburyvbs.com/fumcbrenham



Easter Egg Hunt



MISSION CORNER

Volunteer Opportunities

Library Snack Bags

Last summer the Brenham Library noticed something that needed to change. Children were coming to summer story time and the reading program – that was wonderful! But the not-so-wonderful thing the library staff noticed was that children were there for a good part of the day with no lunch so the kids were going to a nearby store and getting chips and sodas. That's when the Christian community stepped in and provided snack bags.

Library snack bags are small brown bags with an individual juice or chocolate milk boxes, a chewy granola or breakfast bar, and a bag of fruit snacks. This summer our congregation will be providing the snack bags.

Please bring donations of small brown paper lunch bags, chewy granola bars, cereal bars, individual juice or chocolate milk boxes, and fruit snacks. (Please don't bring substitutions.) Collection bins have been placed outside the parlor and outside the Activity Center. Thank you!!!

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree... You only need a heart full of grace...a soul generated by love."
—Martin Luther King, Jr.



Prayer Request from Couch Family

While we can always use prayers for the busy spring and summer schedule we have upcoming, we would love you to join us this month in praying for something specific that has been growing in our hearts and minds. Kosovo is still haunted by memories of war and seems to be experiencing a growth in racial tensions between Serbians and Albanians. As a team we are praying through how to see God's Kingdom come through the youth of this country. We desire to see leaders who can forgive immense hurts, to put the needs of others first, and learn to work together. We have recently reconnected with a young adult Serbian with the same desire and are looking to God to soften the hearts and minds, healing what only He can.

Memorials Received

In memory of
Edith Peterson
By
Susan & Ronnie Manchester

In memory of
Dr. Bud Smith
By
Mike Mushaway

Do you or someone you love need help with addiction? Here's where you can find resources:
<http://www.rehab.help.org>

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



May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:00 PM Care Team Meeting/FR 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/Chapel 6:30 PM Choir/CR Disciple 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	2 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	3 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	4
5 4:30 PM Confirmation Class/ 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF Senior Dinner/AC	6 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 8:45 AM UMW Exe. Meeting/Library 9:30 AM UMW general meeting/AC	8 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/Chapel 6:30 PM Choir/CR Disciple 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	9 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 11:30 AM Book Club/FH 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH 6:30 PM UMM/AC	10 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/ Parlor	11 10:30 AM Church Wide Picnic/ Fireman's Park
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Found./Blinn 1:30 PM MWCDC Board/Library 6:00 PM Missions/Library 7:00 PM Admin Board/FR	14 9:00 AM Card Group	15 1:00 PM UMW Nominations/Lib 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/Chapel 6:30 PM Choir/CR Disciple 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	16 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	17 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	18
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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. We, also, have an opening for 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.

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, May 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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