

First United Methodist Church

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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
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Associate Pastor
Rev. Terry Dougherty
PastorTerry@FUMCBrenham.org

A Message from the Pastors

The vibrant ministries of First United Methodist Church of Brenham are a product of God's guidance and our congregation's faithful obedience. Every ministry that you hear or read about, every mission you pray for, and every program or service project is accomplished because of your faithful response to God's leading. We believe that we are called to share the love and Word of Jesus Christ with all. As we plan our ministries for 2010, we are committed to going forward in our faith in Jesus Christ. You are an important part of that ministry.

Many of us have never faced the kind of financial challenges we are experiencing today. The leadership of the church works hard to be good stewards of all that you give to your church. Your continued willingness to generously support the ministries of FUMC is a testimony to your decision to live a life guided by the promises of the gospel. Joy still comes in cheerfully and generously giving.

Our annual stewardship ministry is underway and will culminate in Commitment Sunday on November 1. Please prayerfully consider how you will participate in the life of our congregation through your commitments of presence, prayer, gifts, service and witness.

...the righteous are generous and keep giving. Psalm 37:21

Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church of Brenham,

I am so pleased that FUMC offers you another way to share what God has given you through our electronic giving format. This simple and secure method of giving to FUMC has many advantages, and with more and more people using the internet for financial matters, we hope it is useful and helpful for many members and friends of our congregation.

As always we are most grateful to all persons for their financial gifts to the church, in whatever form best suits them.

May God bless and guide us always in using all such gifts for the building of God's Realm.

Yours in Christ's service,
Dale Chance, Senior Pastor

(Please see insert on last page)

Newsletter Deadline:

The next newsletter will be mailed on Friday, October 30. **Deadline for articles is Wednesday, October 28 at noon.** Copies will be available in the Church Offices, the Parlor Breezeway, the Narthex and the Activity Center. The newsletter is also posted electronically on our new website, FUMCBrenham.org. Back issues of the newsletter can also be accessed on the website.

METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

SUNDAY October 4, 2009

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Nursery | 7 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 72 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 119 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 46 |
| Worship Total | 244 |
| Sunday School | 112 |
| Offering: | \$ 18,496.23 |

SUNDAY October 11, 2009

Church Attendance:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Nursery | 5 |
| Worship 8:15 a.m. | 71 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 116 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 42 |
| Worship Total | 234 |
| Sunday School | 108 |
| Offering: | \$ 19,690.00 |

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| SEPT. INCOME | \$ 44,259.54 |
| SEPT. EXP. | \$ 55,989.77 |
| | (-\$11,730.23) |

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
Elmo Davis
Jim Tom House
Bob Johnston
Alice Limmer
Marti McLemore
Peggy Robertson
Earl Wiesepape

Spooks, H1N1, and Pumpkin Patch

The MWCDC is going all out for Halloween with parties and trick or treats! We will do all this without the use of masks. What we know about preschoolers is that they:

- often are unable to distinguish between real and fantasy;
- often are unable to understand transformations as being temporary;
- often develop fears of the unexpected or non-typical.

Even if the children see the transformation they still become frightened. Therefore, when we ask that the children come in costumes and the teachers dress-up in costumes, we will not wear masks.

On Wednesday, we will go en masse to the Pumpkin Patch at Christ Lutheran. It should be a morning filled with wonderment for the children and each child will receive a small pumpkin. With special activities on tap, the photo ops are very plentiful.

The 3 year olds will take a walking field trip to downtown Brenham to view the scarecrows and then later, the Pre-K class will do the same.

On a different note, most of the staff and myself will attend a workshop in Houston to learn more about being the best we can be. These workshops and conferences are really wonderful for the staff because of the knowledge they receive, the hours they receive, and the camaraderie among them that is so precious!

The *Spring Festival* committee will gather for lunch on October 20 for its initial meeting. Yes, Louise, we will host a *Spring Festival* this year in the parking lot of the CDC. Our faculty and the parents are really excited about this and hope you will participate also. More to come . . .

The H1N1 virus has us all a little worried. We are doing everything we can to prevent it spreading to the children. We take extra precautions with all those items that the children come into contact with and those that eventually go into someone's mouth. Our toys are sprayed more often than normal with a Clorox / water blend; the tables and chairs are wiped down after every meal; the parents are called if a child begins a fever. The Child Development Center is working hand and hand with the church. We have sent alerts to the parents and will send more if necessary.

Thank you so much for the donation to the Scholarship fund for the staff. The first observation will happen at the end of this month. The CDA is in reach for our staff!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator – Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

KIDS CORNER

FAMILY FUN DAY

PICNIC

PICTURE
GAMES

TRAIN RIDES

Join us for some good old fashion family fun at Oil Ranch in Hockley, Tx.

Saturday, October 24 PETTING ZOO

Cost is \$10 a person & kids under 2 are free

Pack a lunch for the family and meet us at the church parking lot at 10:00a.m.

Every child will get a FREE pumpkin!!

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

MILK A COW

PUT-PUT

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, October 31st

**4:00 p.m. Activity Center
Parking Lot**

(come & park your car 30 minutes before)

Everyone come in costume,
decorate your car trunk & pass out
goodies to the kids!

All trunks will be judged by a secret
judge & awarded prizes

Kids will get to walk the red carpet
and show off their costumes

We are asking people to bring
sandwiches & large bags of chips to
share.



Rehearsals for our 50's Christmas
musical, *Solid Rock Café* are Wednesdays

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the AC.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for Soul Feast and
receive a meal and some fellowship time.
The cost of the meal is donation. Children
must be accompanied by a guardian.

We had a great turn out for our first
rehearsal. So far we have 28 kids
participating. Don't worry if you missed
the first rehearsal because it is not too late
to join us next Wednesday!

See You Wednesday!

Trunk
or
Treat



YOUTH “H.A.L.O” NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com

Coming Soon... the Youth Fall Fundraiser...great Christmas gifts will be on sale soon!!!

October Youth Calendar

- Sunday, October 18 – Small Group Discussions – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25 – Guest Speaker – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov 1 – Game/Movie Night – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wesley Foundation @ Blinn

God is good – and Wesley continues to grow! Our study for this semester is “*The Miracles of Jesus*”. We’re learning many new things and having a great time doing so. Of course, we’re eating well too! Many thanks to all who have prepared meals for the group!

Does anyone have a large Bar-B-Q smoker we can borrow?

Or do you know of someone that we might contact?

If so, please let Rick know in the church office.

Thank You! We need it within the next two weeks!



ADULT MINISTRIES

Jody Tyson, Adult Ministry Coordinator

TRIP TO METHODIST CHILDREN’S HOME

First United Methodist Church of Brenham has long supported the children’s home in Waco with financial gifts. This year the Missions and Outreach committee has planned a trip to Waco to visit the facilities. That date is **Thursday, November 5**. Hopefully you will be able to join us as we tour the two campuses in Waco.

We plan is to meet at 8:00 a.m. in the kitchen of the Activity Center and have breakfast together (consisting of a locally purchased fast-food breakfast item, coffee and juice) and leave the church by 8:30 a.m. We will drive private cars, so let us know if you are willing to be a driver and how many you can accommodate in your car.

We will tour one facility in their 14-passenger buses in the morning and have lunch on the way to the second location for that tour in the afternoon. We should be back in Brenham no later than 6:00 p.m.

Expenses for the day will be your lunch (around \$10) and a donation towards the breakfast items (and perhaps sharing the cost of gas). ---- Pat Clark, Chairman - Missions and Outreach Committee



Trip to Newman's Castle

A view of the castle through the fog

We had a fantastic trip to Newman's Castle. It was a wonderful home to tour, complete with 3 bedrooms, a mote and a chapel. The lunch provided by Newman's Bakery was very yummy. Luckily, we dodged most of the rain. If you ever have the chance, you should definitely go.

We are now planning our Christmas get-together. Keep looking in the newsletter for more information.

***Remember next month is the trip to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco on November 5.*



Listening to Mr. Newman tell us about his home

A view from the highest part of the castle



The drawbridge wheel

CHARGE CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. – FUMC ACTIVITY CENTER

Each year, about this time, churches meet with the District Superintendent for the purpose of approving the church budget and lay leadership teams for the coming year. It is also a time to cast forth a vision of the way our church will live out the mission of the United Methodist Church– to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

For the past few years the churches in our area have met for Charge Conference as a “hub.” The other churches in our hub are Bellville, Brenham Circuit (Mount Zion, Pleasant Grove, Richards Grove), Chappell Hill, and Giddings Circuit (Giddings and Paige UMC) .

The United Methodist Women will serve a meal immediately following the Charge Conference. It will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with the other congregations in the hub and to experience the connection we share as United Methodists.

Below is a listing of persons who have moved out of the area and are no longer active in our church. A letter was sent to each person last year.

**SECOND READING OF INACTIVE MEMBERS FOR REMOVAL FROM
CHURCH ROLES BY ACTION OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE**

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alewine | Ms. Dana Hext |
| Mr. David Atwood | Ms. Kathleen Hunt |
| Mr. Gary Averitt | Ms. Elizabeth Liner |
| Mr. Bruce Barlett | Mr. Rusty Liner |
| Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Behrens | Ms. Mary Mares |
| Mr. Michael Benold | Mr. and Mrs. Scott Maxfield |
| Mr. Mike Bergman | Mr. and Mrs. Don McFadyen |
| Mr. Roger Berhausen | Mrs. Tracy McNicoll |
| Mr. George Blackburn | Ms. Heather McNicoll |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis | Mr. Mark Miller |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dreschel | Mrs. Peggy Muehlstein |
| Mr. Eric Dunagan | Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pampell |
| Miss Laura Duty | Mr. Brad Porch |
| Mrs. Susan Eastland | Miss Brandy Ravey |
| Ms. Ernestine Estes | Mrs. Kim Ross |
| Mr. Kyle Edwards | Mr. Kevin Ambler (Ross) |
| Ms. Ann Fuelberg | Mr. Kyle Ambler (Ross) |
| Mr. and Mrs. Dan Galvin | Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Schwake |
| Mr. Scott Gilpin | Ms. Markalita Trask |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ken George | Mrs. Victoria Vermillion |
| Goerig Family | Ms. Jenny Webb |
| Mrs. Tresa Glass | Mr. David Willits |
| Mr. Duane Grabarschick | Mr. Donald Willits |
| Mrs. Lori-Lynn Heidemann | Ms. Betty Wilson |
| Mrs. Laurie Hendrick | Mrs. Terri Wilson |
| Ms. Marjorie Herndon | Mr. Brandon Worsham |

Letters have been sent to those with contact information – those listed gave no response or the letters mailed were returned by the post office.

October 27, 2009



The turkeys are ordered, the dressing is finished and final preparations are being made for Harvest Festival, Tuesday October 27. Do you have your tickets yet? They are available in the church office and will be sold after church services on October 18. Better hurry, they are going fast!!

Please remember if you are available to help set up the tables for Harvest Festival, be in the Activity Center after the 11:00 a.m. service on October 25.

Please have your ice chest and crock pots to the kitchen no later than 11:00 a.m. on October 27. You can drop them off the day before (October 26) if you prefer. The Activity Center will be open all day. Also remember to have your cakes and pies to the church by 1:00 p.m. on October 27. Desserts to be sold at the country store need to be priced and ready to go by 8:00 a.m. October 27.

There is always a lot to do the day of Harvest Festival and we welcome any and all help, so if you want to participate in any way or need any information concerning Harvest Festival, please give me, Kim Limmer, a call at 836-9119 or 277-2494.

Our Harvest Festival is a wonderful church tradition, an evening of delicious food, goodies at the country store, a silent auction and most of all - joyous fellowship. Hope to see you all there!!!



The Harvest Festival/Country Store is coming soon! Please bring your goodies to the Activity Center on Monday morning, October 26, or if necessary, Sunday afternoon, October 25. Refrigerated items, please bring in early on Tuesday morning. Goodies include anything kitchen or garden – cookies, roasted nuts, plants, cakes, pies, bread, mixes, fudge, etc. Package them for sale and price them accordingly. If you cannot price them, we will take care of that for you. If you cannot contribute goodies for sale, please come ready to buy! Thanks – The Country Store Team

Last Reminder for Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is an important part of Harvest Festival. Please call us regarding your items for the Silent Auction. You may bring your items down to the Activity Center on Monday morning, October 26, or we will be glad to pick them up. A 'Thank You' from Audrey Boney – 830-8057; Joyce Fortune – 251-7174; Donna Sprenger – 251-8101.

November 1, 2009



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus . . .”

Hebrews 12:1

We remember those in our faith who've gone before us: the cloud of witnesses. The imagery of this verse suggests an athletic contest in an amphitheater. The witnesses here are not spectators, but inspiring examples.

New Member Celebration Lunch

A new member celebration lunch will be Sunday, November 1, at noon in the Activity Center. All members are urged to participate in the celebration and bring a side dish to go with the church furnished meat. Please bring a large serving covered dish in your last name category. The categories are as follows:

- A-F - Casserole
- G-L - Vegetable
- M-R - Dessert
- S-Z - Fruit

The new members within the last year are guests and need not bring anything. Hope to see all of you there.



42

The 42 Group will meet on Monday, October 19 instead of Monday, October 26 due to Harvest Festival preparations. Please contact Lydia House for more information.

Dear Church Family,

We invite you to share a special moment in our lives as we celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary and renew our vows.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with renewal of vows at 1:30.

We would be so honored if you would join us on this special day.

Your presence is our greatest present . . . no gifts please. ----- *Glen and Jetta Goodman*

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1

It's that time of the year again!

On Saturday night (October 31) before you go to sleep, be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

You don't want to be late for church!



Nursing Home Ministry

Pastor Terry will be leading services on Sunday, November 1st at Brenham Rest Home (2:30 pm) and Kruse Village (3:30 pm). Come and help to lift the spirits of those who can no longer attend church. A full room of sweet singing and praying make the services feel just like being at church.

Emmaus Gathering

Our Church is hosting the November Gathering in our Activity Center on Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m. If you've ever been a pilgrim on a "Walk to Emmaus" weekend, please bring your favorite **Mexican food dish** and join us for an evening of fellowship and worship. Our very own "Celebration" Praise band will be playing music for the service. Wear your lanyard and bring your blue and purple books. We hope to see all of ya'll there. For more information, contact Patrice Summerour at (979)451-5415.



Ministering to One Another in Times of Sorrow

Experiencing the death of a loved one is hard. It is the desire of our congregation that all who mourn will find comfort and peace in this place as the pastoral staff helps families to plan funeral services, meets with families and offers any support that is needed. The sacred space of the sanctuary, the beauty of music and the hope found in God's read and preached Word are meant to surround those who are grieving with love and support. A meal provided by United Methodist Women Circle groups allows family and friends to gather for a time of remembering and fellowship. The pastors, staff and members of FUMC know we are privileged to share this time together. All of this is offered freely because of the love we have for one another.

The FUMC Care group is working to extend this ministry to the bereaved by offering continuing support and love long after the phone calls and visits begin to taper off. Care Notes that address the grief process are available in the walk-through by the church parlor and by asking Pastor Terry. We plan to send cards periodically during the difficult first year following the death. Of course, Pastor Dale and Pastor Terry always have time to visit, talk and pray with anyone who has a need.

Brenham Country Music Jamboree

Date: Every First Friday
Time: 6:00 p.m. – snack bar opens
7:00 to 9:30 p.m. – music
Place: Senior Activity Center
1200 South Market Street
Cost: \$5.00 per ticket

Children under 12 are free.
Parking lot is off Market or Tom Green Streets.
Call 979-836-6552 for more information.

Workforce Education Classes Available

The Blinn College Workforce Education program has numerous classes available in the areas of Health, Applied Technology, Career and Professional Development, Computers and Information Technology and Continuing Education. There are also online learning opportunities available monthly. For more information on available classes, call the Workforce Education Center at 979-830-4027 or visit their website at:

www.blinn.edu/workforce/index.htm .

Car Seat Distribution Class

Date: Every Second and Forth Friday
Place: EMS Station
1875 US 290 West

Are you in need of a new care seat for your child? Washington County EMS offers a class on safe usage and installation of a car seat. People interested in attending the class still need to call and sign up due to limited space on each date.



For details and to register for the class, call 979-277-6267, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and ask for Tricia or Loretta.

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.

OCTOBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | 1 6:00 pm Workshop Christian Contemplative Prayer/CHUMC | 2 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library | 3 8:30am -3:00pm TXC Mission Forum Lakewood UMC Houston |
| 4 Communion Kick-off of Stewardship Campaign 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth | 5 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 7:00 pm Nominations Meeting/Library 7:00 pm Council on Ministries/FR | 6 9:00 am UMW Exec Mtg/ Library 9:30 am UMW Gen Meeting/AC <i>Herbs of the Bible</i> 11:30 am Yoga / AC | 7 6:00 pm ACTS/AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band | 8 6:30 pm UMM Mtg. / AC | 9 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library | 10 8:00am-4:00pm Emmaus/AC |
| 11 Holy Land Articles-TBA 12:00-3:00 pm UMW / AC 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 5:00 pm Youth | 12 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 9:00 am Truth & Wholeness Study/FH 1:00 pm CDC Ad Board /Library | 13 8:30 am Yoga / AC 9:00 am Card Group/ Mission House 10:00 am J.O.Y. Trip to Newman Castle 5:30 pm Mission Brenham | 14 9:00 - 3:00 Harvest Festival Prep. / AC 1:00 pm Care Mtg/Library 3:00 pm Olan Mills /TBA 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band | 15 9:00-3:00 Harvest Festival Preparation / AC 3:00 pm Olan Mills / Faithbuilders | 16 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library 3:00 pm Olan Mills / Faithbuilders | 17 10:00 am Olan Mills / Faithbuilders |
| 18 Laity Sunday 9:30 am Confirmation Visit to St. John AME Church 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals 5:00 pm Youth-Small Grp. Discussion | 19 9:00 am Bible Study/FH 3:00 pm 42 / MH 6:30 pm Finance Meeting/FR | 20 8:30 am Yoga / AC Circle Meetings 9:30am Smith/Nelms Post/Reiland Murphey/Murphey 12:00 pm Susanna/AC 5:00 pm Evangelism/FR 6:30 pm Wesleyan/FH | 21 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Celebration Band | 22 | 23 8:00 am Harvest Festival Cooking/AC 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library | 24 9:30 am Family Fun Day Oil Ranch / Hockley 1:00 pm Goodman's 50 th Anniversary Celebration /AC |
| 25 12:30 pm Confirmation Class / FH 1:00 pm Harvest Festival Setup / AC 5:00 pm Youth | 26 7:00 am Harvest Festival Setup /AC 9:00 am Bible Study/FH | 27 8:00 am Harvest Festival Country Store 9:00 am Card Group/ Mission House 6:30 pm Trustees /FR | 28 7:00 am UMW Harvest Fest. Clean -Up 5:30 pm Soul Feast / AC 7:00 pm Choir & Celebration Band | 29 | 30 9:00 am Emmaus Meeting/Library | 31 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat AC Parking Lot 4:00 pm Youth Game Night |

SoulFeast

Every Wednesday
Beginning October 14 thru November 18

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
In the Activity Center
donations appreciated

Classes at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Dale will continue the study of Characters of the Bible. Class will meet in the office area.

Pastor Terry will lead participants in learning and experiencing different ways Christians pray and worship. Come and learn about Celtic Christianity, Taize, Lectio Divina, African American Spirituality, and Contemplative Prayer. Group will meet in the Sanctuary.

Adult Classes (all groups meet for 6 weeks)

Jr. and Sr. High class

A.C.T.S. for all kids pre-school through 6th grade

Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m.

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Faithful Stewardship: E-Giving

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

First United Methodist Church of Brenham now offers a secure way to give regularly and automatically. This program, known as UM-EFT (United Methodist Electronic Funds Transfer) or e-giving, is endorsed by The United Methodist Church General Council on Finance and Administration and is administered through Vanco Financial Services, LLC.

Save time, simplify your life and support the ministries of FUMC. In this new day our church is keeping up with the times by offering a new way to give. The program is via electronic funds transfer (EFT) that will allow you to make contributions without having to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash.

Here is how it works: you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date. It is secure, fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail.

Just complete and sign the authorization form, place it in a sealed envelope along with a voided check or voided savings deposit slip, print “E-Giving” on the outside and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

The service costs you NOTHING. You save the cost of the check. Currently donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund.

The following forms are available for you on the www.FUMCBrenham.org website to download to get started on the program, and answer any questions you may have. You can also pick up a form in the church office.

- Authorization Form – to sign up for the program
- Frequently Asked Questions – printable PDF (also printed on the back of this page)



ROUTING TRANSIT NUMBER (9-digits)

ACCOUNT NUMBER

CHECK NUMBER (Do Not Include)

Bank Routing Number: Many may not be familiar with the block type numbers on the bottom of your checks. Please note the diagram to the left. The Bank Routing Number was created by the American Bankers Association (ABA) in 1910, and serves to uniquely identify financial institutions. This, along with your account number is placed on the e-giving authorization form. It is in “Block Type” to enable easy electronic reading.

Any additional questions that you may have may be directed to Kris in the church finance office at 979-836-2008 or kris@fumcbrenham.org.

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ELECTRONIC GIVING

Open your heart without opening your checkbook.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

Q. What is electronic giving?

A. Electronic giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from Your checking or savings account.

Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?

A. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and improve its budget!

Q. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?

A. Once you complete and sign an authorization form and return it to us, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

A. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form.

Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement.

Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions. It is your proof of contributing.

Q. What if I change bank accounts?

A. Notify the church and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

Q. Is electronic giving risky?

A. It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

Q. How much does electronic giving cost?

A. It costs you nothing!

Q. What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?

A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.

Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?

A. Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings account deposit slip.

Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

SIGN UP TODAY.

Authorization forms are available upon request.

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