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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 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Jon Stouffer
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First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

May 8, 2015

Join us on May 24



Special day of worship:

8:15am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

Confirmands 2015

Lauren Baker Lilly Jones
 Adam Bugaj Rachel Saunders
 Christian Grawunder

On May 31, we will celebrate our new Confirmands at the New Member Luncheon at noon. The luncheon will follow with a Dessert Auction to raise money for the Youth Mission Trip.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 am.** 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.

SUNDAY April 5, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	115
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	109
Worship 11:00 a.m.	206
Worship Total	438
Sunday School	7
Offering:	\$22,998.36

SUNDAY April 12, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	72
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	80
Worship 11:00 a.m.	114
Worship Total	272
Sunday School	97
Offering:	\$10,167.00

SUNDAY April 19, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	93
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	97
Worship 11:00 a.m.	123
Worship Total	317
Sunday School	103
Offering:	\$9,860.92

SUNDAY March 26, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	69
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	94
Worship Total	246
Sunday School	84
Offering:	\$3,257.00

SUNDAY May 3, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	66
Worship 11:00 a.m.	95
Worship Total	229
Sunday School	102
Offering:	\$14,703.81

APRIL PRE-LIM TOTALS

April Income:	\$50,208.70
April Expense:	\$50,251.22
April Total:	(\$42.52)

YTD PRE-LIM TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$204,180.34
YTD. Expense:	\$203,904.98
YTD. Net Total:	\$275.36

**Prayer Concerns**

Marnie Whitmarsh	Rev. Jim Foster
Richard Coghlan	Jim and Linda Clements
Gene Moss	Ed Baker
Audrey Simpson	Charles Schulte
Delmer McAdow	Cameron Winchell
Glenn and Luene Harmer	Hugh and Aniela Pitts
Marilyn Wrigley	Marilyn Gravett
Glenn Amerson	Susan Ebel
Art Hanners	Ryan Vandersommen
Buddy and Elaine Dorow	
Henry Kuecker	Our homebound members and
Mike Kalil	those serving in the military

News & Information***Care Team News***

The Care Team is seeking the names of men and women serving in our military who have a relationship with our congregation. We would like their Name, Branch of service, Rank, Birthday, Current address and how they are related. Please send the information to Barbara Killgore at bjkillgore3@gmail.com. We are looking for ways to pray for them and support them.

First Tuesdays Together

The new Grief Support Group continues to meet monthly. The purpose of the group is to offer a place to share and ask questions with others who are going through similar grief and loss experiences following the death of a loved one. Our prayer is that this group will be a place to find encouragement, help, and healing. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 2nd. This month we decided to go out to eat together at the Texas Steak and Seafood Restaurant. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30. See you there.

Church League Softball Reorganization Meeting

There will be a meeting held for the purpose of re-establishing the Washington County Church Softball League, any church interested in playing or combining with another church is asked to attend a meeting Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Seidel Schroeder and Co. conference room. Anyone with questions may call Ronnie Bothe at 979-551-6469, or Ray Weiss at 979-830-3577.



A.C.T.S. Spring Musical



Thanks to our special volunteers!

Thanks to everyone that donated animal goodies for our local animal shelters.



June 29 – July 2, 2015
For kids 4 years old to 5th grade
We are looking for Adult helpers.

REGISTER NOW ONLINE!

2015.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenhamTx

Confirmation Sunday - A Special Day of Worship

May 24, 2015

8:15 a.m. – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. – Blended Worship in Sanctuary

Fifty years ago a Philadelphia congregation watched as three 9-year old boys were baptized and joined the church. Not long after, unable to continue with its dwindling membership, the church sold the building and disbanded.

One of those boys was Dr. Tony Campolo, author, alumnus and professor emeritus of Christian sociology at Eastern University in St. David's Pennsylvania. Dr. Campolo remembers:

"Years later when I was doing research in the archives of our denomination, I decided to look up the church report for the year of my baptism. There was my name, and Dick White's. He's now a missionary. Bert Newman, now a professor of theology at an African seminary, was also there. Then I read the church report for "my" year. "It has not been a good year for our church. We have lost 27 members. Three joined, and they were only children."

The Kingdom of God operates from a different perspective than the rest of the world. The pastor of that church so many years ago saw only children. But God saw a world-wide ministry. The pastor saw only a dwindling church. But God saw the countless lives touched by the ministries of those three boys.

Five young people will come to make a profession of faith on May 24th (Pentecost and Aldersgate Day). In the early church new members wore white and received a Christian name. Each person became a new creature in Christ. This year's Confirmands are: Lauren (Brett) Baker, Adam Bugaj, Lilly Jones, Christian Grawunder, and Rachel Saunders. I pray we will get excited about celebrating with these young people. Mark your calendars for the big day – May 24. Let these youth know that they are part of this church and our faith community.

See you Sunday,
Kay

WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL IN CHAPEL

Hello everyone. I wanted to let you know of a real and very worthwhile way you could serve our church. In 2001, after the bombings of the Twin Towers in New York, our prayer vigil was started by Calvin Beckendorf. It goes from 7am-7pm. Church members volunteered an hour every Wednesday and came into the chapel and prayed. As we all know from our own lives, **Prayer** is the most powerful and positive thing we can do for ourselves, families, friends, and loved ones.

Over the years, people have had to give up their spots for various reasons. Moving, health issues, and changes in their lives were the most common. Several of the regular members are right now struggling with these issues, and need to make changes that include giving up their spot in the chapel. It was something they didn't want to do at this time, but have no choice. Our church must step up and get these spots filled. We cannot let this amazing ministry go by the wayside.

I started about 6 years ago as a substitute when someone couldn't make it. This happens from time to time. We all have things that need to be done and sometimes it is on Wed. during our time slot. I have been in a regular spot now for over a year and I want to tell you how it is the best part of my week. For me, sometimes I get distracted when I am praying, I think we all do. This time in the chapel helps me with staying focused and spending that all important, quiet time with God.

You are probably thinking, I can't prayer for an entire hour. You don't have to. There is a devotional for you to read from the upper room, there is a prayer list with concerns. When you finish praying you can read one of the books there, and I have even been known to pick up the hymnal and start singing hymns!!! I have called some of the people on the prayer list and checked on them and left updates for the others coming after me.

I ask that you prayerfully consider joining our prayer team. We need you and we need your commitment now. We also need members who are willing to go on a substitute list, to help out now and then. Please contact me if you want to be a part of this amazing ministry we have at FUMC Brenham.

Michele Smith

979-251-9840 (home) or 979-530-2485 (cell)



UMYF SCHEDULE:

May 3 – MOVIE NIGHT @6pm
May -10 - NO UMYF
May 17 – UMYF @6pm
May 24 – NO UMYF
May 31 – SPECIAL UMYF
@5:30pm



Sunday, May 24
10:30am Service
in the Sanctuary

*Confirmation
Sunday*

Pool Party

Monday , May 25

5:30-8pm at the Campbell's
Burgers, Hotdogs & Pool Time!
Bring a Friend!

Need a ride? Meet at the church at 5:15pm

YOUTH WEEK 2015

Mark Your Calendars!

Wed, June 10

FOAM PARTY

Thurs, June 11

Trivia Night

Fri, June 12

**Paintball or Painting
with a Twist**



**Sunday, May 31 at the
New Member Luncheon**

All youth going on the
mission trip needs to
make a dessert item

Dessert Auction
Don't miss out on the fun and the dessert.



*Proceeds go to our
summer mission trips!*

Tags I've Had

When I was a kid, for some reason I decided to introduce myself as “Jon Jon Gordon Gordon Stouffer Stouffer the third, fourth, and fifth.” Every time I see or talk to my Aunt Corky (we do not ever say her given name) reminds me that I gave myself that “tag” of JJGGSS3,4,5! It is one of those conversational moments that is both inevitable and unavoidable! And I look forward to it being over every time! (lol – ‘laughing out loud’ and ‘lots of love’) When my eldest brother ran for Jr. Class Vice President of his high school his slogan was “Go For Stouffer” and he earned the tag “Gopher” or “Gōf” for short! Our middle brother, a sophomore in high school was also called “Gōf” and as the little brother I was “Li'l Gōf”! Now days, most of my friends call me by my last name or a shortened version of that – “Stouff”! I’m not sure why that is I just know I’m glad the call me anything. One preacher calls me “monk-man” because of my annual trips to the monastery.

I got to thinking about the tags I’ve had today when someone greeted me with the word “Parson.” As a preacher, I’ve worn many other tags like, “Rev.,” “Brother Jon,” “Brother Preacher,” “Preach,” “Pastor Jon,” “P.J.,” and “hey you!” (not really on the “hey you!” I made that up.) It’s been a long time since I’ve been called “Parson.” Parson comes from the Anglican Church – this person is the clergy person who has full legal control of a parish under church law. Also, where this person lives is called the parsonage. While I like this tag, I am thankful that I don’t have full legal control of our parish!

Of all the tags I have had for all the years I’ve been given nicknames, my favorites include “poppa” which Hannah and Ben called me when they were young and anything at all that Holly calls me so long as she keeps calling. What tags or nicknames have you had through the years?

God’s Peace –

Jon

Donations Received

In memory of

Marti McLemore

By

The Card Group

Danna Edwards

Doyce and Cindy Wells



Happy Mother’s & Father’s Day FUMC!

An offering in the amount of \$300.00 was given by FUMC to the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in honor of Mother’s day.

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A gift in the amount of \$300.00 was given by FUMC to the local chapter of the Adult and Teen Challenge Program here in Brenham in honor of Father’s Day.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	2
3 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 Church Movie Night- Amazing Grace/ AC	4 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	5 8:45 UMW Exec. Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 12:00 First Tuesday Together/ FH	6 2:30 Rice Game/ AC Parking Lot 7:00 Celebration Band/AC	7 9:00 Yoga/ AC	8 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	9
10 	11 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Mission & Outreach/ FR	12	13 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	14 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	15 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 9:15 Joy Trip to Peckerwood Gardens/ AC Parking Lot 6:00 Salinas/ Harrison Rehearsal/ Sanctuary	16 5:00 Salinas/ Harrison Wedding/ Sanctuary
17 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	18	19 9:30 Rogers Circle/ FH Tate Circle/ MH Cummings Circle/ Amerson 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Pendergrass 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	20 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	21 9:00 Yoga/ AC	22 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 5:30 Arnold/ Abraham Rehearsal/ Sanctuary	23 3:00 Arnold/ Abraham Wedding/ Sanctuary
24 10:30 Confirmation Sunday/ Sanctuary	25 Offices Closed 	26 9:00 Card Group/ MH	27 1:00 Care Team/ FR 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	28 9:00 Yoga/ AC	29 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	30
31 12:00 New Member Luncheon & Dessert Auction/ AC						

Thanks FUMC!

My Dear Church Family and Friends,

What a journey this has been and still there are some bumpy roads ahead. Andrew and I are so thankful for your love and support. We have felt your prayers, enjoyed your flowers and visits, laughed and smiled at all the beautiful cards. How does anyone survive without a church family? Thank you! Thank you! Hope to see you all sometime this summer.

***With Love,
Susan and Andrew Ebel***

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