



First United Methodist Church

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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
pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate
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Greetings Friends,

We are in the middle of our annual stewardship campaign at the church and we've been blessed with very personal and heart-felt testimonies about the blessings of financial stewardship. Thanks to our stewardship team for prayerfully selecting speakers and thanks to God for giving them just the right words. Our choir and Celebration Band have chosen anthems and music that are enhancing our worship themes and both Pastor T.J. and I are drawing from the same preaching texts so that the whole congregation is getting the same information. Our goal is to create opportunities for all of us to practice the spiritual gift of generosity born of gratitude toward God.

We are, concurrent to the stewardship campaign, creating a church budget for 2018. Church budgets are strange compared to a "Zero-Based Budget" in which income minus the outgo equal zero. If you have income left over, you apply it to future outgo. It's nice and neat and very predictable. In a church budget, however, things work a little differently. A church has expenses which are fairly predictable (insurance, electricity, salaries, etc.) and other expenses that fluctuate by season or circumstance. For example, youth ministry tends to experience the bulk of their spending in the summer months when its members are out of school. Expenditures for that same youth ministry will fluctuate based on participation. So it's challenging, if not impossible, to be exact.

To further complicate things with church budgets, their revenue is estimated. It's not like your household income which is dependent upon a paycheck that varies slightly, if at all. The church revenue (income) is 100% dependent upon members' giving. In other words, if members don't give, the church has no money with which to do ministry or maintain its structures, etc.

As we work on the 2018 church budget, we take into consideration past giving trends, past expenses, and anticipated church growth. Once completed, the proposed 2018 budget will be made available before going to the church council for approval. Information about our church finances is always available for the asking.

It's my hope that we will be able to develop our children's ministry, our evangelism efforts, and church events that create bridges between our congregation and the larger community of Brenham. These are just three ministry areas I hope we can fully fund.

I share all this information because I want to emphasize how helpful it is that you complete and submit a commitment card. We use the information on that card to plan for the future. Even if you give electronically, please complete the commitment card. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie



Sunday August 20, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	76
9:00 Celebration:	112
11:00 Worship	91
Total:	280
Sunday School:	49
Offering:	\$10,068.00

Sunday August 27, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	30
9:00 Celebration:	37
11:00 Worship	37
Total:	105
Offering:	\$6,189.00

Sunday September 3, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	73
9:00 Celebration:	74
11:00 Worship	76
Total:	225
Sunday School:	61
Offering:	\$15,800.00

Sunday September 10, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	80
9:00 Celebration:	81
11:00 Worship	82
Total:	246
Sunday School:	45
Offering:	\$9,645.00

Sunday September 17, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	78
9:00 Celebration:	60
11:00 Worship	86
Total:	225
Sunday School:	78
Offering:	\$9,452.00



Prayer Concerns

Luene Harmer
 Frances Sidebottom
 Bob & Susan Jenkins
 Steve Haley
 Mike Kalil
 Jim Clements
 Darlene Wyatt
 Gretchen Nobels
 Ann Bevers
 Frank Tyson
 Debra Healy
 Melissa Stokes
 Ed & Barbara Baker
 Barbara Dickerson
 Clifford & Betty Brisbin

Glenn Amerson
 Sam Duree
 Joyce Whitehead
 Hannah Smith
 Wayne Compton
 Kathi Ivy
 Leroy Polk
 Alan Williamson
 Bud & Marshia Foster
 Phil DuVal
 Frances Parker
 Susie Sanclemente

Our homebound members and
 Those serving in the military.

Sunday September 24, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	61
9:00 Celebration:	64
11:00 Worship	80
Total:	207
Sunday School:	89
Offering:	\$10,459.00

August Totals

Income:	\$50,780.00
Expense:	\$54,375.00
Total:	(\$3,595.00)

September Totals

Income:	\$47,435.00
Expense:	\$53,223.00
Total:	(\$5,788.00)

YTD Totals

Income:	\$439,793.00
Expense:	\$484,303.00
Total:	(\$44,510.00)



Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** 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.



Parents,
you're Invited...

UMYF October 15

6-8pm in the Activity Center

All of our youth parents are encouraged to join us for dinner, games and a discussion of our summer 2018 mission trips, retreats and fundraisers.

FAMILY & YOUTH FUN DAY October 22



Meet at 12:30pm in the church parking lot to caravan together to **P6-Farms**. We will return around 6pm. If you would like to ride in the van/mini-bus please RSVP to jennifer@fumcbrenham.org. The cost is \$13 online and \$16 at the gate (kids 2 and under are free). This includes almost all the attractions. There are extra charges for some of the additional activities. Also, it costs extra to purchase a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch. Bring money for snacks too. All children under 12 must have an adult with them. Check out all of the attractions at the farm:

<https://www.p-6farms.com/>

Trunk or Treat



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Sunday, October 29th

6:00 p.m. Activity Center Parking Lot

6:45 p.m. Chili Cook-Off

It's that time again! This year's Trunk or Treat theme is **Carnival Game!** Decorate your car's trunk with this theme in mind and get ready to hand out candy to all our little trick-or-treaters. The kids LOVE it and everyone will have a great time.

This year we've added a Chili Cook-Off so get your recipe out, grab an entry form and start cooking. Turn your entry form in to the church office so we're prepared for all the contestants. We're expecting at least 10 entries because this church is full of amazing cooks! Everyone will be able to taste each chili recipe and vote for your favorite chef. Entry forms are available in the church office.

Donations Received

In memory of
Russell Boney
By
FUMC Card Group

In memory of
Hugh Pitts
By
Margaret Kopp



Christmas Music Extravaganza!

Sunday, December 17, our traditional and contemporary vocalists and musicians will join together for a beautiful worship service that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ! This event will be filled with amazing music featuring voices and instrumentalists of all ages and you're invited to participate!

Rehearsals will begin October 18th in the choir room and we need to order music. If you're interested in singing or playing or speaking in this production, please contact Jennifer Patrick at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or Cheryl Amelang at cheyl@brenhammusicacademy.com or simply contact the church office at 979-836-2008.

Group Tickets Available for First UMC

On November 26, The O'Donnell Performing Arts Series will present *Snowkus Pocus*. This is a show for all ages. Kevin Patrick has reserved tickets for this event at the group rate price: \$26 for adults & \$15 for children. We anticipate this being a sold out show. If you would like to attend this event at this group rate email Kevin at kevin.patrick@blinn.edu. Be sure to tell him you're a church member.



I wanted to give a final update on the Gatorade we collected last month for the National Guard who were stationed and stopping through Brenham. Before we could get the second load over to the National Guard they pulled out and left. I talked with the Brenham Fire Department and they explained to me that the National Guard donated all of their leftover supplies to the Boys and Girls Club because there was a big need. So I talked with the Boys and Girls club and they were thrilled that we would donate Gatorade to their afterschool program and shocked by what we brought over. I received a letter the other day which said "Because of you, the lives of our community's children have been changed" and "thank you so much-this has been a great treat for the kids!" Thank you for all who donated and made a huge difference for the National Guard and the Boys and Girls Club!

Disciple 1 Bible study kicked off on Wednesday, September 26th and we have 8 participants. Please pray for those who are going through this journey (34 weeks) that it will be a life changing time.

Also, the Monday morning Bible Study is continuing as we are studying the book of 1 John. It has been such a great time to learn from others and to encourage one another in the word. We meet every Monday morning from 10am to 11:30am at the Fellowship House.

God is doing amazing things here and I am excited to continue to see what he is going to do.

In Pursuit of Him,

T.J. Gabelman



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6:00 UMYF/ AC	2 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 SPR/ FR	3 9:30 UMW/ AC	4 6:45 DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/AC	5 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	6 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/P arlor	7
8 6:00 UMYF/ AC	9 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blin 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	10 9:00 Card Group/ MH	11 10:00 Worship/ FR 6:45 DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/AC	12 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	13 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	14
15 2:00 Gabelman's Open House/ Home Blessing 6:00 UMYF/ AC	16 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blin 6:00 Nominations/ FR	17 9:30 Hinners Circle / MH Healy Circle/ FH Amerson Circle/ Amerson 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	18 6:45 DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/AC	19 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	20 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	21
22 6:00 UMYF/ AC	23 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	24 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. <i>Harvest Festival/ AC</i> 	25 1:30 Care Team/ FR 6:45 DISCIPL Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/AC	26 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	27 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	28
29  6:00 Trunk or Treat/ AC	30 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Finance/ Library	31 				



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