



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
pastortj@fumcbrenham.org

Greetings Friends,

It has been wonderful getting to know everyone from the congregation and Brenham community. Slow as I am at remembering names, I appreciate your patience. Can you believe this is the first congregation that did not utilize name tags for church members! All these years in ministry and I thought that was a universal practice!

Both Pastor T.J. and I are looking forward to opening our homes, your parsonages, in September and October. The main purpose of these two events is to perform a practice of "Blessing of the Home" from our United Methodist Book of Worship. It's a very simple ritual which generally takes no more than a few minutes but it's a beautiful ritual. (By the way, it's a ritual that can be done in and for anyone's home upon request.) So, on Sunday afternoon, September 24th, please join Alice and me for an open house and home blessing at the senior pastor parsonage, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The actual blessing will be at 2:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to come and see this home that is owned by the church and has been newly remodeled! The address is 1800 Shady Lane in Brenham. Refreshments will be served.

The associate pastor parsonage open house and home blessing will be on Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. with basically the same agenda.

We welcome Diane Garret, our new organist, who comes to us from another United Methodist Church. Diane has a background in both organ and piano but she has earned her degree in Organ Performance from the University of Houston's School of Music. She and her husband, Greg, and their dog, Sadie, reside in Missouri City during the week and at their place in Round Top on the weekends. Diane works full time in Houston and will commute every other Wednesday night for choir practice. Our beloved Cheryl Amelang will play for choir practices on the alternate weeks.

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is currently accepting applications for music minister. The main functions of our music minister will be to enhance the music ministry of the First United Methodist Church by providing musical leadership and choral direction for the traditional Sunday morning services; special services/events, and other music ministry groups. Until the right individual is identified to be our intentional interim or resident music minister, Cheryl Amelang will direct the choir for rehearsals and most Sundays.

Thank you to all the church leadership who are giving of themselves in time, financial, spiritual, and emotional resources to keep us moving forward into the future God has prepared for our congregation. Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bobbie Maltas

Thank you so much for being a wonderful and giving church. As of 9/11/2017, we collected \$9591 for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). One hundred percent of that which you have given will go to helping the victims of Hurricane Harvey. You still can give by making your check out to the church and in the memo line writing UMCOR Hurricane Harvey and either dropping it by the church or in the offering on Sunday.

Also, thank you to all who have been donating Gatorade or Powerade for the National Guard who have been coming and going through Brenham. They have been so thankful for your generosity and act of kindness.

On a different note, DISICPLE Bible Study I will begin Wednesday evening September 27, from 6:45-8:45 pm. The DISICPLE Bible Study I Program provides an effective and exciting opportunity for participants to grow in their understanding of the Bible and the meaning and value of Scripture for their daily lives in a collective setting of like-minded individuals. It is a 34 week class and the cost is \$65 (scholarships are available). Please see/call me for more information and registration. (979-836-2008)

I am so excited about all that God is doing here and for all that he will continue to do!

In Pursuit of Him,

T.J. Gabelman

Sunday July 16, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	62
9:00 Celebration:	65
11:00 Worship	85
Total:	214
Sunday School:	49
Offering:	\$9,176.00

Sunday July 23, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	83
9:00 Celebration:	50
11:00 Worship	85
Total:	219
Sunday School:	90
Offering:	\$9,660.00

Sunday July 30, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	103
9:00 Celebration:	75
11:00 Worship	137
Total:	317
Sunday School:	67
Offering:	\$8,040.00

Sunday August 6, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	69
9:00 Celebration:	65
11:00 Worship	98
Total:	233
Sunday School:	110
Offering:	\$14,449.00

Sunday August 13, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	62
9:00 Celebration:	81
11:00 Worship	74
Total:	218
Sunday School:	106
Offering:	\$17,695.00



Prayer Concerns

Luene Harmer
 Frances Sidebottom
 Bob & Susan Jenkins
 Roberial Boenker
 Mike Kalil
 Jim Clements
 Rev. Lanai Rousseau
 Gretchen Nobels
 Ann Bevers
 Frank Tyson
 Doris Mays
 Melissa Stokes
 Ed & Barbara Baker
 Barbara Dickerson
 Walt Fortune
 Bud & Marshia Foster

Glenn Amerson
 Sam Duree
 Joyce Whitehead
 Hannah Smith
 Wayne Compton
 Kathi Ivy
 Leroy Polk
 Alan Williamson
 Rev. Max Grubb
 Phil DuVal
 Frances Parker
 Susie Sanclemente

Our homebound members and
 Those serving in the military.

July Totals

Income:	\$50,653.00
Expense:	\$52,887.00
Total:	(\$2,234.00)

YTD Totals

Income:	\$392,358.00
Expense:	\$431,080.00
Total:	(\$38,723.00)

Donations Received

In memory of
Lillian Healy
 By
 Smitty Hinners
 Don & Mary Wilhelm

In honor of
Jim Anderson
 By
 Smitty Hinners
 Don & Mary Wilhelm

Donations Received

In memory of
Russell Boney
 By
 Marilyn Whitmarsh
 Tom and Carol Ann Post
 Don & Mary Wilhelm
 Gary & Kay Ivy

In memory of
Ivan Wubbenhorst
 By
 Marilyn Whitmarsh
 Shirley Cmajdalka
 Kimberly Cmajdalka
 Earl & Alice Schmitt
 Iris Jaster
 Gary and Kay Ivy
 Wesley Sunday School Class

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, September 26, 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.



**EDUCATION
SUNDAY
2017**

Third Grade Bible Presentation



Congratulations to our 3rd Graders

Rhyan Jenkins

Charles Moser

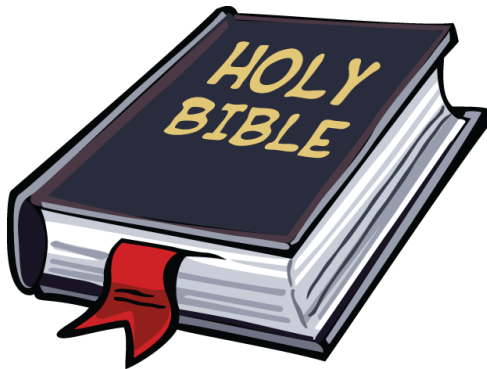
Max Patrick

Jack Rogas

Lindsey Hook

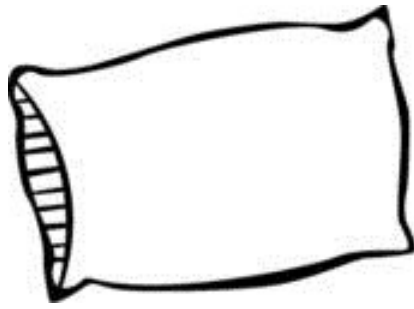
Maryann Sedlar

Joe Carlile



A BIG Thank You to Katie Perkins for bringing her sheep, Smokey, to Sunday School. The children learned about how we are like sheep and the Lord is our GOOD Shepherd.





Attention UMW

On Tuesday, October 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. the UMW general meeting will take place in the Activity Center, and there will be a speaker from Focusing Families. It is a non-profit organization that helps victims of domestic violence and abuse of which I am a board member. Families at the shelter are always in need of new pillows, so if you choose, you can bring one to the meeting. It would be greatly appreciated!

Blessings to you,

Outreach

UMYF MEALS CALENDAR:



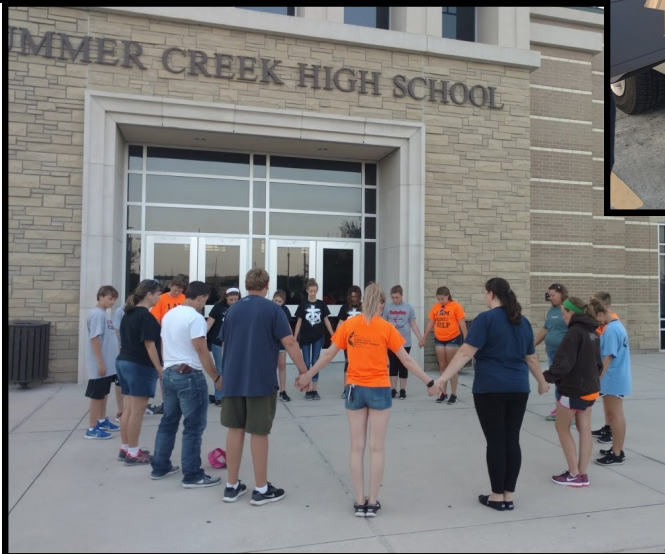
SEPT 17: Hooks, Carlson, Rodriquez

SEPT 24: Jenkins, Schwartz, Ebel

OCT: 1 Rosen, Rettig, Burnette, Marrs

OCT 8: Baker, Marik, Zelenka

Thank you to all the families that donated toward our school supply drive for Kingwood High School. Kingwood's HS was so badly damaged by flooding that they will need to share facilities with Summer Creek HS. Before we delivered the supplies we prayed with other community members for BOTH schools during this time of sharing & cooperation.



Harvest Festival News



It is that time of year!!! Our annual Harvest Festival will be Tuesday, October 24th this year and the planning and scheduling has already begun. This is a wonderful church tradition and there are many ways you can help make our festival a success. I am listing below some important dates to remember and if you can be available to help for any of them it would be greatly appreciated. As always there will be tickets available in the church office to purchase for \$10.00 each. Please purchase your tickets sooner than later because we always sell out a week before the festival. Turkey donations are appreciated and can be left in the church office, checks made payable to UMW, memo turkey donation.

Now is a good time to start thinking of items for our Silent Auction so please consider donating a new or slightly used item. These items are to be brought to the activity center on Sunday, October 22nd, or by 3:00pm on Monday, October 23rd. We welcome homemade baked goods for our Country Store as well. Below are some important dates of how we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival and I welcome any and all help in these areas. If you are not a member of UMW or UMM and would like to help, please be present on any of these dates and I will put you to work.

October 4th – we will be meeting in the AC kitchen at 9:30 to clean the kitchen

October 10th & 11th – we will be meeting in the AC kitchen at 9:00 to make the cornbread dressing

October 22nd – we will meet in activity center after the 11:00 service to set up the tables for the dinner, Country Store and Silent Auction. Decorating tables for the Country Store will begin as soon as tables are set up.

October 23rd – we will be decorating the dinner tables and accepting items for the Country Store

October 24th – we will begin getting things ready for our drive-thru at 1-1:30 by bagging dinner rolls, packaging the cranberry sauce and getting desserts ready for the drive-thru meals. Food for the meal should be delivered at 2:45 and shortly after we will begin preparing take-out dinners. We will begin setting up for the dine-in meal at 4:30.

I welcome any and all help and can be reached at 979-277-2494 or 979-836-1249 if you have any questions. Please mark your calendars now for these important dates and come help as we prepare for another wonderful Harvest Festival.

Thank you and see you soon!!!

Kim Limmer



Silent Auction donations are needed for the Harvest Festival. You can bring items to the Activity Center on Sunday, October 24th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. or Monday, October 23rd 10:00-4:00 p.m. If you are unable to drop off donations and need these items to be picked up please feel free to call any of these lovely ladies listed below. Thanks in advance for the support!

Coleen Murphy—979-251-8989 Joyce Fortune—979-251-7174

Donna Sprenger—979-251-8101 Danna Edwards—979-836-6291



SEPTEMBER

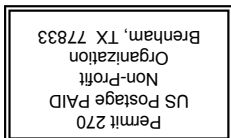
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/Parlor	2 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
3	4 <i>Offices Closed</i> 	5 8:45 UMW Executive/ FR 9:30 UMW/ AC	6 7:00 Chancel Choir/Choir Room Praise Band/AC	7 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	8 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/Parlor	9
10 <i>Third Grade Bible Sunday</i> 5:00 UMYF- Kingwood	11 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Mission/ FR 7:00 Admin. Council/ FR 	12 9:00 Card Group/ MH	13 7:00 Chancel Choir/Choir Room Praise Band/AC	14 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	15 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/Parlor	16
17 6:00 UMYF/ AC	18 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	19 9:30 Hinners Circle / AC Healy Circle/ MH Amerson Circle/FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	20 7:00 Chancel Choir/Choir Room Praise Band/AC	21 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	22 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/Parlor	23 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
24 1:30 Pastor Bobbie's Open House/ Blessing Party 6:00 UMYF/ AC	25 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Nominations/ FR	26 9:00 Card Group/ MH	27 1:30 Care Team/ FR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/AC	28 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/FH	29 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/Parlor	30

Thanks FUMC!

To our congregation and clergy,

Thanks for your encouragement before, during and after my recent surgery. With your help I was able to achieve peace prior to the surgery. Your visits, comforting words and beautiful cards were such a blessing to me .

**Love,
Susan Manchester**



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