



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 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Jon Stouffer

jon@fumcbrenham.org

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Kay Reed

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2014 LEAD INSTITUTE

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2014

REGISTRATION: 2:30 P.M.

TIME: 3-5 P.M.

PLACE: CHRIST UMC

4201 STATE HWY 6 S

COLLEGE STATION, TX

New Sunday School Class

We will study the book of James and meet in the brown house during the Sunday School hour starting January 19th. Everyone is invited for bible study and fellowship, please spread the word. Bobby Cook will lead the class, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks and Happy New Year,

Becky Sallach

bsallach@ssccpa.com

LAY SERVANT SCHOOL 2014

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AND 15TH
@ FUMC BRYAN

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GBOD Webinar

The General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church is presenting some online Webinars in the Month of January and February. They are presenting information on church leadership and might be a topic that you would want to see. The Webinars are at 6:30 p.m. on selected dates. They last an hour and will cover only one topic. If you would like to view one of these, then go to.....

http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/webinars?orderby=resource_display_date&sort=asc

and register. They will send you an E-mail about the directions to access the Webinar.

Robert Smith

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or please 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.



METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY Dec. 15, 2013

Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	111
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	103
Worship 11:00 a.m.	155
Worship Total	378
Sunday School	89
Offering:	\$7,087.00

SUNDAY Dec. 22, 2013

Church Attendance:

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	88
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	54
Worship 11:00 a.m.	126
Worship Total	275
Sunday School	95
Offering:	\$18,372.50

Christmas Eve 2013

Church Attendance:

Nursery	0
Worship 5:30 p.m.	186
Worship 8:00 p.m.	173
Worship Total	359
Offering:	\$2,171.00

SUNDAY Dec. 29, 2013

Church Attendance:

Nursery	0
Worship 11:00 a.m.	148
Worship Total	148
Offering:	\$9,452.00

SUNDAY Jan. 5, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	119
Worship Total	280
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$21,866.67

Christmas Offering

\$3,435.00

Christ Child Offering

\$1,866.00

DEC. TOTALS

Dec. Income:	\$75,198.30
Dec. Expense:	\$69,376.33
Dec. Total:	\$5,821.97

YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$644,978.84
YTD Expense:	\$644,978.84
YTD Net Total:	\$0.00



The children loved celebrating New Years!!
 Jan.7th - The Pre K Celebrated 100 days of school with watching the movie Polar Express and drinking hot chocolate.

Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
Robert Smith
Jacque Ketcham
Aubrey Johnson
Richard Coghlan
Frank Goodrich
Linda Daughtery
Art Hinners
Kathy Rote
Jim Roberts
Jim Ellison
Gene & Betty Moss
Glenn Amerson
Justin Flanagan
Jim Clements
Gordon Densmore
Henry and Blondean Kuecker
Bennie Waggoner
Charles Sander's niece Sophia
Roy Hodges
Arlene VanEman
Ron Walburg
Marti McLemore
Janet Newman
Debra Healy

Our homebound members
and those serving in the military

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2013 Harvest Festival was a huge success.

Dinner Profit: \$ 3,241
Silent Auction
Profit: \$ 1,964
Country Store
Profit: \$ 3,163
Total Profit: \$ 8,368

Thank you for your support!

*June Ross,
Treasurer*

Donations Received

In memory of

Rosalia Oldakowski

By
Gary & Kay Ivy

In memory of

Henry Post

By
Bill & Doris Mays
Art & Smitty Hinners
Sam & Beverly Duree
Gary & Kay Ivy
Don & Mary Wilhelm

In memory of

Michael Baker

By
Bob & Donna Sprenger
Ralph Wittner
Cordelia Cummings
W.M. McDonald
Darlene Dibble
Art & Smitty Hinners
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Baker Jr.
Herbert Whalley
Sam & Beverly Duree
Reba Narramore
The Susanna Circle

Thanks FUMC!

Thank you all so much for your prayers and expressions of sympathy when we lost Tom's dad, and especially to those who made the trip to Baytown for the services. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Tom and Carol Ann Post

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers for my healing. God is so good.

Coleen Murphy

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the financial support, food, prayers, phone calls, visits and especially your love. Everything has been greatly appreciated. Keep the prayers coming!

Love in Christ,

Frank, Louise and Anita Goodrich and Anitra Thomas

Thank You FUMC:

Just wanted to say "thank you" to all of our church family for the prayers, cards and emails which helped us get through some difficult times and we still have a ways to yet. Words cannot express how thankful Betty and I are. We look forward to returning to church soon. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Roy and Betty Hodges

Happy New Year!

Last week I sat down and wrote a New Year's reflection and I thought I might share it with you.

What will I do with this year so new? This year unblemished, untouched, unused!

Will I see the New Year as an opportunity to grow and accomplish what God has set before me with anticipation and enthusiasm? Or will I approach the New Year with dread of the tasks at hand and fear of the unknown?

Will I look forward to entering this year with power knowing that with Christ in me, I can do all things in His will, that I cannot be defeated? Or will I retreat from the New Year remembering the mistakes, heartaches, and pain of the past?

Will I be filled with divine love that casts out fears? Or will I be paralyzed by my fears?

Will I see opportunities? Or will I see problems?

Will others see Christ in me in every circumstance, and desire to have what I have?

Or will they wonder why my actions and stated beliefs do not coincide?

Will I show the greatest amount of love in every situation, demonstrating my discipleship to Christ?

Or will I allow my emotions and circumstances to sway me and control me?

Will I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Or will I be empty, soon to be a vessel for the unholy spirit?

Will I give thanks in all things for everything?

Or will I begrudge the hardships, disappointments, and failures?

Will I remain thankful and humble in the affluent and happy times?

Or will I forget the Source and become proud and self-reliant?

Will I attempt constant communion with God?

Or will I wait until I've tried everything else?

Will I seek, accept, and give forgiveness and sin no more?

Or will I hold on to my guilt and my un-forgiveness of self and others?

Will I seek to change and grow and correct mistakes with the Holy Spirit's help?

Or will I be satisfied with stagnation and saying, "Oh well, I'm only human?"

So what will I do with this brand new year? The choice is mine.

God loves me so much that He gives me the freedom to choose.

The cross is the symbol of my wrong choices and the cross is the symbol of the grace of God that seeks to overcome them.

So what will I do? Will I lay everything, including myself at the "cross" road between life and death? I choose. The choice will determine whether the New Year is happy or not.

Last Sunday morning we prayed together the Covenant Prayer that John Wesley included in his 1753 Covenant Service. It is one of the most meaningful prayers I have ever used and it expresses the fundamentals of our relationship with God. I am going to keep a copy in my Bible and read it often. Let me share it with you again.

*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt;
Put me to doing, put me to suffering,
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee;
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

See you Sunday, Kay

KIDS CORNER *LOOK AHEAD* IN 2014



Rehearsals will begin in February.
The show date is on Mother's Day.
The show will be announced soon!



Vacation Bible School 2014
Dates to be announced soon!



Confirmation classes will begin in February. This is for youth sixth grade and older. A letter from the pastors will be in the mail.

UMYF

NEWSFLASH

UMYF MEALS

Jan 12 –
Summerours
Jan 19 –
NO UMYF
Jan 26 –
Rettigs & Harts



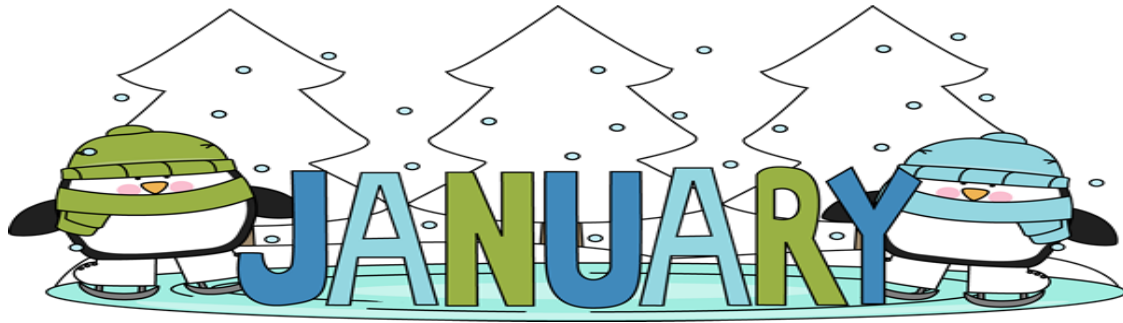
Wild Characters OF THE BIBLE

In the months of January & February we will be studying some wild characters in the Bible. Invite your friends to come join the fun and learn more about the Bible!

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, FEB 23 at noon we will have a covered dish luncheon at church followed by a cake auction to raise money for our mission trip. All youth are encouraged to make a cake for the cake auction.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year! Offices Closed	2 9:00 Yoga/ AC	3 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	4
5	6	7 8:45 UMW Exec./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC	8 7:00 Celebration Band/AC	9 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	10 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	11 Jack Neely's Funeral/ Sactuary
12 6:00 UMYF/ AC	13 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Mission & Outreach / FH	14 9:00 Card Group/ MH	15 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	16 9:00 Yoga/ AC	17 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor 5:00 UMM Pancake Supper/ AC	18 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
19	20 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	21 9:30 Morris Circle- Hanath/ FH Post Circle/ Taggart Murphey Circle/ Healy 12:00 Susanna Circle- Muckleroy/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	22 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	23 9:00 Yoga/ AC	24 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	25
26 2:30 LEAD/ Christ UMC Brenham Rest Home Service 3:30 Kruse Rest Home Service 6:00 UMYF/ AC	27 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	28 9:00 Card Group/ MH	29 1:00 Care Team/ Library 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	30 9:00 Yoga/ AC	31 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	
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Welcome to FUMC!

*These are the first new members of 2014!
Richard and Tina Grawunder
and son Christian
2709 Oakwood Drive
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