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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

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# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213  
January 28, 2014

## LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014**  
**Noon in the AC**

If you accepted an invitation to serve on a committee/team for the next year you are invited to attend an information luncheon. Lunch will be provided for free and childcare will be provided. This is an important time to meet the other members of your team, plan out your meeting times, and share info. Pastors Jon & Kay will also address our church's mission in the coming year. Please plan to attend.

### LAY SERVANT SCHOOL 2014

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AND 15<sup>TH</sup>  
@ FUMC BRYAN

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## Covered Dish Luncheon & Live Cake Auction

**SUNDAY, February 23**

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*Dessert provided by the youth!*



#### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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.



**SUNDAY Jan. 12, 2014**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	84
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	90
Worship 11:00 a.m.	119
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>303</b>
Sunday School	122
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$7,480.03</b>

**SUNDAY Jan. 19, 2014**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	81
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	120
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>274</b>
Sunday School	99
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$14,527.00</b>

**SUNDAY Jan. 26, 2014**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	95
Worship 11:00 a.m.	108
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>288</b>
Sunday School	126
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$6,610.00</b>

**Prayer Concerns**

Marnie Whitmarsh  
 Robert Smith  
 Jacque Ketcham  
 Aubrey Johnson  
 Richard Coghlan  
 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 & Elaine Walburg  
 Marti McLemore  
 Debra Healy  
 Frances Sidebottom  
 Sue Flanagan  
 Marilyn Wrigley

Our homebound members  
 and those serving in the  
 military

**Donations Received**

*In memory of*

**Henry Post**

By  
Debi Meschwitz

*In memory of*

**Michael Baker**

By  
The JJ Ladies Lunch Group  
Debi Meschwitz

*In memory of*

**Jack Neely**

By  
Jan Barnett  
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Embry  
Jerrilene Hurta  
Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Miller Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James O'Jibway  
Robert Hunter  
Charlene Wehring  
Dr. James H.Lamp  
Eva Milligan  
Carolyn Muske  
Theresa Janda

**Thanks FUMC!**

*Thank you for being a Holiday Magic Maker for Brenham State Supported Living Center. With your help, more than 600 awesome gifts were received, labeled, boxed and wrapped for Christmas! We are most grateful for your help in making a merry Christmas morning for the men, women and children who live at the center.*

*Best Wishes for a Happy New Year,  
Volunteer Services Council for the Brenham State Supported Living Center*

## OXYMORON

An oxymoron is the combination of two words that are opposite in meaning. Our language is full of them. The seeming contradiction of the two words always gives me a chuckle or two. Here are a few of my favorites:

Advanced basic, adolescent mind, baby grand (piano), black light, civil war, congressional ethics, criminal justice, crisis management, death benefits, elementary calculus, evaporated milk, freezer burn, fresh frozen, government efficiency, jumbo shrimp, lean pork, live recording, mild abrasive, military intelligence, original copy, passive aggressive, perfect idiot, plastic glasses, rap music, student teacher, and working vacation.

I even know some from the church. Such as: short sermon, freewill offering, Baptist Association, (or my favorite) United Methodist.

There is one oxymoron that is used in the church that bothers me greatly. We use it frequently, but it certainly isn't as humorous as the others. In fact, it disturbs me because the two words are more than opposite in meaning, they are incompatible. I suppose what I am saying is that this oxymoron is completely impossible. You cannot be both. You are either one or the other. And what is this oxymoron?

## INACTIVE CHRISTIAN

Since you cannot be both, which one are you?

See you Sunday,  
*Kay*

## Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

I am finding it to be such fun to build lamps as a hobby and to share some of that now and again. I am also finding joy in proclaiming that Light shines in the darkness – this Season after Epiphany has been quite an adventurous time for me. One of the things I am missing though is preaching the rich texts of First Corinthians. If I may suggest readings for this time of year, Paul's letters to the Corinthians would top the list. Here are some thoughts that came to me while studying and preparing for worship these past weeks. (I left them out of the message during worship because I really do think about our time!)

### 1 Corinthians 1

**. . .<sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

From all God provides us, we have all we need to do all God calls us to do. We have been enriched in every way! The "testimony of Christ" – all that Jesus has done among us and through us – is stronger now than ever. Just ask each other "What has God done among us?" and answer each other "Look what God has done among us!" We are not lacking any spiritual gift, though we may be a little out of practice at using said gifts. Which is easily remedied!

**<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.**

Unity and uniformity are very, very different among the people of God! We are to be united mind and purpose. The unity of mind that Paul addresses here is the basis of operation for the Christian church. In terms of technology, this would be our "operating system." In terms thought processes, unity of mind would be our basic ideals, principles, standards. Grace comes to my mind. Amazing Grace, in fact, is what I hear. And love, honest and pure and complete – the Love of Jesus!

Unity of purpose is that of making disciples. Whatever other way we might talk about or name our mission or purpose or reason for being, we as part of the whole church, as part of the United Methodist Church, as a congregation and as individual Christians exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ by living among and loving all people.

Well, that's about it for now. I'll share more next time!

give your Love to JESUS & be fun!

# KIDS CORNER



Confirmation classes for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on February 9 in the Library upstairs. Confirmation for youth older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be held during UMYF on Sunday nights beginning Feb 9.



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



## Vacation Bible School 2014 June 9-13

We are currently recruiting volunteers. We need people to help decorating, spending time with kids and helping assist our station leaders. We have something for everyone. This is an amazing blessing for our church to the kids we serve. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more info please email Jennifer at [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org).

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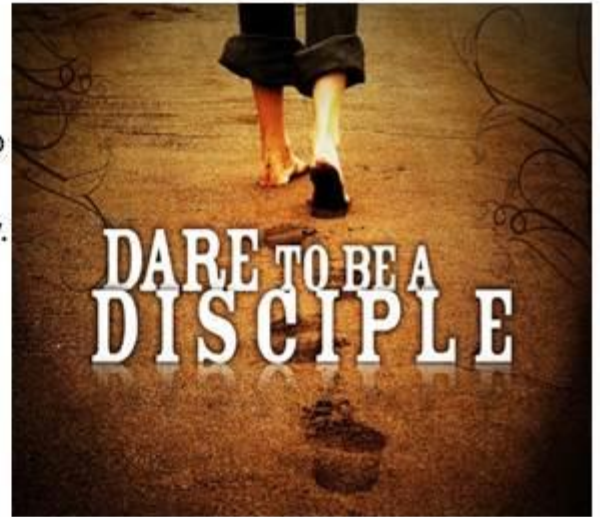




# UMYF

## NEWSFLASH

February 9 will begin our Youth Discipleship studies during UMYF. This is a time to go deeper in our faith and grow in our understanding of God, the Bible, religion and it's purpose. We will also take the time to dig into some tough questions. These sessions will continue until May with a different topic each Sunday. On May 18<sup>th</sup> the youth will have the opportunity to step forward and make a profession of faith, be baptized, become a church member or even make a rededication to their faith. Please encourage your youth to attend. *Don't worry we are still gonna have dinner and play crazy games to help understand our the message of the day.*



### UMYF MEALS

Jan 26 –  
Rettigs & Harts  
Feb 2 -  
Jenkins & Gieblers  
Feb 9 -  
Bugaj & Jaime



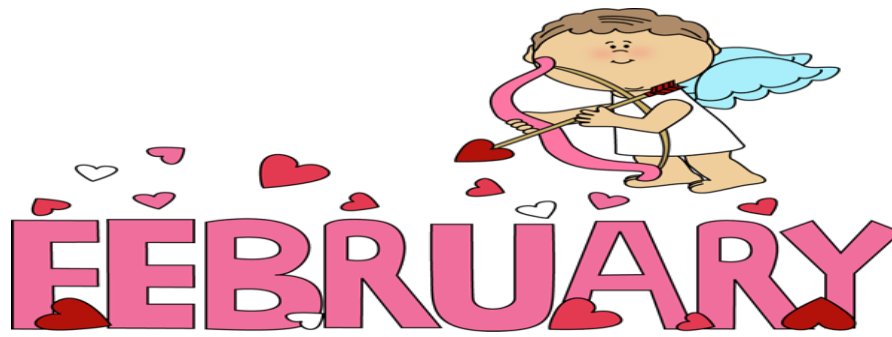
## ★ SUPER BOWL ★

Feb 2, during UMYF time we are hosting a Super Bowl party for our youth, the Wesley Foundation and the college choir of Hardin Simmons (the school Hannah and Ben Stouffer attend). Our youth parents will be making a main dish but we need everyone **to bring your favorite snack food or dessert.** We will have the big blow up screen set up in the middle of the AC to broadcast to game.

### 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.





# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <b>8:00</b> Epiphany/ AC
<b>2</b> <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>3</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>4</b> <b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC	<b>5</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>6</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>7</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>12:00</b> Leadership Luncheon/ AC <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>10</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>1:30</b> CDC Board/ Library <b>6:00</b> Mission & Outreach / FH	<b>11</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	<b>12</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>13</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>6:30</b> UMM/ AC	<b>14</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>6:00</b> UMYF/ AC	<b>17</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>18</b> <b>9:30</b> Morris Circle- Rogers/ FH Post Circle/ Keenan Murphey Circle- Nelms/ MH <b>12:00</b> Susanna Circle/ Hyatt <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan Circle/ FH	<b>19</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>20</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>22</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>22</b> <b>8:00</b> Epiphany/ AC
<b>23</b> <b>12:00</b> Church Luncheon & Cake Auction/ AC	<b>24</b> <b>10:00</b> Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn	<b>25</b> <b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	<b>26</b> <b>1:00</b> Care Team/ Library <b>5:30</b> Handbells/ FH <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>27</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>28</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	
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*Dear members of Brenham, First UMC.*

*On behalf of the West District and the Texas Annual Conference, I wish to express our deep appreciation for the sacrifice you made to underwrite your 2013 apportionments in full. Having served as a local pastor myself for twenty-five years, I am well aware that what you have done is not a small achievement. Thank you for your hard work and generosity.*

*The United Methodist apportionments do much more than to support the administrative costs of the conference. They support the world missions of our church, United Methodist colleges, seminary scholarships, and many other causes. Because of your faithfulness all of these concerns will continue to be assisted.*

*In part because of your efforts, the West District was able to once again pay 100% of its apportionments goals for the year. No other district in the Annual Conference accomplished this for 2013. Once again, many thanks and may God bless your work for Christ in the New Year.*

*Grace and peace,  
Rev. Joe Fort  
West District Superintendent*

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