



# 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 10 Cable TV.*

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dale Chance  
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Associate Pastor  
Rev. Kay Reed  
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## Communion As It Is Supposed To Be

Sunday is World Communion Sunday and as I've been preparing for Sunday's worship and service of Holy Communion, I was reminded of some past communion services.

Several years ago I attended a World Methodist Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. Our initial gathering was a worship service in which communion was served. I stood in line waiting to receive the communion elements with familiar and unfamiliar faces, with persons from nearly every country in the world, and a variety of races and cultures. I got chills as I realized that everyone was singing the hymns in their own language. I thought, "This is what singing is going to be like in heaven."

I remember a communion service at church camp one summer. It was hot outside and really hot inside the chapel. There were no screens on the windows in the chapel to allow for communing with God's creation. On this particular night, the ushers were passing the elements up and down the altar. The tray that held the bread was a tray filled with circular, light-as-a-feather communion wafers.

As a tray of those wafers was passed to the end of the altar rail near an open window, a gust of wind blew through the window. The air was filled with communion wafers, and it looked like it was snowing. There was great confusion as the ushers tried to catch and retrieve flying communion wafers. As a young child, it was hilarious to watch. I know God must have been laughing.

Years later, while attending seminary, I visited an Episcopal church on Christmas Eve. We were ushered to the communion rail to receive the elements. Each person received a communion wafer. The priest then used a common cup to serve the wine. This was my first experience with a common cup. Everyone drank out of the same chalice. After each person had a sip, the priest wiped the cup with a linen cloth and then turned the cup so that you were not drinking from the same place as the person next to you.

When it came my turn, I took a good swallow. What I did not realize was that Episcopalians do not use unfermented juice of the grape, but use real wine! When I swallowed the communion wine, I thought the Holy Spirit had grabbed me and that I was having my own "heart warming" experience. I coughed and choked and turned red. Kneeling next to me, my friend was doing everything he could to keep from breaking into gales of laughter. Reflecting on the experience, I know that God must have been laughing.

But what I really remember are all those other experiences at the communion table that are not as distinct. What I remember are the dear people of my churches, people that I have loved, God's children kneeling humbly at a communion rail breaking bread together. I know at those times God did not laugh, but must have smiled with approval and thought, "This is the way it is supposed to be!"

See you Sunday as we celebrate Holy Communion.

Kay

## Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, October 10, 2011 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 September 18, 2011**  
Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	57
Worship 11:00 a.m.	132
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	70
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>256</b>
Sunday School	Open House
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 17,711.00</b>

**SUNDAY September 25, 2011**  
Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	135
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	37
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>246</b>
Sunday School	122
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,675.00</b>

**AUGUST TOTALS**

August Income:	\$51,863.87
August Expense:	\$55,700.77
<b>August Total:</b>	<b>(\$3,836.90)</b>

**YEAR TO DATE**

YTD Income:	\$401,855.08
YTD Expense:	\$450,923.97
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>(\$49,068.89)</b>



# October News

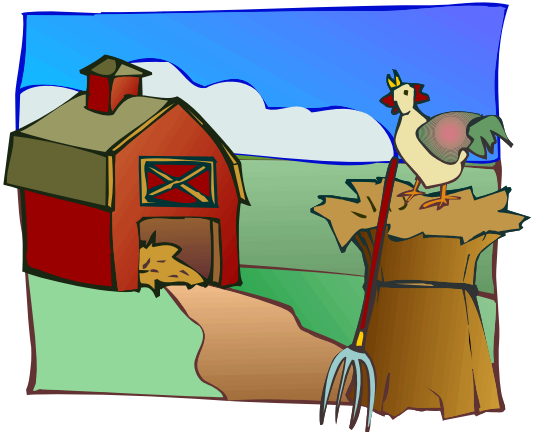


Thank you to everyone that helped sell tickets, cook, or help carried out for our Fall Fundraiser Drive Thru. The CDC raised \$ 2,400.00

Dewberry Farm Fieldtrip

The 3's and Pre-k will be going on a Fieldtrip to the Dewberry Farm on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The children will explore milking a cow, feeding goats, tractor hay rides, a corn maze, and a pumpkin Patch.



Pumpkin Patch

Every year the CDC takes a trip to the Pumpkin Patch at Christ Lutheran Day School

The entire Center gets to enjoy planting pumpkin seeds, painting pumpkins, a story on the hay bales, and picking out a pumpkin for home.



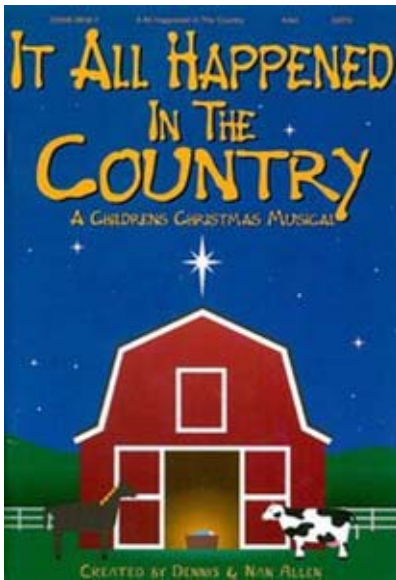
*Dear Friends,*

*I want to thank all the church members who sent cards, visited with me, phoned, prayed for me, and brought food for us after my surgery. I especially want to thank my Faith Builders Class for their loving concern and support while I was recovering. You all touched my heart in a very special way and I so appreciated your uplifting.*

*Blessings,  
Ken and Ann Pieper*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, [Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)



A.C.T.S. (*Announcing Christ in Theatre & Song*) is a musical theatre troupe made up of children 4yrs old – 6th grade. We perform a Christmas and a Spring musical every year, as well as share music and drama with people in our community.

We will begin rehearsing for our Christmas musical, *It Happened in the Country*, **Sunday, October 2 from 5:00- 6:30 pm** in room 139. Rehearsals are on Sundays 5-6:30pm until December 4th, our performance day.

So join us and invite a friend to come too. This troupe is made up of children from different denominations. All are welcome!!

For more info email [jennifer@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:jennifer@fumcbrenham.org)

# Trunk or Treat



**PARENTS REMEMBER  
TO BRING A BAG OF  
CHIPS and DESSERT!**

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 p.m. Activity Center  
Parking Lot**

Everyone come in costume, decorate your car trunk & pass out goodies to the kids! A hotdog dinner will be provided after the festivities. Youth parents will be having a Chili Cook Off to go with our hotdogs! Kids will get to walk the red carpet and show off their costumes! We encourage **everyone** to park your car and pass out candy to the kids, so spread the word!!

# YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rick@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:rick@fumcbrenham.org)

## October Youth Schedule

Oct., October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5-8pm - Youth /AC

Oct., October 9<sup>th</sup> - 5-8pm - Youth /AC

Oct., October 16<sup>th</sup> - 5-8pm - Youth /AC - Game Night

Oct., October 23<sup>th</sup> - 5-8pm - Youth /AC - Guest Speaker

Oct., October 30<sup>th</sup> - 5-8pm - Youth /AC - Trunk or Treat/Youth  
Family Chili Cook-off

## FAITHBUILDER'S CLASS PARTY



Faithbuilders Sunday School meets in Room 139. Join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.



### The Lunch Bunch

Join us each Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and lunch. We meet at the Blinn cafeteria. The prices are reasonable and the company is outstanding. On Friday, October 7 we will begin planning our Fall day trip. I would like to get some input for our next trip. See you on Friday!!

### Blinn Lunch & Amadeus

You are invited to attend Blinn's first theatrical production, *Amadeus*. If you saw our Maundy Thursday drama at church last spring you may recognize two of the performers in *Amadeus*. If you didn't know, our church members make up the teaching staff of the Blinn Theatre department – Bradley Nies and Kevin & Jennifer Patrick. We would like to invite you to attend a showing...on us! After lunch on **Friday, October 7** you are invited to walk over to the theatre to see a free showing of *Amadeus* at 1:00 p.m. If you cannot make it on Friday afternoon, the other performances are Thursday – Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

# JOY



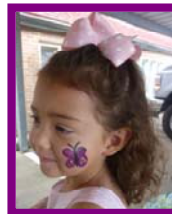
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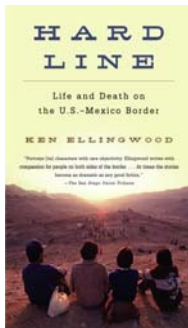
# GET CONNECTED SUNDAY 2011



# KID ZONE



## Church Book Read



The next Church Book Read will be Oct.13th in the Fellowship House at 1:30. The selected book to read and discuss is "Hard Line" by Ken Ellingwood. The book is in the church library or you can buy the book to read before our meeting. The book concerns the history of immigration on the southern border of the U.S. Everyone is welcome to join this interesting

The Evangelism Team is looking for people to be a part of a *Hospital Ministry*. If you would like to be that person who brightens up someone's day who is in the hospital please contact Jody Tyson at 251-7645.

## UMM

While going through his father's memorabilia, Calvin Beckendorf found an entry in his diary from 50 years ago saying he had to attend a meeting to accept the charter for the United Methodist Men's group. Calvin then found the charter, and showed it to a few other men who decided to celebrate the occasion.

The conference president of the UMM will come here to talk about history, importance, purpose, etc. of the UMM. It's guaranteed to be an interesting presentation.

Below Frank Tyson and Kenneth Pieper are holding the original charter given to the men of the church in 1961. The charter made the UMM group an official part of the conference group. This month is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, and we will have a special meeting on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center to celebrate it. **Every man** in the church is invited to attend!



## Generosity: A Habit of Heart

This year's 2011 Stewardship Campaign, Generosity: a Habit of Heart, is based on our church vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. To be a faithful member of First United Methodist Church we need to pray regularly, attend faithfully, give significantly, serve willingly, and witness boldly. Each week individuals from our church are giving personal testimonies from the pulpit and in special bulletin inserts.

The Stewardship Team has chosen Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> as Commitment Sunday. In a couple of weeks you will be receiving in the mail a letter and Estimate of Giving Card to pray over, fill out and return on Commitment Sunday.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians chapter 9 "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one of us must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." According to Paul, the gift and the attitude are both important to God. The Stewardship Team is asking each of us make our commitments to the church a matter of prayerful consideration.



## *Prayer Concerns*

Patti Orr  
Alan Williamson  
Chuck Springer  
Alyce Super  
Bonnie Perry  
Nancy Atkinson  
Wanda Lenley  
Jackie Ketchem  
Anita Goodrich  
Kathy Rote  
Ryan Singleton  
Rita and Bobby Meaux  
Lois Houston  
Linda Daugherty  
Henry Kitzman Jr.  
Julie Rogers  
Marilynn Wrigley  
Kay Baker  
Larry Smith  
Ron Mills  
Madeleine Robinson  
Bill Stratton  
Carrie Naas

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## *Donations Received*

*In memory of*

**Laura Cornet**

By

Mildred Karcher  
Beverly Burt

*In memory of*

**Jim Shaw**

By

Eric and Karla Rettig

## *Pondolences*

To the Summerour family, Doug's grandmother recently passed away.

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 5:00 Youth/ AC 1 <sup>st</sup> ACTS rehearsal/ Faith Builders Classroom	3 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	4 8:30 UMW/ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC	5 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 9:00 Yoga/ AC	7 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	8
9 2:00 Girl Scouts/ AC 5:00 Youth/ AC ACTS rehearsal/ Faith Builders Classroom	10 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:00 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Evangelism/ FR Finance/ Library 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	11 9:00 Card/ MH	12 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00 Yoga/ AC 1:30 Church Book Read/ FH 6:00 UMM/ AC	14 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	15
16 5-6:30 ACTS/Rm.139 5:00 Youth/ AC	17 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Ad Board/FR	18 9:30 Goodman/ Stratton Smith/House Banker/ Burt 12:00 Susanna/ AC 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	19 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary Leadership/ FH 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00 Yoga/ AC 12:30 UMW Dressing	21 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Smith/AC Kitchen	22
23 12:00 Harvest Festival Set-up/AC 5-6:30 ACTS/Rm.139	24 <b>All Day</b> Harvest Festival Set-up/AC 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 3:00 42/ MH 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	25 <b>All Day</b> Harvest Festival	26 1:00 Care Team/ Library 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00 Yoga/ AC	28 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	29
30 5:45 Trunk or Treat	31 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn					

*UMW Members:*

Our October meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. The program will be a study on the Epistle of John. Hope to see you all there, **please bring your bible.**

Program Chair  
Smitty Hinners

**Fellowship Study Group**

On Monday morning, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship House everyone is invited to come for study and fellowship as we begin a new study *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. Pastor Kay Reed will be leading this study. This group plans to meet throughout the year and study a variety of curriculums. For more info or questions about this group please contact Pastor Kay or Earl McIntyre at eamsam@cebridge.net.

**EARLY RESPONDER TEAM TRAINING**

Saturday, October 22, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sugar Land FUMC

The mission of an early response team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. Teams are trained and equipped to enter a disaster site soon after one strikes. The Texas Annual Conference is now conducting Early Responder training, using approved UMCOR curriculum, and by certified ERT trainers. Early responders representing our conference must have this training to be certified. The cost for training is \$25. Disasters can strike close to home. Please consider becoming a certified early responder.

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