



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

November 15, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

### New Heavens and a New Earth

*“See, I will create  
new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I will create,  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight  
and its people a joy.  
I will rejoice over Jerusalem  
and take delight in my people;  
the sound of weeping and of crying  
will be heard in it no more.      Isaiah 65:17-19*

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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  
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### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m.**

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.

Signs of change – long nights, short days, and cool weather let us know that the holiday season is upon us. It’s again time to get out the turkey roasters and pie plates. It’s time to think about who will be sitting around the Thanksgiving table this year – and who may be especially missed. Christmas decorations already are displayed in the stores and holiday advertising can’t wait until Thanksgiving Day to be aired. It’s hard to ignore the signs that seek to tell us when and how to spend our money, time and energy needed for a happy holiday.

Every year at this time, for centuries, Christian lectionaries (the Scripture readings selected for Sunday mornings) begin to prepare us for the celebration of the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the age. They invite us to anticipate a world made new through the birth of a child. These readings urge us to look for God’s signs in the midst of the world’s clamor.

Isaiah 65:17-25 presents God’s ultimate creative will as a world at peace and promises its arrival. Reading these verses helps us to envision a glorious world – one much different than our present reality. These verses also raise some questions – why hasn’t this promise been fulfilled? Was it really a promise, or just wishful thinking? Are there really new heavens and a new earth to expect? It’s the kind of text that can lead a person to despair and atheism – or to a committed and living hope.

Jesus taught his followers that the new heavens and the new earth were already happening, that God’s kingdom was right in their midst, though yet to come in its fullness. The signs of the promises of Isaiah are all around us if we have eyes to see them and ears to hear them. Ours is to call attention to those signs and to nurture them into fullness wherever and whenever we can.

The kingdom is already here, and it’s coming with all its fullness soon. For those who keep looking at the stars waiting for a sign – the wait may be unbearably long. Yet for us who are willing to be the signs of God’s kingdom – we live the heavenly life here on earth and testify to God’s good future. We are the signs of the change that is coming.

# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY October 31, 2010

### Church Attendance:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Nursery               | 3                   |
| Worship 8:15 a.m.     | 75                  |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.    | 121                 |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 47                  |
| <b>Worship Total</b>  | <b>246</b>          |
| Sunday School         | 79                  |
| <b>Offering:</b>      | <b>\$ 14,574.50</b> |

## SUNDAY November 7, 2010

### Church Attendance:

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery               | 4                  |
| Worship 8:15 a.m.     | 87                 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m.    | 166                |
| Celebration 9:00 a.m. | 81                 |
| <b>Worship Total</b>  | <b>338</b>         |
| Sunday School         | 103                |
| <b>Offering:</b>      | <b>\$16,240.18</b> |

### October Totals

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Income           | \$75,231.64        |
| Expenses         | \$56,753.83        |
| <b>YTD Total</b> | <b>\$18,477.83</b> |

### YTD Totals

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Income           | \$555,381.77         |
| Expenses         | \$577,293.96         |
| <b>YTD Total</b> | <b>(\$21,912.19)</b> |



## Cookie Stroll Fundraiser

### Here's how it works...

We have lots of very delicious, homemade, holiday cookies and candy set out on beautifully decorated tables. As the people walk around the tables and fill their boxes, we will wrap up their boxes and make pretty bows. They will take home a gift of cookies to share during the holidays.

### In order to make this work...

We need all parents to break out your Grandma's favorite recipes (use our cookbook) and share with us your treats. They should be baked and brought to the church kitchen on December 5 before 3:00 p.m. The stroll starts after the A.C.T.S. play at 6:30 p.m.

Let us know what you can do to help make this fundraiser a success!

## Prayer Concerns



Ruth Ann Marshall  
Tricia Gustafson  
Jim Hickey  
Nona Taylor  
Kathy Revenaugh  
Stanley Schneider  
Jeannie Draehn  
John Klein  
Jane Moore  
Philip Fogel  
Kenneth Bryson  
John Michaels  
Rebecca Ocanos

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## Condolences

Our deepest condolences to the family of Philip Fogel, who passed away on November 1, 2010.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Before the stroll:

- \_\_\_ I can make 4 dozen cookies (most recipes make 2-3 dozen)
- \_\_\_ I can set up tables, check-out, wrap stations
- \_\_\_ I can decorate tables and trays

### During the stroll:

- \_\_\_ I can volunteer to work the wrap station - decorate boxes after they are filled - wrap-up with bows
- \_\_\_ I can work the check out station (count money)
- \_\_\_ I can volunteer to organize and keep trays filled with cookies as needed

### After the stroll:

- \_\_\_ I can clean up cookies, messes, trash, and make sure the kitchen is cleaner than we found it
- \_\_\_ I can put up tables and chairs

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



Children's Musical Theatre Troupe  
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX

### Star of Wonder

Performance Date  
Sunday, December 5  
6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center



A.C.T.S. Troupe  
helping to lead  
worship in two of our  
local nursing homes



Special Note: Make sure to look at all the church-wide events happening throughout the Season of Advent. Hopefully some of these special times will become a family tradition in your families.



### First Sunday in Advent is November 28



Join us in Sunday School for each Sunday in Advent. We will be learning about how we can give gifts to each other that won't break. There will be tons of crafts and activities to do each Sunday. We will also be learning about the most special Christmas gift of all...Jesus!



## YOUTH "H.A.L.O." NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)

### November/December Youth Schedule

- Sun., Nov. 14th – 5-8pm Jr. & Sr. High – Game Night in the AC
- Sun., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 5-8pm Jr. & Sr. High Hanging of the Greens
- Sun., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – No Youth
- Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Community Service Project (\*Subject to change)
- Sun., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 5-8pm – Youth Decorating of the Church
- Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – 3-11pm – Youth Christmas Party (\*Subject to change)
- Sun., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Youth

### Blinn Wesley Group

The Wesley Group at Blinn is the Methodist student ministry at Blinn College here in Brenham. It's sponsored by First UMC Brenham and other churches within our circuit. Every Monday we meet for fellowship, lessons and studies as well as lunch provided to us by sponsoring churches and groups. We meet from 12:15 – 1pm in room 6 on the second floor of the Blinn Student Center. Hope and pray to see you there if you're interested.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

Just a sampling of all the people who attended this year's Trunk or Treat



Thank you to all the church members who came out and passed out candy!



Chef Rick serving up the evening's specials



United Methodist Men serving dinner to the masses!





# Thanksgiving & Christmas Happenings



*More details on all these events will be in upcoming newsletters and on the website at [www.FUMCBrenham.org](http://www.FUMCBrenham.org).*

## DECEMBER

**Sunday 5, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Parsonage Open House

**Sunday 5, 6:30 p.m.**  
*A.C.T.S Children's Musical  
"Star of Wonder" in the A.C. &  
Cookie Stroll to benefit our  
Weekday School*

**Sunday 12,**  
**8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
*Christmas Cantata  
"A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols"*

**Sunday 19, 9 a.m. Worship**  
*Christmas Cantata  
"A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols"*

**Sunday 19, 4:00 p.m.**  
Songs of the Season with Van Miller & Ann Wackman

**Monday, 20 5:30 p.m.**  
Christmas Caroling and Cookie Decorating

**Friday 24**  
**5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service**  
**7:00 p.m. Communion Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday 26**  
*One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.*

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday 14,** Angel Tree begins

**Sunday 21, 2:00 p.m.**  
*Decorating the church for Advent*

**Sunday 21, 6:00 p.m.**  
*Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving  
Church of Christ on Hwy 290*

**Sunday 28, First Day of Advent**  
*Church-wide series "Christmas Gifts  
That Won't Break" begins  
Collecting for the Christmas Baby  
Shower begins*



# Thank You

*What a wonderful church family we have! I was recently reminded of this on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Dozens of you sent me a shower of beautiful birthday cards. Each one was special, as each one was described to me in detail, and the message inside read to me. Thank you for taking time to think of me, to select and to send a card on this special event in my life. Each of you also took time to write a personal note. That meant more to me than you can imagine. Thank you! Thank You!*

*Jacque Ketcham.*

## THANK YOU TO THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Children's Ministry Team would like to send a BIG Thank You to the UMM for supplying and preparing our meal during Trunk or Treat. Your efforts allowed us to be with our children as they went trunk to trunk collecting goodies. We really appreciate your service to our church and our community.

## News from the Card Group

The Card Group Ladies have been meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays each month to keep the racks in the Walk-Thru and front Lobby stocked with a variety of greeting cards. As always, the door is open for anyone interested in being "crafty" and enjoying fantastic fellowship. We meet in Mission House (the brown house across the street from the church office) from 9 to 11 a.m. The only meeting in November will be the second Tuesday, November 9. Several topics will be discussed, so please plan to attend if at all possible. As always, we welcome greeting cards of all kinds and hope you will give them to us instead of tossing them out. Cards are still the same price and we appreciate your interest.

**Christmas Open House**  
**at**  
**The Parsonage**  
**1800 Shady Lane**  
**Sunday, December 5, 2010**  
**1:30 – 3:30 pm.**

Come join us for a tour of the "little houses" and Snowbabies displayed during the holiday season at the Chances'. There will be refreshments and fellowship to make your day merry!

*In Memory of*  
*Lew Lewellyn*  
*Bobby & Elaine Dorow*

*Carol Gregg*  
*UMW*  
*Floris Whittaker*  
*Mike and Linda Stanisci*

**Washington County Ministerial Association**  
**Annual City-wide Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**  
**Brenham Church of Christ, 2800 Victory Lane**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2010, 6:00 P.M.**

Sarah Evening Circle of St. John's UCC  
In Partnership with The Burton Heritage Society  
Proudly Present

*The Christmas Country Homes Tour*  
and  
*Christmas at the Depot*

**Featuring**

The Burton Depot, 507 N Railroad St. (*starting point*)

Tickets and a map to the homes will be available

The Hugo Home - Freddie & Rita Hugo

The Gouldson Home - Craig & Teresa Gouldson

The Dealy Home - David & Allynn Dealy

The Wehring Home - Jan Wehring

The Steinbach Home - Don & Judy Steinbach

The Caswell Home - Eddie & Darlene Caswell

Saddlehorn Winery

**Sunday, December 5, 2010**

Christmas at the Depot: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Railroad Stew & Conductor Chili; \$7/person

Home Tour: 1 – 5 p.m.

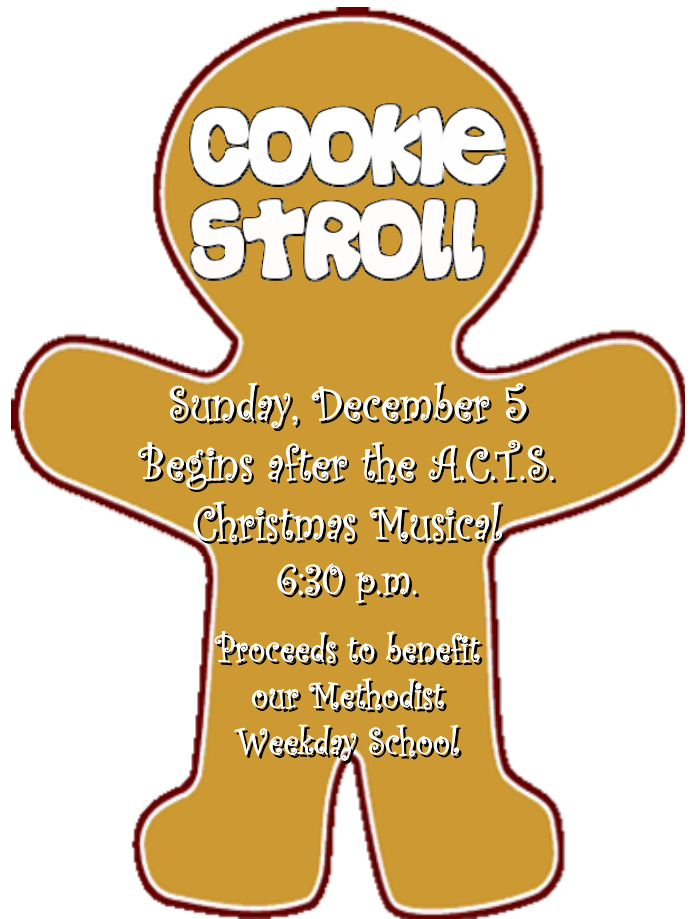
\$10/Advance Ticket; \$12/Ticket, Day of Tour

For more info or to purchase Home Tour advance tickets, call 979-289-2485

Or purchase tickets at Market Realty, Inc., 400 N Main St, Burton 77835

For more Christmas at the Depot info, call 979-251-4078 or

Go to [www.burtonheritagesociety.org](http://www.burtonheritagesociety.org)



## Lay Speaking School – 2011

Two Saturdays in February – Feb 12 and Feb 19

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM – ATTEND BOTH

Christ United Methodist Church, College Station

Registration Fee: \$35 – includes lunch and textbooks

### BASIC COURSE FOR LAY SPEAKERS

Leader: Rev. Mac Vaughn of FUMC Navasota and Anderson

Text: Basic Course for Lay Speakers' participant book.

### ADVANCED COURSES: LAY SPEAKERS LEAD IN PRAYER

Leader: Rev. Jeff Gage of FUMC Bryan

Text: Let the Whole Church Say Amen! Workbook

### LAY SPEAKERS INTERPRET FOR OTHERS OUR METHODIST HERITAGE

Leader: Dr. Dick White of FUMC Quitman

Text: The United Methodist Primer

### LAY SPEAKERS' BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Rev. Paula J. Behrens of Chappell Hill UMC

Text: Ephesians: Finding Your Identity in Christ

Brochures will be emailed/snail mailed to your pastors. If you don't receive one, please ask for the pastors to print one for you. Questions? Mary Reed [maryrreed@att.net](mailto:maryrreed@att.net) or Scott Atnip [scottatnip@yahoo.com](mailto:scottatnip@yahoo.com)



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of Tuesday, November 9, 97 pledges for a total commitment of \$391,411.96 have been received. Thank you for your support of the ministries of this congregation. Pledge forms still may be submitted via the Sunday morning offering plate, the church office or through the mail. Remember that stewardship also includes a promise to support our church through your prayers, presence, service and witness.

### Enough

by John van de Laar  
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Worry and stress are not hard for us, God,  
we do them without thinking.

There is always the potential of threat  
to our security,  
our comfort,  
our health,  
our relationships,  
our lives,  
and we foolishly think that we could silence the fear  
if we just had enough money,  
enough insurance,  
enough toys,  
enough stored away for a rainy day.  
It's never enough, though;  
the voice of our fear will not be dismissed so easily.

But, in the small, silent places within us is another voice;  
one that beckons us into the foolishness of faith,  
that points our gaze to the birds and the flowers,  
that, in unguarded moments, lets our muscles relax,  
and our hearts lean into loved ones;  
In unexpected whispers we hear it,  
calling us to remember your promises,  
your grace,  
your faithfulness;  
And, suddenly, we discover  
that it is enough.

Amen.

### Wesley Heritage in England and Scotland

Join Pastor Dale as he explores London and travel the English countryside on a road trip to Scotland. Along the way you will learn more about John Wesley, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and enjoy the wonder of Stonehenge. Castles, more history and beautiful scenery will await you in Scotland. The journey begins on April 26, 2011 and will come to a close on May 6, 2011. Registration forms are located in the church office.



London Clock Tower



Edinburgh Castle



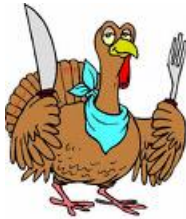
John Wesley





# NOVEMBER



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                       | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Bible Study / FH<br><b>12:15</b><br>Wesley Group @ Blinn<br><b>1:00</b><br>CDC Board /Library<br><b>7:00</b><br>Administrative Council Mtg/FR | <b>2</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>UMW Exec Mtg/ Library<br><b>9:30</b><br>UMW / AC   | <b>3</b><br><b>1:00</b><br>CARE / Library<br><b>6:00</b><br>Handbells / Sanc<br><b>6:30</b><br>Celebration Band<br><b>6:45</b><br>Cantata<br><b>7:15</b><br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>4</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Yoga / AC   | <b>5</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Emmaus / Library  | <b>6</b><br><b>8:00</b><br>Emmaus / Sanctuary/ Library/ AC<br><b>10:00-3:00</b><br>Youth Community service project<br><b>5:00</b><br>Emmaus Gathering / AC |
| <b>7</b><br><b>9:00 &amp; 11:00</b><br>A&M Wesley Found. Choir sing<br><b>12:30</b><br>Confirmation / FH<br><b>2:30</b><br>Children sing at Care Center of Brenham<br><b>3:30</b><br>Children sing at Bluebonnet Nursing<br><b>4:00</b><br>Brenham Hub Charge Conference @ Bellville UMC (Meet in AC parking lot to carpool @ 3:00) | <b>8</b><br><b>10:00</b><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br><b>12:15</b><br>Wesley Group @ Blinn   | <b>9</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>CARD / MH  | <b>10</b><br><b>6:00</b><br>Handbells / Sanc<br><b>6:30</b><br>Band / AC<br><b>6:45</b><br>Cantata Rehearsal<br><b>7:15</b><br>Choir Rehearsal                              | <b>11</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Yoga / AC<br><b>6:30</b><br>UMM / AC   | <b>12</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Emmaus / Library | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b><br><b>12:30</b><br>Confirmation / FH<br><b>5:00</b><br>Youth Game Night / AC<br><b>5:30</b><br>A.C.T.S<br>ANGEL TREE  | <b>15</b><br><b>12:15</b><br>Wesley Group @ Blinn  | <b>16</b><br><b>9:30</b><br>Hinners / Newman Post / Nelms Rogers/Reiland<br><b>12:00</b><br>Susanna / Summerour<br><b>6:30</b><br>Wesleyan / FH                 | <b>17</b><br><b>6:00</b><br>Handbells / Sanctuary<br><b>6:30</b><br>Band / AC<br><b>6:45</b><br>Cantata Rehearsal<br><b>7:15</b><br>Choir Rehearsal                         | <b>18</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Yoga / AC<br><b>6:00</b><br>Girl Scouts / AC   | <b>19</b><br><b>9:00</b><br>Emmaus / Library | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br><b>12:30</b><br>Confirmation / FH<br><b>2:00</b><br>Decorating Church for Advent<br><b>5:00</b><br>Youth / Hanging of the Greens<br><b>5:30</b><br>A.C.T.S<br><b>6:00</b><br>Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving @ Church of Christ<br>ANGEL TREE   | <b>22</b><br><b>10:00</b><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br><b>12:15</b><br>Wesley Group @ Blinn  | <b>23</b><br><b>6:30</b><br>Trustee / FR<br><b>6:00</b><br>Handbell Rehearsal / Sanctuary<br><b>6:45</b><br>Cantata Rehearsal<br><b>7:15</b><br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>24</b><br><b>11:00</b><br>CDC Thanksgiving Feast / AC  | <b>25</b><br><b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br>Office Closed<br>CDC Closed<br> | <b>26</b><br>Office Closed<br>CDC Closed     | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b><br><b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br><b>12:30</b><br>Confirmation / FH<br><b>5:30</b><br>A.C.T.S<br>Collecting for the Christmas Baby Shower begins<br>ANGELTREE  | <b>29</b><br><b>12:15</b><br>Wesley Group @ Blinn<br><b>3:00</b><br>42 / Mission   | <b>30</b>   |   |  |  |  |

# ANGEL TREE 2010

This year our Christmas project, Angel Tree, where we purchase gifts for the children of incarcerated parents, will start two weeks early. Rather than wait until after Thanksgiving and cut your purchase time so short, the trees will be up (in the Parlor and in the Activity Center) on Sunday, November 14. Gifts will then be due 3 or 4 weeks later.

Pastor Terry will make an announcement in church on the 14<sup>th</sup> to go pick a name from the trees and sign the clipboard next to the name you've chosen. Hopefully a couple of extra weeks will ease a little of the stress we pile on at Christmas time.

Thanks in advance for participating in this program.

Pat Clark  
830-1950

Note: the trees will also have the names of the Brenham State Assisted Living Center folks as well as the Angel Tree children.



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