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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  
[PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org)

Associate Pastor  
Rev. Kay Reed  
[PastorKay@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:PastorKay@FUMCBrenham.org)



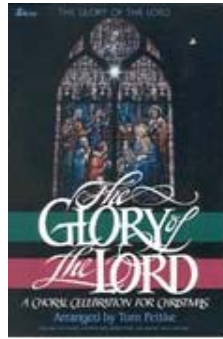
# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

November 29, 2011

## The Sounds of Christmas

### *The Glory of the Lord - A Christmas Cantata*



presented by the combined Chancel Choirs of  
FUMC Brenham & FUMC Bellville

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
FUMC Bellville

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
FUMC Brenham

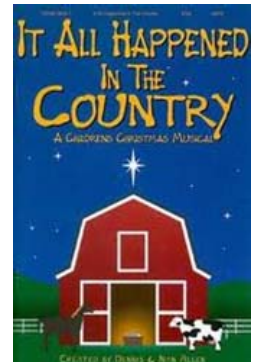
**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

A.C.T.S. Children's Musical Troupe presents  
*It All Happened in the Country*

Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Activity Center

*A Dessert Buffet to Follow Production*

**You don't want to miss this "countrified" show!**



**FAMILY CAROLING**  
Sunday, December 11  
**Meet at Noon upstairs  
in the Kid's Corner**



Bring a sack lunch and join us as we share in fellowship and outreach to those in rest homes. After we Christmas carol we will come back for cookie decorating!! Bring your friends and family and make this your family's tradition of giving.

*Sounds of the Season*

A Special Music Concert  
by Van Miller, Bob Robertson  
and Ann Wackman

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

#### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Mon. Dec. 12, 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 November 13, 2011**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	74
Worship 11:00 a.m.	129
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	54
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>261</b>
Sunday School	117
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 12,751.00</b>

**SUNDAY November 20, 2011**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	81
Worship 11:00 a.m.	145
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>288</b>
Sunday School	111
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 9,918.00</b>

**SUNDAY November 27, 2011**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	79
Worship 11:00 a.m.	113
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	39
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>234</b>
Sunday School	105
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 6,391.60</b>

**NOVEMBER TOTALS**

Nov. Income:	\$42,495.12
Nov. Expense:	\$53,780.23
<b>Nov. Total:</b>	<b>(\$11,285.11)</b>

**YEAR TO DATE**

YTD Income:	\$563,099.28
YTD Expense:	\$617,753.00
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>(\$54,743.72)</b>

**2012 PLEDGES**

Estimated for FY 2012	\$482,613.00
Pledges to date for FY	\$423,921.00
	<b>(\$58,692.00)</b>



# December

## Santa Visit

**Santa Claus is coming to visit the CDC on Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. The children will get to tell Santa their wishes and get their picture taken.**



## The CDC Christmas Program

**Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.**

The children will put on a little play of the First Christmas for their parents. Following the program, each class will return to their rooms for the Christmas Party.



### **Can Food Drive**

The CDC is collecting canned food starting November 7th thru Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations will go to the Salvation Army.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



**A.C.T.S.**  
Children's Musical Theatre Troupe  
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX

**It All Happened in  
the Country**

**Sunday December 4, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**  
**in the Activity Center**  
*Dessert Buffet to Follow*

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



### FAMILY CAROLING

Sunday, December 11  
Meet at Noon at The Kid's  
Corner Upstairs

Bring a sack lunch and join us as we share in fellowship and outreach to those in rest homes. After we Christmas carol we will come back for cookies and punch. Bring your friends and family and make this your family's tradition of giving.

## A Special Christmas Service for the State School

The whole church is invited to come out to attend a special Christmas worship service led by our A.C.T.S. Troupe and the *Celebration!* Band.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the State School**



**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m** in the Celebration! Service the Children will help in leading the worship service. If your child would like to participate please contact Jennifer Patrick.

# YOUTH NEWS

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



## December Youth Schedule

December 4 - Support ACTS...No Youth

December 11 - Youth 3-10pm (Out of Town Trip)

December 18 - Youth 5-8pm

December 25 - Merry Christmas...No Youth



December 31 - Happy New Year...No Youth

### Thanks to FUMC

The family of Robert Hickey thanks the staff and the church members for the prayers, cards, and the many acts of kindness that you gave to us during Robert's illness and during our time of sorrow in his passing.

God bless each of you,  
Juanita Hickey

Ron Sr. and I would like to thank all of those who kept us in their prayers, sent cards, called, etc. during Ron Wayne's long wait for a liver, and Ron Sr.'s double bypass heart surgery. We had never been faced with so much illness at one time, and it took the entire family and lots of friends to make it through. Aside from the help of so many, we were blessed with God's assurance that all prayers would be answered.

We are grateful to our home church for caring so deeply for Ron Sr. and Ron Wayne. Although we do not know the donor of Ron Wayne's liver, it was a gift of love. In case anyone is interested in being a donor, the website is [www.texasdonor.com](http://www.texasdonor.com).

Sincerely,  
Ron Sr. and Nynvia Mills

# J.O.Y. CHRISTMAS EVENT

**Saturday, December 17  
2:00 p.m.**

**Brenham Children's Chorus  
Christmas Production**

**Blinn Performing Arts Center**

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults (\$10 at the door)  
\$5.00 for children under 12

*Bring ticket money to the church office by  
December 12<sup>th</sup> and Jennifer will have reserved  
seats for the group!*

**4:30 p.m.**

**Reception at Pastor Kay's House  
following the performance**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2011 Harvest Festival was a huge success.

Dinner Profit:	\$ 3,977.98
Silent Auction Profit:	2,797.00
Country Store Profit	<u>3,175.81</u>
Total Profit	<u>\$ 9,950.79</u>

Thank you for your support.

June Ross,  
Treasurer

## ***A Special Thanks***

A special thank you to Jody Tyson for the beautiful cornucopia on the altar for our Thanksgiving services. Also, thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Sanctuary and Activity Center for the Christmas Season!

## ***Donations Received***

***In memory of***

**Eunice Glidden**

By

The Faithbuilders Sunday Class  
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners  
Lydia House

***In memory of***

**Sharon Murray**

By

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Draehn

***In memory of***

**Laura Cornett**

By

Lydia House

***In memory of***

**Ronald Joseph Jean**

By

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

***In memory of***

**Robert Hickey**

By

Lydia House

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuecker  
Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Dorrow  
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nelms  
Mr. and Mrs. William Powell  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Post  
Mary Ann Strom  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stratton  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers  
Marilyn Whitmarsh  
Willie Mae Lueckemeyer  
Bernice Kolkhorst  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moran  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sprenger  
Sonny McCasland  
Mr. and Mrs. Art Amundson  
Beverly Burt  
Rev. and Mrs. Sam Duree  
The Faithbuilders Sunday Class  
Elizabeth Muckleroy  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Buro  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Amerson

\* \*Lots more to follow in the next newsletter due to the amount of memorials coming in daily, thanks for your patience.

# Christmas Happenings



## DECEMBER

**Sunday 4, 6:30 p.m.**

A.C.T.S Children's Musical  
"It All Happened in the Country"  
in the A.C.

**Wednesday 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Cantata at FUMC Bellville  
"To the Glory of the Lord"

**Sunday 11, 4:00 p.m.**

Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary  
"To the Glory of the Lord"

**Sunday 11, Noon**

Christmas Caroling at Rest Homes  
& Christmas cookie decorating in the  
Kid's Corner upstairs

**Sunday 18, 4:00 p.m.**

Songs of the Season with Van Miller,  
Bob Robertson & Ann Wackman

**Saturday 24**

**5:30 p.m.**  
Family Christmas Eve Service

**7:00 p.m.**

Communion Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday 25**

One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.  
and NO Sunday School



## Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr  
Alan Williamson  
Alyce Super  
Bonnie Perry  
Nancy Coghlan  
Jackie Ketchem  
Rita and Bobby Meaux  
Henry Kitzman Jr.  
Julie Rogers  
Bill Stratton  
Vernell Carnagey  
Paul Fulton  
Judy McMillan  
Dr. Boehm  
Nancy Atkinson  
Mark McCasland  
Bob Sprenger  
John Fort  
Marylou Appel  
Palmer Hopkins

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## A Special Christmas Service for the State School

The whole church is invited to come out to attend a special  
Christmas worship service led by our  
A.C.T.S. Troupe and the *Celebration!* Band.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the State School**

### Attention Faithbuilders Sunday School Class And Members Of The UMW

The Faithbuilders Sunday School Class Christmas party will be held Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The party will be held at the home of Frank and Jody Tyson. The price is \$10.25 a person for a catered roast pork dinner, by Nathan's Bar-B-Q. Please mail checks to Ann Pieper, 503 Spinn St. Brenham, by December the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The UMW Christmas Coffee Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the lovely home of Glenn and Jenifer Amerson, 4857 Mustang Rd. Brenham. Hope you can make it!

### UMM News

The UMM held a meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> and elected the new officers for the 2012 year. Officers are as follows:

**President:** Art Hanners  
**Vice-President:** Jim Forsythe  
**Secretary:** Clarence Jean  
**Treasurer:** Tom Rogers

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	3 ACTS-All day/ AC
4 12:30 Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary 6:30 ACTS-Performance / AC	5 10:00 Study Fellowship Group-Advent Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	6 10:00 UMW Christmas Coffee/ Amerson 6:30 Advent Study/ FH	7 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Christmas Cantata/ FUMC Bellville	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 UMM-Ladies Night / AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	10
11 12:00 Christmas Caroling/ Meet upstairs in the Kid's Corner 2:00 Girl Scouts/ AC 3:00 Youth Christmas Party/ Out of town trip 4:00 Christmas Cantata / Sanctuary	12 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Evangelism/ FR  10:00 Newsletter Deadline	13 6:30 Advent Study/ FH	14 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 12:00 Advent Study/ FH	17 2:00 Joy Event/ Blinn
18 4:00 Christmas Concert/ Sanctuary 5:00 Youth/ AC	19 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	20 9:30 Goodman Circle/ Chance Banker Circle/ Cummings Smith Circle/ FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Summerour 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH Advent Study/ FR	21	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library  Offices Closed at noon	24 5:30 1 <sup>st</sup> Christmas Eve Service 7:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve Service
25 11:00 This will be the only service	26 Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY



**Merry Christmas!**  
**from the staff at FUMC**

( Pastor Dale, Pastor Kay, Jennifer Patrick, Rick Ruiz, Kris Trevino,  
Meagan Hargrave, Ashley Abbey, Bob Robertson, Dr. Van Miller, and  
Tino Alcala.)



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