



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

December 15, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Christmas soon will be here! The month of December has been one filled with excitement as we watched the A.C.T.S. (Announcing Christ in Theatre and Song) children share a message of the hope that is in Christ. The Chancel, Celebration and Handbell Choirs filled our ears and hearts with the joy of the season. This Monday carolers of all ages will delight the residents of our local nursing homes as they share freely God's message of peace and love. It's hard to believe that there are still more celebrations to come!

On Christmas Eve, at both services, a special offering will be received to support the ministries of Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio, Methodist Children's Home in Waco and Golden Cross. It is to be our gift to the Christ Child.

May you experience the wonder and the glory and the divine mystery as you listen once again to the story of a child whose birth forever changed our world and continues to transform our lives.

## Christmas Eve Services at First United Methodist Church

**5:30 p.m. Family Celebration**

**7:00 p.m. Communion Service**

*Both services will include special music and lighting of the candles.*

On December 26 there will be one church service at 11:00 a.m.

**REMEMBER TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THIS SUNDAY!**



## Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, Dec. 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.

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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  
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# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY November 28, 2010 Offering Total

Offering: \$ 5440.50

## SUNDAY December 5, 2010 Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	109
Worship 11:00 a.m.	165
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	55
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>332</b>
Sunday School	108
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 20,357.52</b>

## SUNDAY December 12, 2010 Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	135
Worship 11:00 a.m.	206
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	46
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>390</b>
Sunday School	107
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$17,029.25</b>

## November TYD Totals

Income	598,946.78
Expenses	<u>(\$ 629, 383.65)</u>
Total	(\$ 30,436.87)



# December



The 3's and Pre-k will be going around Brenham on Friday at 9:00 a.m. to spread Christmas cheer. They will go caroling at the nearby nursing homes and banks.

On December 22 the CDC will hold a Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the program the children will enjoy fun activities and special snacks with family in their classroom parties.

There is still time if you would like to choose an ornament off of the wish tree in the lobby of the preschool. Just pick an ornament and turn it into the CDC office.

## School will be closed on Dec 24th and Dec 31st



## Prayer Concerns



Ruth Ann Marshall  
Tricia Gustafson  
Jim Hickey  
Nona Taylor  
Kathy Revenaugh  
Stanley Schneider  
Jane Moore  
Kenneth Bryson  
John Michaels  
Rebecca Ocanos  
Elmo Davis  
Henry Kuecker  
Jackson Killgore  
Ruth Necker

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## Condolences

Our deepest condolences to the family of Wanda Coffman Perry, who died on November 27, 2010.



The Cookie Stroll was a great success! We want to send out a big thank you to all those who took the time to make the homemade goodies. We were able to give a our Weekday School a nice Christmas gift to help round out the year. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!



## Join the Children's Ministry of FUMC in supporting New Beginnings Pregnancy Center with a Christmas Baby Shower

We are collecting new items to put together in baby bags  
OR  
you can put together a complete bag with the following items:

- 🌿 Quilt, Blanket or Receiving Blanket
- 🌿 Clothing (gender neutral) size NB - 24 months
- 🌿 Package of Diapers (sz. NB - 3)
- 🌿 Bottles & Bibs
- 🌿 Stuffed Animal
- 🌿 Package of Wipes
- 🌿 Burp Cloth/Cloth Diapers
- 🌿 Hooded Towel & Baby Soap
- 🌿 Pacifier or Teething Ring
- 🌿 Rattle or Baby Toy

Please gather your baby goodies in a disposable bag and place in marked boxes in the AC, Parlor or Office **by Sunday, December 19.**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

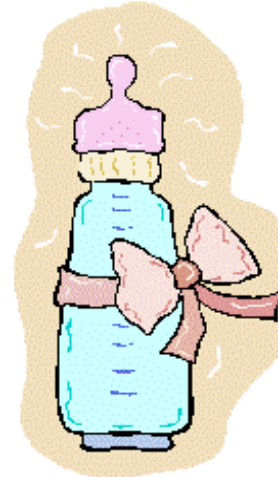
Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, [Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Monday, December 20

5:30 p.m. meet in the AC

We will share carols with those in nursing homes. Afterwards we will have pizza & decorate Christmas Cookies!



Don't forget to bring your baby items by Sunday, December 19



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

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

This year at First UMC Brenham youth has really grown as we had several junior high and a foreign exchange student join us this fall. I am thankful of the way our older youth have welcomed these people into our group. I am very proud of the way each one of them have handled themselves in youth and in representing our church in the community throughout the year. As most of you know and realize, our young people are very active in a variety of activities. Sometimes finding time for others is difficult - - but not with this group. They always seem to find ways to be the hands and feet of God by joyfully serving others with open hearts. As many of us know, life can sometimes pull us from many different directions making it difficult to keep our eyes on what's really important. I have been so pleased, humbled and blessed to have witnessed our youth this year as they grew to be you Christians who share their faith honestly and with love to all the people they come in contact with. So... "Hats off" to our youth!!!

## Junior High Youth

*Lauren Middleton*

*Allyson Jenkins*

*Luke Henkhaus*

## Senior High Youth

*Ryan Ruiz*

*Nick DeSalvo*

*Justus Heinz*

*Emily McLemore*

*Josh Miller*

*Eric Ruiz*

*Graham Henkhaus*

*Kara Jurden*

*Ryan Shepard*

*As we close the year, I would like to express my thanks to all who have made youth a great place to get to know God better!*

## December Youth Schedule

**Sat. Dec. 18 - 3-11pm - Kemah**

**Sun. Dec. 26 - No Youth**

London Clock Tower



Edinburgh Castle



John Wesley

## **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.



## WILL YOU STAY UP ALL NIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

I'm guessing most of us won't be. Santa Clause might be out kind of late, but even he will call it a night at some point. There are some really good folks in Brenham that will be staying awake though, our Policemen, EMS crews, dispatchers, Sheriff's deputies, and Firefighters. They are going to be awake and away from their families on this very special night that most of us just want to be home for. They will be patrolling our streets, going out on calls and putting their lives on the line, just for us, so we can be safe and enjoy this special night with family and friends.

First United Methodist church can make it a little nicer for these men and women. The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Christmas treat for these wonderful folks.

We ask, as you make holiday cookies, snacks, candy or any special treat, that you make a little extra this year. Put it in the freezer or store it in an airtight container and bring it with you on Christmas Eve to one of the two services. There will be two large baskets, one at the entrance coming in from the back parking lot, the other at the front entrance on Baylor Street. Just drop your goodies and/or a hand written note or card thanking them for their dedication. At the end of the second service we will divide the Christmas goodies up and drop them to the EMS station, police station, dispatchers, sheriff's office and fire department.

Let's show these great folks how much we care and appreciate them. Thanking you in advance, Michele Smith, Chair/Evangelism

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**5:30 p.m.** The Story of Christmas including musicians young and older, carols, a special message for children and candle-lighting

**7:00 p.m.** Traditional service featuring the Chancel Choir, special music, inspiring sermon, communion and candle-lighting.

*A special offering to support Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Mission Home and Golden Cross will be received at both services.*



## ***Thank You***

Have you noticed the beautiful Nativity Scene in front of the church on Baylor Street? This was given in memory of Jim Tom House by family and friends.



## ***Crosstrainers Sunday School Class Christmas Party***

The Crosstrainers Sunday School Class Christmas party will be held at Rob and Jana Aguilar's home at 7pm on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite games, drinks and snacks. RSVP – Holly Carlile 979-277-5439

### ***Wednesday Prayer Vigil***

The Wednesday Prayer Vigil needs someone to take the 8-9 a.m. time slot until the first of the year. Contact Calvin Beckendorf at 836-5121 if you are interested. Thank you.

NEW MONDAY MORNING STUDY BEGINS ON  
JANUARY 24, 2011

### ***Experiencing the Heart of Christianity***

A 12 session program based on the book of the same name by Marcus Borg.

The group will meet from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Please contact Pastor Terry if you want to order a book. Look for more information in the first newsletter of the new year.

### ***In Memory of***

**Marie Schulte**  
by  
*Ernest Robert Hoppens*

**James Hendricks**  
by  
*Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst*

**Neal Wilson**  
by  
*Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst*

**Rev. Glynn Ferguson**  
by  
*Donald and Gwen Spiess*

**Carol Gregg**  
by  
*The Kent Family*

## 2010 ANGEL TREE PROGRAM UPDATE

This year our church was provided with 29 children's names (this is less than we've had in the past, but we were able to locate all but one child's caregiver this year). All names have been chosen by FUMC families and the gifts will be delivered to the children's homes on Sunday afternoon, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to help deliver the gifts, please come to the church office area to pick them up at noon on the 19th. Addresses will be provided (and maps, if needed).

## CARD GROUP NEWS

The ladies of the Card Group have concluded another successful year with a 5th Tuesday "Dutch Treat" social gathering for lunch at Nathan's Barbecue. Two large tables were occupied by the ladies and their guests - all enjoyed tasteful food and wonderful fun and fellowship. Profits from the sale of cards in 2010 were used to make donations to Hospice and our own church's C.D.C. as well as purchasing Christmas gifts for the State School and Angel Tree. The support of all of you made this happen and we thank you for that. The next "work" gathering will be on January 11, 2011 in the Mission House - you are invited to work and fellowship anytime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



### The Wish Tree

**In the lobby of the preschool, we have a tree decorated with ornaments. These ornaments have pictures of toys or supplies that the children or teachers would like to have in the classrooms. If you would like to donate, just pick off the ornament and give to the CDC office.**

**If you are looking for somewhere to drop off your old toys, the CDC is also accepting gently used toys for ages 1yr to 5yr.**

## 2010 MISSIONS REPORT

Along with the many (countless) hours the members of FUMC devote to their individual projects and programs all year (e.g., Bread Partners, Higgins Branch, HOSTS, Mission Brenham, UMCOR, to name but a few), coupled with work through United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women and other ministries, our Mission Dollars account has been quietly adding money to a special fund that we will share each year.

This year our Missions Dollars went to Hospice of Brazos Valley (a non-profit organization that provides physical, spiritual and emotional care to individuals nearing the end of this life and their families), to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Kids, and to the Senior Center, where day after day a hot meal is prepared and provided for untold numbers of senior citizens in and around Brenham.

Your continued support of this program goes a long way. Thank you!  
Pat Clark, Mission Team Chair

## *Thank you*

*Dear Church Family:*

*We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, phone calls and had us in your prayers during our health problems. We appreciate your concerns and felt your love for us.*

*Henry and Blondean Kuecker*

# UMW Christmas Coffee



*The UMW Christmas Coffee was held at the home of Mark & Nita Hyatt assisted by the Susanna Circle and the Executive Committee.*

*Patty Stratton (Treasurer) and Carolyn Sander (Yearbook) were honored for their years of service and given silver cross necklaces.*



## Looking Back

In 2010 Brenham United Methodist Women made donations to the following:

First UMC's Vacation Bible School, Memorial Fund, Love Fund, Youth, Choir, CDC, luncheon for our church's graduating seniors, Texas Annual Conference Cote d'Ivoire schools and radio ministry, UMCOR health kits and Haiti assistance, Faith Mission as well as their after school program and apartment re-decorating, Brenham State Supported Living Center, YMCA Human Trafficking Program, Brenham Children's Chorus, Girl Scout Troop #1857, Bread Partners, Brenham's Senior Center, Methodist Children's Home, Heifer International, Hospice, Mission Brenham, Trinity Hospital, Boys & Girls Club, Miracle Farm, birthday parties at local nursing homes, Wesley Foundation at Blinn, Special Olympics, Annual Pledge to Missions through the West District and Adam Muckleroy who is attending Perkins School of Theology.

In 2011 we look forward to continuing our mission outreach both locally and globally.

Patty Stratton, Treasurer



UMW Officer Installation: Front Row: Kim Limmer, Dena Miller, Smitty Hinners, Arlene Van Eman  
Back Row: Michele Smith, Pastor Dale, Nita Hyatt and Joyce Morris





# December



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1:00 CARE / Library 6:00 Handbells / Sanc 6:30 Celebration Band 6:45 Cantata 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	3 9:00 Emmaus / Library 6:00 Downtown Christmas Stroll	4 8:00 – 3:00 Epiphany 9:00 Youth / Community Service Project 10:00 ACTS set up and rehearsal in the AC
	5 1:30 Open House at the Parsonage / 1800 Shady Lane 2:30 Worship @ Brenham Rest Home 3:30 Worship@ Kruse 6:30 ACTS Program "Star Of Wonder" Cookie Stroll following program	6 12:15 Wesley Group @ Blinn	7 10:00 UMW / Christmas Coffee / Hyatt	8 9:00 Santa Comes / CDC 12:00 UMM Christmas Party Set up / AC 6:00 Handbells / Sanc 6:30 Band / AC 6:45 Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00 Yoga / AC 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:00 UMM Christmas Party Set up / AC 6:30 UMM / AC	10 9:00 Emmaus / Library
12 8:15 & 11:00 Cantata "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" 12:30 Confirmation	13 1:00 CDC Ad. Board Meeting / Library	14 6:00 Evangelism Dinner / Smith	15 9:00 Christmas Chapel 6:00 Choir Christmas Party / Hyatt	16 9:00 Yoga / AC	17 9:00 Emmaus / Library CDC / Caroling 6:00 Faithbuilders Class Christmas Party / Tyson	18 3:00 Youth / Kemah
19 9:00 Cantata "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" 12:00 Pick up Angel Tree gifts to deliver 12:30 Confirmation / FH 4:00 Songs of the Season / Sanctuary 7:00 Crosstrainers / Aguilar	20 5:30 Church Caroling and Cookie Decorating	21 9:30 Hinnners / Tate Post / Jones Rogers / Amerson 12:00 Susanna / Buller 6:30 Wesleyan / Meschwitz Trustee / FR	22 9:30 CDC Chirstmas Program / Sanctuary 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23 Office Closes at noon	24 Office Closed CDC Closed 5:30 Family Christmas Eve Service 7:00 Communion Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 
26 11:00 Sunday Service	27 3:00 42 / Mission	28	29	30 Office Closes at noon	31 Office Closed CDC Closed	


A listing of the 2011 Church Leadership Team can be found at [www.fumcbrenham.org](http://www.fumcbrenham.org). Copies also can be found at the church office. The 2011 budget approved by our charge conference also can be obtained in the church office.

Merry Christmas from the Staff  
of  
First United Methodist Church, Brenham

*Adventus Aleck*

*Karen Chance* 

*Janifer Patrick*

*Rick Ruiz* 

*Pastor Jerry*



*Pastor Dennis* 

*Christa Bergstedt*

*Pastor Dale*



*Ashley Abbey*

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