



# 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 96 Cable TV.*

## Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor  
Rev. Jon Stouffer  
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Associate Pastor  
Rev. Kay Reed  
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## September BRP is the Gospel According to John!

Through the month of September, we will read about 30 verses each day - between 1/2 a chapter and a whole chapter! Each Sunday, Pastor Kay & Pastor Jon will be preaching from the previous week's reading! Our plan will be available later this month in the Sunday worship bulletin, on our webpage, facebook, and in the newsletter in a couple of weeks.

*What's a "BRP"? The Bible Reading Plan for our congregation! Each day we read, reflect upon, and seek to live what we read a chapter or selected verses from the Bible. We all try to stay together on the schedule so that our lives as a congregation are shaped by the same Scripture focus.*

## Stouffer's Food For Thought . . . .

A month and a half have gone by so quickly . . . It hardly seems possible that we've already been here that long and before we know it, school will be in full swing! As we close in on the end of the summer, and prepare for the beginning of school, we're also finishing up looking at our membership vows! Only two left: Service & Witness!!! I can't wait to see you this Sunday! (Bring a friend with you so we can see how many people we can share together with in worship on the last two Sundays of August!)

Proverbs looked so easy one chapter each day! And it really is. But I must confess that this last week I've had a little trouble keeping up. As of this writing, I still have some catch-up-work in Proverbs to complete by day's end: Chapters 8 & 9 and 14 (today's reading). Even though I am challenged to keep up and to write daily as we read through the Proverbs together, I am deeply blessed to participate with you in this study. This Sunday, bring an index card with the one or two proverbs that spoke to you the loudest this past week! I'd love to read them and pray for all of us through the wisdom on the cards! Thanks for engaging in this study as we seek to grow in our discipleship together!

Give your Love to JESUS & be fun!!!



# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

**SUNDAY July 28, 2013**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	10
Worship 8:15 a.m.	116
Worship 11:00 a.m.	175
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	93
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>394</b>
Sunday School	123
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$7,239.22</b>

**SUNDAY Aug. 4, 2013**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	11
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	144
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	70
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>302</b>
Sunday School	110
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$19,249.30</b>

**SUNDAY Aug. 11, 2013**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	140
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	73
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>296</b>
Sunday School	95
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$7,645.97</b>

### JULY TOTALS

July Income:	\$46,890.25
July Expense:	\$50,461.31
<b>July Total:</b>	<b>(\$3,571.06)</b>

### YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$361,691.87
YTD Expense:	\$358,272.25
<b>YTD Net Total:</b>	<b>\$3,419.62</b>



*The Doodle Bugs Class had tons of fun playing dress up. I think we might have some future princess's and football players in our midst!*



### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, Aug.27, 2013 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.

**Prayer Concerns**

Kathy Rote  
Marnie Whitmarsh  
Robert Smith  
Chester D'Olive  
Floyd Chapman  
Jacque Ketcham  
Virginia Collier  
Aubrey Johnson  
Bennie Waggoner  
Paul Pipes  
Glen Amerson  
Jim Clements  
Pat Niel  
Charlotte Bennett  
Steve James  
Glen Morris  
Richard Coghlan  
Frank Goodrich  
Phil Darby  
Robert Jenkins  
Linda Daughtery  
Ivan & Faye Wubbenhorst  
David Revenaugh  
Charlotte Bennett  
Lucy Riccardi  
Charles Banker  
Susan Lemel  
Frank Genest

Our homebound members  
and those serving in the military

**Thanks FUMC!**

A special thank you to all our church family who sent cards, said prayers, called and visited me while I have recuperated from my recent knee surgery. A big thank you goes to Pastor Kay for making a hospital visit and lifting my spirits with her smile and prayers. Also I enjoyed the Sunday visits when Smitty appeared at our door with a cheerful bouquet, and Lynn appreciated the delicious cookies! It's good to be part of such a caring church family.

Blessings,  
Lynn and Lois Taggart

The Family of Barbara Moran would like to take the opportunity to say thank you. Thank you to the UMW, Rev. Kay Reed, and to the many of you for your kinds words, prayers, cards, food and flowers. Thanks again so much.

The Barbara Moran Family



If you are interested in playing in the Hand Bell Choir this year, please contact Pastor Kay in the office. Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Bring Me Your Bottle Caps & Tops!**

The children and youth will be making crafts to sell in the UMW Harvest Festival. We need a ton of **plastic bottle caps** (all colors, any bottle) and **glass bottle tops** (the metal ones). It doesn't matter what name brands are on them, with way we are using them only the sides of the cap shows. There is a box set up in the church office for donations, and if you see me around you can give them to me (please put them in a plastic ziploc bag). Thank you so much for your donations. The more tops/caps we get the more crafts we can make and sell.

In Him, Jenn

**Communion Helpers Needed**

We are in need of two volunteers to help with communion preparation. Two helpers are needed for each of the three-month periods and we have two empty slots, one for July/Aug/Sept and one for Oct/Nov/Dec. It's only three times a year that you are needed so I hope we can find some willing helpers.

Please contact Jenifer Amerson at 836-0130 if you can help.

**Donations Received**

*In memory of*  
**Virginia Coffee**

By  
Gerald and Patty Stratton

*In memory of*  
**Jim Miller**

By  
Andrew and Susan Ebel  
Juanita Hickey  
Gary and Kay Ivy

# KIDS CORNER

## FAMILY POOL PARTY

Bring the WHOLE family out for an evening of fun and fellowship! This is also a great opportunity to invite a new family.

**Tuesday, August 20**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Brenham Country Club**

**IT'S FREE!**

## AUGUST 25

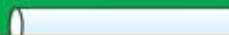
Bring your backpack to any of the three worship services for a special blessing and gift for your backpack.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

## Education Sunday August 25

- \* Blessing of the Backpacks
- \* Recognition of School Teachers
- \* Blessing Sunday School Teachers
- \* Fun outdoor activities at 10:00 am during Sunday School



# Youth Page

August 2013

**END OF SUMMER**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 NO UMYF	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 UMYF 6-8pm	12	13	14	15	16	
18 NO UMYF	19	20  FREE 6-8pm at the Country Club	21	22	23	24
25 Back to School Party @the church 6-8pm <b>SUPER HERO SUNDAY</b>	26 	27	28	29	30	31



**BACK TO SCHOOL UMYF**

**SUPER HERO SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 25**

**6-8PM**

**IN THE AC**

**\*BRING AN OLD PLAIN T-SHIRT...AND A FRIEND!!**

**GUESS WHO**

**FAMILY  
POOL  
PARTY**

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## **ATTENTION YOUTH**

**Aug 25 is Education Sunday** and we need your help. Like last year, we will have some fun activities during the SS hour. Bring some grungy clothes to put on so we can have the kids participate in some fun games with you. You might get a little wet but it will all be in good fun!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	3
4	5 6:30 Worship Team/ FR	6 6:00 UMW/ AC	7 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	10
11 6:00 UMYF/ AC	12 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	13 9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Evangelism/ FR	14 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC 1:00 Council on Ministries/ Library	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	17
18 6:00 West District Hymn Sing/ Christ UMC, College Station	19 6:30 Finance/ FR	20 9:30 Post Circle- Schmidt/ MH Goodman Circle/ Cummings Reiland Circle- Hanath/ FH 6:00 CDC Orientation/ Sanctuary 6:30 Wesleyan Circle- Lopez-Wilhelm/ FH	21 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	24
25 Education Sunday- Blessing of the Backpacks 6:00 UMYF/ AC	26	27 9:00 Card Group/ MH	28 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	31 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
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## HUGE ADOPTION HAPPENING IN BRENHAM, TEXAS!!!!

That's right, there is an adoption going on, and it is right here at FUMC, Brenham. Our church is pairing up with Blinn College this year for an exciting, first time ever event. We will adopt the 33 young ladies at Spencer Hall at the Blinn campus for the 2013-14 schoolyear. The administration there was thrilled at the idea and very supportive. They are hoping other churches and organizations will do the same.

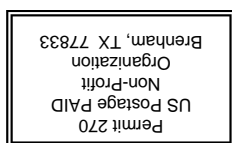
Our church will have interaction with these young ladies every month in some way and we'll start out in August with helping them move into the dorm. Move in day is **Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm.** We need about 5-6 strong guys who are willing to help carry in boxes and are able to climb a flight of stairs while doing this. You don't have to be there all day, just a few hours each would be great. They need dollies to use in moving. We'll also set up a table outside under a canopy and hand out ice cold water to students, parents, workers. We're making door signs with their names on them and a decorative item for each of their desks.

Other plans for the year include: something for football season, asking church members to buy extra tickets to the annual turkey dinner and donating them to the girls, sending cards to them on their birthdays and Thanksgiving, and making snacks for them before finals in December and May. Also, plans are in the making for doing something special at Valentine's Day and around Easter. So there are lots of things we can do to show the students we care for them.

We're inviting the young ladies to come to church any time they would like and will provide transportation here when needed. We're also looking into starting a short Bible study at their dorm.

We're looking forward to a great year with these girls, so please start praying now for the success of this ministry, for each young lady to have a great educational experience while here in Brenham, and that each of them will truly feel the love and presence of God during this coming year by being associated with our church.

If you can help with move in, please contact Michele Smith, 251-9840 or [michelestamps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelestamps@sbcglobal.net)



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