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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

Rev. Jon Stouffer
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First United Methodist Church

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April 15, 2015

First Tuesdays Together

The new Grief Support Group has met three times now and has decided to meet monthly. The purpose of the group is to offer a place to share and ask questions with others who are going through similar grief and loss experiences following the death of a loved one. Our prayer is that this group will be a place to find encouragement, help, and healing. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 5th at noon in the Fellowship House (aka the Gray House). Be sure and bring a sack lunch. See you there.

Care Team News

The Care Team is seeking the names of men and women serving in our military who have a relationship with our congregation. We would like their Name, Branch of service, Rank, Birthday, Current address and how they are related. Please send the information to Barbara Killgore at bjkillgore3@gmail.com. We are looking for ways to pray for them and support them.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Financial customers can now designate any earned 'Choice Dollars' earned as part of the Thrivent Choice[®] Charitable Grant Program to FUMC Brenham. A special thank you to member Darryl Herrmann, who initiated the process to get the church added to Thrivent's Choice Charitable gift list. As a result, we can now be recipients of these funds should you so choose. If you have any questions regarding this program please speak to your Thrivent Financial Advisor or contact myself.

Kristine Trevino, Financial Secretary

Church Movie Night

Sunday night, May 3rd, the Confirmation class would like to invite the congregation to the viewing of the movie *Amazing Grace: a nation was blinded until one man made them see*. Amazing Grace is based on the true story of William Wilberforce, a British statesman and reformer from the early part of the 19th century. It chronicles his 20-year fight to abolish the British slave trade. It also introduces John Newton the writer of the hymn "Amazing Grace."

The movie runs from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come a few minutes early and get some popcorn and a drink. If you would be more comfortable, bring a comfortable chair to the Activity Center.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, April 27, 2015 at 10:00 am.** If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or 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 March 1, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	11
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	71
Worship 11:00 a.m.	105
Worship Total	251
Sunday School	104
Offering:	\$14,939.00

SUNDAY March 8, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	14
Worship 8:15 a.m.	63
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	106
Worship Total	245
Sunday School	78
Offering:	\$11,393.05

SUNDAY March 15, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	11
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	103
Worship Total	245
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$6,666.50

SUNDAY March 22, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	90
Worship Total	233
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$15,731.00

SUNDAY March 29, 2015**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	85
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	83
Worship 11:00 a.m.	148
Worship Total	322
Sunday School	100
Offering:	\$6,181.72

MARCH TOTALS

March Income:	\$58,629.08
March Expense:	\$58,517.44
March Total:	\$111.64

YTD TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$153,971.64
YTD. Expense:	\$153,653.76
YTD. Net Total:	\$317.88

**Prayer Concerns**

Marnie Whitmarsh	Leonard Cloud
Richard Coghlan	Jim and Linda Clements
Gene Moss	Rozanne Goddard
Audrey Simpson	Charles Schulte
Delmer McAdow	Cameron Winchell
Glenn and Luene Harmer	Hugh and Aniela Pitts
Marilyn Wrigley	Marilyn Gravett
Glenn Amerson	Susan Ebel
Art Hanners	Steve Montgomery
Buddy and Elaine Dorow	Jim Foster
Henry Kuecker	
Mike Kalil	Our homebound members and those serving in the military
Kathy Revenaugh	

First United Methodist Church**The Season of Easter****Bible Reading Plan****April – May, 2015****Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Thus we begin worship throughout the Easter Season for as followers of Jesus our primary proclamation is that Christ is risen and conquered sin and death for all people and for all time! This year we will start our Bible Reading Plan with the resurrection appearances in all four Gospels and continue through The Acts of the Apostles in preparation for our celebration on The Day of Pentecost. On The Day of Pentecost, we will have two worship celebrations at 8:15 am and 10:30 am. At the latter service we will celebrate with our Confirmation Class as they make their public profession of faith in Christ and join the church!

19-Apr Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7

20-Apr John 21:15-25

21-Apr Acts 1

22-Apr Acts 2

23-Apr Acts 3

24-Apr Acts 4

25-Apr Acts 5

26-Apr Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24

27-Apr Acts 6

28-Apr Acts 7

29-Apr Acts 8

30-Apr Acts 9

1-May Acts 10

2-May Acts 11

3-May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21

4-May Acts 12

5-May Acts 13

6-May Acts 14

7-May Acts 15

8-May Acts 16

9-May Acts 17

10-May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6

11-May Acts 18

12-May Acts 19

13-May Acts 20

14-May Ascension of the Lord

Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

15-May Acts 21

16-May Acts 22

17-May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13

18-May Acts 23

19-May Acts 24

20-May Acts 25

21-May Acts 26

22-May Acts 27

23-May Acts 28

24-May The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34,

Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

25-May Hosea 1

26-May Hosea 2

27-May Hosea 3

28-May Hosea 4

29-May Hosea 5

30-May Hosea 6

31-May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

EASTER EGG HUNT




Palm Sunday



A.C.T.S. Spring Musical



**Sunday, April 19
6:30pm in the Activity Center**



June 29 – July 2, 2015
For kids 4 years old to 5th grade
We are looking for Adult helpers.
Online registration coming soon!

Help Support Our Local Animal Shelters
Please return your item to the church office by April 26. If you did not get to pick out an Easter egg for the shelter, simply bring some dog or cat toys to the office by April 26. Thank you for supporting the children's outreach ministry!

The Eighth Day

For the early church, the resurrection changed everything. It changed when we worship. The reason we worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of Saturday, the seventh and the Jewish Sabbath, is because of the Resurrection. It all had to do with a new day and new life and new beginnings.

J. Danielou, in his book The Bible and the Liturgy states: "The number eight was for ancient Christianity, the symbol of the Resurrection, for it was on the day after the Sabbath and also the eighth day that Christ rose from the tomb."

The seven days of the week all had to do with this world. The six days of creation of the earth and the seventh day of rest from that work now gave way to the eighth day of new life in Christ.

Even St. Augustine, in his classic work, City of God, calls the resurrection day "an eighth and eternal day, consecrated by the Resurrection of Christ....There we shall rest and see, see and love, love and praise."

So what does this eight day mean to us? It is a reminder that every day in Christ is a new day. Every day is a day of re-creation. Every day is a day of hope and life. We are now free to live in Him and He in us. It is a new day. It is a day of celebration that can change all the rest of our lives.

*"What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons.
They are not the same anymore, for the old is gone. A new life has begun!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17 The New Living Translation

See you Sunday,
Kay

WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL IN CHAPEL

Hello everyone. I wanted to let you know of a real and very worthwhile way you could serve our church. In 2001, after the bombings of the Twin Towers in New York, our prayer vigil was started by Calvin Beckendorf. It goes from 7am-7pm. Church members volunteered an hour every Wednesday and came into the chapel and prayed. As we all know from our own lives, **Prayer** is the most powerful and positive thing we can do for ourselves, families, friends, and loved ones.

Over the years, people have had to give up their spots for various reasons. Moving, health issues, and changes in their lives were the most common. Several of the regular members are right now struggling with these issues, and need to make changes that include giving up their spot in the chapel. It was something they didn't want to do at this time, but have no choice. Our church must step up and get these spots filled. We cannot let this amazing ministry go by the wayside.

I started about 6 years ago as a substitute when someone couldn't make it. This happens from time to time. We all have things that need to be done and sometimes it is on Wed. during our time slot.

I have been in a regular spot now for over a year and I want to tell you how it is the best part of my week. For me, sometimes I get distracted when I am praying, I think we all do. This time in the chapel helps me with staying focused and spending that all important, quiet time with God.

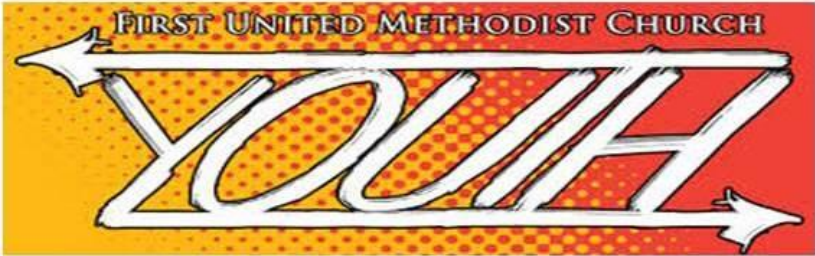
You are probably thinking, I can't prayer for an entire hour. You don't have to. There is a devotional for you to read from the upper room, there is a prayer list with concerns. When you finish praying you can read one of the books there, and I have even been known to pick up the hymnal and start singing hymns!!! I have called some of the people on the prayer list and checked on them and left updates for the others coming after me.

I ask that you prayerfully consider joining our prayer team. We need you and we need your commitment now. We also need members who are willing to go on a substitute list, to help out now and then. Please contact me if you want to be a part of this amazing ministry we have at FUMC Brenham.

Michele Smith

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UMYF SCHEDULE:
 April 19 – NO UMYF come to
 the ACTS musical
 April 26 – UMYF
 May 3 – MOVIE NIGHT @UMYF
 MAY 10 - UMYF with MOM



SPRING RETREAT 2015

FUN FREE TIME



WORSHIP



SESSIONS



God is Faithful, **All the Time!** All the Time, **God is Faithful!**

Stouffer's Food For Thought

Today at Lenten Lunch, Rev. Jim Abbott (interim pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church at Prairie Hill) preached "Shaped by God's Word." In the message, Pastor Jim said that we can build new habits on old habits, thus changing our habits. We heard a reading from **Deuteronomy 6:5-9** –

⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (NRSV)

Pastor Jim reminded us that we are to: keep these words in our hearts and minds by reciting to and talking about them with our children, binding them to ourselves, and writing them on our doorposts – at least figuratively by living with holy habits.

Over the last several months, God has been working on me in regard to our worship greeting "God is good, **All the time.** All the time, **God is good.**" Our congregation has helped me with a transition and word replacement from "good" to "faithful." **And I am thankful!** I'm thankful for God's faithfulness and for your work and patience as I try to remember to implement this in the bulletin!

As Pastor Jim concluded, I began to run in my heart and mind from his preaching to my own meddling. (I know that I have that habit of meddling!) I would like to suggest that we extend the greeting and sending forth from worship as a habit for each and every gathering in, with, and among our congregation and ministry:

God is Faithful, **All the Time!** All the Time, **God is Faithful!**

Every Gathering in-with-among our Congregation

Our gathering will soon be over, where will we go and what will we do?

We will go out to be God's People in the World!

For me, these words are such wonderful reminders and so wonderfully shape my life as we gather together in at least a couple of ways. As we gather, I am reminded that since we have been apart, God remains faithful. As we prepare to depart from every gathering, we are reminded to go out to fulfill God's call upon our lives. I hope extending our worship habits to all our gatherings will continue to shape and frame all our ministry in the context of worship.

As I began the day today, I encountered this saying of Jeanne de Chantal, seventeenth-century founder of The Order of the Visitation "**No matter what happens, be gentle with yourself.**" I share this here in the event that it takes some time for us to remember to share these greetings and sendings at each and every gathering. We may forget. That's ok. We will begin again right where we are and we'll keep trying until it becomes a habit to greet each other in this manner.

give your Love to JESUS & be fun!

Jon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 6:00 Confirmation/ AC	13 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	14 9:00 Card Group/ MH	15 1:30 Council on Ministries/ Library 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	16 9:00 Yoga/ AC	17 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 2:00 Blinn Blitz	18
19 6:30 ACTS Performance/ AC	20 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	21 9:30 Rogers Circle/ Burt Tate Circle/ Ebel Cummings Circle/ MH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Goedeke 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	22 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	23 9:00 Yoga/ AC	24 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	25 8:00 Helping Hands/ The Stouffer's
26 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	27 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 Evangelism/ FR	28 9:00 Card Group/ MH	29 1:00 Care Team/ Library 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	30 9:00 Yoga/ AC	1 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	2
3 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 Church Movie Night- Amazing Grace/ AC	4 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	5 8:45 UMW Exec. Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 12:00 First Tuesday Together/ FH	6 2:30 Rice Game/ AC Parking Lot 7:00 Celebration Band/AC	7 9:00 Yoga/ AC	8 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	9
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Thanks FUMC!

My Dear Christians Friends,

Thank you so much for all support and prayers during my illness. God answers prayers!

**In love and appreciation,
Marshia Foster**

Dear Methodist Family,

We want to thank you for your prayers, concerns, cards, phone calls, and visits, we deeply appreciated it. We have only lived here a few months, but you welcomed us and everyone is so friendly and made us feel right at home.

**May the Lord bless each of you always,
Harold and Jean Pool**

Words cannot express our appreciation for our church family's compassion for our family over the last few weeks. The caring words of our pastors, Jon and Kay helped us in our time of need. We are grateful for all the people who came to help during Marti's last days; to all the people who provided our family with food, all who visited us, all who sent cards, all who called, and all who came for the visitation and service. Most of all we thank you all who prayed for us.

Lydia House

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