



First United Methodist Church

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Open Hearts. . .

Open Minds. . .

Open Doors. . .

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

7:30 a.m. Refreshments in the Parlor (all morning)
8:15 A.M. Worship in the Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center
9:00 a.m. Celebration Service In the Activity Center
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Nursery care provided

The 11:00 service is Broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Lead
pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate
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Dear Friends,

This month we begin our journey toward Easter through the season in the church known as Lent which is a time of reflection and penitence. Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday and goes for forty days, excluding Sundays, that leads us to Easter Sunday. Many people know Lent as a time of fasting or a time of giving something up. People may choose to give up things like chocolate, soda, television or even a meal. (I have tried to give up work during Lent and for some reason no one thinks this is a good idea). Have you ever wondered why we fast or give something up for Lent?

One reason we fast at Lent is so that we can **refocus** our lives on God. Let's face it, we live in a world that is always on the go and pulls us in many different directions and not all of them are bad. Yet we can become so busy with life that by the time our head hits the pillow we remember that we have not talked to God at all today and before we can get a word out we are asleep. It is not that we do this on purpose or that we mean to do it, but life can get so busy that it overwhelms us and unfortunately the last thing we think about should be the first One we think about and turn to. Maybe ask yourself, from what can I fast during Lent that would allow me to refocus on God?

Lent is a time where we can also find **rest**. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). This is similar to what I mentioned above because chances are if you are always on the go you will probably get weary and burdened at some time. Circumstances in life can also cause weariness and can leave us burdened. The problem is that many times we look for answers and solutions in places and forget to turn to Jesus. Is there an activity or something that is making you weary or is more of a burden in your life that you could fast and use that time resting in the presence of Jesus?

Finally, Lent is a time to **renew** spiritual disciplines. What happens when we get super busy? Do we neglect to read our Bible? Do we take time to pray? Do we skip church? What is really suffering in the entire process is our relationship with Jesus. So, what are spiritual disciplines? They are practices that can help us grow in our faith and there are many different disciplines. Richard Foster wrote a classic book called *Celebration of Discipline* which explains about spiritual disciplines. https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/0060628391/ref=dbs_a_w_dp_0060628391 There are other books and materials as well. The point is what can you fast during Lent so that you can renew your spiritual disciplines and grow closer and more in love with Jesus?

There is so much more that can be said about Lent, but my hope is that you will begin to pray about how you and I can refocus, refresh and renew our relationships with God during this Lenten season.

In Pursuit of Him,

T.J. Gabelman



Prayer Concerns

Luene Harmer
 Bob Jenkins
 Steve Haley
 Mike Kalil
 Jim Clements
 Gretchen Nobels
 Ann Bevers
 Frank Tyson
 Glenn Amerson
 Joyce Whitehead
 Kathi Ivy
 Alan Williamson
 Bud Foster
 Marjorie Reed
 Edna Rote

Mary Burgess
 Sue Perry
 Dave Watson
 Patricia Harstack
 Kay Reed
 Fred and Laverne Trevino
 Susan Ebel
 Jan Herbst
 Dave Watson
 Debi Meschwitz
 Rita Diamond
 Ron Steimann
 Linda Winstanley

Our homebound members and
 Those serving in the military.

Sunday December 24, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery: 0
 8:15 Worship 60
 9:00 Celebration: 55
 11:00 Worship 71
Total: 186
 Sunday School: 76
Offering: \$22,335.00

Sunday December 31, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery: 1
 11:00 Worship 115
Total: 116
Offering: \$7,660.00

Sunday January 7, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery: 2
 8:15 Worship 64
 9:00 Celebration: 50
 11:00 Worship 83
Total: 199
 Sunday School: 75
Offering: \$13,464.00

Sunday January 14, 2017

Church Attendance

Nursery: 1
 8:15 Worship 75
 9:00 Celebration: 64
 11:00 Worship 83
Total: 223
 Sunday School: 74
Offering: \$15,564.00

Sunday January 21, 2017

Church Attendance

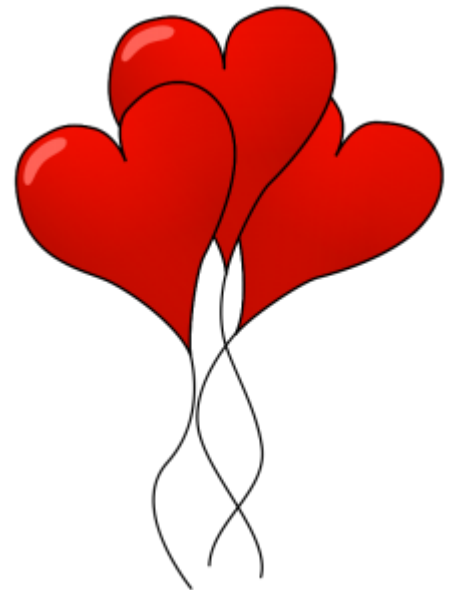
Nursery: 1
 8:15 Worship 60
 9:00 Celebration: 67
 11:00 Worship 75
Total: 203
 Sunday School: 71
Offering: \$12,911.00

December Totals

Income: \$105,442.00
 Expense: \$63,163.00
Total: \$42,279.00

YTD 2017 Totals

Income: \$646,240.00
 Expense: \$658,617.00
Total: (\$12,377.00)



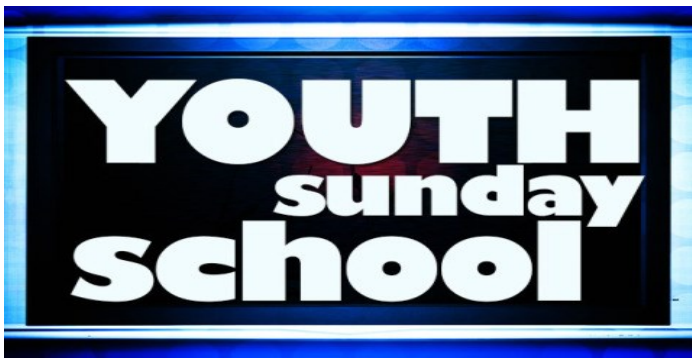
Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** 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.



Confirmation

Confirmation is a step deeper into your faith as a United Methodist. It is where you join the church and publicly proclaim your faith. We currently have five 5th graders, five 6th graders and five UMYF teens that are going through confirmation classes. If your child has not gone through confirmation (5th grade and older) and would like to please email Pastor Bobbie (pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org). She is leading the 5th & 6th grade classes. Jennifer Patrick is leading the classes for those older than 6th grade during the UMYF time this semester. **Confirmation Sunday is May 20.**



A big thank you to Hooks, Bogans, Aguilers, Mastersons and Henleys for volunteering to lead Mid/Jr High Sunday school. The class will consist of 6th & 7th grade. 8th graders now attend the HS SS class.

Jennifer Campbell & Amy Seeber continue their service to our HS youth. Thank you all!!



Feb 4 is Super bowl Sunday @ the Patrick's. I know not everyone is into football but it's fun time to get together (plus the commercials are fun). Bring a board game to play and food to share. Boys bring something savory and girls bring something sweet. The party concludes after the halftime show. For address and direction email Jennifer. (jennifer@fumcbrenham.org)



Parents, Jennifer will be leading the children's SS class through her adventures in Israel. She will be sharing pictures and connecting the Bible story to the locations she traveled. The class is open for adults to attend too. So if you are free during the SS hour and would like to join us you are welcome to! If you have any questions email Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org.



Donations Received

In memory of
William Paul
By
Tom & Carol Ann Post

In memory of
James Tate
By
Gary & Kay Ivy
Charles and Peggy Moser

In memory of
Rev. Sam Duree
By
Joan White
Nancy Cosyns
Susan Cantey
Tony & Sharon Buban
Cynthia Hamrick
Ken & Ann Pieper
Jim & Ellen Ellison

In memory of
Robert Hickson
By
Tom & Carol Ann Post
Smitty Hanners

Donations Received

In memory of
Jeffrey Janner
By
Cynthia Hamrick
Ken & Ann Pieper
Tim & Lennis Richardson

In memory of
Mark Satterwhite
By
Ken & Ann Pieper

In honor of
Milton & Twila Tate
By
Cynthia Hamrick



From Stewardship Committee

Sec. 408(d)(8) permits “qualifying charitable distributions” from traditional IRA or Roth IRA accounts to be excluded from gross income. This means the distribution is not taxed when filling a tax return with a standard deduction. The charitable deduction must be:

From a traditional or a Roth IRA.

Direct from the IRA trustee to the charitable organization with no intervening possession or ownership by the IRA owner.

On or after the IRA owner has reached age 70 ½, and

A contribution to an organization that would qualify as a charitable organization under Sec. 170(b)(1)(a).

Please consult your attorney, CPA, or financial advisor for your personal situation. The Stewardship committee is not qualified to give tax advice.

Prayers Needed!

In September of 2001 a Prayer Vigil was started by a retired minister, Calvin Beckendorf. We are trying to keep this going especially because of the state of our Nation and for all the world leaders. When this was started we had 12 people step up for one hour each. They were Leo and Mary Ann Strom, Sue Perry, Betty Averitt, Jim Tom House, Regina Terry, Jean Laws, Lynn Schultz, Bob and Sandra Johnson, Eunice Glidden and Calvin Beckendorf. Many of these members have either passed on, moved away, or are now unable to come to the Chapel. As of today we have only 4 members are on the Prayer Vigil Team. Please consider joining the team and signing up for one hour. We have moved the Chapel to a room in the Gray House; now we have restrooms, water, quiet, and all kinds of devotional books. Prayerfully consider this team. To sign up or if you have any questions please call Louise Goodrich at, 979-836-9198 (home) or 979-203-3834 (cell). Thanks and blessings to all!

Church Directory Corrections/Changes and New Members Additions

Corrections/ Changes

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Roy & Betty Hodges
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New Members

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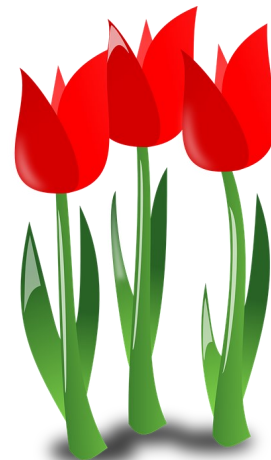
Vivian (Viv) Witte
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New Members Continued

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February

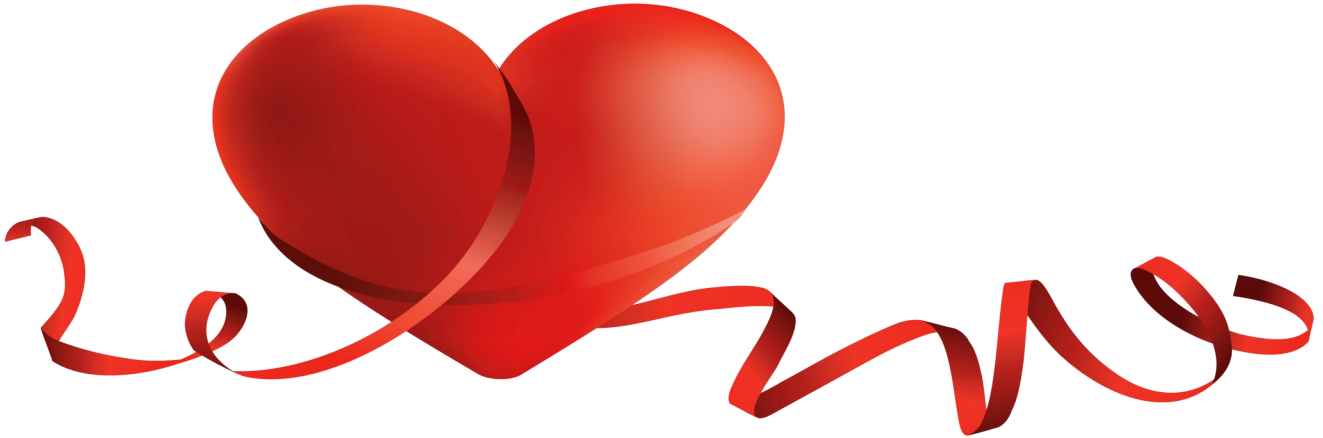
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9:30 UMW/ AC		1 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	2 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	3 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
4 TBA UMYF/ The Patrick's	5 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 SPRC/ FR	6 9:30 UMW/ AC	7 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ CR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	8 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	9 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	10
11 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	12 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	13 9:00 Card Group/ MH	14  ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service /Sanctuary <i>Labyrinth Opens</i> 	15 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 Prayer Service/ Sanctuary	16 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	17
18 <i>Lent Begins</i> 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	19 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 Nominations	20 9:30 Hewitt Circle / MH Murphey Circle/ AC Tate Circle/ FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	21 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ CR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	22 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 Prayer Service/ Sanctuary	23 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	24 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
25 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	26 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	27 9:00 Card Group/ MH	28 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:00 Chancel Choir/ CR 7:30 Praise Band/AC			

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, cards, and food you gave us while Red was in the hospital and recovering. Your concern was meaningful and touching.

Thanks,

Red and Jo Powell



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