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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

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

June 8, 2015

MISSION SUNDAY - JUNE 28

*Come and meet Thomas, Karen, Sarah, and Hannah Couch.
They will be speaking at all three morning worship services.*

The Mission is Still the Mission

For about a year the Mission and Outreach Committee has been praying for a missionary couple that the church might support. In January we met Thomas and Karen Couch from Christ United Methodist Church in College, Station. They have two daughters Sarah (age 3) and Hannah (6 months). Before meeting in college, they both were involved in various short term missions both locally and internationally. After marrying, God began to foster in them a desire for long term missions. In a few months they will be moving to Kosovo to begin their ministry. We have invited them to come and share about their call and the work they will be doing in Kosovo.

One of the best illustrations we have of the mission of the church is in John's Gospel chapter 4. Jesus stopped by the well in Samaria and while he was there, a woman came to draw water. Jesus got into a conversation with her and at the end of their conversation, she left her water jar, went back into the city and told people, "Come, see a man..." Her story must have been convincing because the people followed her out of the city in the heat of the day to meet a stranger named Jesus. After they met Jesus and listened to him, they said to the woman, "We first believed because of your story, but now we have seen for ourselves and we believe that Jesus is the Messiah."

Helping people meet Jesus is still the mission of the church, and it still happens when people tell people about him. When the history of FUMC Brenham is written, I believe the most significant events will be when we fulfilled the mission by reaching out to people to help them meet Jesus.

I hope you will come and meet the Couchs and begin praying for them.



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, June 23, 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.





Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
 Richard Coghlan
 Gene Moss
 Audrey Simpson
 Delmer McAdow
 Glenn and Luene Harmer
 Marilyn Wrigley
 Glenn Amerson
 Art Hinnens
 Elaine Dorow
 Henry Kuecker
 Paul Hick

Rev. Jim Foster
 Mike Kalil
 Ed Baker
 Charles Schulte
 Cameron Winchell
 Hugh and Aniela Pitts
 Marilyn Gravett
 Harold Reitz
 Kathy Revenaugh
 Candy Smith
 Our homebound members and
 those serving in the military

SUNDAY May 10, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	72
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	102
Worship Total	249
Sunday School	113
Offering:	\$12,299.75

SUNDAY May 17, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	68
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	87
Worship Total	236
Sunday School	100
Offering:	\$12,064.12

SUNDAY May 24, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	67
Worship 11:00 a.m.	193
Worship Total	263
Offering:	\$5,476.10

SUNDAY May 31, 2015

Church Attendance:

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	82
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Worship Total	276
Sunday School	107
Offering:	\$11,557.00

APRIL TOTALS

April Income:	\$50,458.70
April Expense:	\$50,447.09
April Total:	\$11.61

MAY TOTALS

May Income:	\$57,757.00
May Expense:	\$51,483.32
May Total:	\$5,273.68

YTD PRE-LIM TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$261,187.34
YTD. Expense:	\$255,584.17
YTD. Net Total:	\$5,603.17

Donations Received

In memory of

Janet Newman

By

Tom and Carol Ann Post
 Nick and Marianne Nelms
 Gary and Kay Ivy
 Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Blackstone

In memory of

Beatta (Betty) Drake

By

Tom and Carol Ann Post
 Gary and Kay Ivy

In honor of

Earl & Shirley McIntyre

By

Danna Salinas

In honor of

Peggy Moser

By

James and Suzette Moser

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 bkillgore3@gmail.com. We are looking for ways to pray for them and support them.

First Tuesdays Together

The new Grief Support Group continues 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, July 7th.



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

REGISTER for VBS ONLINE!

2015.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenhamTx



VBS Donations Needed

(Bring to the church office)

Snacks:

- Boxes of Capri Suns
- Small 8oz water bottles

Crafts:

- EMPTY water bottles
16oz & 20oz

Decorations:

- Weed barrier cloth
- White and/or yellow tape
- Sidewalk chalk

VBS Decorations to Borrow

(Bring to the Activity Center on any Sunday now to June 21. Please put your name on the item and they will be left in the AC after VBS for you to pick back up.)

- Safety cones
- Sports equipment
- Bicycle Tires & wheels
- Big blowup water tubes
- Hula hoops
- Skateboards & scooters
- Checkered flags

Confirmation Class 2015



Dads Raise Kids!

"Every father should remember that one day his children will follow his example instead of his advice."

Rev. Robert E. Harris
Asheville, NC

"Sunday morning services in most American churches are a female thing. The minister and top lay officials may be men (though not as predictably as was the case a few years ago), but the congregation is likely to be mostly women and children."

"The relevant fact is not so much female ascendancy as male abandonment. In the church, it begins almost as soon as boys have options – at the onset of adolescence. Boys begin drifting away from the choir, from Sunday school, and finally, from the church altogether. It's as though they sense that church is, like school, just another place where male leadership is the exception, and male values are held in low esteem." William Raspberry

When Nolan Ryan was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999, he said, "My father taught my brother and me to play ball in the front yard. One day my mother came out and told him we were ruining the lawn. My father told her, 'We're raising kids, not grass.'"

Nolan Ryan's father probably didn't realize that he was making such a profound and powerful statement. He probably didn't realize the impact his statement had on his young sons. More than likely it wasn't the words of the statement that made the impact. It was the attitude behind the statement. It was the attitude that his kids were important to him.

Parents, what have you done today – what have you said today that tells your kids that they are important to you? Dads, what are you raising today? Are you raising grass or a job or a reputation or are you raising kids?

This month I am entering my fifth year as one of your pastors. As I reflect on the last four years I realize how many reasons I have to be thankful. I especially want to thank you for the privilege of being able to minister along with you. I appreciate the support you have shown me and my family. Even though we know before Annual Conference where we will be serving, it always brings a sense of certainty when the appointments are officially read. You are a great church to serve and I am very thankful to God that He sent me to FUMC Brenham. I am honored and humbled to be appointed for another year and I am excited about another year for us to grow and minister together.

See you Sunday,

Kay

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



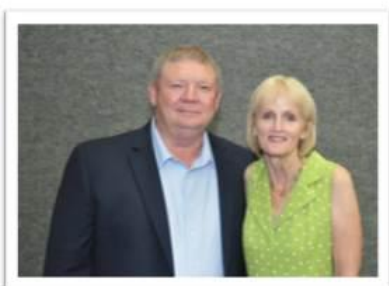
Kathy Schatte



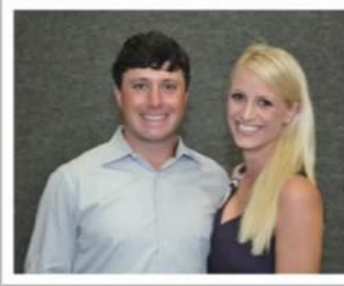
Ken and Joy Goedeke



Sandra Husmann



Darryl and Linda Herrmann



Chuck and Caroline Abraham



Trey, Debbie and Rachel
Saunders

UMYF ON SUNDAYS

June 7-
NO UMYF

June 14 –
UMYF 6-8pm

June 21 –
NO UMYF
(Father's Day)

June 28 –
UMYF 6-8pm



Summer of Service In Sunday School

Every Sunday during the Sunday School hour all the youth are encouraged to come and serve in our church and in our community

June 7 –volunteer at New Beginnings

June 14 – animal shelter

June 19 – TBA

June 28 – make lunch for our missionaries

July 5- Church clean up

July 12 – Sonic Sunday School

youth week 2015

Wednesday, June 10

TRIVIA NIGHT

6pm in the activity center
(bring an appetizer to share)

Thursday, June 11

FOAM PARTY

6pm at the Gray House
(bring clothes you don't mind getting wet and a towel)

Friday, June 12

PAINT OR PAINT



Leave for college station at 1:30
Bring \$25 for the event and dinner

UMYF Dessert Auction



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated toward our dessert auction. We have raised over \$2600 so far!



Stouffer's Food For Thought

As I prepare for worship on Sunday, I am struck by the unknown for Brenham and Washington County and how that will impact our congregation. I share the concern I hear voiced among our people and in our community regarding our future. And I call upon all our people to continue to pray and to work together to build God's Kingdom by making disciples of Jesus Christ. That last part may not seem to matter quite so much when people are out of a life-time of work, particularly in the latter part of mid-life some years before retirement. And then I remember growing up the son of a wandering engineer who worked with ore and metals.

When I was in the first grade, dad worked for a copper mining company in Tucson, Arizona. The name I remember is "Mine and Smelter" but I was in the first grade! One day I found out we were moving to southern California. As a first grader, the reasons were above my pay grade so I went with the family. I later found out that the copper industry suffered greatly in the early seventies and dad was laid off. About ten years later, when we were living in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, dad worked for Martin Marietta Aluminum Division when there were struggles in the aluminum industry and was again laid off which brought us to Houston, Texas.

As an engineer with almost 30 years of experience, he was "over-qualified" for most all of the openings he could find after we moved to Houston. Though he never worked as an engineer again he did find a couple of different jobs he enjoyed until his death in 1985. I never took the opportunity to tell him he was inspiring that way to me – to never quit or give up following devastation to his career. Our income changed drastically and we all had to pitch in and do our part for the good of the whole family.

In reading the Scripture lessons for Sunday I was struck by this thought:

"Through honest and open vulnerability we discover that
we do not have to be afraid because
we are included in God's family, and as God's family
all share from God's provision so that everyone has enough."

My friend Cabe Matthews says "heaven is where everyone has enough and no one has to be afraid." I find hope in being part of a larger family that we call church knowing that together we will get through all that comes our way, that we will do all we are able to help others get through adversity and difficulty as well. I am thankful for my experiences as a child as now we seek to continue to learn and grow together in our faithfulness to God's call upon our lives. I look forward to the ways we discover to reach out with compassion and concern to our neighbors sharing of God's provision and seeing that everyone has enough. May God grant us all peace in the midst of life.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Jon



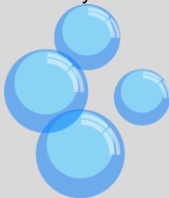
A gift in the amount of \$300.00 was given by FUMC to the local chapter of the Adult and Teen Challenge Program here in Brenham in honor of Father's Day.

Congratulations

Jared Beckendorf

Graduated Brenham
High School
June 6, 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 11:45 First Tuesday Together/ Texas Steak & Seafood	3 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	4 9:00 Yoga/ AC	5 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	6
7	8 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	9	10 6:00 Trivia Night/AC 	11 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:00 Youth Foam Party/ FH  6:30 UMM/ AC	12 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 1:30 Youth Paint or Paint/ AC 	13 Noon The Brisbin's 50 th Wedding Anniversary Party/ AC
14 6:00 UMYF	15	16 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ Meschwitz	17	18 9:00 Yoga/ AC	19 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	20
21 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> 	22 Lakeview Week (22-26) 	23	24	25 9:00 Yoga/ AC	26 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	27
28 Missionary Sunday 6:00 UMYF	29 9:00 VBS Week (29-2) 	30 9:00 VBS	1	2	3 <i>Offices Closed</i>  Happy 4th!	4

Thanks FUMC!

Thank you very much to each of you who prayed for my healing, sent cards or emails or telephoned me after my fall and hip fracture. After surgery to "pin" me back together, I think everything is going well. I hope to be back to business as usual soon.

Thank you,
Twila Tate

My Dear, Dear Church Family,

I miss all of you much more than you'll ever know. Your beautiful cards and letters make my days bright and cheerful. I miss the sermons, the pretty choir music, and the readings...just everything. Dancing River is a wonderful place and I get to see family members every day. Thank you for being so loving and thoughtful. May God bless each of you in a special way!

My Love,
Kathyrine

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