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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. Bill Taylor- Interim Lead
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Rev. Kay Reed- Associate
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First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213
June 16, 2017

Friends,

On January 1st I stood in the pulpit and announced to you that I was the intentional interim pastor and would be with you until the end of June. I was nervous and you were confused. Now, almost six months later I am nearing the end of my assignment and you are preparing to receive two new clergy.

Let me express to you how privileged I feel to have served with you these last months. You have a good church which God is calling into a new future. My prayer is that you will warmly receive the Reverends Bobbie Maltas and T. J. Gabelman and step boldly with them and with God into that preferred future you are being led into.

Sunday, June 25th will be my last Sunday with you as the intentional interim pastor. I know it is vacation season and many of you are traveling but I would like to see as many of you in worship as possible. We will have a brief reception to say our good byes after the Celebration Service and the 11:00 am traditional worship service.

For several months I have been working with the Trustees to remodel and update the master bathroom in the senior pastor's parsonage. It was sorely needed and will be a beautiful and lasting remodel for this lovely property. The cost is nearing \$40,000. Most of these funds are available but we have had to dip into church reserves. If you are able and willing it would be pleasing if you could make an extra gift to the church to help restore these reserves. Please mark your gift for bathroom remodel.

One other project that is in process is buying a new vehicle to help transport our members, children and youth to special event as well as to and from the church. The cost of this project is \$34,250. Most of these funds have been raised but the last push to pay for this ministry tool (\$4,000) is needed. If you would like to help, please mark your gift for the church van.

As I move back into retirement please know that Brenham First United Methodist Church will always hold a special place in my heart. I covenant with you to pray for your church and your new pastors as this exciting transition comes to fruition.

Both Pastor Bobbie and Pastor T. J. will be in worship on July 2.

God speed,
William R. Taylor
Intentional Interim Pastor

SPRC UPCOMING EVENTS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to please put on your calendar and plan to attend a reception honoring and thanking Rev. Bill Taylor for his unfaltering commitment to our church during the past six months as our interim Pastor. The reception will be in the Parlor on **Sunday, June 25, 10:15 to 10:45 and 12:00-12:30** honoring him and his wife, Roxanne. Rev. Taylor will be preaching at all three services that day. We are much indebted to him and have benefited greatly from his positive leadership.

Also, SPRC is planning a church-wide covered dish lunch and welcoming reception on **Sunday, July 9th, at noon** in the Activity Center for our two new pastors, Rev. Bobbie Maltas (Lead Pastor) and Rev. T.J. Gabelman (Associate Pastor). The church will be furnishing the meat and members are asked to bring side dishes, salads and/or desserts. There will be a short program at 1:00 for introductions and special music. Watch for additional information in your Sunday Bulletins.

SUNDAY April 30, 2017**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	73
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	39
Worship 11:00 a.m.	76
Worship Total	188
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$4,997.00

April TOTALS

April Income:	\$55,871.00
April Expense:	\$51,378.00
April Total:	\$4,493.00

SUNDAY May 7, 2017**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	74
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	84
Worship 11:00 a.m.	99
Worship Total	257
Sunday School	86
Offering:	\$16,440.00

SUNDAY May 14, 2017**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	76
Worship 11:00 a.m.	84
Worship Total	239
Sunday School	53
Offering:	\$10,446.00

SUNDAY May 21, 2017**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	57
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	80
Worship 11:00 a.m.	69
Worship Total	206
Sunday School	81
Offering:	\$10,120.00

SUNDAY May 28, 2017**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	53
Worship 10:30 a.m.	211
Worship Total	264
Offering:	\$6,713.00

**Prayer Concerns**

Luene Harmer
 Frances Sidebottom
 Bob & Susan Jenkins
 Roberial & Dorothy Boenker
 Mike Kalil
 Eloise Carmen
 Jim Clements
 Rev. Lanai Rousseau
 Gretchen Nobels
 Ann Bevers
 Frank Tyson
 Sarah Painter
 Doris Mays

Norman Kitzman
 Sam & Beverly Duree
 Ivan Wubbenhorst
 Ed & Barbara Baker
 Alan Williamson
 Rev. Max Grubb
 Peggy Sacco
 Steve Ritchie
 Pamela Dountas

Our homebound members and those
 serving in the military

May TOTALS

May Income:	\$44,989.00
May Expense:	\$54,187.00
May Total:	(\$9,199.00)

YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$251,473.00
YTD Expense:	\$263,657.00
YTD Net Total:	(\$12,185.00)

**Donations Received**

In memory of

Hugh Pitts

By

Cordelia Cummings

Lanella Gray

In memory of

Sue Conrady

By

Gary & Kay Ivy

In memory of

Gladys Vollert

By

Gary & Kay Ivy

Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, June 28, 2017 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.



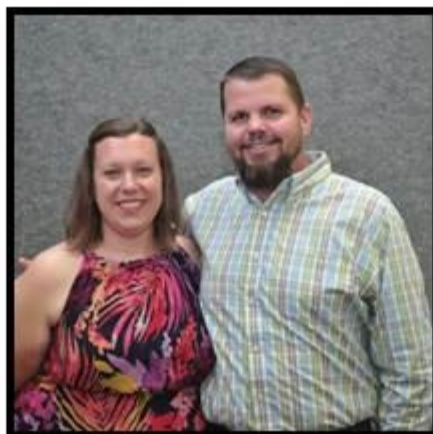
Betsy Spiller



Jon Copeland



Roxanne Maxwell



Roy & Kim Ratcliff



Riley & Carole Macmanus



Confirmation Class 2017

(back row) Grant Chisholm, Jackson Killgore, Jack Baker, Ashton Behrens, Noah Childs, Seth Aguilar, (front row) Leah Rettig, Lauren Hook, RJ Ratcliff, Lainey Masterson, Janie Anderson, Fletcher Dalman



OUR YOUTH GROUP IS GROWING!!

We are looking at purchasing a used 15 passenger Minibus or a used 15 passenger Ford Transit. If you would like to help us out please make donations to the church office or in the offering plate/box with CHURCH VAN in the memo.

Thank You

Have you signed up to help with VBS? Go to FUMCBrenham.org and sign up!

2017 JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 JUNIOR HIGH 1-3pm Ross'	
4 Pastor Kay's Party @6 	5	6	7	8	9	10 LOCK HIGH SCHOOL OUT 
11 2pm Trampoline World 	12	13	14	15	16	17
The Patrick Family Vacation						
18 FATHER'S DAY NO UMYF 	19	20	21 VBS Helper Meeting @6pm in the AC 	22	23	24
25 VBS Decorating @4pm Food provided 	26	27 Vacation Bible School	28	29	30	

NEWS FROM THE CARD GROUP

The Card Group ladies are thanking everyone who has so faithfully supported them. The support started when the group began many years ago and has continued. Donations of used greeting cards for recycling as well as cash donations from time to time are what keeps the ball rolling.

The group gathers in the Mission House every second and fourth Tuesday morning of the month, with arrivals and departures of those participating anytime between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. The only requirement is your presence and new-comers are always welcome. If you believe you aren't "crafty", let our capable and dedicated Audrey Boney show you what your talent is. She can find a job for you that you'll enjoy.

The months of June and July are vacation months for the ladies, but the card racks in the Parlor entry and the Lobby in the Educational Building are always available, and even though costs arise, the cost of the cards started at twenty-five cents each and are that same price now.

Have a great summer and don't forget to send greeting cards!

****PLEASE NOTICE THE CARD GROUP's next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8.**

IT'S PUZZLING!!!!

A few years ago I went to visit a friend in Michigan. She asked would I like to do a puzzle. I hadn't done one in years and so we started a 300 piece one. I actually enjoyed it. So we did another during my visit and that was the start of my "puzzle addiction." I have since done way too many to tell you. As time went on I found another church member who loved them more than I did, Marie Beckendorf. So I passed mine on to her. Others in her service expressed the enjoyment they got out of doing puzzles and so I see a real opportunity here.

I don't believe in gluing puzzles together when they are done. Only one person can get the enjoyment from them that way. I want them to be put together over and over and enjoyed by many.

I have a plan for all the puzzles in all of our cabinets and closets to continue to have life. I am setting up a shelf in the pass through by the parlor. These puzzles are for any one that is interested. Take one, leave one, (or several), pass them on, but enjoy them. I think it will be fun to see how many times the puzzles are put together, so write your name on the bottom of each puzzle you finish when you return it or donate them.

There are positive aspects of puzzling. It is super good for our minds to stay active. Our old aching fingers can get some activity and you'll be sharing the joy you had when you put it together with someone else in our church.

Happy puzzling! *Michele Smith*

UMW News

"Back to school" is the theme for this year's UMW August meal. The Healy Circle has decided to help BISD with their Pre-K program. This new program will be at Old Alton Elementary School. The list below gives ideas of needs. There will be two laundry baskets at the church. One will be in the AC and the other in the Parlor for donated items. Deadline for giving is Sunday, August 6th. The entire congregation is being asked to give.

Needs:

- *Construction paper (packets of ALL red, blue, green...etc... Not mixed)
- *Wet Wipes
- *Alphabet Books (Aa Apple)
- *Hand Sanitizer
- *Counting Books
- *Crayons (regular size)
- Trinket Items (ex: Oriental Trading Co. items for treasure chest)
- *Pencils (regular size or even golf size pencils)



Thanks FUMCI!

Thank you so much for the lovely Peace Lily sent in memory of our mother, Fay George. Also, many thanks for all the thoughts and prayers sent our way during this difficult time.

God's Blessings!

Mark and Nita Hyatt and Family

We Turn A Page

As I look back on my time in Brenham, I can see so many blessings. It would be impossible to count and list them all here. And there are not adequate words to express my thanks to all of you. I can only feel gratitude for ALL the blessings God has given me. But most of all, I give God praise and thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving such a great church. I have been blessed abundantly. Please know that I will cherish the memories of our time together in ministry.

I know that parting is a part of life. Leaving or letting go of those we love is always difficult. I guess there is a difference in “good” byes and “bad” byes. Without Christ byes are bad. In Christ, byes may be painful, but they can also be good. When Jesus said goodbye, the hello of the resurrection was not far behind. And so those who have made Jesus Lord and Savior can live beyond the goodbyes and look forward to the promise of eternal reunion.

As I retire, I am reminded again that life with Jesus Christ is an adventure in which we travel in faith not knowing what’s around the next bend or over the next rise. I answer God’s call to trust and follow Him with joy and excitement in taking my next step with my Lord. And it is with joy that I take cherished friendships with me thanking God for the time that He has allowed me to serve here.

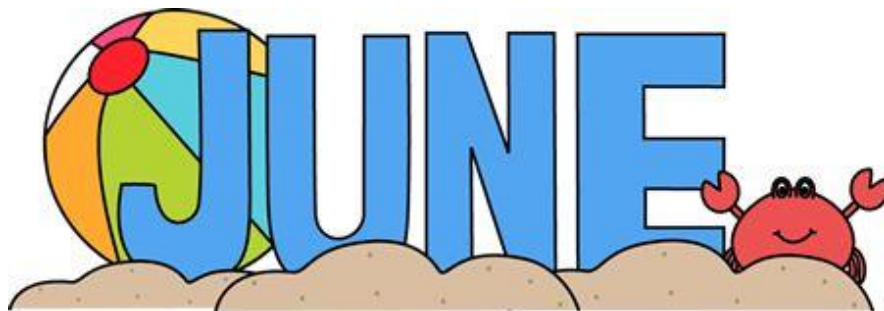
You have ministered to me in ways you will never know. Again, there are not adequate words to express my thanks. So I just say from the bottom of my heart – Thank You!! A special thanks goes to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for planning and hosting the wonderful retirement party. Wow! It was the best party ever! The Activity Center never looked more beautiful. The food was abundant and the program was so very special. And thank you for all the gifts, cards, and pictures. (Thanks to Nick Nelms my face is permanently stuck smiling.) I will be able to enjoy everything forever. It will be a day I will never forget.




I risk leaving someone out, but I have to thank everyone who helped me pack and move to my new home. I couldn’t have done it without you.

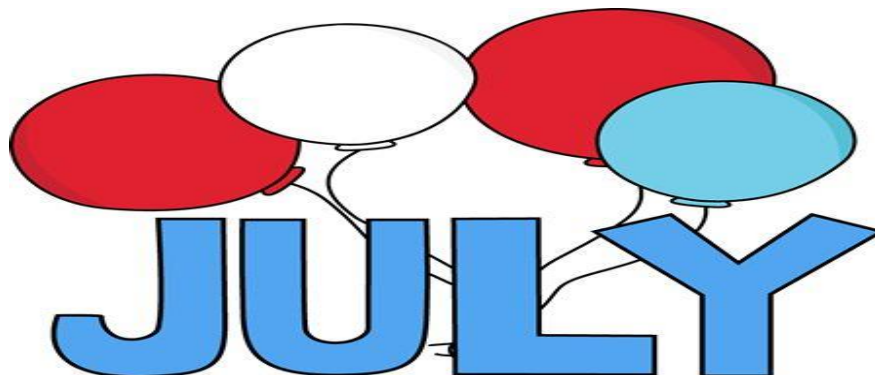
I thank all of you who expressed your love and appreciation to me in so many ways, who have enriched my life and ministry, and who have been a reflection of Jesus to me. My love for you is deep. May God bless you as He has blessed me through you. God must love me very much to have allowed me to be with you and serve with you for these six years. God be with you ‘til we meet again.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
Pastor Kay





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 	19 6:30 SPRC/ FR	20	21 7:00 Chancel Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	23 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	24
25 10:15 Pastor Bill's Reception/ Parlor 4:00 VBS Decorating AC	26 9:00 VBS/ AC	27 9:00 VBS/ AC	28 9:00 VBS/ AC	29 9:00 VBS/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	30 9:00 VBS/ AC Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	1
						
2 <i>Pastor Bobbie & Pastor T.J.'s First Sunday</i>	3	4 Offices Closed 	5 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	6 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	7 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	8
9 12:00 The Luncheon for the New Pastor's / AC 6:00 UMYF	10 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Missions/ FR 7:00 Admin. Council/ FR	11	12 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	13 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	14 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	15



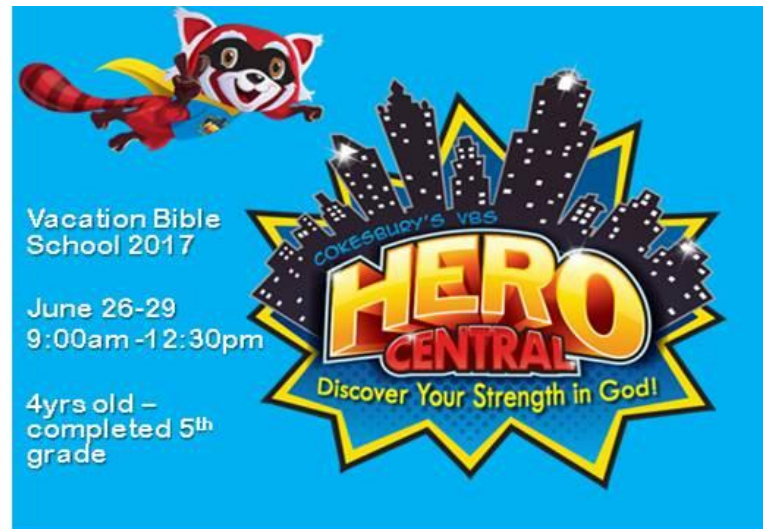
**Bring to the church
office**

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Cases of little water bottles
- Packages of white t-shirts (YL and all adult sizes needed)
- Rolls of Duct Tape (brand name please)
Colors: Red, Blue, Orange, Purple,
Green, Yellow

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