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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 jon@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Kay Reed kay@fumcbrenham.org

# **First United Methodist Church**

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213 *March 10, 2015* 

# Holy Week



March 29, Palm Sunday Worship - all services Join us in celebrating Christ's triumphant entry into the city with a palm processional with the children



April 1, Holy Wednesday Worship at 5:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary Combined Celebration with St. Peter's Episcopal Church - "Voices of the Faithful"



April 2, Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and drama with our youth and college students



April 3, Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Sanctuary Combined Celebration and Cantata with St. Peter's Episcopal Church -"The Seven Last Words of Christ" T. Dubois

# Easter Sunday



April 5, Easter Sunday Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center

8:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast in the Activity Center 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the Front Lawn Kids bring your Easter baskets!

#### **Newsletter Deadline and Other Information**



Your next newsletter deadline will be Monday, March 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.

#### SUNDAY February 1, 2015 Church Attendance:

 Nursery
 4

 Worship 8:15 a.m.
 68

 Celebration 9:00 a.m.
 61

 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 107

 Worship Total
 240

 Sunday School
 96

 Offering:
 \$16,726.00

## SUNDAY February 8, 2015 Church Attendance:

 Nursery
 10

 Worship 8:15 a.m.
 67

 Celebration 9:00 a.m.
 80

 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 107

 Worship Total
 264

 Sunday School
 116

 Offering:
 \$8,461.05

## SUNDAY February 15, 2015 Church Attendance:

 Nursery
 4

 Worship 8:15 a.m.
 73

 Celebration 9:00 a.m.
 53

 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 97

 Worship Total
 227

 Sunday School
 84

 Offering:
 \$6,873.00

#### SUNDAY February 22, 2015 Church Attendance:

 Nursery
 4

 Worship 8:15 a.m.
 66

 Celebration 9:00 a.m.
 91

 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 111

 Worship Total
 272

 Sunday School
 107

 Offering:
 \$12,302.36

#### **FEBRUARY TOTALS**

Feb. Income: \$44,222.95 Feb. Expense: \$48,988.84 **Feb. Total:** (\$4,765.89)

#### YTD TOTALS 2015

YTD. Income: \$95,342.56 YTD. Expense: \$95,136.32 YTD. Net Total: \$206.24



## **Prayer Concerns**

Marnie Whitmarsh Charles Sander's niece Sophia Richard Coghlan Edwin Sidebottom Gene Moss Harold Pool Ron Walberg Leonard Cloud Audrey Simpson Jeff McCoy Delmer McAdow Jim and Linda Clements Glenn and Luene Harmer Rozanne Goddard Aubrey Johnson Marilyn Wrigley Glenn Amerson Marshia Foster Art Hinners Charles Schulte Buddy and Elaine Dorow Cameron Winchell

Henry Kuecker Sue Juricek A.W. Hodde Jr. Jean laws

Clarence Jean Hugh and Aniela Pitts

Mike Kalil
Kathy Revenaugh

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

# **Lenten Lunch Schedule 2015**

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## March 11 Rev. Wanda Bess

Superintendent, The West District The Texas Annual Conference

# March 18 Fr. David Ottsen

Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church Brenham, Texas

## March 25

**Rev. Jim Abbott** 

Interim Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill Brenham, Texas





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 29 – July 2, 2015



A.C.T.S. rehearsals

4:00pm in Rm 139 Spring Musical – Parablooza! Performance date: April 19

# OUTREACH

An email is going out soon about our Lenten Outreach Project!

Here's a hint:



# **Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter Sunday, April 5 @10am
Bring your basket
\*\*please donate a bag of candy by
March 27



# Youth Stuff

# **UMYF MEALS**

Mar 8	Rettigs & Harts		
Mar 15	No UMYF		
Mar 22	Bakers & Herzogs		

# SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2015

Parent & Youth Meeting Sunday, Mar 22 at 5:30pm In the AC



April 10-12, 2015



The
Cross
Still
Stands

In 1831 in a tiny Eastern European country called Lithuania, oppressed Christians gathered to worship on a hill in the north, planting small hand-made crosses in the ground where they knelt. The tradition grew and at the end of the nineteenth century there were 130 crosses on the small mountain.

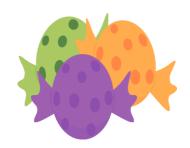
Years later communist officials, determined to destroy all symbols of faith among the Lithuanian people, bulldozed the "Hill of the Crosses." Wooden crosses were burned, metal ones used for scrap, and those of stone covered over with dirt.

The Soviet army guarded the hill, planning to flood the area so people could no longer reach it. Four times they were forced to bring in tanks, for after each demolition the Lithuanian peasants secreted crosses to the hill and, mysteriously, more appeared than ever before. "Bulldozer Atheism," as the Lithuanians dubbed it, lasted almost twenty years.

When communism fell and Lithuania became an independent state, people flocked over again to the "Hill of the Crosses." Today, over fifty thousand crosses stand on the small mount. People from all over the world come to worship in the tiny chapel there. One religious leader describes the site as "our prayer and gratefulness to the Almighty."

The Hill of the Crosses in Lithuania symbolizes well the indestructible power of the cross of Jesus Christ. For over two thousand years governments have sought to obliterate its memory and cultures have tortured and murdered its adherents, but the cross stands eternally above all powers and principalities. In Christ's death lies the only real hope for humankind, and by embracing it people from every nation have come to know and deeply love this One who gave His own life for them.

See you Sunday, *Kay* 



# Easter Candy & Goodies Needed

We have plenty of Easter Eggs but we are in need of things to fill them. Please donate individually wrapped candy and/or small toys to the box in the church office by Friday, March 27. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	8:45 UMW Exec./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 12:00 Tuesday Together/ FH	11:45 Lenten Lunch/AC Rev. Dr. Brent Hampton 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	<b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	<b>9:00</b> Card Group/ MH	11:45 Lenten Lunch/AC Rev. Wanda Bess 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:00 UMM/ AC	9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		9:30 Rogers Circle/ FH Tate Circle/ MH Cummings Circle/ House 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH  EP ST.  PATRICK's DAY	11:45 Lenten Lunch/AC Fr. David Ottsen 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room	9:00 Yoga/ AC	9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Finance/ FR	9:00 Card Group/ MH	11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC Rev. Jim Abbott 1:00 Care Team/ Library 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	9:00 Yoga/ AC	9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>8:00</b> Epiphany/ FH
29	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
Palm Sunday/ Cantata 4:00  ACTS/ Rm. 139 5:00  Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00  UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn		5:30 Holy Wednesday Service	7:00 Maundy Thursday	Good Friday Offices Closed 7:00 St. Peter's Episcopal Sanctuary	
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## Thanks FUMC!

Dear Methodist Friends,

It was a real thrill to receive your cards and notes. The cards were so beautiful and the notes gave me a real gift. I miss being at church and seeing all of you. I thank God for our wonderful church and you all of you, my precious friends. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

My love, Kathyrine Jones

We want to thank our church family for the out pouring of support you gave us when Glen's mother passed away. We deeply appreciate each card and every prayer. We knew we were not alone.

In celebration, Glen and Judy Pendergrass

Thanks to all for your prayers, concerns and cards during my recent health issues. It is greatly appreciated.

**Ed and Barbara Baker** 

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