



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
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SO, WHAT DOES A LAY LEADER DO?

Tom Scanio

17 February 2018

That's a good question. Last May I spoke about it with Pastor Bill Taylor. I was looking for something to do to help at church, especially with the arrival of two new pastors. Pastor Bill suggested I look at assuming the position of lay leader. He described the position and got me a set of guidelines to review. After some detailed discussions with Pastor Bobbie, I agreed to assume the role.

The lay leader is the primary representative of the laity in the local church. He works to foster the role of the laity in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – our marching orders. In order to do this, he strives to understand the existing ministries within the church, the potential that exists in the diverse backgrounds and talents of the laity for new or improved ministries and the nature of the needs of our community, both local and beyond.

Having gathered that knowledge, he then tries to work within the church organization to make our various ministries as effective as possible. In order to do this, the lay leader becomes a member of the annual conference, church council, finance committee, nominations and leadership development committee and staff/pastor-parish (SPRC) committee. As if this isn't enough, I feel that the lay leader will need to work with the missions and evangelism committees on an as-need basis so I hope to do this also.

Obviously, the lay leader must do these activities in concert with the pastor. Pastor Bobbie and I meet on a regular basis to discuss an ever evolving game plan and how to effectively achieve these tasks.

By the way, I'm not just winging this on my own. Pastor Bobbie is a tremendous help and I have taken a lay servant training course.

I am currently in learn mode. I have started attending all three services – a different one each Sunday. I will soon start interacting with various church organizations, both adult and youth, to understand the work that we currently do and there's a lot of it. I will be asking for suggestions on improving existing or launching new ministries. I am also starting a study of our local community, Brenham and Washington county, to understand the nature of the community and the needs around us.

As annual conference comes nearer, I will be able to study the pre-conference journal and materials. If there are things that can impact our local church, I will communicate these and elicit your input. I will attend the conference and share information on it afterwards.

This doesn't sound too difficult, does it???



Prayer Concerns

Sunday January 28, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	71
9:00 Celebration:	68
11:00 Worship	79
Total:	219
Sunday School:	87
Offering:	\$9,909.00

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

Sue Perry
 Patricia Harstack
 Laverne Trevino
 Jan Herbst
 Jan Pledger
 Bob Haberman
 Ron Steimann
 Linda Winstanley
 Paul Berry
 Frank Blizzard
 Charlie Pyle
 C.L. Abraham

Our homebound members and
 Those serving in the military.

Sunday February 4, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	4
8:15 Worship	63
9:00 Celebration:	77
11:00 Worship	76
Total:	220
Sunday School:	76
Offering:	\$15,125.00

December 2017

Totals Correction:

Income:	\$85,442.00
Expense:	\$63,163.00
Total:	\$22,279.00

YTD 2017

Totals Correction:

Income:	\$626,240.00
Expense:	\$658,617.00
Total:	(\$32,377.00)

January 2018 Totals

Income:	\$42,677.00
Expense:	\$48,592.00
Total:	(\$5,915.00)

Sunday February 11, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	1
8:15 Worship	59
9:00 Celebration:	54
11:00 Worship	80
Total:	194
Sunday School:	71
Offering:	\$6,973.00

Sunday February 18, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	70
9:00 Celebration:	76
11:00 Worship	73
Total:	221
Sunday School:	42
Offering:	\$14,248.00

Thanks FUMC!

Prayers are essential to recovery. I know, I've experienced it many times. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each and everyone of you that have sent prayers and cards my way. I am doing very well now and hope to continue getting stronger. Thanks you for all your concern.

In Christian Love,

Susan Ebel



Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, March 20, 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.





The entire church family is invited to bring your favorite main dish, side, salad or bread to share in our **Potluck Lunch on Sunday, March 25**. The dessert will be provided by our youth through our silent dessert auction. The funds will go directly to our youth mission trips. Our Jr High will be spending a weekend in July at Rockport, Tx, and the High School will be spending a week in Nashville, Tn. This is farther than we have traveled before and we will be taking two days to get there (and back). Thank you all so much for your support through your prayers and your giving.



Please bring prewrapped candy or small toys, that will fit into plastic Easter eggs, to the church office before March 23. We will also take plastic egg donations. Thank you for your contributions!


Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25 the children will wave palms in all 3 worship services.



EASTER EGG HUNT

April 1, EASTER SUNDAY

Front Lawn 10:10am



Friends,

The 5th/6th Grade Confirmation class has been meeting on Sunday evenings to learn two basic things: What does it mean to give your life to Christ? And What does it mean to be a member of The United Methodist Church?

Part of the answer to both of those is that a Christian disciple and a member of The UMC serve God by serving their neighbor without expectation of reward or recognition. On Saturday, February 17, the confirmation class, along with several parents and mentors, traveled to the Brazos Valley Food Bank. We didn't know what work they would assign to us; we went simply to serve wherever they needed us.

We filled over 300 bags of food, milk and juice, which will be discreetly sent home in backpacks with school children so they have food for the weekend. During the week, school meal programs provide nutritional food but many children have nothing to bridge the hunger gap between Friday afternoon and Monday morning. We learned that on average, 1 in 4 households in the Brazos Valley with children are at risk of hunger. Children without proper nutrition have difficulties concentrating in school and are more prone to chronic illness that may hinder their growth and development.

Please join us in praying for the 50% of children living in our community who suffer from hunger each day.



Donations Received

In memory of
Steve Haley
By
Gary & Kay Ivy
Don & Mary Wilhelm
Aniela Pitts
Mark & Nita Hyatt
Tom & Carol Ann Post
Smitty Hinners
Phyllis Weiss
Larry & Konnie Thomas
Cordelia Cummings
Paul Kruse
Ran & Evelyn Newman
Robert Hunter
Norman & Joyce Fortune
Ron & Deanna Alfred
Skipper & Kitty Dipple

Donations Received

In memory of
Steve...continued
By
Donald & Gwen Spiess
Sally Jones
Susan Cantey
Mary Moss
The Gerke Law Firm
Seidel Schroeder
J. Cary Barton

In memory of
Betty Brisbin
By
Danna Edwards
Bill & Jo Powell
Gayle Jahnke
Cordelia Cummings

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In memory of
Betty...continued
By
Donald & Gwen Spiess
Norman & Joyce Fortune
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Marvalyn Van Eman
Tom & Carol Ann Post
Smitty Hinners
Don & Mary Wilhelm
The UMW
Gary & Kay Ivy
The Faithbuilders Class

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	2 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	3
4 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	5 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 SPRC/ FR	6 8:45 UMW Exec./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC 5:30 Stewardship/ FR	7 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	8 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC Prayer Service/ Sanctuary	9 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	10
11	12 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH	13 9:00 Card Group/ MH	14 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	15 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 Prayer Service/ Sanctuary	16 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	17 
18 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	19 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 Trustees/ FR Missions/ Library 7:00 Admin. Council/ FR	20 9:30 Hewitt Circle / FH Murphey Circle/ MH Tate Circle/ AC 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:00 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	21 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 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
25 12:00 Potluck Luncheon & Dessert Action/ AC 6:00 Confirmation/ FR 	26 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	27 9:00 Card Group/ MH	28 1:00 Care Team/ FR 6:30 Chancel Choir/ CR 6:45 DISCIPLE Bible Study I/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	29 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 7:00 Service/ Sanctuary 	30 <i>Offices Closed</i> 7:00 Service/ AC  GOOD FRIDAY	31

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY, March 25 - WORSHIP at 8:15AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - WORSHIP at 7:00PM in the SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - DRAMATIC WORSHIP at 7:00PM in the ACTIVITY CNT.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - WORSHIP at 8:15AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM

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