



First United Methodist Church

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Happy 175th Anniversary First United Methodist Church of Brenham!

Imagine, for a moment, being one of the Texas Methodists who had to secretly in homes throughout the state because only Roman Catholics were allowed to worship legally. Only a year after Texas won her independence, three circuit riders came to openly serve those home groups.



Open Hearts. . .

Open Minds. . .

Open Doors. . .

Brenham First United Methodist had its beginning from two congregations: Giddings Memorial Methodist Church and the Fourth Street Methodists (German-speaking.) In 1844 a group of Methodists, under the leadership of J.D. Giddings, met in the Hickory Grove School, located at 804 Crockett Street in Brenham. The congregation and Sunday school were organized and they chose Mr. Giddings as the superintendent of Sunday School.

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 Fourth Street Methodists started meeting as a German-speaking congregation. Their building was constructed in 1874, where the present Presbyterian Church is located. The west wing of the Presbyterian Church is the original Fourth Street Methodist Church building. It was in this building that Blinn College has its beginning. Blinn College was begun as a college for German-speaking Methodist divinity students.

In November of 1938, the two congregations merged, forming the Brenham Methodist Church, which would become The United Methodist Church in 1968.

As we prepare to celebrate our 175th year of Methodist ministry in Brenham, we hope to honor our heritage and history in worship and special events. If you would like to help plan the 2019 175th Anniversary of our church, please come to an organizational meeting on Monday, October 8th in the Fellowship Room (by the church office.)

Childcare 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
pastortj@fumcbrenham.org

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	6
8:15 Worship	58
9:00 Celebration:	65
11:00 Worship	72
Total: 201	
Sunday School:	57
Offering:	\$9,458.05

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	54
9:00 Celebration:	75
11:00 Worship	68
Total: 200	
Sunday School:	42
Offering:	\$12,460.00

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	60
9:00 Celebration:	95
11:00 Worship	72
Total: 230	
Sunday School:	68
Offering:	\$12,562.00

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	60
9:00 Celebration:	71
11:00 Worship	60
Total: 193	
Sunday School:	57
Offering:	\$12,575.00

August Totals

Income:	\$45,569.00
Expense:	\$59,689.15
Total:	(\$14,120.15)

YTD Totals

Income:	\$402,557.47
Expense:	\$435,104.73
Total:	(\$32,547.26)

Memorials Received

In memory of
Phil Duvall
By
Peggy and Charles
Moser
Susan and Ronnie
Manchester

In memory of
Frank Tyson
By
Susan and Ronnie
Manchester

In memory of
Georgia Standerfer
By
Susan and Ronnie
Manchester

In honor of
The Choir
By
Sherry and Thomas
Hulon



Prayer

Concerns

Glen Amerson
Anderson children
Calvin Beckendorf
Mary Burgess
Beverly Burt
Jim Clements
Richard Cogan
Wanda Curbo
Ellen Ellison
Jeff Folton
Walter Fortune
Bud & Marshia Foster
Miriam Gillis
Amy Hemsell
Juanita Hickey
Lydia House
Kathi Ivy
Donna Jacobson

Otto Janner
Cindy Mullins
Sue Perry
Jan Pledger
Aniela Pitts
Harold Pool
Marjorie Reed
Edna Rote
Susan Sanclemente
Family of David Sanders
Kathy Schatte
Tonya VanCleve
Connie Warmke
Cheryl Williamson
Linda WinStanley
Marilyn Wrigley
Nancy Yeary
Our Nation

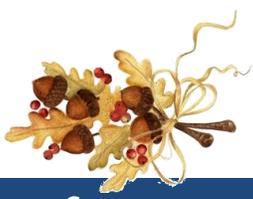
Our homebound members and those serving in the military.



Every Monday morning there is dancing and singing. Just about 9:30 a.m. you'll hear, "Welcome Friends! Help me dance to this song!" A little later, a few minutes or so, sweet angel voices sing, "The Bible! The Bible is the Word of God! And the Word of God will help us grow! Grow! Grow! The Word of God will help us grow!"

The Bible is read, beginning with the creation story when God looks around at all God has made and says of humankind, "Very good." Suddenly, as children mimic the ramp on Noah's Ark lowering, you witness their interpretation of tigers and birds and giraffes and elephants entering the ark. Each Monday morning it's another story from the Bible, teaching children of our Methodist Weekday Child Development Center about trusting God, being part of God's family, following directions and asking forgiveness when you're wrong. And at the end of each MWCDC Chapel time on Monday morning? A prayer of thanksgiving, of course, and much more dancing and singing.

When it comes to MWCDC, our blessings come in small packages! Say a prayer of thanks for our MWCDC children and staff.



October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/ Blinn 6:30 PM SPRC/FR	2 9:30 AM UMW/AC	3 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Financial Peace/MH 6:30 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	4 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	5 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	6
7 1:00 PM Christmas Choir 4:00 PM Grief Share 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	8 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 6:00 PM 175 th Church Anniversary Meeting/FR	9 9:00 AM Card Group/MH 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. UMW/Kitchen	10 9:30 AM UMW/Kitchen 2:00 PM Worship Committee/FR 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	11 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 11:30 AM Book Club/FH 5:30 PM Exercise Class 6:30 PM UMM/AC	12 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	13 10:00 AM 5 th -6 th Grade Dewberry Farm
14 1:00 PM Christmas Choir 4:00 PM Grief Share 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR NO UMYF/AC 7:00 pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting/AC	15 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/Blinn 5:00 PM Evangelism/Library 6:00 PM Nominations /FR	16 9:30 AM Hewitt Circle/MH Murphy Circle/AC Tate Circle/FH 12:00 PM Susanna Circle/FH 6:00 PM Wesleyan Circle/FH	17 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	18 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	19 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	20 10:00 AM UNCOR/ Conroe
21 1:00 PM Christmas Choir 4:00 PM Grief Share 5:00 PM Youth Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF/AC	22 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/ Blinn 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23 8:00 AM-5:00 PM HARVEST FESTIVAL/AC	24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	25 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	26 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	27
28 5:00 PM Organ Concert/Sanc. 6:00 PM Trunk or Treat/AC 7:00 PM Chili Cook Off/AC	29 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc. 10:00 AM Monday Bible Study/FH 12:00 PM Wesley Foundation/ Blinn	30 9:00 AM Card Group/MH	31 1:00 PM Care Team/FR 5:00 PM Bells of Praise/FH 6:00 PM Choir/CR DISCIPLE 2/FR 7:00 PM Praise Band	NOVEMBER 1 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise Class/FH	NOVEMBER 2 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus/Parlor	



What are people saying about GriefShare?

I was able to see I was not alone.

You find out that you are not crazy.

I felt so safe and loved.

The best thing I ever did for myself.

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues.

Often, friends and family want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. Our group will be led by Pastor Bobbie Maltas and lay support helpers, Joy Goedeke and Sue Hewitt. We have all experienced grief after the death of a loved one and have successfully rebuilt our lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. Please allow us to help.

GriefShare is a weekly grief support group for people who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. Weekly meetings include a DVD presentation with helpful information featuring leading grief recovery experts, Small group discussion about the video content and how the group can be supportive of each individual. Childcare is available. Each participant will receive a workbook for journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics. Workbooks are \$15.00; scholarships available.

Sundays, September 30 – December 11, 4 – 6:00 PM in the FUMC Fellowship House at 309 N Baylor.

Contact the church office 979-836-2008 or the GriefShare website www.griefshare.org for information.



Methodist Weekday Child Development Center

The staff and the children would like to give a big thank you to the Memorial Committee for your

donation that is allowing us to purchase three benches.

Enrollment: 66 kids and 5 kids on December's waiting list.

2018-2019 school year following classrooms

Baby Pandas: 6 weeks-11 months - 7 children
(5 on waiting list)

Lil Koala: 12-17 months -5 children

Lil Cheetahs: 18-23 months - 8 children

Giraffes: 2 year old - 11 children

Zebras: 3 year old - 7 children

Safari: 4 year old - 8 children and 1 after care child

Lil Jungle: 5 -6 years after schoolers -7 children

Jungle: 6-12 years after schoolers - 12 children

**We are still open for enrollment.
So come on By!!!**



**Calling All 5th and 6th Graders!!
We're going to Dewberry Farm and
you're all invited!!!**

Date: Saturday, October 13th

**Time: Meet in the church parking lot at
10:00 AM**

Cost: \$10, Lunch Included (that's a deal, man!)

**Call the church office or email Pastor Bobbie
to reserve your spot!**

979-836-2008 or

pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org



UMYF

MEAL CALENDAR

- Oct 7 - Mastersons & Gabelmans
- Oct 14 - NO UMYF
- Oct 21 - Behrens & Crosses
- Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat



PARENTS & YOUTH

Sunday, October 14 at 7pm Activity Center
We will not have regular UMYF this Sunday. Instead we will meet to make plans for next summer's mission trips. It is now time to make reservations for these trips. Come and hear all about the trips and help pick the dates.

Trunk or Treat



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Sunday, October 28th

Begins at 6:00 p.m. Activity Center Parking Lot

6:45 p.m. Chili Cook-Off inside the Activity Center

It's that time again! Decorate your car's trunk with any theme you want and get ready to hand out candy to all our little trick-or-treaters. The kids LOVE it and everyone will have a great time. This is a great opportunity to invite friends that are not church members to come and participate. It's our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off so get your recipe out, grab an entry form and start cooking. Entry forms will be in the church office and will be emailed out. Turn your entry form in to the church office so we're prepared for all the contestants. Everyone will be able to taste each chili recipe and vote for your favorite chef.

To top it off, kiddos will strut around in the fashion show so everyone will have a chance to admire your costumes.



SCOUT ME IN!

In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow in to their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

First UMC Brenham has become the charter organization for a new Cub Scout Pack and already have members that range from Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Why now? We've become a charter organization because the other CO's in Brenham have become too large to accommodate the number of new participants.

Who can participate? Our Cub Pack will consist of boys and girls from Brenham Elementary because that's where the overcrowding was anticipated.

Did you say girls can be in Scouts? Yes. Starting in 2018, girls are invited to participate in Scouting. By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises.

What does this mean for the church? Well, what it means for the church is that we have the opportunity for outreach and evangelism to families who may not have a church home, Scouting is intergenerational and co-educational, through United Methodist Men, the UMC has a historic relationship with BSA, the program develops servant leaders and Christian disciples. It also provides our congregation with the opportunity to mentor, teach, and lead through participation in the Cub Pack.

Watch for Cub Scouts to show up on our church calendar!



HARVEST FESTIVAL NEWS

Fall is here!!! That means it won't be long until our annual Harvest Festival will be here. Harvest Festival is a long running tradition for our church and we are looking forward to another great year. I encourage everyone to get their tickets sooner than later and there are plenty in the church office.

There have been preparations going on for weeks with a lot more to do. I encourage anyone who would like to help in any way to contact me at the numbers listed below. As most of you have heard, we have made some changes to our Festival this year, please take note of the changes made and the schedule we have for the Festival and Country Store.

Harvest Festival and the Country Store are Tuesday, October 23rd. We will be serving a take-out dinner only this year which will begin and end like always, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Our Country Store will be open from 8:00am to 5:00pm and will be set up on the other end of the activity center this year. I am listing the schedule of the times and dates for preparing for both venues, if you have any questions please give me a call. I encourage ALL UMW members who are able to attend our Tuesday, October 2nd meeting at 9:30am in the activity center to please be there, we will be going over a lot of important info.

Dates and times we need help are listed below.

October 9th and 10th – 9:00am - preparing cornbread dressing in kitchen

October 21st – Noon – Setting up tables in activity center for Country Store and dessert table

October 22nd – 9:00am till ? – Accepting items for Country Store

October 23rd – 8:00am– 5:00pm – Country Store open

9:00am – Can start bring desserts for drive-thru dinner

1:00pm - Prepare desserts and cranberry for dinner

3:30pm – Food is delivered and we start preparing take-outs

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call. Kim - Cell# 979-277-2494 Work# 979-836-1249
Remember tickets are in the church office for the dinner. Thank you!!



Missions Corner

On Going Monthly Contributions

Did you know that the Missions Committee financially supports three groups monthly? We monthly support the Couch Family who are working overseas as missionaries.

They are discipling young men and women, mentoring students and leading outreaches through outdoor experiential learning opportunities.

We also support Faith Mission

Here in Brenham whose services include counseling, offering help with medical care, providing food and clothing for those in need as well as many other services. Finally, New Beginnings Pregnancy Center provides a welcoming and trustworthy place for women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. A few of the services they offer are ultrasounds, education, pregnancy testing.

Up Coming Events:

Activate Missional Outreach Conference

On Saturday, October 13 from 8:30am until 2 pm there is an Expanding Missional Outreach conference at Christ UMC in College Station. This will be an, "exceptional learning time for churches desiring to create a clean vision and understanding of God's will and call to mission and outreach." This event is open to pastors, church leaders, church attendees, and mission and outreach teams. The event is free. We will need to RSVP by October 5 to the district office. If you have any questions or are interested you can also see Pastor T.J.

Music Ministry

Notes:



There are multiple opportunities to be active in the music ministries of the church. The Bells of Praise handbell ensemble is practicing Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the fellowship house. The chancel choir meets on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM in the choir room. Christmas Choir meets Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM in the choir room and Youth Choir meets Sundays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the choir room.

In thinking about the multiple opportunities to make music in worship, I began to think about what happens when we make music together.

Specifically, what happens to our hearts when we make music together. I don't mean heart in the metaphorical sense that we often talk about, but our actual organ. Curiously, when we listen to music, and especially when we make music together, our heart rates will start to shift to match the tempo of the music. In a very literal sense, when we make music together in worship, our hearts are starting to beat as one. Music is so profoundly linked to our emotions as well as our physical well being. It only makes sense that if music is tied to our emotional and physical state that it would be tied to our spiritual state as well. Which is why we sing, we play, and we experience music in worship.

"Lay so much stress on opinions, that all your own, if it be possible, may agree with truth and reason; but have a care of anger, dislike, or contempt towards those whose opinions differ from yours. You are daily accused of this; (and, indeed, what is it whereof you are not accused?) but beware of giving any ground for such an accusation. Condemn no man for not thinking as you think: Let everyone enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself: Let every man use his own judgment, since every man must give an account of himself to God. Abhor every approach, in any kind or degree, to the spirit of persecution. If you cannot reason or persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force him into it. If love will not compel him to come in, leave him to God, the Judge of all."

– John Wesley, Advice to the People Called Methodists

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, October 22nd by 4:00 PM.** 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.

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