



First United Methodist Church

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Look What You Have! An Entire New Year!

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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 10 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dale Chance
PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org

Associate Pastor
Rev. Kay Reed
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I know quite a few of you who are busy eighty hours a week and seem to have mastered the art of being four places at once. However, many other people today are bored and purposeless, finding little to do from day to day beyond mere survival.

Great people use their time for great uses. When Thomas Edison was a newsboy in a Detroit train depot, he used the idle time between runs studying in a nearby library. From the knowledge he gained Edison created hundreds of inventions, including the phonograph and the electric light. Charles Darwin, a physician, wrote most of his books riding in a carriage between house calls. A music teacher named Professor Burney learned French and Italian while traveling on horseback from one student to another. One of the great chancellors of France wrote an entire book while waiting for his meals to be served. (I'll bet he wasn't a fun husband to be with at breakfast!)

In fragments of time, Robert Fulton invented the steamboat and Samuel Morse invented the telegraph. Sir William Hamilton read ten thousand books and Dr. Hugh Miller wrote a library of science texts. In the last thirty years of his life, the apostle Paul planted churches across the entire civilized world. John Wesley, after the age of thirty-five, preached more than forty thousand sermons and traveled three hundred thousand miles, or nearly fifteen times the circumference of the globe. At age eighty-three, Wesley was disappointed to discover that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes. And at the age of eighty-six he was ashamed to admit that he could not preach more twice a day. In his 86th year Wesley preached in almost every village in England and Wales and often rode thirty to fifty miles a day.

You can change the world if you want to. It matters little how old you are, how much education you have, or what your physical condition is. Two questions matter most: Are you committed? And how do you use your time? Will you use it in self-centered pursuits to accumulate wealth so that one day you might die in a sea of trinkets? Or will you spend yourself in Christ, striving to become the best you can be and accomplishing great things in His name?

Only you can decide. Let's change the world in 2012.

See you Sunday,
Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Fri. Jan. 27, 2012 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or please 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.



METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY December 18, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	114
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	108
Worship Total	302
Sunday School	86
Offering:	\$ 34,355.64

Saturday December 24, 2011

Church Attendance:

Worship 5:30 p.m.	140
Worship 7:00 p.m.	150

SUNDAY December 25, 2011

Church Attendance:

Worship 11:00 a.m.	85
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**Offering combined for the
24th and 25th:** **\$ 16,347.44**

SUNDAY January 1, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	66
Worship 11:00 a.m.	94
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	33
Worship Total	195
Sunday School	89
Offering:	\$ 6,499.95

SUNDAY January 8, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	145
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	56
Worship Total	284
Sunday School	114
Offering:	\$ 31,764.08

DECEMBER TOTALS

Nov. Income:	\$107,179.91
Nov. Expense:	\$55,176.81
Nov. Total:	\$51,993.10

YEAR TO DATE

YTD Income:	\$665,829.56
YTD Expense:	\$670,529.19
YTD Total:	(\$4,699.63)



This January is the beginning of a new year. In January the CDC classes will be hosting Dad's night and celebrating the 100th day of school. Teachers will begin scheduling parent teacher conferences this month, and we are learning about the winter season and the animals that live in the arctic.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 16 - School Closed

Jan 25 - Dad's Night (6:30 – 7:30)

Chili & Cornbread Fundraiser

On Friday, Feb 10th the CDC will have a Drive Thru dinner. We will be serving Chili & Cornbread. Tickets will be available at the Church Office, CDC Office, or from parents of the CDC.

The Drive Thru will be in the Activity Center from 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$6.00

Jr. High Sunday School Class

We will begin a study of the book of James on Sunday, January 22. So please bring your Bible, a pencil/highlighter and a notepad/journal to every class. Before the 22nd please read Chapter one. This will be a GREAT study – so make plans to attend!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to all the children and youth who shared their musical talents in the *Celebration!* service on December 18. It was such a beautiful service filled with music and the Christmas spirit. Thank you to Eric Rettig for directing a wonderful youth ensemble and to Karla Rettig for sharing the clarinet with us too! Thank you to Joyce Brown and her piano students for sharing their gifts as well as members of ACTS and the Brenham Children's Chorus. Since it was so excellent you know what that means...we will have to do again this year too!!



ACTS begins

Sunday, February 12

5:00 p.m. information meeting with kids and parents

Rehearsals begin Sunday,

February 19 5- 6:30

Spring Performance Date:

Sunday, May 6

Check the next newsletter to see what show we are doing!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

J u n e 4 - 8



All Classes meet upstairs in the Kid's Corner at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-K – Kindergarten

1st – 3rd Grade

4th – 6th Grade

Make a New Year's Resolution and invite a friend to Sunday School!

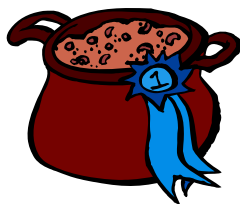
YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org



December/January Youth Schedule

- January 1 - Happy New Year
- January 8 - Youth - 5-8pm in the AC
- January 15 - SIFAT Fundraiser sales begin
Youth - 5-8pm in the AC
- January 22 - Youth - 5-8pm in the AC
- January 28 - Baking Day in the AC
- January 29 - Youth/Church-wide Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction



SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, January 29th, the youth will be sponsoring a church-wide ***Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction*** after the 11 o'clock service in the AC. Everyone is invited to have lunch with the youth and show off their cooking and baking skills that day. We would ask that each Sunday School class make a big pot of chili that would feed your class and some others that day. We would also ask for volunteers who would be so kind as to donate a cake that can be auctioned off that day by our professional auctioneer. A prize will be awarded for the "best" chili. All proceeds will go to help with the costs of this summer's youth mission trip to SIFAT in Alabama! Please feel free to contact Rick with any questions or to discuss the event.



Prayer Concerns

Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Jackie Ketchem
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Henry Kitzman Jr.
Julie Rogers
Bill Stratton
Vernell Carnagey
Paul Fulton
Judy McMillan
Dr. Boehm
Mark McCasland
Bob Sprenger
John Fort
Marylou Appel
Palmer Hopkins
Frances Poston
Mary Jane Jean
Linda and Rex Ray

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

L.E.A.D.

The West District Annual Training Event

Sunday, January 29th
Christ UMC in College Station

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jim Leggett

Registration at 2:30 p.m.

Address at 3:00 p.m.

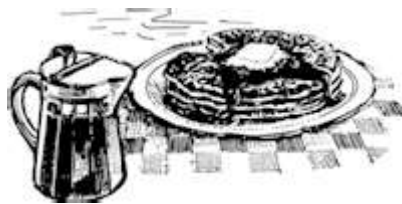
5 Workshops to choose from 4-5 p.m.

Worship.....Missions.....Restorative to Justice

.....Evangelism.....Youth

If you serve in one of these five areas please plan to attend.

To register call the church office at 836-2008.



The 46th Annual Methodist Men Pancake Supper will be held in the AC on Friday, January 20, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are available in the church office.

Angel Tree 2011 a success!

My thanks go out to our many church members whose efforts made the 2011 program a success. From those who helped call the caregivers of the Angel Tree children in early November, to the elves who delivered the gifts on December 18th, I'd like to thank all who participated in the program this year. We supplied 40 residents of the Brenham State Supported Living Center with gifts, as well as gifts for 46 children who have an incarcerated parent. All gifts were purchased and accounted for and delivered to the children.

Thank you for participating in the program and for being generous with your gifts. The Angel Tree program was a complete success this year, thanks to all of you.

Pat Clark, Chairman
Missions and Outreach

Donations Received

***In memory of
Nancy Atkinson***

By
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller
Lydia House
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
Betty Marie McDade
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Post
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

***In memory of
David Allan Baker***

By
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

***In memory of
Robert Hickey***

By
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller

***In memory of
Lois Houston***

By
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Banker
Jody Gaskamp
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rosenbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schoenvogel

***In memory of
Nancy Coghlan***

By
Mr. and Mrs. James Miller
Lydia House
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ivy
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuecker Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners
Mr. and Mrs. William Powell

***In memory of
Coma Richardson***

By
Mr. and Mrs. Art Hinners

* *Lots more to follow in the next newsletter due to the amount of memorials coming in daily, thanks for your patience.

Sunday School Classes and Small Groups

Crosstrainers Class

Would like to invite you to join them as they begin a new study on **JANUARY 22**, called ***When Christians Get it Wrong*** by Adam Hamilton. This class meets in the AC at 10:00 am (after the Celebration Service). They invite all ages to join them. If you are looking for a study to be a part of in the new year, this could be your opportunity to join one! There are 6 chapters and the class will be taking 2 weeks to study each section. So if you miss a Sunday you can jump back in and not miss too much. Each chapter can stand alone, and they do not build on each other. So if you can't start until February or March it won't be a problem. This study consists of DVD and discussion. If you have any questions about the study or the class feel free to contact Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or call the church office.

Faithbuilders Class

The Faithbuilders Class begins at 9:45 a.m. with announcements in Room 139. The Faithbuilders Class is, as our name implies, a fellowship of believers who are consistently seeking to build our faith in God and in His Son, to build our faith in others and in ourselves. We seek to grow in our faith in all of these areas by studying the Word, learning from others of great faith, and learning from each other. Learning can be fun! We believe, as Jesus indicated so many times, in fellowshiping together. This great fellowship has taught us much about loving others and caring for others, in our class, in our church and in our community. *We laugh a lot, we care a lot, we learn a lot - come join us!*

Wesley Class

The Wesley Sunday School Class has been serving members continually at FUMC for more than 50 years. It is made up of adults who study the Adult Bible Studies from The New International Uniform Series. The class begins at 9:45 A.M. with announcements of up coming events and prayer concerns followed by prayer. The class meets in Room 126. The group enjoys singing hymns and observing birthdays and anniversaries. Teachers have assigned Sundays to teach the lessons so one teacher does not have to teach every Sunday. Class projects are giving memorial money gifts when a member dies and supporting some other needs in the community. *Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.*

Fellowship Class

The Fellowship Class meets at 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Room, located in the office area of the Education Building and opens its doors to persons of all ages – single or married. Issues for presentation and discussion are usually short term in duration and represent a variety of theological and biblical perspectives to help persons bring meaning to daily living. Leadership is provided by class members or clergy and lively discussion is encouraged. Studies have included: “Difficult Passages in the Bible”, “Putting Faith into Action”, etc. This class meets for dinner out on the third Friday (usually) of each month at a place the group chooses. *Come fellowship with us!*

Couples for Christ

The class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This will be a relaxed, yet engaging, class that provides Christ-centered fellowship, support, and opportunities for service. The group will be a discussion-oriented class studying a variety of biblical topics applicable to our daily lives. Please join us! Contact Sarah Chisholm (sarahpchisholm@gmail.com) or Kimberley Behrens (kimberleybehrens@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Fellowship Study Group

This diverse group meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship House. We will begin our next study on January 23. It is called *Embracing an Adult Faith* by Marcus Borg. If you have any questions contact Pastor Kay.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			11 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	13 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	14 2:00 Elise Guinn's Funeral
15 5:00 Youth/ AC	16 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 7:00 Evangelism/ FR	17 9:30 Rogers Circle/ FH Hinners/ Fortune Cummings/ Amerson 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	18 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Pendergrass 5:30 SPR/ FR 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 9:00 Yoga/ AC	20 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 5:00 UMM Pancake Supper/ AC	21
22 2:30 Service @ Brenham Care Center 3:30 Service @ Bluebonnet Care Center 5:00 Youth/ AC	23 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Worship Committee/ FR	24 9:00 Card/ MH	25 1:00 Care Team/ Library 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	26 9:00 Yoga/ AC	27 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	28 8:00 Epiphany/ FH
29 12:30 Chili Luncheon & Cake Auction 2:30 L.E.A.D. training/ College Station	30 10:00 Study Fellowship Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	31	1 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2 9:00 Yoga/ AC	3 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	4 9:00 UMW District Meeting/ AC
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February



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