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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
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Rev. Kay Reed
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First United Methodist Church

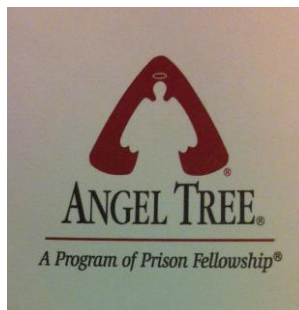
408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

December 3, 2014



*Merry Christmas
Open House
At the Stouffer's
1800 Shady Lane
10 am - 12 noon
Saturday, December 13
(a come and go event)*

Christmas 2014 with



and the State Supported Living Center

Our annual support for these two outreach ministries started on Sunday, November 23rd. These gifts for either a child of an incarcerated parent or a resident at the Living Center, should cost between \$15.00 and \$25.00, please help share the love of Christ.

Dates to remember:

- **December 7**- on or before have the **unwrapped** Living Center gift to FUMC
- **December 14** - on or before have the **wrapped** Angel Tree gift to FUMC
- **December 21** - help deliver the Angel Tree gifts

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, December 23, 2014 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.



News & Information

Opportunities to Serve with Faith Mission

Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart
December 1st-24th.
(Church, Family and Corporate Groups needed)

Promote the Souper-Bowl Food Drive at HEB
January 15-February 7th.

(For information about events, to sign up, or to purchase tickets please
visit www.faithmission.us)

SUNDAY November 2, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	61
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	85
Worship 11:00 a.m.	94
Worship Total	244
Sunday School	104
Offering:	\$13,406.71

SUNDAY November 9, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	73
Worship 11:00 a.m.	118
Worship Total	274
Sunday School	84
Offering:	\$19,873.60

SUNDAY November 16, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	8
Worship 8:15 a.m.	112
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	106
Worship 11:00 a.m.	131
Worship Total	357
Sunday School	104
Offering:	\$5,131.62

SUNDAY November 23, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	84
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	90
Worship 11:00 a.m.	119
Worship Total	296
Sunday School	112
Offering:	\$12,687.50

OCTOBER TOTALS

Oct. Income:	\$47,676.79
Oct. Expense:	\$62,389.18
Oct. Total:	(\$14,712.39)

YTD TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$559,517.13
YTD. Expense:	\$534,799.06
YTD. Net Total:	\$24,718.07

Thanks FUMC!

Corina and I want to thank our FUMC family and friends for your thoughts and prayers for our son Cameron as he is battling to regain consciousness over the past couple months. It has been the most trying times of our lives and we are forever thankful to our many friends from the church

supporting us during this tough time with the many prayers and cards as we are keeping our faith strong and focused on the Lord almighty.

We are also grateful for the tremendous gift card index that was so generously given to us which have already been so helpful as we make several weekly journeys to Austin. It is hard to express into words what it means to have so many friends show their love and support of Cameron and our family, but it really makes a difference to know we are lifted in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Winchell

To Christians in love,

How fortunate we are to belong to our family of the United Methodist Church of Brenham! Mom has moved on to her heavenly home as He promised her, leaving us here surrounded with so much love and support that our faith is reaffirmed in His love. Thank you, and blessings to all.

Love,

Paul and Linda Pipes

Donations Received

In memory of

John Wormeli

By

Marcia Menzer

In memory of

Jacque Ketcham

By

Gary and Kay Ivy

The UMW

Art and Smitty Hinners

In memory of

Bernice Mullians

(Linda Pipes mother)

By

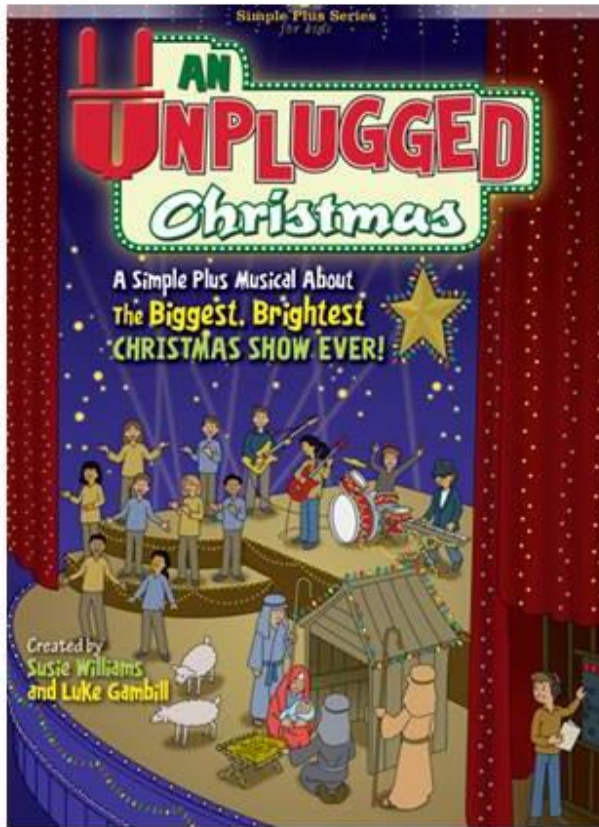
Nick and Marianne Nelms

Marvalyn Reiland

Louis and Joycine Hanath

Gary and Kay Ivy

Carolyn Muske



Children's Musical Theatre Troupe
First United Methodist Church
Brentham, TX

Musical Performance

Sunday, December 7

6:30pm



*Featuring selections from the
Youth Choir*

Cookie Stroll to follow

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

COOKIE STROLL 

**Sunday, December 7
Begins after the
A.C.T.S. Christmas
Musical 6:30 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit our
Youth Summer 2015
Mission Trip**

 Join us for 
Christmas Caroling



Sunday, December 14, 2014

Meet at the church at 4pm

Soup potluck dinner to follow

Advent & Christmas Happenings

More details on all these events will be in upcoming newsletters and on the website at www.FUMCBrenham.org.

DECEMBER

Sunday 7, 6:30 p.m.

*Children's Musical presented by A.C.T.S
"An Unplugged Christmas" in the A.C.
with songs from the Youth Choir
Followed by the Cookie Stroll*

Thursday 11, 6:00 p.m.

UMM & Faithbuilders Christmas Party in the A.C.

Saturday 13, 10:00 a.m. – noon (come & go)

*Open House at the home of Pastor Jon & Holly
1800 Shady Lane*

**Sunday 14, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Christmas Cantata**

**Sunday 14, 9:00 a.m. Worship in the AC
Voices & Instruments: A Music Celebration**

Sunday 14, 4:00 p.m.

*Family Caroling for our Nursing Homes
followed by a soup potluck dinner*

Tuesday 24

*6:00 p.m. Family Communion Christmas Eve
Service led by the Celebration! Band in the A.C.*

*8:00 p.m. Communion Christmas Eve Service
led by the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary*

Sunday 28

One worship service at 11am in the Sanctuary



Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

From yesterday's message, here's my list of Advent practices to help me keep a holy, healthy, and happy Advent and Christmas! (you'll notice that I revised #2!)

1. Let Go and Let God!
2. Expect the Best! Prepare for Other Possibilities. Accept What Really Happens.
3. Keep Lists. Work Lists. Don't be enslaved by lists!
4. Don't Plan Too Many Things To Do.
(Schedule "un-scheduled" or free time – and keep it!)
5. Keep The Faith! Be Alive!! Thrive!!!

Sunday afternoon arrived and after a short nap, I was up and at 'em with hopes of completing my "to do" list for the day! Lights! Christmas Lights on the House! Decorations & the Tree! Out of the attic and the tree assembled and placed! Everything is out of the attic! The tree is still in the box and the box is still taped shut. The lights on the house are about two-thirds complete and I need to buy three more strands. I could have finished the strands I have on a ladder in the dark, but that wouldn't have been safe and I remember someone saying "Don't be enslaved by the list."! I sometimes get a little disgruntled with myself when I am faced with my words so soon after preaching them! So, though I struggled to leave things uncompleted, I did!

Later that evening, I returned to the store where I purchased the lights to pick up three more strands that I discovered I need. . . . Remember when I said, "Expect the Best!" So do I. Well, I did not find the best. The store is completely out of that style of lights and I want all the lights to match, exactly. It took me a couple of aisles to accept what I found and that's why I revised number 2 as follows: "Expect the Best. Prepare for Other Possibilities. Accept What Really Happens."

The new number 2 reminds me of the Serenity Prayer my mom taught me:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

I continue to pray for our congregation that we may continue to grow in grace as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ. May our Advent and Christmas be holy, healthy, and happy.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL REPORT

2014 Harvest Festival was successful once again. The total profit from the Dinner, Country Store and Silent Auction was \$7,984.24.

Thanks to everyone who donated money for turkeys and items to the Country Store and Silent Auction and to all those who purchased tickets.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Patty Stratton
Treasurer

Lost at Harvest Festival

My white, double layered cupcake stand was accidentally sold during all the craziness of Harvest Festival. I believe from what Debi has told me that it was sold after the festival during that next meeting. It would be greatly appreciated if it could be returned, because the third layer that goes with it sure misses its companions. If you could please return it to the church office or give me a call, thanks so much.

Cathleen Smestuen- 979-277-8173

He Climbed in With Us

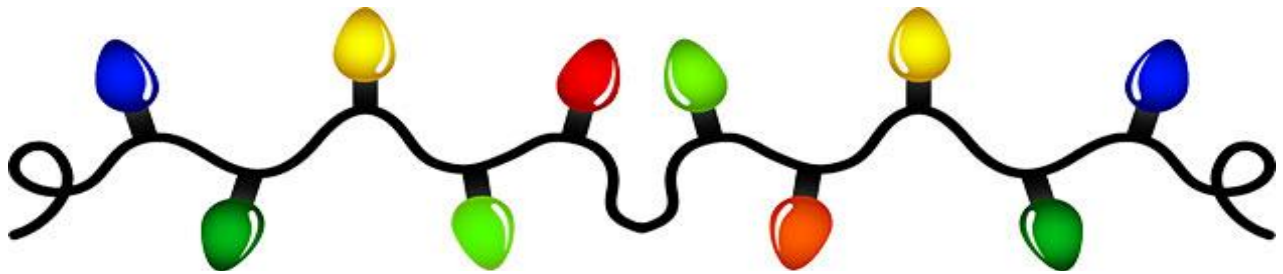
A grandfather found his grandson jumping up and down in his playpen, crying at the top of his voice. When the boy saw his grandfather, he reached up his little hands and said, "Out, Grampa, out." It was only natural for the grandfather to reach down to lift him out of his predicament, but as he did the mother of the child stepped up and said, "No, you are being punished, so you must stay in."

The grandfather was at a loss to know what to do. The child's tears and little hands reached deep into his heart. Yet the mother's discipline must not be taken lightly. So love must find a way. The grandfather could not take the grandson out of the playpen, so he climbed in with him.

Isn't this what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us? He left all of the glory and freedom of heaven and climbed in with us. He did all of this so that He could be with us and that we could be with Him. How amazing is such love.

See you Sunday,
Kay

*So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us.
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.
John 1:14 The New Living Translation*



Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
Richard Coghlan
Gene Moss
Ron Walberg
Marti McLemore
Jim Clements
Hugh and Aniela Pitts
Delmer McAdow
John Davis
Rev. Dale Chance
Lauren Houser

Glenn Amerson
Don Aken
Art Hinners
Elaine Dorow
Henry Kuecker
Sheyenne Crawford
Melanie Grote
Jeff McCoy
Boyce Weiman
Joe Edwards
Bennie Waggoner

Charles Sander's niece Sophia
Michael Kalil
Ruby McBride
Kathy Revenaugh
Jim and Linda Perry

Our homebound members and
those serving in the military



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH	2 10:00 UMW Christmas Coffee/ Brenham House B&B	3 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	4 9:00 Yoga/ AC	5 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	6
7 6:30 ACTS Performance & Cookie Stroll/ AC	8 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	9 9:00 Card Group/ MH	10 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	11 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:00 UMM Ladies Night/ AC	12 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	13 10:00 The Stouffer's Open House
14 8:15 & 11:00 Christmas Cantata 4:00 Christmas Caroling/ AC	15 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 6:00 SPRC/ FR	16 9:30 Post Circle/ Tate Morris Circle/ Cummings Murphey Circle/ FH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Pendergrass 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ Stouffer	17 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	18 9:00 Yoga/ AC 4:30 UMYF Christmas Party/ FH 6:00 CDC Christmas Program & Cookies with Santa/ AC	19 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	20
21	22	23	24 Offices Close at noon 6:00 Celebration Service/ Sanctuary 8:00 Traditional Service/ Sanctuary	25 Offices Closed Merry Christmas	26 Offices Closed	27
28 One Church Service @ 11:00 a.m.	29	30	31 Offices Close at Noon HAPPY NEW YEAR			
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Lay Readers Needed

If you would like to read scripture at either of the Sunday morning services we NEED you! We have a group of outstanding readers, but more are needed. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Patty Stratton (for 11:00 service) @ 251-9751 or pattyandjerry10@att.net and/ or Billie Schmidt (for 8:15 service) @ 836-6754 or bschmidt509@yahoo.com
Thank you for considering taking part in this special contribution to our worship service.

Thank you for your faithfulness in bringing your Upper Rooms and other Christian literature to me for use in the local jail ministry for the past several years. However, I no longer have an outlet for it so will not collect it. Perhaps you may find a use for it.

Marie Beckendorf

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