



First United Methodist Church

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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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LENTEN LUNCHES

Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.
in the Activity Center

Speakers

April 2

Rev. Kevin Gilmore

April 9

Rev. John Reasons



April 17
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 18
Good Friday Service
7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, April 8, 2014 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.



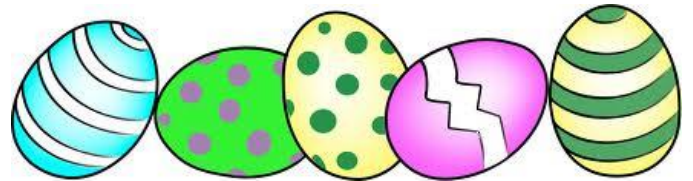
KIDS CORNER



Please plan to attend worship
on Palm Sunday, April 13.
The children will wave palms
at all three worship services.

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 small toys to the box in the church office. THANK YOU!



Children's Lenten Outreach

In the month of April we will be selling goods for Rahab's Rope. This organization supports women and children in India to stop human-trafficking and keep kids in school.

There are many things in their catalog. Some of the items are made by the women and some items are part of Fair Trade. If you would like to go ahead and take a peek at the catalog simply go to their website:
<http://www.rahabsrope.org/>



Vacation Bible School 2014
June 9-13

You can register online NOW!
2014.cokesburyvbs.com
[/FUMCBrenhamTx](http://FUMCBrenhamTx)

UMYF

NEWSFLASH



So what is happening here? An illustration on believing and following Jesus, of course. Join us at UMYF for all the fun!



UMYF MEALS

Mar 30 –

Carlile & Schumacher

April 6-

Trostle & Herzog

April 13–

Lewman

April 20 – NO UMYF



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

- April 11-12
- Meet to leave at 5pm at the church on Friday and return by 5pm on Saturday.
- Location TBA
- Food, Games & Worship
- Breakout sessions led by Pastor Jon



Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
 Jacque Ketcham
 Richard Coghlan
 Gene & Betty Moss
 Ron & Elaine Walburg
 Marti McLemore
 Bob Moran
 Cindy Nelms Haddock
 Gordon Densmore

Kathy Rote
 Glenn Amerson
 Justin Flanagan
 Shirley Lanham
 Robert Smith
 Jan Stevenson
 Marilyn Wrigley

Henry and Blondean Kuecker
 Bennie Waggoner
 Charles Sander's niece Sophia

 Our homebound members and
 those serving in the military

SUNDAY March 2, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	12
Worship 8:15 a.m.	74
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	86
Worship 11:00 a.m.	135
Worship Total	307
Sunday School	151
Offering:	\$24,972.05

SUNDAY March 9, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	66
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	23
Worship 11:00 a.m.	85
Worship Total	180
Sunday School	61
Offering:	\$8,346.00

SUNDAY March 16, 2014

Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	74
Worship 11:00 a.m.	113
Worship Total	268
Sunday School	136
Offering:	\$7,783.49

FEB. TOTALS

Feb. Income:	\$47,365.55
Feb. Expense:	\$50,451.43
Feb. Total:	(\$3,085.88)



Help support the FUMC children & youth in their Lenten mission project on Palm Sunday, April 13. We will be selling goods from India before and after worship services. Rahab's Rope is an organization that helps prevent and rescue women and children that have been abused by human trafficking. If you would like Jennifer to bring some of the goods to your group event before April 23 please email her at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or call the church office 836-2008. For a sneak peek, call the church office and see if Jennifer is in so she can show you all the different things to be sold.



Donations Received

In memory of

Arlene Van Eman

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post

Don A Strong

Jim & Ellen Ellison

R. H. & Mary Putney

Michael & Nancy Shoup

Edward & Susanne Rhomberg

Michael & Wendy Mackey

William & Dee Pennybacker

Robert & Donna Sprenger

The United Methodist Women

Carol Wiener

Rosann Hooks

Dieco, Inc.

Ran & Evelyn Newman

Curtis E. Ford

Adele Wallace

Sally Bell Rutherford

Dena Miller

Sandra Wesley

Bud Knight

Jack Phillips

Margaret Walker

Lynn Van Eman

Patricia Van Eman

Nick & Marianne Nelms

Gary & Kay Ivy

Mildred Martin

Lanella Gray

Anne Wise Pullen

Bill & Jo Powell

Hugh & Aniela Pitts

Katie Cron

Frank Brooks Jr.

Art & Smitty Hinners

Kimberly Yelkin

Glenn & Lorraine Ewan

Beverly Burt

Don & Mary Wilhelm

Sandra Wesley

Claude Bud Knight Jr.

Jack Phillips

Margaret Walker

Lynn Van Eman

Patricia Van Eman

Peggy Carson & UTIMCO

In memory of

Dr. Arthur DeLarios

By

Tom & Carol Ann Post

In memory of

Frank Goodrich

By

Lanella Gray

In memory of

Katherine Clayton

By

Hugh & Aniela Pitts



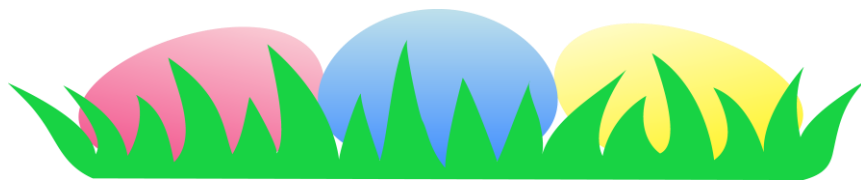
FUMC Brenham has partnered with Life Line Screening and will be providing select health screenings in our Activity Center on **June 2nd, 2014**. Life Line Screening is a wellness and health company that empowers individuals age 50 and older, and those at risk, to protect their independence, health and vitality. The company does this by offering non-invasive, affordable, painless and easy-to-obtain preventive screenings to identify risk of stroke, vascular diseases and osteoporosis. The goal is to identify disease early enough to begin preventive procedures.

This event is open to the public, but our members will get first priority appointments as well as \$10.00 off packages. In addition, any sign-up made through one of three signup methods, will result in a \$10.00 donation to the church. More detailed information will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, here is the web-site if you would like to see the types of screenings provided www.lifelinescreening.com. Sign-ups will begin mid-April.

Remember Saying,

"CHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEESE!"?

Pictorial directories will be here and available for those who had their picture taken or submitted a picture on Sunday, April 6. The directories will be available in boxes (alphabetically by last name) in the breezeway next to the parlor and between the main parking lot and the sanctuary entrance. The boxes will await you before or after all of our Sunday worship services! See you then!



Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church office. The youth will be filling the eggs on Palm Sunday! The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday at 10am on the front lawn.

Stouffer's Food For Thought

"Lent is not about being good or getting better;
Lent is about being honest and going deeper."

Greg Richardson

This year the celebration of Lent with our congregation has been just that for me, the opportunity to be honest and to go deeper. Our Lectionary readings and our Bible Reading Plan plunge us into encounters among our Savior Jesus Christ and the people of his day – real people who lived real lives, like we live. This is a refreshing time of worship and ministry that invites us to reflection and action. Our prayer response invitations on Sundays have been both inspiring and moving for me as a pastor. Sorting and praying with the names where each blue piece of paper represents the life of at least one person (some have several names) is a testimony to the depth with which we feel the needs of others as a congregation. Thank you for the grace of seeing and sharing that depth. My prayer for us this Lent is that we may continue to grow into the image of Jesus.

give your Love to Jesus & be fun!



You Just Don't Get It, Do You?

*"He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men.
They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.'
But they did not understand what he meant..." (Mark 9:31-32)*

In its final days, Colliers Magazine went bankrupt. Once a popular widely-read publication, Colliers' reading audience had fallen off dramatically. When its failure was certain, President Paul C. Smith decided to call a full staff meeting to explain why their ship was sinking. He invited every last employee, down to the stenographers, truck drivers, and mailroom help. At the gathering, Smith held nothing back. He told of the magazine's six million dollar debt, its falling sales and the two million dollars that somehow would have to be raised immediately to rescue the company. For three hours Smith laid out the desperate situation.


When he was done, Smith concluded, *"And that's the fix we're in. Now are there any questions?"* A hand shot up in the back of the room. *"I have a question!"* said a secretary. Heads turned and a silence fell as everyone strained to hear her. Then in a high nasal voice she asked, *"Why can't the Schrafft's coffee wagon come to the 13th floor?"* Nothing had gotten through to her.

Nothing gets through to a lot of people. Whenever we come to Lent and Easter, I wonder if I am not one of them. Is the real, deeply-serious meaning of Lent and Easter getting through to me? Do we have a fragment of an idea, of the meaning of the cross? Somehow, I think if we did, we would never consider church attendance or discipleship an option.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, let us not forget that the salvation we enjoy and the Christian life we live is a result of Christ's death. We should never take our salvation for granted. We only have life because someone else died. Christ was crucified on our behalf that we might be awakened to God's love – to forgiveness – to eternal life. As we approach Holy Week, think about this truth and perhaps we will experience God's love on a deeper level than we ever have before.

See you Sunday,
Kay



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 UMW/AC	2 11:45 Lenten Lunches begin- Rev. Kevin Gilmore/ AC 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	3 9:00 Yoga/ AC	4 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	5 10:00
6 6:00 UMYF/ AC	7 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	8 9:00 Card Group/ MH	9 11:45 Lenten Lunches begin- Rev. John Reasons/ AC 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	10 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	11 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor Youth Retreat	12 Youth Retreat
13 6:00 UMYF/ AC Palm Sunday & Cantata	14 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Missions/ FR	15 9:30 Morris Circle- Morris FH Post Circle/ Amerson Murphey Circle/ House 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Buller 6:30 Wesleyan Circle- Goodrich/ FH	16 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	17 9:00 Yoga/ AC 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service/ Sanctuary	18 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor 7:00 Good Friday Service/ Sanctuary	19
 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt/ Church Front Lawn	21 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 Finance/ FH	22 9:00 Card Group/ MH	23 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	24 9:00 Yoga/ AC	25 9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	26
27 2:30 Brenham Rehab Service 3:30 High Hope Service 6:00 UMYF/ AC	28 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	29	30 1:00 Care Team/ Library 5:30 Handbells/ FH 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC			
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Did You Know...?

Did you know we have a ministry called J.O.Y.? This group is for those 50 and older. It stands for Just Older Youth. In the past Jennifer Patrick has given leadership to this ministry. As of January Pastor Kay is giving leadership. We have had two events this year: the Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras party and a concert at the Unity Theater. We are planning several other events in the near future. If you would like to be on the email or mailing list please call Pastor Kay. If you have suggestions or ideas that you think would be fun let us know.

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