



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

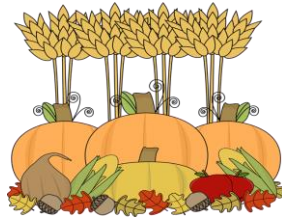
Nursery care provided

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
jon@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Kay Reed
kay@fumcbrenham.org



2014 Harvest Festival October 28th

No doubt about it, with school starting, our calendars are about to get really busy. I know there are a lot of activities going on in the fall, but I hope I can coax you into looking further ahead, into October.

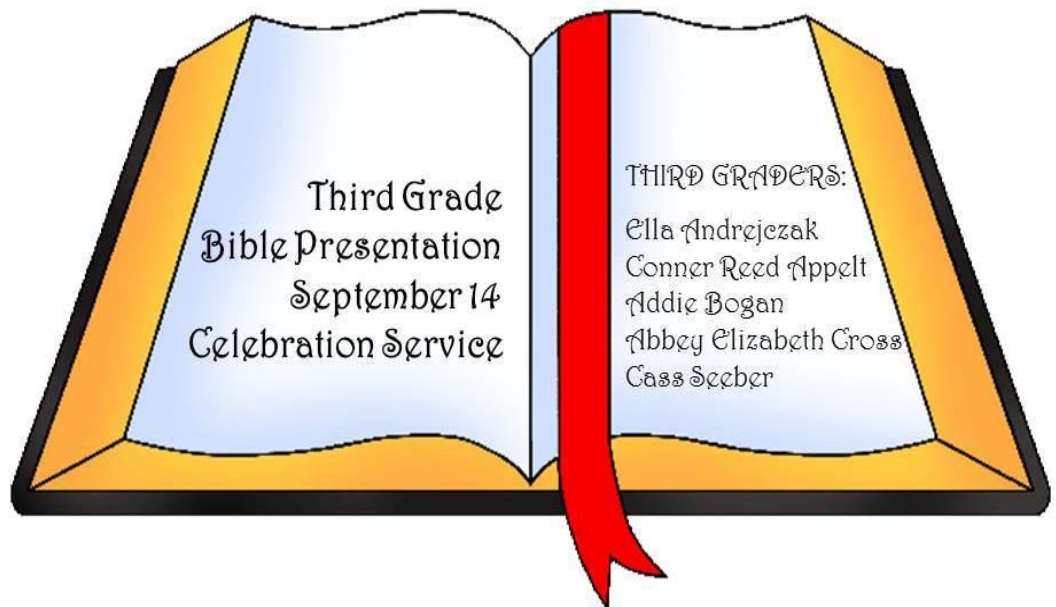
Harvest Festival is Brenham FUMC's United Methodist Women's annual fundraiser. As with any organization, in order to achieve our goals, we need make money each year. One part of our Harvest Festival is the silent auction.

This year I'd like our church members to consider donating some different types of items than have been donated in the past. Here are a few suggestions:

- luncheon or dinner in your home
- 2 tickets to a production at Unity Theater
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Tickets to The Nutcracker at Round Top's Festival Institute
- Tickets to a sporting event in or around Brenham/College Station, etc.

There are a lot of talented and creative members in our church. I hope you will consider donating your creative arts to our auction, or perhaps just purchasing a treasure to share. Please consider what you have to donate and give me a call. We can discuss your ideas and I hope we can have a really successful auction this year.

Pat Clark
979-830-1950



SUNDAY July 27, 2014**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	62
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	151
Worship 11:00 a.m.	108
Worship Total	325
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$6,110.01

SUNDAY August 3, 2014**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	81
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	41
Worship 11:00 a.m.	111
Worship Total	235
Sunday School	105
Offering:	\$20,221.00

SUNDAY August 10, 2014**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	112
Worship Total	256
Sunday School	99
Offering:	\$8,636.00

SUNDAY August 17, 2014**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	81
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	100
Worship Total	263
Sunday School	106
Offering:	\$14,717.55

SUNDAY August 24, 2014**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	106
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	103
Worship 11:00 a.m.	141
Worship Total	353
Sunday School	146
Offering:	\$8,175.50

JULY TOTALS

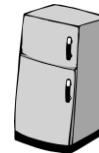
July Income:	\$48,728.08
July Expense:	\$52,212.85
July Total:	(\$3,484.77)

YTD TOTALS

YTD. Income:	\$405,035.47
YTD. Expense:	\$362,984.63
YTD. Net Total:	\$42,050.84

*News & Information***AC Refrigerator & Freezer Clean Out**

Anyone who has anything in the Activity Center refrigerator or freezer, please label and/or discard outdated items belonging to your group before the middle of October. At that time, the UMW women will be cleaning and getting ready for Harvest Festival. Thank You!



Chris Rogers- UMW President

The Seekers Sunday School Class is starting a new series on the book of Ruth. We will be starting September 14. We meet in the brown house across the street from the church office at 10:00 am. All are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Are you looking for an easy way to give back to our community? Do you have 1.5 to 2 hours that you can give? Bread Partners is looking for a few good people. We get together about every 2 or 3 weeks at 7 a.m. on a Friday to repackage bulk food goods. Added bonus if you can lift 20 lbs.

For more info call Dianne Davenport 979-421-2838.

*2014 District Charge Conference Info*

Sunday, September 28th @ 4:00 pm

Lee Tabernacle UMC, 2013 Teague, Navasota, TX 77868

The fall Charge Conference season in the West District kicks off each year with our annual District Conference. This meeting serves the same purposes at the district level that your Hub Conferences serve for the local church. This year's District Conference will be held on Sunday, September 28th at 4 pm at Lee Tabernacle UMC. The meeting will have separate, brief gathering for pastors and laity. At the business session of the Conference we will hear annual reports from our district committees, receive and vote upon the 2015 district budget and nominations. Please make every effort to support our District Conference and bring appropriate lay leadership with you to the meeting.

Bishop's West District Itineration

Huntsville: First UMC - October 6

Texas Annual Conference Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, will be visiting the West District on Monday, October 6th, at Huntsville, First UMC. She will have a dedicated conversation with both clergy and laity at this event. The clergy session will begin at 5:00 p.m. After a short break, laity attends a separate session at 7:00 p.m. This will be a good opportunity for all to hear updates on Conference activities and priorities from our episcopal leader. We are hoping that all West District pastors will be in attendance, and encourage you to send several of your leaders to attend the laity session.

KIDS CORNER

**A New Sunday Curriculum Begins
Sunday, September 14**



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2014-2015 Sunday School Classes
3yr old - Kinder
First - Third grade
Fourth - Fifth grade



THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CONNER APPELT
ABBEY CROSS
ELLA ANDREJCZAK

ADDIE BOGAN
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Rehearsals begin
on September 28
4:00-5:30pm

The show to be announced soon!

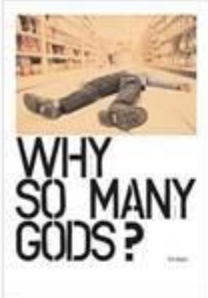


EDUCATION SUNDAY 2014



UMYF

NEWSFLASH



Starting on Sept 7 we will begin our series on the different religions and faith practices called: **Why So Many Gods**. So be sure to come. We will study a different religion/practice each Sunday. It is a really great way to be educated about the different faith practices and how they are different from Christianity.

Our Big Day of Serving this year will be on September 13. Plan to meet at the church parking lot at 8am. We will be helping our church members with yard work and small projects. Plan to wear your "I am Here to Help" t-shirts. Hopefully, I will have new ones if you do not have one yet. Those who work will be treated to lunch! We should be done by 2pm.



Do you like to sing in the shower? How about with a group of friends? I don't care if you think you can sing or not - I would love to see you join our **youth choir/praise team**. Heather Snow, a music major from Blinn, will be leading this group. So come check it out on starting Sunday, Sept 14 at 5pm in the choir room (enter the door next to the playground, turn right and it's the 4th door on the right).



Heads up! The Washington County Fair will be having the Christian rock group **Building 429** on Wednesday, Sept 17 at 7pm. Come out to the fair and hear some great music!

UMYF MEALS CALENDAR:



Sept 7 - Joddie & Holly Carlile AND
Becky & Warren Sallach
Sept 14- John & Tricia Trostle AND
Doug & Cheryl Middleton
Sept 21- Jeff & Tiffany Jenkins AND
Andy & Jonni Hart

Attention All 5th-12th Graders!

There will be an information meeting about 2015 Summer Mission Trips this month. An email about date of the meeting will be coming soon!

Countless young men and women have left the comfort of their homes to enter a world void of hugs, letters and home cooked meals.

There is one way to solve this problem.



We are looking for a few good families/couples/singles to help solve this problem. I have 10 college students (so far) from the Wesley Foundation that signed up to be adopted. So what does it mean to adopt a student? You will be given their name, address and phone number. Simply make contact with them, invite them to church, offer to pick them up, purchase a meal ticket our church is selling, write them a letter of encouragement, send a little care package full of goodies, invite them to a lunch or dinner out/or in your home. The possibilities are endless. The most important thing is to remind them someone is praying for them and cares about them here in Brenham. If you would like to sign up please email me at jennifer@fumcbrneham.org or call the church office and let me know you would like to be an adoptive family, and I will get all the info to you. Please prayerfully consider this outreach opportunity.



Wesley students passing out water to the new Blinn students on campus. Thanks to all the church members that came out and helped.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, September 16, 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.



Prayer Concerns

Marnie Whitmarsh
Jacque Ketcham
Richard Coghlan
Gene Moss
Yvonne Moore
Ron Walberg
Marti McLemore
Bob Moran
Jim Clements
Hugh and Aniela Pitts
Delmer McAdow
Alton Goodman
Ryan Vandersommen

Reka Pennington
Glenn Amerson
Don Aken
Mary Darnell
Jim Hickey
Art Hinners
Regan Jackson Jr.
Dena Miller
Elaine Dorow
Brenda Johnson
Henry Kuecker
Mike Roberts

Charles Sander's niece Sophia
Gordon Densmore
Bennie Waggoner
Michael Kalil
Ran Newman
Mike Biggers
Glenn Harmer

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

The Woodcutter's Parable

"Come to me.... Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me."

Matthew 11:28-29

Once there lived an old woodcutter who decided the time had come to teach his son to follow in the woodcutting trade. The apprentice was young and eager, and each day would follow his father into the woods, swinging his axe with great zeal and vigor. However, as the days wore on, it seemed to the young man that the trees became tougher and harder to cut down. Progress slowed to a crawl.

Finally, when felling the trees became impossible, the young man turned to his father and cried, "Father, for some reason I am no longer able to cut down the trees! What is wrong with me?" The woodcutter saw his son's plight and answered, "Why don't you sit down, take a little time and sharpen your axe?" "Oh, no!" responded the boy. "If I do, I will never have the time to cut all these trees!" "Well," replied his father, "then I suppose that is a decision we all must make, whether to keep swinging at the trees, or take the time to sit and sharpen our axes."

Many Christians believe in the Lord, but finally feel they don't have the time to sit down and learn the Bible. They are too busy living. What they don't realize is, learning the Bible IS living! Such knowledge enhances our lives and makes living more fulfilling and more fun.

An Indian proverb says, "If you give a man a fish, he has only one meal. But if you teach him how to fish, he can live all his life." That is what Bible study is all about. I want us to be people grounded personally in scripture, not people who must rely on what others say about the Bible. To learn the scriptures takes time. But how could your time possibly be spent in any way better than this?

If you are tired of swinging at the trees and want to sharpen your axe, please pray about coming to our up-coming Bible study beginning Monday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. The six session study is divided into two parts. The first section addresses some foundational questions: how and when the Bible was written, the various types of writings found in it, and how and why some books made it into the Bible and some were left out. The second section digs into troubling questions and issues, such as historical accuracy, violence, and end times.

You will need to read the first seven chapters before our first meeting. Books are \$15 and available at the church office.

See you Sunday,

Kay

Thanks FUMC!


Many thanks for the cards, notes, phone calls, and delicious meals delivered to us after my recent surgery. Ours is a caring and loving congregation. Bobby and I are so blessed to be a part of such a church. When one of us is ill, it's amazing how quickly our church surrounds us with loving arms.

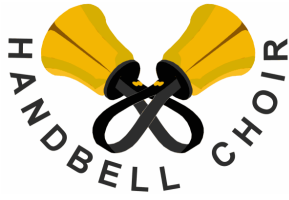
Pat Clark

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and food. A lot of you may know this, but the doctor here and in Houston said my gallbladder was cancerous, which is very rare. God gave me the peace that passes all understanding. After surgery at St. Luke's, Dr. Curley said that the lymph nodes looked and felt ok. He removed the gallbladder, 5% of the liver and the surrounding lymph nodes. Several days later the doctor came rushing in all smiles. "No cancer! None anywhere, I don't get to say this very often, the gallbladder is pre-cancerous." He was amazed, but I wasn't. God changed it into a miracle. Showing us He still answers prayers and performs miracles. All praise to God.

Coleen Murphey

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Offices Closed  HAPPY LABOR DAY	2 7:00 Men's Emmaus/ FH 8:45 UMW Exc./ Library 9:30 UMW/ AC	3 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	4 9:00 Yoga/ AC	5 9:00 Ladies Emmaus/ Parlor	6
7 1:30 JOY/ Blinn 6:00 UMYF/AC	8 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 7:00 Admin. Board/ FR	9 7:00 Men's Emmaus/ FH 9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Nominations/ FR	10 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	11 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	12 9:00 Ladies Emmaus/ Parlor	13 8:00 Helping Hands/ AC Parking Lot
14 3rd Grade Bible Day 5:00 Youth Choir/ Choir Room 6:00 UMYF/AC	15 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	16 7:00 Men's Emmaus/ FH 9:30 Post Circle/ FH Morris Circle/ MH Murphey Circle/ Manchester 11:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:00 Nominations/ FR 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	17 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	18 9:00 Yoga/ AC	19 9:00 Ladies Emmaus/ Parlor 6:30 Faithbuilders Social/ AC	20
21 6:00 UMYF/AC 7:30 2015 Youth Mission Trip Meeting/ AC	22 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	23 7:00 Men's Emmaus/ FH 9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Nominations/ FR	24 1:00 Care Team/ Library 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	25 9:00 Yoga/ AC	26 9:00 Ladies Emmaus/ Parlor	27 8:00 Epiphany/ AC 9:00 Handbell Clinic/ FH
28 4:00 ACTS/ Rm. 139 6:00 UMYF/AC	29 10:00 Monday Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	30 7:00 Men's Emmaus/ FH				
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Handbell Clinic
Saturday, September 27, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship House

The workshop is for current handbell ringers who want to improve their skills with an emphasis on how to ring “healthily.” It is also for anyone who has never rung but would like to see if bell ringing is for them. Come give it a try.

Dixie Rutledge, director of the Brazos Bells Handbell Ensemble, will lead us in a “hands-on” workshop. Everyone will enjoy Dixie’s easy and relaxed style. Dress comfy and plan for a fun morning.

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