



First United Methodist Church

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*Open Hearts. . .
Open Minds. . .
Open Doors. . .*

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 11:00 service is Broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Bobbie Maltas—Lead
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Rev. T.J. Gabelman—Associate
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To my FUMC Brenham family,

As I sit down to write this letter I am overcome with emotion, how do I adequately put into words what this job has meant to me and what this church means to me? Over the past seven plus years you all have given me more love, support and grace than I could ever ask for, I can't find the words to properly thank you for the opportunity of serving this church and welcoming me into this truly amazing church family. My faith has grown so much because of God working through you all in my life. This church has literally seen me through the best times in my life with the birth and baptism of my daughter and the worst with the death of my father. With your help I was able to say goodbye to the best father and the best friend a girl could ask for with such a beautiful and meaningful send off. I don't know how I would have made it through that loss without your love, support and understanding. The strength you all gave me was such a beautiful blessing. This job became the best opportunity I never knew I wanted or needed. Your impact on mine and my family life's is immeasurable, thank you from the bottom of my heart. This may be the end of my employment here but you're not going to get rid of me that easily, I will still be around. I look forward to serving in different and new ways, from subbing in the office and school, and joining church committees. On August 2nd I leave my post and I will truly miss seeing your faces and visiting with you all on a daily basis.

With much love and gratitude,

Meagan Hargrave

All Laity of the Texas Annual Conference

Table Talk With Bishop Jones

The West District Meeting

Thursday, August 23rd 7:00 p.m.

@ Bryan First United Methodist Church

RSVP Required by August 20th to 979-690-5627



Prayer Concerns

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	68
9:00 Celebration:	58
11:00 Worship	64
Total:	192
Sunday School:	48
Offering:	\$5,923.00

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	61
9:00 Celebration:	67
11:00 Worship	66
Total:	197
Sunday School:	63
Offering:	\$14,772.00

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
8:15 Worship	62
9:00 Celebration:	46
11:00 Worship	65
Total:	176
Sunday School:	60
Offering:	\$8,324.00

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
8:15 Worship	55
9:00 Celebration:	55
11:00 Worship	66
Total:	178
Sunday School:	63
Offering:	\$9,058.00

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Church Attendance

Nursery:	4
8:15 Worship	63
9:00 Celebration:	60
11:00 Worship	73
Total:	200
Sunday School:	58
Offering:	\$6,619.00

Luene Harmer
 Melisa Hale
 Jim Clements
 Glenn Amerson
 Bud Foster
 Marjorie Reed
 Edna Rote
 Mary Burgess
 Nancy Yeary
 Marilyn Wrigley
 Cheryl Williamson
 Linda Winstanley
 Lydia House

Amy Hemsell
 Phil DuVal
 Kathi Ivy
 Dennis Todd
 Aniela Pitts
 Maxine Little
 Tonya VanCleve
 Calvin Beckendorf
 Nona Duree
 Wanda Curbo

Our homebound members and
 Those serving in the military.

June Totals

Income:	\$49,335.00
Expense:	\$54,584.00
Total:	(\$5,249.00)

July Totals

Income:	\$45,927.00
Expense:	\$59,599.00
Total:	(\$13,672.00)

YTD Totals

Income:	\$356,988.00
Expense:	\$375,416.00
Total:	(\$18,427.00)

Donations Received

In memory of
Margaret Follmar
 By
 Cynthia Hamrick

In memory of
Sam Duree
 By
 Milton & Twila Tate

In memory of
Edith Korthauer
 By
 Donna Bridges

continued

In memory of
Bob Haberman
 By
 Milton & Twila Tate
 James Balke

In memory of
Frank Tyson
 By
 Cynthia Hamrick
 Milton & Twila Tate

In memory of
Betty Brisbin
 By
 Milton & Twila Tate

In memory of
Hugh Pitts Jr.
 By
 Ran & Evelyn Newman

In memory of
Ken Goedeke
 By
 Milton & Twila Tate

In memory of
Robert Jenkins
 By
 Cynthia Hamrick
 Milton & Twila Tate



Thank you for all your prayers and financial support of our MS/JH mission trip.



UMYF

- Aug 3-4 HS Lock Out
- Aug 5 Jr High event TBA
- Aug 12 5pm Trivia Night
- Aug 19 Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship & UMYF Back to School @6pm



Blessing of the Backpacks



August 19

Join us in any of our worship services for a special Backpack Blessing and a special gift. Kids, teens & adults are encourage to bring your backpacks to worship. **10am** on the Front Lawn
Outdoor activities for kids & teens



The children have had a great time cooking through the Bible this summer! They have made biscuits, soup, fruit pizza, crackers and trail mix. All of the recipes go along with a Bible story. We invite all kids to join us **10am** Sunday mornings.



Thank you to the Mission Team for hosting an outstanding mission luncheon. It was a wonderful time to hear all about how the gospel is being shared in the world.

MISSION Sunday

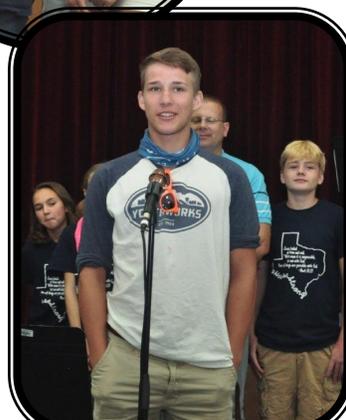


The youth and adults shared about their experiences serving in Nashville, Tn. and in Alvin, Tx.

We said good-bye to Meagan Hargrave. She has been an fantastic church secretary. We wish her well as her family moves into their new home, and welcome baby Easton to the world in October.



The Couch Family shares about their amazing missionary work in Kosovo. We continue to support them financially and with our prayers.



Dear Friends,

In May, before Annual Conference, our Lay Leader, Tom Scanio and I offered a congregational vitality assembly in an effort to distribute information and answer questions about the proposals that would be considered at Annual Conference. At the assembly, I explained the three models of organization of The United Methodist Church at the called General Conference in February 2019. To catch up on “The Commission on The Way Forward” and the called General Conference next February, go to www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward-about-us.

The task of The Commission on The Way Forward was to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. In May they delivered their recommendation to the Council of Bishops to adopt the “One Church Model.” The Council of Bishops, in turn, voted to consider all three models next February. The only agenda item at the called General Conference in 2019 will be to consider each of the plans and then accept, adopt or amend any one of them.

The three models for the church are as follows:

One Church Model - The One Church Plan allows for contextualization of language about human sexuality in support of the mission; and allows for central conferences, especially those in Africa, to retain their disciplinary authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and continue to include traditional language and values while fulfilling the vision of a global and multicultural church.

This plan also encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions. The One Church Plan removes the restrictive language of the Book of Discipline and adds assurances to pastors and Conferences who due to their theological convictions cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

The Traditionalist Plan would affirm the current language in the denomination’s Book of Discipline, the denomination’s governing document, and seek to strengthen enforcement.

The Connectional-Conference Plan would allow conferences to choose among three connectional conferences for affiliation. The connectional conferences would align based on theology or perspective on LGBTQ ministry — be it traditionalist, progressive or allowing for a variety of approaches. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.

Bishop Scott Jones will be hosting table talks in each district of our annual conference to make presentations about the models and answer questions. Our district table talk with the bishop is Thursday evening, August 23rd, 7:00 PM, at Bryan First United Methodist Church. This meeting is specifically for laity and I encourage you to attend. You must register in advance.

Please register by contacting dkeim@txcumc.org or aandrade@txcumc.org, (979) 690-5627, the West District Office.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie

Serving from the Heart

God’s plan for the church calls for each member of the Body of Christ to play a vital role. Sometimes we think that serving God is an obligation, a duty, and that it isn’t meant to be enjoyable. The truth is, though, that God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be.

Through this 3-week class, discover your spiritual gifts, what they mean and how to use them. Everyone has spiritual gifts! Yes, everyone, even you! And they will occasionally change or become refined as we mature as Christians. Find out what gifts the Holy Spirit has given to you.

Serving from the Heart will be offered in two sessions:

Thursday mornings on September 6, 13, and 20, 11:00 a.m. – Noon *or*

Sunday evenings on September 9, 16, and 23, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm.

Pastor Bobbie will lead the sessions. Cost of the participant book is \$13.50.

To register for one of the classes, please call the church office at 979-836-2008 by August 24th.



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Offices closed 	4 8:45 UMW Executive/ Library 9:30 UMW Gen. Meeting/ AC 6:30 SPRC	5 5:00 Bells of Praise/ FH 6:30 Choir/ Choir Room 7:30 Praise Band/AC	6 9:00 Yoga/ AC 11:00-12:00 Serving from the Heart 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 DISCIPLE FastTrack Study/ FR	7 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	1 8
9 4:00-5:00 Serving from the Heart 6-8:00 UMYF/ AC	10 8:00-5:00 Life Line Screening 10:00 Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library 6:00 Board of Trustees/ FR Missions/ Library 7:00 Admin Council/ FR	11 9:00 Card Group/ MH	12 5:00 Bells of Praise/ FH 6:30 Choir/ Choir Room DISCIPLE 2 Study/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	13 9:00 Yoga/ AC 11:00-12:00 Serving from the Heart 11:30 Book Club/ FH 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC DISCIPLE FastTrack Study/ FR	14 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	15
16 Back to Church Sunday 4:00-5:00 Serving from the Heart 6-8:00 UMYF/ AC	17 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:00 Nominations Com/ FR	18 9:30 Hewitt Circle/ AC Murphey Circle/ FH Tate Circle/ MH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ FH 6:00 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	19 5:00 Bells of Praise/ FH 6:30 Choir/ Choir Room DISCIPLE 2 Study/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	20 9:00 Yoga/ AC 11:00-12:00 Serving from the Heart 12:00 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	21 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	22
23 Third Grade Bible Sunday 2:00-4:00 Meagan Hargrave's Baby Shower/ AC 4:00-5:00 Serving from the Heart 6-8:00 UMYF/ AC	24 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	25 9:00 Card Group/ MH	26 10-12:00 Staff Meeting/ FR 1:00 Care Team/ FR 5:00 Bells of Praise/ FH 6:30 Choir/ Choir Room DISCIPLE 2 Study/ FR 7:30 Praise Band/AC	27 9:00 Yoga/AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	28 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	29
30 Commitment Sunday 4-6:00 Grief Share 6-8:00 UMYF/ AC						

Missions News

Serving Water at Blinn College

On Wednesday, August 22, the Mission committee is leading an outreach program involving new Blinn students checking in for the fall semester. We will set up tents on campus near the Student Center and at Mill Creek from 8:00 to 5:00. We are asking for volunteers to work 2-hour shifts passing out cold bottles of water and information about our church and the Wesley Foundation to the students and parents checking in. If you are available to volunteer for this please let Pastor T.J. know and he can sign you up for a time.

3rd Saturday Mission Serve

On Saturday, October 20, we will have an opportunity to go to the Texas Annual Conference Mission Center in Conroe to help assemble and verify relief supplies, such as flood buckets. We will leave the church by 8:30 am and work at the Mission Center from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm. Lunch will be offsite. Youth and children are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact Pastor T.J.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all those who came out and made the Mission Lunch a success. It was a wonderful time hearing the youth talk about their experiences in Nashville and Alvin, TX. It was also a joy to hear from the Couch family how God is at work overseas. Through our Dollar for Missions offering we were also able to present the Couch family with a check for \$500.

Also, thank you to everyone who gave school supplies as we partnered with For the City to help meet the needs of students in our community. We filled up two large moving boxes with school supplies and still had more that wouldn't fit in the box! The Mission and Outreach team also presented a check to For the City for \$500 so they could buy extra school supplies so that as many children as possible can start out the school year blessed. What an amazing way we could show the love of Jesus in a real and practical way.



First United Methodist Church in Brenham will become one in a network of 12,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer a grief support group. This group is nondenominational, open to the public, and features biblical concepts for healing from grief.

The support group will meet weekly, beginning September 30, for the first 13-week cycle. Individuals may join at any time during that cycle. The group time includes a video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a journal with personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics. Participants describe it as a "warm, caring environment that becomes an oasis on the long journey of grief."

Pastor Bobbie will lead the Sunday afternoon groups and is asking for people to prayerfully consider serving on the Grief Share team. Team members will be trained to understand the purpose of Grief Share, to communicate how Grief Share works, and facilitating and supporting group members. If you feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit to explore more about being on the Grief Share team, please contact Pastor Bobbie in the office at 979-836-2008 or email: pastorbobbie@fumcbrenham.org. Training will begin in mid-August.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, September 10, 2018 at First United Methodist Church of Brenham. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery**(plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm**(an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease**(hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** 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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