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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

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March 9, 2016

Holy Week

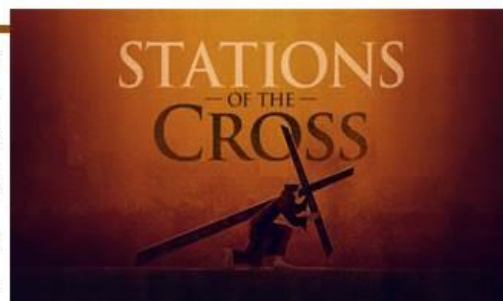


Sunday, March 20

Procession of Palms by our Children at all three services

Monday, March 21 7am -7pm

Begin your holy week with a time of prayer and meditation. There will be stations set up around the sanctuary for you to observe at your own time. At noon, Pastor Jon will be reading aloud prayers & devotions. At 6:30pm there will be live music.



Thursday, March 24 7pm

Join us in the Sanctuary for Holy Communion and worship led by the Chancel Choir. We will end with the moving experience of Stripping the Altar.

Friday, March 25 7pm

Come to the Sanctuary and experience holiness of Good Friday. Worship will be led by our youth and college students.



Sunday, March 27

- 8:15am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30am Potluck Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 9am Celebration! Worship in the AC
- 10am Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn
- 11am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary



Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, March 28, 2016 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.

SUNDAY January 3, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	80
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	80
Worship 11:00 a.m.	96
Worship Total	261
Sunday School	94
Offering:	\$12,113.00

SUNDAY January 10, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	84
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	96
Worship 11:00 a.m.	108
Worship Total	261
Sunday School	100
Offering:	\$13,163.40

SUNDAY January 17, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	1
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	82
Worship 11:00 a.m.	91
Worship Total	252
Sunday School	90
Offering:	\$7,960.00

SUNDAY January 24, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	1
Worship 8:15 a.m.	69
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	103
Worship Total	251
Sunday School	103
Offering:	\$8,147.25

SUNDAY January 31, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	83
Worship 11:00 a.m.	113
Worship Total	278
Sunday School	91
Offering:	\$10,067.00

SUNDAY February 7, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	74
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	70
Worship 11:00 a.m.	89
Worship Total	238
Sunday School	103
Offering:	\$14,663.00

**Prayer Concerns**

Richard Coghlan
Gene Moss
Delmer McAdow
Luene Harmer
Buddy & Elaine Dorow
Henry Kuecker
Frances Sidebottom
Alan Williamson
Jim Hickey
Jim Clements
Cameron Winchell
Don Dunn

Mike Kalil
Sylveria Gonzales
Edna Rote
Ed Baker
Ja'Quan Daniel
Pat Simpson
Joycine Hanath
The Family and Friends
of Kathyrine Jones

Our homebound members and
those serving in the military

**SUNDAY February 14, 2016****Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	65
Worship 11:00 a.m.	94
Worship Total	227
Sunday School	89
Offering:	\$7,587.80

SUNDAY February 21, 2016**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	93
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	109
Worship Total	269
Sunday School	93
Offering:	\$25,674.65

JANUARY TOTALS

Jan. Income:	\$56,436.80
Jan. Expense:	\$46,934.15
Jan. Total:	\$9,502.65

YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$56,436.80
YTD Expense:	\$46,934.15
YTD Net Total:	\$9,502.65

Donations Received***In memory of***

Art Hinners

By

Danna Edwards

Lanella Gray

Ken & Ann Pieper

In memory of

Al Newman

By

James & Gail Newman

Raymond & Margaret Blackstone

In memory of

Joe Edwards

By

Danna Edwards

YOUTH NEWS



CONFIRMATION
Sundays 6-7:30 in
the Fellowship Area

Great job Youth Choir! Thank you for sharing your gifts with the church family.



Mar 6 – Henkhaus & Lewman
Mar 13 – NO UMYF Spring Break!
Mar. 20 – Carlile & Sallach
Mar 27 – No UMYF Easter Sunday!
Mar 30 – Nelson Illusionist more details to come



A BIG thank you to Dan & Jan Schmieder for the generous gift of their pool table. The youth LOVE it!



UMYF
@Jumping
World



With the New Year here, we all tend to make resolutions of things to be done to better our lives. Some will choose to lose weight, or give up smoking, or exercise.

I have the absolute best resolution for you to consider. You won't have to join a fitness club or even give up chocolate cake—it is sweeter than that! Commit for this year to move closer to God, and the best way is through prayer—spending time with Him. If this is something on your heart to do, we would love for you to pray in our chapel on Wednesdays. It is a weekly, one hour commitment. There is a scripture passage, Upper Room selection, plus a short devotional each week to start you off. Then the rest is up to you. You pray, then read any of the interesting books there. This quiet time is good for your soul. I promise.

We have 3 spots that need filling, 2-3 pm, 5-6 pm, and 6-7 pm. Please think about it and let me know if you are ready to make this resolution a reality in 2016.

Michele Smith 251-9840 or michelestamps@sbcglobal.net

Dear FUMC Brenham,

We need your help and support to help us find mentors and tutors for our programs. Mission Brenham has discipleship and tutoring opportunities every Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Make an impact on a child by reading to or just sharing time and the love of Jesus and change our city. For more information, please contact myself or Geneese Jerkins at info@missionbrenhamtx.org or call us at [979.337.9469](tel:979.337.9469)



All kids are encouraged to come to all services on **Palm Sunday, March 20** to wave palms and lead our congregation in a song they have learned at Super Sunday. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there on this special Sunday.

SUPER SUNDAYS
@FUMC

March 6 & 20
This is for all kids 4yrs to 6th grade. We meet from 4-5pm for games, Bible stories, baking, science & music. Bring a friend!

March 27
EASTER EGG HUNT
10:00am On the front lawn.
Bring your basket!

Mark your calendars now!
Vacation Bible School is June 27-30 this year. We are looking for both adults & youth volunteers in all areas. If you would like to help out contact Jennifer Campbell or Jennifer Patrick at jennifer@fumcbrenham.org



Twelve UMW members put on a Birthday Party for the February birthday residents at Brenham Rest Home February 11. There was balloon volleyball, singing, joke telling and of course cake, punch and cheese puffs. A good time was had by all. The next nursing home birthday party will be April 21 at High Hope Nursing Home.



BIRTHDAY!
Party



The words "thank you" can't even begin to explain what I want to say to our church family. Your support and gifts to our youth have been humbling. You have already given over \$5,800 toward our summer mission trip and the donations keep coming. From our youth and their parents, **THANK YOU!**



THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS COLLECTING DONATIONS OF **EASTER CANDY**

WE HAVE LOTS OF LONELY, LITTLE EMPTY EGGS...
WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US FILL THEM?



Collection box located in the Church Office

Stouffer's Food For Thought . . .

I think my favorite hymn of all time is "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown," number 386 in The United Methodist Hymnal written by Charles Wesley. Just above hymn number 388 are these words:

John Wesley ended his obituary tribute to his brother Charles at the Methodist Conference in 1788: "His least praise was, his talent for poetry: although Dr. [Isaac] Watts did not scruple to say that 'that single poem, *Wrestling Jacob*, was worth all the verses he himself had written.'" A little over two weeks after his brother's death, John Wesley tried to teach the hymn at Bolton, but broke down when he came to the lines "my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee." The poem was first published in the brothers' *Hymns and Sacred Poems* of 1742, expounding on Genesis 32:24-32, influenced by Matthew Henry's exposition.

The full text of the poem is number 387 and contains 14 stanzas, half of which end with this line, "thy nature, and thy name is Love." I remember when I approached ordination there was a time prior to the event that I felt like Jacob, wrestling through the night with God, desperately clinging while awaiting daybreak. Holly told me it must have been three weeks of wrestling. And I remember as I stood up from the act of ordination I had an ache in my right hip. I couldn't explain it physically until I remembered the story of God striking Jacob's hip just before dawn. And in a moment, that wrestling match was complete and I emerged into the daylight of ministry as an elder in the United Methodist Church.

As we look forward to this year's Annual Conference, please pray for all our candidates as they prepare for their ordination interviews April 4-5. Please pray also for the Board of Ordained Ministry in this work of mutual discernment as we seek to discern God's call upon the lives of those who feel called to ordained ministry. Two of our very own will be working through this process this year: Adam and Erin Muckleroy.

All these years later, (21 since ordination as an elder), I still wrestle a bit just prior to the Service of Commissioning and Ordination as I remember God's call upon my life. And I am thankful for God's faithfulness through the long night of wrestling, then and since, and through the bright days of ministry. And I look forward to the adventure God has in store for our congregation.

may Christ be our sufficiency, **Jon**

Even Deeper

Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, went north to fathom the depths of the Arctic Ocean. After he found the place he was going to lower the lines, he lowered his first line. It didn't reach the bottom. In his log book he wrote, "...deeper than that."

The next morning he dropped his second line. It didn't touch the bottom either. In his log book he wrote, "...deeper than that." He continued with all of his lines and he couldn't find a line that would touch the bottom of this vast ocean. After each attempt he would write in his log book "...deeper than that."

This pioneer oceanographer was frustrated as to what he should do next. Finally, he decided that he would tie all of the lines together and attempt to plumb the depths of this ocean. When he had tied them and let them all drop, they still didn't reach the bottom. He wrote in his log book "...EVEN DEEPER THAN THAT!"

Imagine that the love of God that was shown to us on the cross is an ocean. Then take the worst thing you ever did, your deepest darkest secret, and put it in that sea of God's grace. Then take all your sins and put them in there also. Then take all of the sins of everyone in the world. Then realize that every one of those sins is covered by God's mercy. Then you would begin to see that God's love is "EVEN DEEPER THAN THAT!"

We have a God who is rich in mercy beyond our comprehension. His grace reaches farther than we can possibly imagine. The depth of His love is without limit. What else can we do but praise His holy Name.

"Once again you will have compassion on us.

You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!"

Micah 7:19 The New Living Translation

See you Sunday,

Kay

Where In Washington County is Pastor Jon?

Jon's Regular Office Hours

Monday 9 am – Noon, 1 pm – 3 pm

Tuesday 11 am – Noon & 1 pm – 5 pm

Wednesday 9 am – Noon, 1 pm – 5 pm

Thursday 9 am – Noon, 1 – 3 pm

(Tuesday's 2 pm – 4 pm & Wednesday's 3 pm – 5 pm are sermon writing times)

Jon's Regular Visitation Hours

Monday 3 pm – 5 pm

Thursday 3 pm – 5 pm

Ecumenical Pastor's Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesday 9 am – 10:30 am

Brenham Rotary Club

Tuesday Noon – 1 pm

And Rotary functions as scheduled

Fridays are a day off so that I might practice Sabbath Rest!

If you need to see me at a specific time, please feel free to call the church office or email me to make an appointment in the event that another meeting, hospital visit, or unforeseen event should require my presence elsewhere during regularly scheduled office hours.

From the Choir Loft Dr. Nancy Taylor Ginsburg

Thank you, all, for welcoming me into this FUMC congregation, both as a member and as your choir director within the traditional worship services. It is truly my honor to be called to serve the Lord in your midst.

I have been taught that we come to God, to worship and to live our faith, through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. In choir, we often do all these things at once! Such is the power of our song!! Join us!

Choir rehearsal time is more than a time of learning music to be presented in our corporate worship services. Rehearsals are a time of growing together in a faith community, of spiritual and theological awareness, of learning the songs of our faith we will carry with us all our days, and of worship. *I've even worked with choir members who came to rehearsals and were never available to sing in worship.*

You are *always* invited to join the choir. Early Spring...with Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, and an Easter cantata...is a *perfect* time to spend a season with us. Rehearsal is on Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir wants to grow...and we need *your* voice!

Here are a few Chancel Choir truths!

1. Many people in the choir can ***not*** read music...and we work together to learn our parts. It's always a joy!
2. Choir rehearsal is open. Arrive when you are available; leave when you must. Rehearsal will be planned to accommodate choir member scheduling needs.
3. Choir music is prepared in rehearsal for several weeks before it is shared in worship. (If your schedule would require you to miss some rehearsals, that's okay!)

And the biggest truth of all?





4. Choir rehearsal is a mid-week spiritual and energy boost!

CHILDCARE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Are you ready to sing, but have children or grandchildren that need watching? Please let Nancy know you would like to attend choir; childcare can be arranged!

Let's sing joyful songs to the Lord! Blessings & Joy! ... Nancy

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:45 UMW Exec./ FR 9:30 UMW/ AC 11:30 First Tuesdays Together/ On Deck 6:00 Trustees/FR	2 11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	3 9:00 Yoga/ AC	4 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	5
6 4:00 Super Sunday 5:00 Youth Choir/AC 6:00 UMFY/ AC Confirmation/ AC United Methodist Study/ FH	7 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	8 9:00 Card Group/MH	9 11:45 Lenten Lunch/ AC 5:30 Handbell Choir/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	10 11:00 Kathrynine Jones Service/ Sanctuary 6:30 UMM/ AC	11 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	12
 13 SPRING AHEAD Daylight Saving Time Begins 6:00 United Methodist Study/ FH	14 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/Library 6:00 Missions & Outreach/ FR	15 9:30 Hickey Circle/MH Goodman Circle/ FH Amerson Circle/ Newman 6:30 Wesley Circle/ FH	16 11:45 Lenten Lunch/AC 5:30 Handbell Choir/FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	 17 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 Children of the World Choir Concert/ AC	18 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	19
 20 4:00 Super Sunday/AC 5:00 Youth Choir/AC 6:00 UMYF/ AC Confirmation/AC United Methodist Study/FH	21 7:00 Stations of the Cross/ Sanctuary 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	22 9:00 Card Group/MH	23 5:30 Handbell Choir/FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	 24 9:00 Yoga/ AC 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship/ Sanctuary	 25 GOOD FRIDAY Offices closed 7:00 Good Friday Worship/ Sanctuary	26
 27 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt/ Front Lawn	28 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	29	30 1:00 Care Team/FR 5:30 Handbell Choir/FH 7:00 Joy/ Blinn Choir/ Choir Room Celebration Band/AC	31 9:00 Yoga/ AC		

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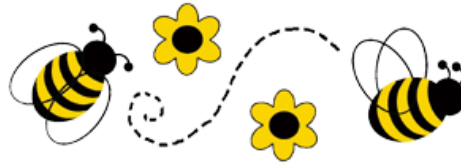
There are no words to express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your congregations' prayers and cards during Ryan's journey.

We continue to try to adjust to our new normal. We take comfort that Ryan is in a better place and free of pain; however, knowing that we will never see him again in this lifetime is often unbearable.

Ryan was amazing right up until the end. We envy his strength and convictions.

God Bless your Congregation!

Tim and Joyce Vandersommen



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