



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. Bill Taylor- Interim Lead
pastorbill@fumcbrenham.org

Rev. Kay Reed- Associate
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Thank you for your gracious reception over the past four weeks as I have assumed the position of intentional interim pastor. As has been previously stated I will be here through June 30th and on July 1st a newly appointed pastor will begin his/her ministry with you. Transitions are always difficult but I sense everyone is working hard to ease this process.

Your staff parish committee (a group of nine persons elected by your Charge Conference) has met and begun the process of developing a pastoral profile under the leadership of the chair Mrs. Jody Tyson. This profile is a guideline for the Bishop and his cabinet to ensure that the most qualified effective pastor will be appointed.

Although our new pastor will not begin until July 1st, this person will likely be appointed in late February or early March. The timeline is short. You can help by giving your input to anyone of the nine members of the committee and they will share this information with the full committee. The members of the pastor parish committee are:

Jody Tyson-SPRC Chair jofrank@cebridge.net, **Tiffany Jenkins** tekjinx@yahoo.com

Tom Scanio stscanio@gmail.com, **Ken Pieper** kenrpe@att.net,
Jerry Stratton pattyandjerry10@att.net, **Lee Brodhead** mlbrodhead@gmail.com,

Mike Mushaway mmushaway@gmail.com, **Milton Tate** tat@moormantate.com,
and Cynthia Hamrick chamrick@reagan.com

In my work as a district superintendent I sometimes received pastoral profiles that were unachievable. Clergy are human beings like you, who have been called by God and set apart to serve the church to a ministry of Word (preaching), order (administration of the church body), sacrament (baptism and communion), and service.

In advance, thank you for your input. It is both my honor and pleasure to serve with you through the end of June.

Peace and Grace,
Bill Taylor
Intentional Interim Pastor

Newsletter Deadline



Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, February 23, 2017 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. Thank you.



Prayer Concerns

SUNDAY January 1, 2017

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 11:00 a.m.	163
Worship Total	165
Offering:	\$9,023.00

SUNDAY January 8, 2017

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	69
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	80
Worship 11:00 a.m.	103
Worship Total	254
Sunday School	89
Offering:	\$10,661.00

SUNDAY January 15, 2017

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	79
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	85
Worship 11:00 a.m.	88
Worship Total	254
Sunday School	97
Offering:	\$22,692.00

SUNDAY January 22, 2017

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	82
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	63
Worship 11:00 a.m.	108
Worship Total	255
Sunday School	105
Offering:	\$7,316.00

SUNDAY January 31, 2017

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	61
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	83
Worship 11:00 a.m.	81
Worship Total	227
Sunday School	98
Offering:	\$5,031.00

YTD/Jan. Preliminary TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$58,881.00
YTD Expense:	\$48,940.00
YTD Net Total:	\$9,941.00

Luene Harmer
 Frances Sidebottom
 Bob & Susan Jenkins
 Roberial & Dorothy Boenker
 Mike Kalil
 Ronnie Ochoa
 Eloise Carmen
 Jim & Linda Clements
 Kathy Revenaugh
 Katie Windham
 Jim & Linda Clements
 Jerry Schatte
 Anna Schatte
 The Family & Friends of B.F. Lee
 Bobby Sailor
 Rev. Lanai Russcau

Jeffery Janner
 Norman Kitzman
 Sam & Beverly Duree
 Steve Ritchie
 Ivan Wubbenhorst
 Hugh & Aniela Pitts
 Sarah Keller
 Ed & Barbara Baker
 Darlene Wyatt
 Kalyn Meschwitz
 Alan Williamson
 Rev. Max Rob

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

Donations Received

In honor of

Milton & Twila Tate
Rev. Sam & Beverly Duree
Rev. Jon & Holly Stouffer

By

Gerald & Deborah Muckleroy

In memory of

Tyler Foster

By

Gary & Kay Ivy
 Don & Mary Wilhelm



KID Stuff!

VBS planning meeting coming in February. Interested in helping in a leadership role? Contact Jennifer Campbell: jennpencecamp@gmail.com

Mark your calendars:

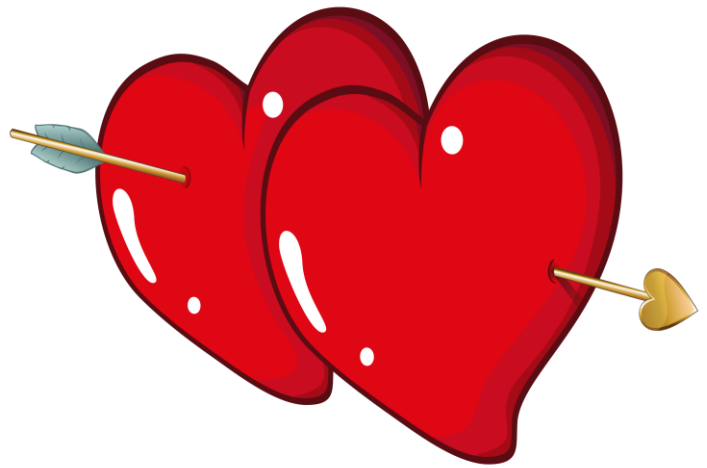
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
June 26- 29



Youth Stuff



UMYF begins a new study on Jan 29. Come and bring a friend!



A.C.T.S.

Coming soon this Spring!
Check your email soon
for more details

UMYF MEALS

Feb 5	SuperBowl Party @the Summerours 5:30pm
Feb 12	Summerours & Smestuens
Feb 19	Agilars & Sedlars
Feb 26	Rettig, Anderson, & Schwartz

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2015

Junior High – July 6-9
Houston, TX

High School – July 16 – 21
New Orleans, LA

World Changing Days

Sunday night we had the first meeting of the 2017 Confirmation Class. As I looked around our over-flowing classroom I thought about this newsletter article I wrote in 2015. I thought it might be interesting to read again.

Fifty years ago a Philadelphia congregation watched as three 9-year-old boys were baptized and joined the church. Not long after, unable to continue with its dwindling membership, the church sold the building and disbanded.

One of those boys was Dr. Tony Campolo, author, alumnus and professor emeritus of Christian sociology at Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania. Dr. Campolo remembers: "Years later when I was doing research in the archives of our denomination, I decided to look up the church report for the year of my baptism. There was my name and Dick White's. He's now a missionary. Bert Newman, now a professor of theology at an African seminary, was also there. Then I read the church report for "my" year. "It has not been a good year for our church. We have lost 27 members. Three joined, and they were only children."

The kingdom of God operates from a different perspective than the rest of the world. The pastor of that church so many years ago saw only children. But God saw a world-wide ministry. The pastor saw only a dwindling church. But God saw the countless lives touched by the ministries of those three boys.

The 2017 Confirmation class has 17 Confirmands. Can you imagine the impact these young people will have on our world? I can't even begin. You can participate and help me by praying for all of us:

5th Grade Confirmands: Conner Appelt, Addie Bogan, Milo Childs, Abby Cross, and Cass Seeber.

Sixth Grade Confirmands: Seth Aguilar, Janie Anderson, Jack Baker, Ashton Behrens, Noah Childs, Grant Chisholm, Fletcher Dalman, Lauren Hook, Jackson Killgore, Lainey Masterson, RJ Ratcliff, and Leah Rettig.

Confirmation Sunday is May 28th. Mark your calendar for this big day. I pray that we will all get excited about celebrating with these young people.

See you Sunday,
Kay



Seven of us attended UMCOR at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana the week of November 27. The team consisted of Pastor Kay, Jerry and Kathy Schatte, Sandra Husmann, Donna Burcham, Dena Miller, and Smitty Hinners. We enjoyed five days working, eating delicious meals, and Christian fellowship. We are already looking forward to next year and hope you all are too!

Notes from the Choir Loft

Dr. Nancy Taylor Ginsburg

Today I am thinking about the one short year I have served the Lord in music ministry at Brenham FUMC with Mark Satterwhite. On January 6th, Mark and I had a text conversation about some music and Mark wrote, "...I'll continue to do my best with the talents I have. And hope that the Lord will smile."

Praise the Lord! This is what we are called to do...and we trust the Lord smiles with delight at our offerings.

For Mark, I lift up this Bible verse: "My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music." (Psalm 57:7)

Ephesians 5:18b-20 advises that we "...be filled with the Holy Spirit,¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NLT)

Let's ALL sing and make music to praise the Lord...and, in Mark's words, "...and hope that the Lord will smile." Godspeed, Mark.

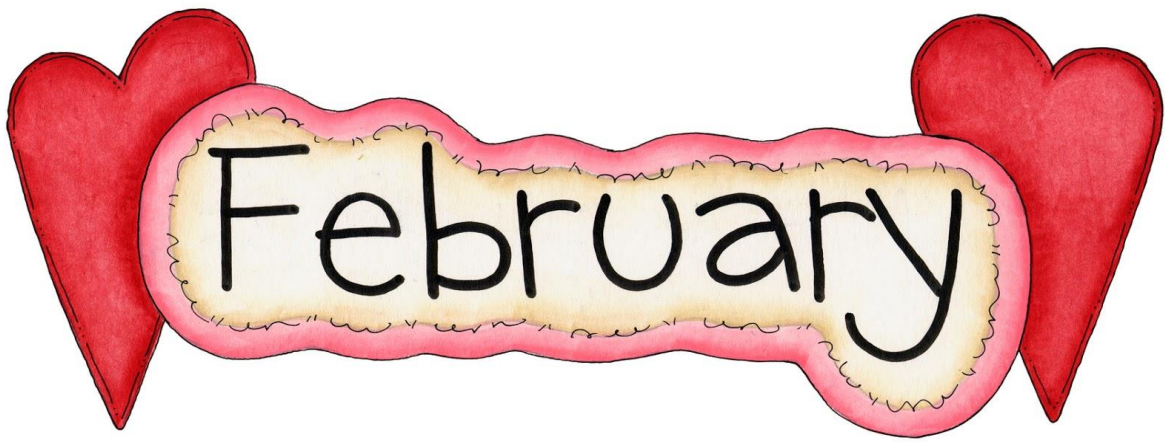
Blessings & Joy! ... Nancy




SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION

We're having a Mardi Gras party! You might know it as "Fat Tuesday". Whatever name you know it by, we're going to have it. We celebrate that night because Lent starts the next day, with Ash Wednesday. This is a time often associated with sacrifice and self-denial, to show our faith and allegiance to God. Some give up things they like to eat, like chocolate, or sweets. So there is one final night before it starts to have last indulgences.

Please plan on joining the fun on **Tuesday, Feb. 28th** in the Activity Center. It will start at 5 pm. There will be beads, music, good food and fun for the entire family. It won't be a late night and we'll wind it up by 7pm at the latest. Hope you can make it.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 Worship/ FR 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room	2 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	3 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	4 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
5 5:30 UMYF SuperBowl Party/ The Summerour's	6 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 6:30 SPRC/ FR	7 9:30 UMW/ AC 11:30 First Tuesdays Together/ FH	8 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	9 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH 6:30 UMM/ AC	10 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	11
12 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	13 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	14 9:00 Card Group/ MH 	15 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	16 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	17 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	18
19 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	20 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	21 9:00 Hinners Circle/ MH Healy Circle/ FH Amerson Circle/ AC 12:00 Susanna Circle/ Jones 6:30 Wesleyan Circle/ FH	22 1:00 Care Team/ FR 5:30 Bells of Praise/ FH 7:00 Choir/ Choir Room Praise Band/ AC	23 9:00 Yoga/ AC 5:30 Exercise Class/ FH	24 9:00 Ladies' Emmaus/ Parlor	25 8:00 Epiphany/ AC
26 6:00 UMYF & Confirmation/ AC	27 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	28 9:00 Card Group/ MH 5:00 Shrove Tuesday Celebration/ AC				

Thanks FUMC!

I just wanted to let you know that I haven't forgotten about you guys. Each of your cards was very touching, and your church made a donation and that was extremely overwhelming in a good way. My heart has been filled with so much love and joy from all the love and support we received from each of you. We are doing well and hopefully we will be home by months end. Our tiny storage building is almost ready, that which we converted into an apartment. I'm so ready to be home and have a since of normalcy again.

With all my love to the FUMC Brenham church congregation,

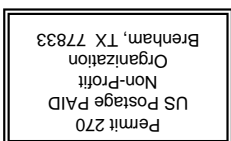
Russell & Kara McClendon

(Kara is Glen and Jetta Goodman's niece)

I want to send a BIG THANK YOU to Aaron and Jennifer Campbell, the Youth group that came to give me a Helping Hand with my brush pile. I was amazed at how fast they made that pile disappear, even the girls who pitched brush on the trailers. The whole group was awesome!

God bless each of you.

Louise Goodrich



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