

First United Methodist Church

November Edition Newsletter 2019

Sunday Mornings at FUMC

8:45 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Celebration Service in the Activity Center

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Nursery Care provided.

The Traditional Service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham Radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 96 Cable TV at 11:00 a.m.



I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶¹ do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16

These are the words written in the introduction of Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus...a letter he wrote from prison. But God's power cannot be restrained by prison walls or separation between Paul, a leader in the Christian movement and this congregation of individuals who are trying to figure out how to live together as the body of Christ. God continues to work through Paul even as God continues to work through the church. Thus, Paul says, "I have heard of your faith..." In the midst of struggles to be faithful, in the midst of arguments and competition, in the midst of trials that come with being followers of Jesus in a culture that is inhospitable to them, they've managed to impress somebody who bragged on them to Paul!

Paul believed and taught that every congregation is a body of Christ and were therefore to live as if they are the presence of Christ on earth, wherever that may be. We know from other Pauline writings that his concept of the body of Christ was every individual using their spiritual gifts in cooperation and collaboration with others. No one is more important than the other. Each one is integral to the health of the body. *"The eye cannot say to the hand, I don't need you...Instead, the parts of the body that people think are weakest are the most necessary."* 1 Corinthians 12:21

This excerpt from the Letter to the Ephesians is also part of the lectionary reading for All Saints Day, and one that we'll be reading in worship on November 3rd when we celebrate All Saints Sunday. It's a beautiful reminder that we are part of each other, the good, the bad and the ugly. Join me in giving thanks today for the saint that first introduced you to faith in Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the Sunday school teachers, the mentors, the pastors, the small group leaders, the lay people who simply lived lives in the example of Christ.

Let's pray the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bobbie



Don't forget to set your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday night, November 2nd. We want to see you all on Sunday morning!!



Music Ministry Notes:

Both Choir and Handbells are rehearsing on Wednesday nights. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on Wednesday. Choir practice starts at 6:30 PM in the choir room and Handbells rehearse at 5:00 PM.

Christmas rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at 1:00. The Chancel Choir will

begin preparing Kim André Arnesen's *Magnificat* to present to the church on December 22nd.

If you are interested in joining any of the music ensembles that make up our music ministry please contact Matt.

Matthewhulon@gmail.com

Coda:

In a recent conversation with a friend and colleague I was struck by how often we musicians rely on words and terminology from other art forms to convey our meaning. It's not uncommon to hear musicians say things like, "can you darken that sound a little bit?" Or "I enjoyed the colors they brought out in the music". I think what all this talk of color and light is hinting at is the utter inadequacy of language to describe music. There is always something ethereal and ephemeral about music. Something about it resonates in such a deep and profound way within us that we have trouble describing it. I think that's why music is so important to worship. The mysteries that encompass the nature of God are so often indescribable and words alone fail, but music helps to fill in that gap, giving meaning to mystery when words cannot.

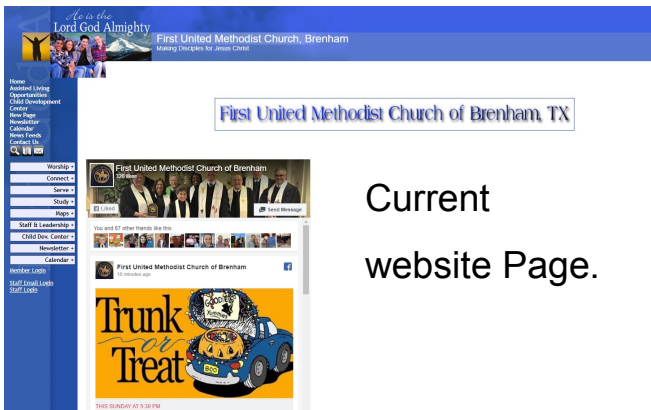
Social Media at FUMC Brenham 2019

If you Google the phrase "Church Social Media" you will be provided with over 200 million articles about using social platforms for your ministry. There's no question about whether our church should be on social media or not. We must prioritize using it well. If you want to take advantage of all the opportunities social media provides us to elevate our presence, participation, and prominence in Brenham and beyond.

Social media offers many possibilities to accomplish our goals for growth in the coming years. I encourage us to consider the following ways our ministry might be missing out.

SOCIAL MEDIA MIGHT BE THE FIRST PLACE PEOPLE FIND OUR CHURCH

Many growing churches say that social media is their most effective method of outreach . . . out of all the possible outreach methods, many are seeing a bigger return for time they invest into social media than anything else. With a church strategy for social engagement we can create an awareness of our ministry and send people too our website where they can learn more.



Current website Page.

church, our content is pushed into the feed of their friends and family. When we understand as a congregation that our interaction with our Facebook page is a form of outreach, we can build a strategy around sharing our culture and our story with people who might be open to learning more.

WE'RE MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

People today are building important networks and connections online, and it is becoming a valuable way for people to connect. We should be embracing our inherent positives and opportunities by taking advantage of every tool at our disposal to reach people where they are, and there may be no greater tool available today than social media.

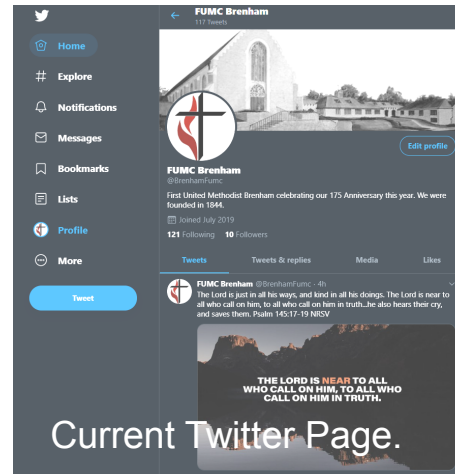
WE CAN BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CONGREGATION'S FRIENDS

Through the likes and shares of your updates from people who already attend our

Current Facebook Page.



PROMOTE SOCIAL MEDIA THROUGH TRADITIONAL MEANS



Current Twitter Page.

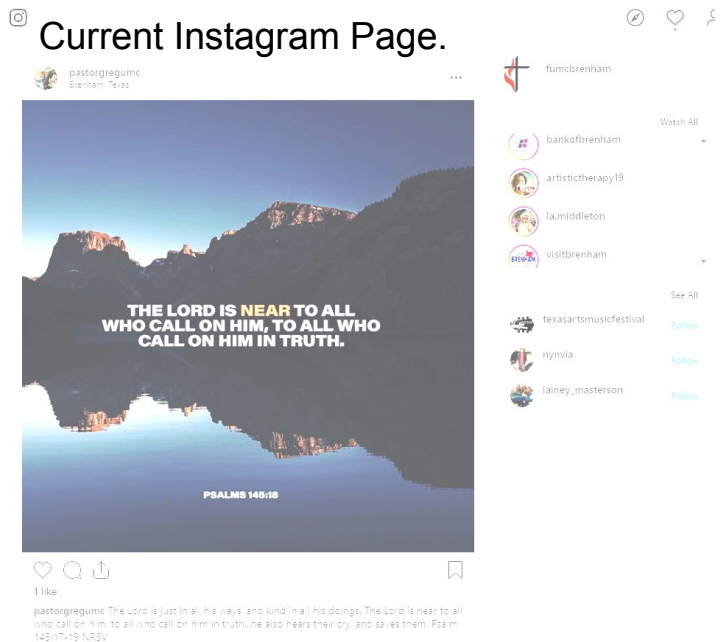
We need to tell our members and guests about our social media platforms. Put the logos and usernames for each of our church accounts on bulletins, newsletters, and promotional materials. If we want our members and guests to engage with you online, they need to know where to find you.

Here is a photo sample page of each of our current social media platforms these are our primary source of online communication. If you are already of one our more of these we ask that you "Like" our Facebook page (@FUMCBrenham), "Follow Us" on Twitter and Instagram at (@BrenhamFumc).

If you have any problems finding us please contact me at the church office or message me through one of our social media platforms.

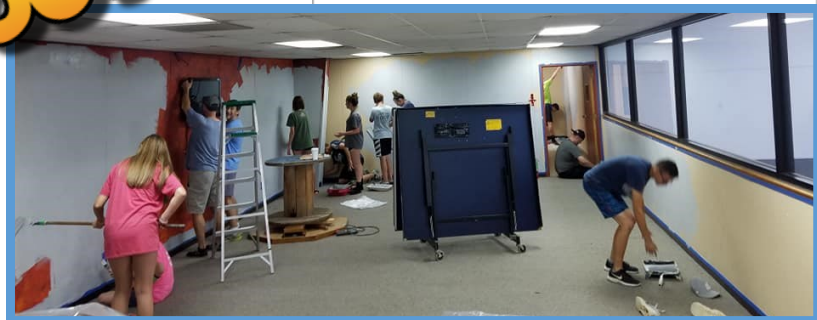
Pastor Greg

Current Instagram Page.

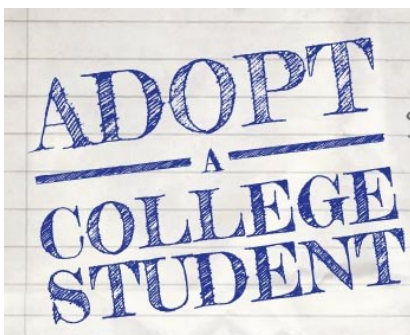




YOUTH ROOM makeover



The youth worked hard last Sunday night putting on a new coat of paint in the youth room. We are giving the room an update. Each month we will be working on adding new things. Next month another coat of paint and getting rid of the old carpet. If you would like to make a donation of any sort please let me know or let Kris know in the office that it's for the youth room. Thank you!




Wanna help? CONTACT :
Jennifer@fumcbrenham.org or
 call the church office.

We're looking for 10 families, couples or singles that would adopt a college student from Blinn College. We have a great group of students at Wesley Foundation this year and I would love to connect you to one of them. What do you do? I'm glad you asked! Send them encouraging texts or a written letter (students love mail), take them to lunch, send them a care package, invite them to church and pick them up. There are endless possibilities. Help us make a kid away from home feel more at home.

Come and celebrate this
 Special service with us!!

All Saints' Sunday **November 3rd**
 9:30 AM
 in both services

November 10th
UMW Sunday



United
 Methodist
 Women
 FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION



November 24th
2 PM
 Come help us
 decorate
 the sanctuary
 for
Christmas!

Christmas 2019 with

The Brenham
State Supported
Living Center

and



Our annual support for these two outreach ministries starts on Sunday, November 17th. That is the day when you will be able to select an "ornament" with a gift suggestion for either an Angel Tree child or a resident at the State Supported Living Center. These gifts, at a cost of between \$15.00 to \$25.00, help share the love of Christ.

Dates to remember:

- **November 17th** and **24th** - select an ornament from the tree in the Sanctuary or AC
- **December 8th** or before - the **unwrapped** Living Center gift taken to the FUMC Office
- **December 16th** or before - the **wrapped** Angel Tree gift with its tag taken to the FUMC Office
- weekend of **December 22nd** and **23rd** - help deliver the Angel Tree gifts

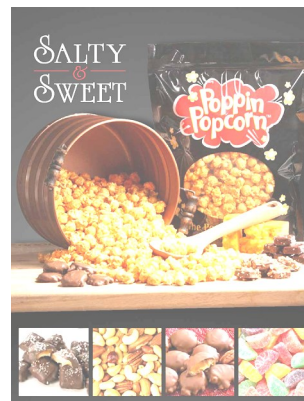


Methodist Weekday Childcare Development Center

Enrollment: 82 children
5 on the waiting list

Staff: 9 Teachers
2 Teacher Assistants
6 Aides
1 Cook
1 Assistant Director
1 Financial Secretary
0 Substitute Teachers

We are still looking for a part time worker that is interested in working Monday-Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.



Our "Salty and Sweet Popcorn" Fundraiser made a profit of \$1,093.20. We received donations of \$50.00 and \$2,500.00, all of which will contribute to the things we need for our playground.



We have started working on the remodeling of our staff restroom.



Our Thanksgiving Feast will be on November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.



Cub Pack 408

First United Methodist Church

Online Popcorn Sales

go to

<https://www.trails-end.com/sellers/support/scout>

Pick: (I HAVE A SCOUT CODE)

Then Pick a Scout:

- **Brody Stutts (PZKANVFX)**
- **Charlie Pauler (A372TEZ0)**
- **Hagen Moore (X2LL9Z3P)**
- **Jacob Miller (XGEU6GS5)**
- **Landon Harper (W26JVSP8)**



Since October 18, 1953

First United Methodist Church of Brenham
has been Charles Sander's Church Family.

Come and help us celebrate his
80th birthday!

Saturday, November 16, 2019

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Brenham's First United Methodist Church
Activity Center

Your presence will be the greatest gift of all to Charles.



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**
Commit for Life.

November 17th

**Bus will be parked in our
back parking lot.**

Children's Corner



My name is Chris Ann Stroech, and I am excited to take on the position of Children's Ministry Coordinator! My husband Lucas and I have three kids: Graceyn, 12; Braelyn, 9; and Kaleb, 7. They keep us busy! But it also means I am interested in creating a children's program that is engaging and focused on building a strong foundation in Christ. I taught 8th grade language arts in both Fort Bend ISD and Cy-Fair ISD before moving over into the world of school administration as

a Director of Instruction for Cy-Fair. For the past few years, I have been doing the paperwork side of my husband's company. And while I will continue that, it will be exciting to put my training, and passion, back to good use!

Sunday School Information:

We will meet following the Traditional and Celebration Services, about 10:45 AM, in the children's Sunday School rooms! (located on the 2nd floor of the MWDCD Wing)

During November, we will gather at the entrance of the Activity Center and walk over together.

November Sunday School- *How Useful is Your Bible?*

3rd through 6th grade: bring your Bibles!
We are going on a Scavenger Hunt!
There will be prizes!!

PK through 2nd grade: be ready for
GAMES, CRAFTS, and ACTIVITIES!



We are going to be busy learning about the importance of the Bible!



I would LOVE and desperately NEED help! If you have ideas, would like to volunteer, or are able to cover us in prayer- please let me know:

chrisannstroech@gmail.com or
281-851-7446 (call or text).

We need all the help we can get! YOU would be a huge asset to the program! Thank you!



DECEMBER 1:

Baby Shower for Jesus!

We will kick off December and Advent with a

BABY SHOWER!

Save the date and invite your friends!

Let's celebrate the coming of JESUS!

(Bring baby items for birth-2 years old to worship.)



I just want to give all of my Church Family at FUMC a special thank you for all of the love and support you have given us during Walter's illness and death. Words cannot express the gratitude and love that I feel for you all.

Joyce Fortune

(Joyce has a new address and you may call the office if you need it.)



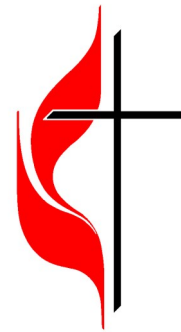
PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Glen Amerson	Lydia House
Barbara and Ed Baker	Mary Jane Jean
Mary Burgess	Beverly Leyrer
Aaron Collier	Pastor Bobbie Maltas
Wanda Curbo	Sue Perry
Ellen Ellison	Jean & Harold Pool
Marshia & Bud Foster	Red Powell
Miriam Gillis	Edna Rote
Joycine & Louis Hannath	Jody Tyson
Luene Harmer	Linda Winstanley

Others

Jan Agee	Kathi Ivy
Barbara Biggers	Ray Neuse
Susan Davenport	Lloyd Pieper
Rick Fitzgerald	Marge Roberts
Donna Gore	Stan Royal
Carol & John Haarmeyer	Annie Schultz
Melissa Hale	Cindy Smith
Gale Heisler	Marissa Spangler
Donna Jacobson	Cheryl Williamson
Mike Kalil	



Memorials Received

In memory of
Walter Fortune
By
Faith Builders' Class
Marvalyn & Chuck Van Eman
Carolyn and Keith Hale
Juanita Hickey
J.S. & M. A. Meals
Jetta & Glen Goodman
Billie Grounds &
Jamie Willingham
Ann and Kenneth Pieper
Jane Odell
Jean & Harold Pool
Sally Dierking

In memory of
Rev. Calvin Beckendorf
By
Sandra & Wesley Hamff

In memory of
Marjorie Reed
By
The Spiller and Behrens Family
Ann Wackman

**Sunday, October 6, 2019
Church Attendance**

Nursery:	4
9:30 Traditional	118
9:30 Celebration	65
Total:	187
Sunday School: 46	
Offering:	\$12,815.84

**Sunday, October 13, 2019
175th Anniversary
Church Attendance**

Nursery:	4
9:30 175 th Service	191
Total:	195
Offering:	\$10,301.86

**Sunday, October 20, 2019
Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	109
9:30 Celebration	85
Total:	197
Sunday School: Church Conf.	
Offering:	\$7,945.43

**Sunday, October 27, 2019
Church Attendance**

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	117
9:30 Celebration	38
Total:	158
Sunday School:	57
Offering:	\$5,503.18

September Totals

Income:	\$70,935.80
Expense:	\$51,127.83
Total:	\$19,807.97

Total: YTD Totals

Income:	\$482,336.96
Expense:	\$493,451.21
Total:	(\$11,114.21)

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Church Staff

Rev. Bobbie Maltas, Senior Pastor

Rev. Greg Smith, Associate Pastor

Jennifer Patrick, Director of Student Ministries

Chris Ann Stroech, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Matt Hulon, Minister of Music

Diane Garrett, Organist

Kris Trevino, Office Manager

Delores Hammargren, Administrative Assistant

Raemona Burks, Child Development Center Director

Lelli Hernandez, Nursery Coordinator

Cindy Mathis, Custodian



The church office will be closing at noon on
Wednesday, November 27th and will remain
closed November 28th and 29th.



November 24th at 6:00 p.m.
Community Thanksgiving
Worship Sunday at The Cannery
@ 314 E. Alamo St., Brenham

Consider volunteering for the Community Thanksgiving
Meal & helping Faith Mission in one of 3 ways:

- **Serving for the Thanksgiving Meal**
- **Donating a turkey to The Cannery for the meal**
- **Ring the Salvation Army Bell**

Go to <https://faithmission.us> for more information or call

Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, November 19th by 4:00 PM.**
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.



November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Move Clocks Back an hour before you go to bed!!!
3 Back to Central Standard Time ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 1:00 PM Christmas Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF	4 10:00 AM Bible Study/FH 6:30 PM SPRC/FR	5 8:30 AM UMW Executive Board Mtg/Library 9:30 AM UMW General Mtg/AC	6 5:00 PM Handbells/HR 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	7 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 7:00 PM Wesley Found/Blinn	8 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus	9
10 9:30 AM UMW Officer Installation 1:00 PM Christmas Choir/CR 4:00 PM Church Conference/ Christ UMC College Station 6:00 PM UMYF	11 10:00 AM Bible Study/FH 1:30 PM MWCDC Board Mtg/Library	12 9:00 AM Card Group 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc	13 5:00 PM Handbells/HR 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM Praise Band/AC	14 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 11:30 AM Book Club/FH 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 6:00 PM MWCDC Thanksgiving/AC 7:00 PM Wesley Found/Blinn	15 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus	16 2:00 PM Charles Sander Birthday Party/AC
17 Angel Trees go up Blood Drive/Parking Lot 1:00 PM Christmas Choir/CR 6:00 PM UMYF	18 10:00 AM Bible Study/FH	19 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc 12:00 PM Susanna Circle/Summour 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	20 2:00 PM Worship Committee/FR 5:00 PM Handbells/HR 6:30 PM Choir Practice/CR 7:00 PM	21 9:00 AM Yoga/AC 5:30 PM Exercise/FH 7:00 PM Wesley Found/Blinn	22 9:00 AM Ladies Emmaus	23
24 1:00 PM Christmas Choir/CR 2:00 PM Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas 6:00 PM UMYF 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Worship/The Cannery	25 10:00 AM Bible Study/FH	26 9:00 AM Card Group 9:30 AM MWCDC Chapel/Sanc	27 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/FR 12:00 PM Office Closes for Thanksgiving 2:00 PM MWCDC Closes for Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving MWCDC Closed for Thanksgiving Volunteers for Faith Mission Thanksgiving Dinner/The Cannery	29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving MWCDC Closed for Thanksgiving	30