

First United Methodist Church

October 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.

Dear Friends,

When the proposal of adopting the Single Board Model of church administration was first introduced last spring, it was a strange concept. It's a little nerve-wracking to think that one group of eleven people would take the responsibilities of four groups of 31 people as the administrative committees of the church are combined. The good news is that United Methodist congregations all over the conference are operating under the Single Board Model and finding that it makes sense and, best of all, it's effective for ministry.

Our Lay Leader, Tom Scanio, and I have hosted three town hall meetings in recent months where we have presented the details of Single Board and answered questions. The information has been published multiple times in our church newsletter. Both Tom and I have had several conversations with individuals and groups within the church. The response has been very positive toward the adoption of this model.

To refresh your memory one more time, the Single Board or Board of Stewards, consists of three representatives from each administrative committee – Finance, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the Board of Trustees. Additionally, the lay leader and senior pastor are on the board. Once the Single Board/Board of Stewards model is in effect, the administrative board and the aforementioned administrative committees cease to exist. All administrative work of those committees is accomplished by the Board of Stewards.

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Individuals are nominated to serve on the Board of Stewards by Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee, just like they've always done. Individuals nominated to serve are voted in by a charge conference and serve in three-year classes, just as has been done in the past. From those elected to serve on the Board of Stewards, leaders of each of the committees and the chair of the Board of Stewards are elected from within and by the Board of Stewards.

If you'd like to read more about the Single Board Model/Board of Stewards, there are detailed materials available through the church office.

On Sunday, October 20, immediately following the worship hour, our district superintendent, Rev. Wanda Bess will be with us in the Activity Center. She will preside over the church conference vote to adopt the Single Board Model of administration. This conference is for every member of the church and only full members of the church are eligible to vote. As per the Book of Discipline, no proxy votes are accepted; you must be present to vote. As soon as all are settled in, Rev. Bess will call the meeting to order, we will vote by written ballot and the meeting will be adjourned.

Please make every effort to be present at the meeting and be prayerfully prepared to vote.

Come and enjoy the festivities!!

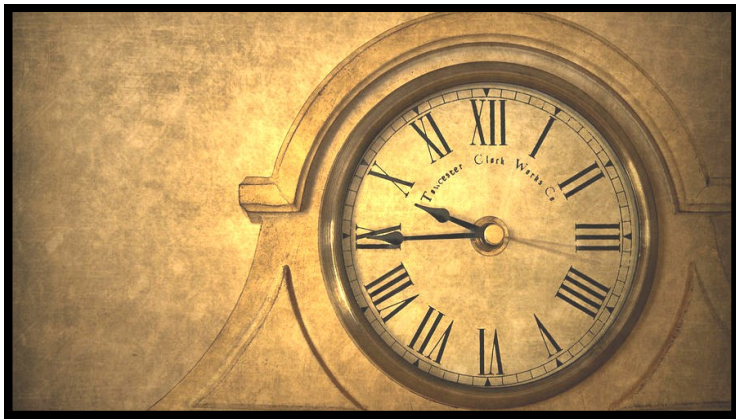
175th Church Anniversary

Celebration Weekend is

October 12 & 13, 2019!

Our Church Wide Picnic is October 12th at Jackson Street Park, 1300 S. Jackson St., Brenham (bring a side dish and chairs to sit on)
On October 13th, we will have a special worship service with Bishop Scott Jones and a dedication of the Historic Marker.

If you have pre-purchased tickets, the 175th Celebration Luncheon will follow the morning worship.

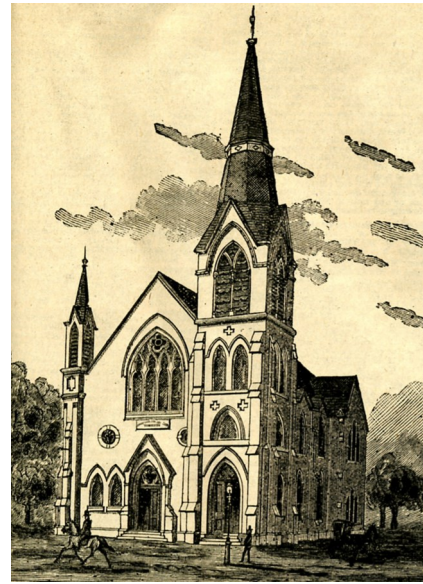


A Moment in Time October

How we choose to organize the space in which we worship says a lot about us. Methodism grew like a brush fire in 19th century America, and the main engine of that growth was a movement called revivalism. The era of revivals began with outdoor communion services by college students in western North Carolina, but soon swept the frontier with camp meetings under brush arbors. The meetings centered on powerful preaching calling upon sinners to repent of their sins and accept the pardon and mercy that God offered. The appeals were quite emotional and filled with warning of the fate of those who did not repent. A 19th century Methodist revival was a noisy affair. Methodists were known as “Shouting Methodists” because many of them were so overcome with either the despair of eternal damnation or the joy of salvation through God’s mercy, that they could not contain themselves.

When Methodists became prosperous enough to construct their own houses of worship, they brought their revivals indoors. The preaching was still the central part of the service, and the pulpit was placed in the center of chancel.

The highest architectural expression of the emphasis on preaching was the Akron Plan church, so named because the first one was built in Akron, Ohio. It featured a central pulpit with a fan shaped auditorium. In pre-amplifier days, that structure brought more people closer to the preacher. It also fit well with other trends. The late 19th century was also known as the Sunday School era. For the first time graded Sunday Schools became common as denominational presses published graded Sunday School literature. The ends of the fan-shaped auditorium could be isolated with sliding panels to serve as Sunday School rooms and opened to provide additional auditorium seating. It was also the era of building more churches in cities, and the Akron Plan worked very well because the style could be fit into a city block with the choir and pulpit in a corner.



In 1879 the MECS in Brenham built a magnificent building just south downtown on Church Street and named it Giddings Memorial.

Even though it was beautiful, it was snake-bit from the start. One Saturday night one of the exterior walls collapsed—foundation problems are nothing new in Brenham.

Meanwhile the German speaking MEC church built a more modest church building on 4th Street and worshiped there.

By the 1930’s the 1879 structure was in really bad shape. The two congregations, MEC and MECS, merged in 1938—a year

before the unification of 1939—and continued to worship in the 4th Street Church.

Part of the merger agreement was that the merged congregation would build a new sanctuary in a new location—not previously owned by the predecessor congregations. Another provision of the merger was that the new church would be built before the 1940 session of Annual Conference to be held in November—a two year lead time.

That deadline was not met, and that delay had a profound effect upon the design of the sanctuary in which we now worship.

After World War II there was a huge need for new church construction. Very few churches had been built because of the Depression and World War II, and the churches were growing rapidly because the post-war Baby Boom parents wanted to raise their children in church. Most late 19th-early 20th century church buildings were too small and could not be retrofitted with the sound systems and air conditioning now considered necessities.

There had been a change in church architectural styles. The Akron Plan was dead. The post World War II generation of preachers was the first generation of Methodist preachers for whom a seminary education was an expectation. In the years following 1945 the crop of young preachers who were going to lead the church-building effort had been educated in the historic traditions of our faith. Many of them wished to re-emphasize the historic emphasis on the

sacraments at the expense of preaching. A more educated, sophisticated clergy was now preaching to a more educated, sophisticated laity and both were somewhat ashamed of their legacy as “Shouting Methodists.”

In architectural terms, that meant the pulpit was pushed to the side, and the communion table that held the sacraments was made the focal point of the worship space. Church auditoriums were stretched to create long central aisles appropriate for ritual processions.

The pastor at Brenham, James Allen Chapman, already had a reputation as the “most high church preacher in the Texas Conference” when he came here. It would be an understatement to say that he embraced the changes going on in church architecture. Church architecture was his passion, and he even went to Columbia University for graduate school to study the subject.

His predecessor, Emmett Dubberly, had tried to move the church, but failed because there was huge division in the church. Some of the former MECS members wanted to renege on the merger agreement and place the new church back on the lot that had once been their home. Dubberly could not break the log jam.

Chapman was less diplomatic. In the “you can’t cook an omelet without breaking some eggs” style, he pushed through the new building plans by driving out some members of one of the factions.

The church in which we worship shows the mark of the “high church” architectural movement. You have noted the kneelers in the pews as possibly the only ones you’ve ever seen in a Texas Methodist church, but the kneelers were not the talk of the Conference in 1950. The most radical “high church” feature was the eternal flame in the chancel (since removed).

In the late 20th century the pendulum swung back again. The blossoming of “contemporary worship” services and the rise of mega-churches pushed architectural styles toward more flexible spaces. The communion table was de-emphasized and the pulpit and stage for a band returned to prominence. Rotating seasonal banners rather than timeless stained glass windows became the dominant visual ornamentation.

Wm. C. Hardt, for the Committee with thanks to Rev. Earl McIntire for his consultation.



Coming soon...a brand-new church website for FUMC Brenham. Within the next 30 days we should be launching our new and greatly improved church website. In a recent article, church leaders from around the country share 10 reasons an effective church website is necessary both for existing members and especially for prospective members.

1. A Website Keeps Your Congregation Engaged and Active

According to research, over 60% of church-goers say that a church's website is important in facilitating their participation at church. A website allows them to explore serving opportunities at church, connect with their congregation and community, forward helpful information to others, and more. It should include valuable information such as community bulletins, event calendars, volunteer sign-up forms, blog posts, podcasts, recorded sermons, social media links, etc. on your church's website, you provide great opportunities for members of your congregation to stay well-informed and active in what is happening at your church, as well as events and programs your church is sponsoring or organizing.

2. A Website Allocates a Central Location to Share Up-to-Date Events Calendars, Service Programs, and Bulletins

Instead of spending tons of money printing out calendars, information about programs, and bulletins, and then mailing them each month or every few weeks, you can simply upload them and share them on your website. Doing this is also better for the environment.

In addition to saving money and decreasing your paper trail, you'll be able to easily update calendar and program information last-minute on your website in case anything changes. People will also be able to sign up for events and programs online at their own convenience, which will be much easier to organize and track.

3. A Website Introduces the Public to Your Leadership and Programs

On your church's website, you can create a page that includes bios of your pastors and staff. This way, the public will know their backgrounds and what they're passionate about before stepping foot in your church. They'll also have access to detailed information about what types of services and programs you offer. Having such information available online will make prospective congregation members feel much more comfortable visiting your church in person, as they will already have insight into what type of ministry they'll experience and who will be leading.

4. A Website Can Welcome Outsiders to Your Congregation and Ministry

Your church's website should be a space to extend an open invitation to prospective members and those who are seeking spiritual guidance. A lot of prospective worshipers may be timid or unsure about attending church simply because they haven't been to one before and are afraid of being rejected or being perceived as an outcast. Use your website to put them at ease and express your desire to have them visit your establishment.

5. A Church Website Is Easily Promoted Through Location-Based Search Engine Optimization

It's easy to promote your church's website online and across search engines through location-based SEO (Search Engine Optimization)? And that including location-based SEO on your website will help more people in your neighborhood or local community find your church online? It's easy to do and doesn't require much work to get your church's website found online.

6. A Website Showcases Your Church's Community Involvement

Your church's website should display the reach and extent of your ministry and inspire others to get involved too, even if they aren't current members of your congregation. Showcase programs your church oversees or supports within your community, such as afterschool programs, programs that feed the homeless, etc.

You'll especially want to highlight other non-profits and community organizations your church works with often, as well as special holiday events and programs you host each year. You'll want to showcase that your ministry and community reach goes beyond services hosted on Sundays.

7. A Website Can Extend a Secure Way to Receive Digital Donations and Contributions

49% of all church giving transactions are completed with a card nowadays and 60% of church-goers are willing to donate their tithings digital. With a church website, you can allow others to donate when it's convenient for them online. You can include a secure portal that collects payments digitally on your website.

8. A Website Can Increase Involvement in Bible Study, Reading, and Prayer Groups

When more church members know when a Bible study is being held, they're more likely to sign up for it and show up for it. And, if your congregation can access a member directory via your website, you'll likely see more active prayer groups and more support from the overall congregation. Additionally, you can share handouts and information from different groups on your website, so that others can access it and become involved. Overall, with an online presence, you'll see more engagement from your groups and be able to build an active platform where your community members can really get involved and support one another.

9. A Website Offers a Cost-Effective Platform to Reach Out to Prospective Members

You can share links to your church's website in emails and across social media outlets to reach prospective members. You can easily share blog posts and emails about new and popular programs, as well as include information about where interested parties can go on your website to sign up or learn more about your church and its programs. Your website can serve as the central information hub for everything prospective members will need to know when considering your church.

10. A Website Provides Links to Social Media Outlets, Podcasts, Recordings, and Blog Posts—Spiritual Content People are Searching for Already

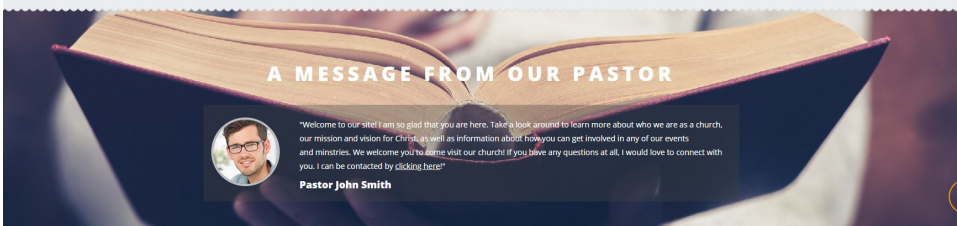
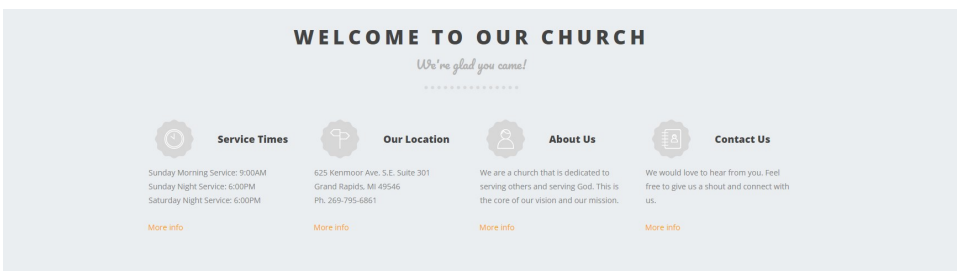
According to research, people are beginning to search for online church options in staggering numbers. Millions of people want to listen to sermons via podcast or through video. And, millions of people read blog posts too.

In addition, about a quarter of the world's population has access and regularly uses social media. You can include the type of content that people are searching for already on your church's website.

Here are a couple examples of the platform we will be building our website on. In the meantime, we do feature many updates, devotionals, and our entire recorded service from the Sanctuary as well as a separate recording of the Of-fertory. The church Facebook page can be found online at

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCBrenham/>.

Pastor Greg



PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Glen Amerson
 Barbara and Ed Baker
 Mary Burgess
 Aaron Collier
 Wanda Curbo
 Ellen Ellison
 The Fortune Family
 Marshia & Bud Foster
 Miriam Gillis
 Joycine & Louis Hannath

Luene Harmer
 Lydia House
 Mary Jane Jean
 Beverly Leyrer
 Sue Perry
 Jean & Harold Pool
 Red Powell
 Edna Rote
 Linda Winstanley

Others

Jan Agee
 Bret Amerson
 Barbara Biggers
 Susan Davenport
 Rick Fitzgerald
 Donna Gore
 Claire Green and family
 Carol & John Haarmeyer
 Melissa Hale
 Gale Heisler
 Donna Jacobson
 Mike Kalil

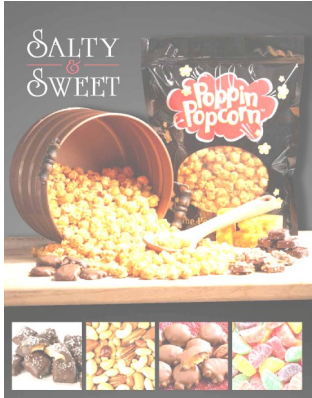
Kathi Ivy
 Cindy Mullins
 Ray Neuse
 Lloyd Pieper
 Marge Roberts
 Stan Royal
 Annie Schultz
 Cindy Smith
 Marissa Spangler
 Connie Warmke
 Cheryl Williamson



Methodist Weekday Child Development Center

It is time for our fall fundraiser!
We are doing this yummy caramel
corn brochure to raise money for our
outdoor toys and new flooring. We
are hoping to raise at least 2500.00.

We need everyone's help to achieve this
goal!



The "Salty & Sweet" brochure offers a
variety of gourmet caramel corn, cheeses,
sausages and candies! Prices range from
\$10-\$15 for a bag of caramel corn. We have
a great potential to meet our goal if everyone
does their part.

Our fundraiser will run from September 23rd
to October 7th. This is a prepay sale. Checks should be made
payable to Methodist Weekday CDC. You may make a purchase
in the office, if you do not know a child to purchase from and
would like to help with our goal.

Come and enjoy
Trunk or Treat,
the Organ Concert
and the FUMC Chili Cook Off

October 27th

5:30 p.m. Organ Concert
6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
6:45 p.m. Chili Cook Off
in the Activity Center.



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: To commemorate the 175th anniversary of our church the choir
will sing an anthem composed for that Sunday. To my knowledge this
is the first time Brenham FUMC has commissioned a musical setting.
In an effort to see this piece eventually published and used in worship
services outside our community we contracted with Howard Helvey, a
often published composer to write this piece. In thinking about doing
anything different or new the question always comes up, why? It's like
that with everything the first time. So WHY commission an anthem for
the 175th anniversary? There are lots of reasons I could list about why
but I think the most important one is that by commissioning an anthem
that will most likely be published we are in a small way reflecting the
historic nature of the church. Something small that starts in our church
in Brenham Texas will reach other communities, through church or
community choirs. The 175 years of Methodism in Brenham is a legacy
of small acts echoing through the ages. If you would like to contribute to
off setting the cost of this commissioned work please contact me.

Trunk or Treat



A N D CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, October 27th

***Begins at 6:00 p.m. Activity Center Parking Lot
6:45 p.m. Chili Cook-Off inside the Activity Center***

It's that time again! Decorate your car's trunk with any theme you want and get ready to hand out candy to all our little trick-or-treaters. The kids LOVE it and everyone will have a great time. This is a great opportunity to invite friends that are not church members to come and participate.

It's our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off so get your recipe out, grab an entry form and start cooking. Entry forms will be in the church office and will be emailed out. Turn your entry form in to the church office so we're prepared for all the contestants. Everyone will be able to taste each chili recipe and vote for your favorite chef.

To top it off, kiddos will strut around in the fashion show so everyone will have a chance to admire your costumes.



Pipe Organ Concert

October 27th

At 5:30 p.m.

In the sanctuary!!!

We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a 30 minute portion for the kids in the sanctuary. At 6:00 p.m. the kids are taken to the parking lot to trunk or treat.

Anyone not wishing to participate in trunk or treat is welcome to stay for more organ music. It's an opportunity to hear the organ in a new way .

Sunday, September 1, 2019 Church Attendance

Nursery:	2
9:30 Traditional	101
9:30 Celebration	52
Total:	155
Sunday School:	
Offering:	\$15,618.92

Sunday, September 8, 2019 Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	121
9:30 Celebration	58
Total:	182
Sunday School:	
Offering:	\$14,886.11

Sunday, September 15, 2019 Church Attendance

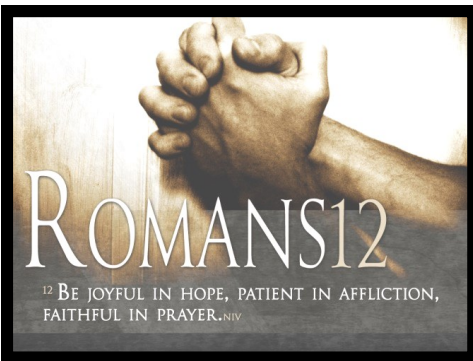
Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	112
9:30 Celebration	62
Total:	177
Sunday School:	55
Offering:	\$12,279.95

Sunday, September 22, 2019 Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	122
9:30 Celebration	55
Total:	180
Sunday School:	16
Offering:	\$17,205.00

Sunday, September 29, 2019 Church Attendance

Nursery:	3
9:30 Traditional	114
9:30 Celebration	50
Total:	167
Sunday School:	51
Offering:	\$7,703.22



Thank you to all who remembered my family in many and various ways following Calvin's death.

Marie Beckendorf

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Glen Amerson
Barbara and Ed Baker
Mary Burgess
Aaron Collier
Wanda Curbo
Ellen Ellison
The Fortune Family
Marshia & Bud Foster
Miriam Gillis
Joycine & Louis Hannath
Luene Harmer

Lydia House
Mary Jane Jean
Beverly Leyrer
Pastor Bobbie Maltas
Sue Perry
Jean & Harold Pool
Red Powell
Marjorie Reed
Edna Rote
Linda Winstanley

Others

Jan Agee
Bret Amerson
Barbara Biggers
Susan Davenport
Rick Fitzgerald
Donna Gore
Claire Green and family
Carol & John Haarmeyer
Melissa Hale
Gale Heisler
Donna Jacobson
Mike Kalil

Kathi Ivy
Cindy Mullins
Ray Neuse
Lloyd Pieper
Marge Roberts
Stan Royal
Annie Schultz
Cindy Smith
Marissa Spangler
Connie Warmke
Cheryl Williamson

Faithbuilder's Sunday School class.

Pat Clark and Linda Pipes presented Paul Pipes with a Quilt of Valor, in honor and recognition of his service in the U S Army during the Korean War.



Wesley Foundation at Blinn College



Newsletter Deadline

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, October 24th 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.



OCTOBER 2019



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