



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 10 Cable TV.

Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dale Chance
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Associate Pastor
Rev. Terry Dougherty
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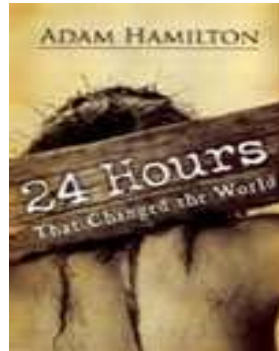


Questioning takes courage. It's the way that we learn and the way we grow. When we keep the questions coming, we keep the conversation going with God ... and one another.

This Lent, FUMC Brenham invites you to experience one of life's greatest mysteries – God's radical breaking through with a Love that could not be destroyed. Rediscover your curiosity and meet God in the questions...not just the answers.

Pastor Dale Chance and Pastor Terry Dougherty will be offering a lectionary-based sermon series Fearless: The Courage to Question in all three worship services during the season of Lent. Several Sunday Schools will use the materials so that the questions can continue to be explored.

We invite you ... and your questions to join us.



Join Pastor Dale Chance for an exciting Lenten study beginning on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. The group will meet in the church office area on Baylor St. (enter the door with the blue canopy).

The aim of this study is to help us better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon the meaning of these events for our own lives.

To do this, we will look at the geographical and historical setting of the events of that fateful day; reflect theologically on Jesus' death; and, ultimately, look to see ourselves in the story, considering how we are like Pilate or Peter, Judas or John.

To sign up for the study or for more information about it, please contact the church office. There are some books available for purchase for those interested. Books are not required.

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to fumc@fumcbrenham.org or please 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.



METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

SUNDAY February 13, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	
Worship 8:15 a.m.	62
Worship 11:00 a.m.	142
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	62
Worship Total	266
Sunday School	107
Offering:	\$ 8,786.00

SUNDAY February 20, 2011

Church Attendance:

Nursery	2
Worship 8:15 a.m.	75
Worship 11:00 a.m.	116
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	63
Worship Total	256
Sunday School	130
Offering:	\$ 9,054.00



Thank You!

Our first “home-cooked” spaghetti dinner was a success – we made \$1,276 to support the CDC. I would like to thank all the Church Members, CDC Parents and Staff for helping sell tickets.

Special thanks to Barbara Baker, Carolyn Baker, Barbara Murphy, Terry Dougherty, Tami Stevens, Betty Moss, Jim Forsythe, William Powell, Linda Pipes and Evelyn Newman



Prayer Concern

Ruth Ann Marshall
Tricia Gustafson
Jim Hickey
Nona Taylor
Stanley Schneider
Jane Moore
Kenneth Bryson
John Michaels
Rebecca Ocanos
Elmo Davis
Henry Kuecker
Ruth Necker
Bob Perry
Jan Pledger
Lorraine Teufel
Loyce Holt
Janice Clayton
Frances Sidebottom
Ed Baker
Bennie Pennington
Mary Holt
Jim Bruce
Madeline Robinson
Dorothy Baker
Bill Davenport
Frank Tyson
John and Sharon Vavrock

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

March 2011

March 1	Staff Meeting
March 4	CDC Closed
March 8	McGruff Visits
March 10	Park Fieldtrip
March 16	Library Fieldtrip
March 17	Green Day!
March 31	Picture Day

Our Deepest Condolences

To the family of Max Butler M.D.,
who passed February 18, 2011.

To the family of Frances
Hamrick, who passed February 21, 2001.

To the family of Minnie Spiess Washam,
who passed February 26, 2011.

Donations Received

In honor of
Max Butler M.D.

By Gary and Kay Ivy

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jason and Victoria Conarro, along with big brother Jake and grandparents Marshall and Bethany Conarro. They welcomed their newest addition to the family, Cayd Ryan Conarro. Cayd was born February 2, 2011 at 11:40 a.m. and weighed 7.5 pounds at 19.5 inches long.

Congratulations go out to Ted “Tres” and Beth Masser, along with grandparents Skipper and Kitty Dippel and Ted and Kathy Masser. Who welcomed a baby boy Ted “Cuatro” Masser February 9, 2011 into their family.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org



LENTEN MISSION PROJECT 2011

Beginning Sunday, March 13 we will start collecting items to create wonderful Easter baskets for CASA for Kids. The children will also make beautiful Easter cards for each CASA child during Sunday School. So don't miss out on reaching out to children in our community.



Children's Musical Theatre Troupe
First United Methodist Church Brenham, TX

Rehearsals
5:00 - 6:30pm

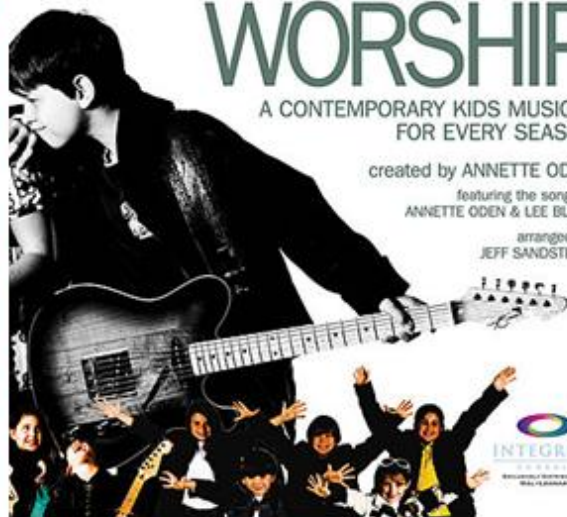
Spring Performance Date:
Sunday, May 1

This spring's musical is...

BORN TO WORSHIP

A CONTEMPORARY KIDS MUSICAL
FOR EVERY SEASON

created by ANNETTE ODEN
featuring the songs of
ANNETTE ODEN & LEE BLACK
arranged by
JEFF SANDSTROM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 6-10 2011



If you would like to help out in this year's VBS please contact Holly Carlile at carlilezoo@yahoo.com. We have spots in all areas and at different commitment levels. I encourage everyone to participate in some way or another. You will come away so encouraged and blessed!

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rcruiz1020@yahoo.com



Lenten Bible Study for Youth!
Starting Ash Wednesday in the library from 7-8pm

March Youth Calendar

Sat. & Sun. March 5 & 6 - Camping at Yegua Park at Lake Somerville – Leave 3pm. on 3/5, return to FUMC 3pm the 6th - (Henkhaus chaperone).

Wed. March 9 - Youth Lenten Bible Study - 7-8pm in Library

Sun. March 13 - No Youth - Spring Break

Wed. March 16 - No Bible study - Spring Break

Sun. March 20 - Bowling & Dinner in College Station - bring \$10 - 2-8pm

(Rettig Chaperone)

Wed. March 23 - Youth Lenten Bible Study - 7-8pm in Library

Sun. March 27 - Community Service Project - 5-8pm

(Middleton dinner & chaperone)

SAVE THE DATE

**LAKEVIEW SUMMER CAMP THIS YEAR IS
JUNE 20-24. MORE DETAILS SOON!**

Texas United Methodist History Society Meeting in Chappell Hill and Brenham on March 24 – All are Invited!

The Texas United Methodist Historical Society will be meeting at Chappell Hill United Methodist Church and Brenham from March 24-26. The theme of the meeting is *Robert Alexander and His World 1811-2011*.

The meeting will begin on Thursday, March 24, at noon with registration. The Rev. Paula Behrens, the host pastor will welcome the group at 1:00 p.m. The Rev. William Lanigan, the Texas Conference historian will speak on the life of Robert Alexander, one of the first commissioned Methodist missionaries to the Republic of Texas. Chappell Hill UMC historian Tom Stevens will provide a history of the host church. A banquet on Thursday evening at the church will feature *An Evening with Robert Alexander*.

Friday, March 25 will be devoted to a tour of Methodist heritage sites in the area. Participants will visit historic churches, the graves of Robert Alexander and Martin Ruter, and Rutersville, the site of the organization of the Texas Conference on December 25, 1840. The tour will feature interpretation by expert guides. A lunch is included. (Starting point, parking lot of FUMC Brenham)

On Saturday, March 26, the group will meet at Chappell Hill UMC. The winning paper in the Essay Contest for university students will be read. The Kate Warnick Award for best local church histories of the past year will be announced, and the Society will conduct its business meeting.

Included in the registration fee of \$45 are the banquet meal on Thursday night, lunch on Friday, tour transportation, and interpretative materials. If you would like registration materials delivered via email, please request them from TUMHS President Wm. C. Hardt at wchardt@gmail.com



THIS WEDNESDAY, March 2
is the next Lunch Bunch.
11:30 a.m. Blinn Cafeteria
\$5 for soup/salad/potato bar
\$7 for the full meal
BRING A FRIEND!!



TRUE TEXAS WOMEN at BARRINGTON FARMS

Washington on the Brazos

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Cost: \$5.00 and Bring a sack lunch.

RSVP by Sunday, March 20

(Turn in registration form & money to the church office)

Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. & Return by 3:00 p.m.

The staff of Barrington Living History Farm will present *True Texas Women* which will share the stories of the lives of these strong, determined women who often endured difficult and extreme hardships as they helped tame the Texas frontier.



Texas Special Olympics

The Special Olympics is coming to Brenham! It will take place April 8th and April 9th. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Pat Clark.

Have you recently finished reading a really good book and desire a place to discuss it with friends? The first FUMC Book Group will meet on March 16 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship House. For additional information, contact Jo Powell at 836-8171.

The group will discuss the book

Same Kind of Different as Me
by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

The book is available in the church library and the local public library.



Everyone is welcome to come –
bring a friend along!

Thanks to FUMC of Brenham!

Thank you for supporting the work of Acción Médica Cristiana. Your support for institutional development helps AMC empower thousands of people in remote communities with tools and knowledge for sustainable living. Thanks again for your generous donation.

God bless you, Acción Médica Cristiana

Thank you so very much for your donation to the Haiti Children Project. Your gift through the Advance Offering will go a long way in providing food, shelter, education, and medical care for the children of Haiti.

Blessings,
Wade and Janet McGuinn,
Haiti Children Project



**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**

**March 9
7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

**LENTEN
LUNCHES**

Come and hear wonderful speakers and enjoy a free lunch. The luncheons begin on March 16 at 11:45 a.m. in the Activity Center. The last luncheon is April 13. All are welcome.



**Palm
Sunday**

Sunday, April 17

*Procession of Palms by our
Children at all three services*

*Special Music from our
Chancel Choir and
Celebration Band*

**Maundy
Thursday
Service**

**April 21
7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

*A special service with
Communion and a
moving drama entitled
The Last Words.
Performed by Blinn
Theatre Students.*



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:45 UMW Exec / Library 9:30 UMW / AC	2 11:30am JOY lunch at Blinn 1:00 Care / Library 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00 Yoga / AC 5:15 Casa for Kids / FH 6:00 Girl Scouts/ AC	4 9:00 Emmaus / Library 6:30 Buddy Dorow Bar-B-Q Dinner / AC	5 3:00 Youth / Somerville
6 12:30 Confirmation / FH 2:30 Worship/ Care Center of Brenham 3:30 Worship/ Bluebonnet Hills 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal/ R139	7 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley / Blinn 5:15 Casa for Kids / FH 7:00 Admin. Board / FR	8 9:00 Card / MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	9 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	10 9:00 Yoga / AC 5:15 Casa for Kids / FH 6:30 UMM / AC	11 9:00 Emmaus / Library	12
13 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal/ R13 Youth / AC	14 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley / Blinn 1:00 CDC Board / Library 6:30 Evangelism / FR	15 9:30 Goodman / Stratton Smith / Fortune Banker / Carmen 12:00 Susanna / Lenten Luncheon at the Church 6:30 Wesleyan / FH Trustees / FR	16 11:30 Lenten Luncheon\ Banker 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 9:00 Yoga / AC	18 9:00 Emmaus / Library	19
20 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal Youth / AC	21 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley / Blinn	22 9:00 Card / MH 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	23 11:30 Lenten Luncheon/ Susanna 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24 9:00 Yoga / AC	25 9:00 Emmaus / Library 5:00 Long / Oden Rehearsal	26 5:00 Long / Oden Wedding
27 12:30 Confirmation / FH 5:00 ACTS Rehearsal Youth / AC Mission Team to Sager Brown	28 9:00 Bible Study / FH 12:15 Wesley / Blinn 3:00 42 / Mission	29	30 11:30 Lenten Luncheon/Goodman 6:00 Youth Bible Study / AC 6:30 Celebration Band / AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	31 9:00 Yoga / AC	The Upper Room The new Upper Room booklets are now available in the church office and Sanctuary.	

Is This Fast...

Lent is a season the church has traditionally set apart for self- reflection in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is a day to remember our mortality; from dust we came and to dust we shall return.

During Lent many people seek to practice some of the spiritual disciplines, particularly fasting. Even those who do not attend church regularly consider giving something up for Lent, thinking that somehow God will be pleased with them. The problem is that God does not work like that; our good works do not move him. Salvation comes to us by grace through the cross of Jesus Christ.

The people of Isaiah's day thought that, if they just fasted, all would be well with them. They fasted but without repentance. They sought the Lord daily and wondered why their lives remained the same. The problem was that their actions did not reveal repentant hearts. They continued to abuse their workers, and take advantage of the poor in their midst.

God desires that we love him with our whole being and love our neighbor as our self. This season as we seek the Lord's forgiveness, some might even fast, let us concentrate on living lives that reflect God's concern and passion by dealing kindly with all those we come in contact with. Sacrifice is good, but seeking to love God and others fully is better.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 9, 2011

**Ash Wednesday Service with the imposition
will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**



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