



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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Rev. Kay Reed
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Reaping What We Sow

A young couple had just bought their first home, and one of their first projects was landscaping. They prepared the yard, installed a sprinkler system, and one day, when the weather was just right they seeded and watered the lawn, finishing after the sun went down.

For the next three weeks they faithfully tended the lawn, watering daily, shooing away birds, neighborhood cats, and roving children, and watched patiently for the first blades of grass to peek through. Nothing came up except a few weeds.

Then the husband came in one day and announced sheepishly to his wife, "I just found the bag in the garage that I thought had grass seed in it." "Well, what did you plant?" asked his wife. "KITTY LITTER," he replied with a sigh.

It's true in so many areas of life, isn't it? So often we do reap what we sow. The Apostle Paul said it precisely in his letter to the Galatians, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

These words about reaping what we sow take on a very special meaning as we begin preparing for our 2012 Stewardship Campaign. This year our campaign will run for five weeks beginning September 25th. Our theme is: Generosity – A Habit of the Heart. Each week we will highlight one of our church vows – Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.

When it comes to our giving we almost always reap what we sow. Take this past year for example. We're all aware of the great things that have happened in the life of our church over the past year. But those seeds were planted back last year when we made our commitments to the church. Those seeds that were planted last year opened a lot of doors of ministry for us through the rest of the year. Without those seeds we simply could not have come this far.

How far will we be able to go next year? How many doors of ministry will we be able to open? A lot of that depends on what seeds we plant in the next few weeks. And every seed is important. And quite frankly, if we're going to be the kind of church that God is calling us to be, then it's going to take each one of us planting as many seeds as possible. This is YOUR church and YOUR program and YOUR ministry. YOUR and MY commitment will make a difference in the harvest we reap next year.

With that in mind, I would ask that each of us begin to make our commitments to the church a matter of prayerful consideration. Let's plant our seeds and our gifts with joy and thanksgiving. And together let's be the church we are called to be.

See you Sunday,
Kay

Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Monday, Sept. 26, 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.



SUNDAY September 4, 2011
Church Attendance:

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	73
Worship 11:00 a.m.	124
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
Worship Total	261
Sunday School	97
Offering:	\$ 22,546.33

SUNDAY September 11, 2011
Church Attendance:

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	82
Worship 11:00 a.m.	142
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	57
Worship Total	285
Sunday School	109
Offering:	\$ 15,212.76

AUGUST TOTALS

August Income:	\$51,863.87
August Expense:	\$55,700.77
August Total:	(\$3,836.90)

YEAR TO DATE

YTD Income:	\$401,855.08
YTD Expense:	\$450,923.97
YTD Total:	(\$49,068.89)

September 2011



Open House

Has been rescheduled to
Wednesday, Sept. 21st
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Picture Day is September 23rd

Fall Drive thru Dinner Fundraiser

Thursday, Sept. 29th
4:00- 6:00

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Salad Garlic Bread Brownie

Tickets will be available Sept. 12th in the Church office or
CDC office. If you would like to help sell tickets,
please contact Ashley.

** Tickets will be sold on Sundays.

Upper Rooms

The September and October editions are now
available in the sanctuary and church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org

**CHURCH-WIDE
EVENT @FUMC
SEPTEMBER 18TH
10:00AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICES@
8:15, 9 (IN THE AC), & 11**



face painting **games** **crafts**
brunch **Dunking Booth**
Bring a friend!!

BRING A COVERED DISH BRUNCH ITEM!



The children from Children's Church want all of you to *Get Connected* this Sunday! Invite a friend to join you this Sunday for worship, food and FUN!!

See you Sunday!!

YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org

September/October Youth Schedule

Sun., September 11th - 5-8pm - Bowling
Sun., September 18th - 5-8pm - Youth /AC
Sun., September 25th - 5-8pm - Movie & Lesson/AC
Oct., October 2nd - 5-8pm - Youth /AC
Oct., October 9th - 5-8pm - Youth /AC
Oct., October 16th - 5-8pm - Youth /AC

What are we learning about in Youth Sunday School??



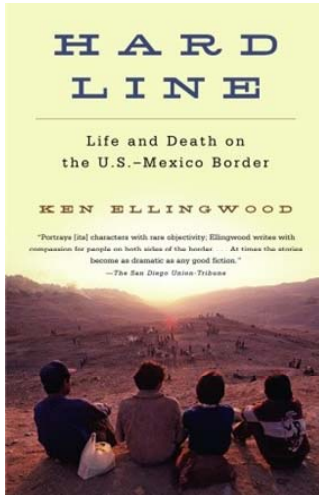
METHODISM

Join us each Sunday as we watch a crazy video about the traditions of the Methodist church, and learn how we can put our faith into action. Last Sunday we ate banana bread and made a domino chain. What does that have to do with Methodism?? Come to Sunday School and find out!!!



Hand Bells

The Hand Bell Choir will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come by if you are interested or would just like to check it out. We would love to have you. For more information contact Kay Reed at 836-2008.



Church Book Read

The next Church Book Read will be Oct. 13th in the Fellowship House at 1:30. The selected book to read and discuss is "Hard Line" by Ken Ellingwood. The book is in the church library or you can buy the book to read before our meeting. The book concerns the history of immigration on the southern border of the U.S. Everyone is welcome to join this interesting group. Please call Jo Powell for more info. 836-8171

Congratulations!!

Ryan Craig Ruiz, a member of First United Methodist Church of Brenham, received a \$1,000 Gift of Hope Scholarship, awarded by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Ryan, the son of Rick and Brynn Ruiz, plans to attend Blinn College this fall after graduation from Brenham High School.

“The Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship is awarded to about 250 undergraduate students who have been active and full members of The United Methodist Church for at least three years, have a 3.0 grade point average, and have demonstrated strong leadership in The United Methodist Church,” said Allyson Collinsworth, director of the Office of Loans and Scholarships at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The United Methodist Church, through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry’s Office of Loans and Scholarships, awards about \$3 million in scholarships each year to undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students through more than 50 scholarship programs. Nearly \$2 million a year is distributed in loans to college students who are members of The United Methodist Church.

“Our scholarship programs further the mission of the church by increasing the access to higher education with the goal of developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world,” Collinsworth said.

To learn more about United Methodist loans and scholarships, visit www.gbhem.org/loansandscholarships. To donate online to United Methodist Student Day, which supports the scholarship and loan programs, visit www.umcgiving.org/studentday.

Harvest Festival News:

It may not feel like it, but fall is right around the corner and so is Harvest Festival. That means there is lots of scheduling and planning to be done, so I encourage all UMW members and anyone interested in helping with Harvest Festival to attend the UMW meeting Sept. 6th at 9:30 in the activity center. This is a very important and informative meeting regarding the Harvest Festival, Country Store & Silent Auction. Circle packets will be handed out, there will be sign up sheets for making the dressing, info for Country Store and Silent Auction will be discussed. Please start thinking about items for the Silent Auction, things you may have at home or things you know someone would donate. If you have any questions regarding Silent Auction you can contact Audrey Boney at 830-8057. Or the Country Store is always looking for donations of cakes, pies, cookies, and other homemade items. Please keep this in mind in the coming weeks.

There are many ways to help with Harvest Festival and I encourage anyone who would like to participate or get more info to attend the Sept. 6th meeting, be watching the newsletter for updates, or give me a call at 836-9119.

See you soon!
Kim Limmer

Upcoming Bible Studies

Pastor Dale and Pastor Kay are making plans to begin a Bible study or book study in the next few weeks. Please let them know if you would be interested. Both morning and evening groups will be offered.



Prayer Concerns

Gene Kelm
Patti Orr
Alan Williamson
Chuck Springer
Alyce Super
Bonnie Perry
Nancy Atkinson
Jim Hickey
Wanda Lenley
Royalyn Brady
Jackie Ketchem
Anita Goodrich
Kathy Rote
Ryan Singleton
Rita and Bobby Meaux
Betty Moss
Lois Houston
Linda Daugherty
Henry Kitzman Jr.
Julie Rogers
Charlotte Pruitt
Marilynn Wrigley
Kay Baker
Larry Smith
Ron Mills
Madeleine Robinson
Bill Stratton

Our homebound members
Those serving in the military

Men's Club News

The Men's Club met on the second Thursday of this month, with 25 members present. Our guest speaker was Bill Parham, District Attorney. He told us how his office works and answered many questions. We had great sociability, and dinner. We wish all the men of the church had been there! All men of the church are always invited! Our next meeting will be Oct. 13th.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Yoga/ AC	2 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	3
4 5:00 Youth/ AC	5 Offices Closed Labor Day	6 9:30 UMW/ AC 6:30 Nominations Meeting/ FR	7 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 Yoga/ AC	9 9:00 Emmaus/ Library 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	10
11 5:00 Youth/ Bowling	12 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:00 CDC Board/ Library 6:30 Evangelism/ FR	13 9:00 Card/ MH	14 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00 Yoga/ AC	16 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	17
18 10:00 Open House Sunday/ During Sunday School 5:00 Youth/ AC	19 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 3:00 42/ MH	20 9:30 Goodman/ Harmer Smith-Nelms/ FH Banker/ Medow 12:00 Susanna/ AC 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	21 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary Leadership/ FH 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 Yoga/ AC	23 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	24 8:00 Epiphany Training/ AC
25 2:30 Brenham Rest Home Service 3:30 Kruse Village Service 5:00 Youth-Movie/ AC	26 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 3:00 42/ MH 7:00 Council on Ministries/ FR 10:00 Newsletter Deadline	27 9:00 Card/ MH 6:30 Nominations Meeting/ FR	28 6:00 Hand Bells/ Sanctuary 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 9:00 Yoga/ AC 9:45 Leadership Circle/ Library 4:00 The CDC Drive- Thru	30 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	
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THIS SUNDAY!!!



Get Connected

@FUMCBrenham

Join us for 'Get Connected' Sunday
September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the AC

BRING A COVERED DISH for BRUNCH

Brunch items include:

breakfast casseroles, fruit salads, muffins, pastries, sausage, deviled eggs, etc.

The church will provide the juice, milk and coffee.

Bring items to the kitchen before 10am

INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY TO THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENT!!!

Texas Wildfires

A special offering will be taken the next two Sundays, September 18th and 25th. The offering is to help with the Texas wildfires. Please make checks payable to the Texas Annual Conference Wildfire Fund. Thanks for your support!

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