



# 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. Kay Reed  
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The Light in the Church

Or

Strength in Numbers

There was a nobleman who wanted to build a church building where he lived. It was truly a masterpiece, and the people loved it. When they went inside, however, it was quite dark. They asked the nobleman where the lamps were. He explained that he had installed brackets in the wall that would hold the lamps. Then he gave a lamp to each family to bring with them each time they came to worship.

“Each time you are here,” he said, “the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, your place will be dark. When you fail to come, some part of God’s house will be dark.” In the same way, when you are not here for worship there is a part of God’s kingdom that is missing. There are many places in our sanctuary “not lit” on Sunday mornings because those who promised to support the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are not here. Since the church is people instead of a building, the body of Christ is not complete without you.

Two rabbits were being chased through the woods by a pack of ferocious foxes. The rabbits dove into a hole. One rabbit cried out, “What will we do?” The other rabbit replied calmly, “We’ll just stay in this hole until we outnumber them!”

Sometimes I hear people comment about why they don’t belong to a church or why they don’t come to church. One of the reasons mentioned most is that they believe that they can worship God better by themselves. They say that all the other people are just too distracting. They say that when people get together, there are tensions and conflicts.

These people do have a point. The church does have problems. We are not perfect. Anytime you get people together there are going to be problems. However, in this fallen world we live in, there are just too many problems, difficulties, and dangers to face alone. We need each other for strength and support. Otherwise, we are far too easily overwhelmed and defeated. I have found that in the church and with Christ in our midst, we easily outnumber our problems.

This is an exciting time to be a member of First United Methodist Church. The church is not the building. As the children’s song says, “I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.” The body of Christ is not complete without you. So this Sunday, bring your lamp and let’s light up the church! Let’s build the body of Christ together.

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)*

See you Sunday, Kay

**SUNDAY April 1, 2012**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	108
Worship 11:00 a.m.	170
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	59
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>343</b>
Sunday School	127
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$12,885.98</b>

**SUNDAY April 8, 2012**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	9
Worship 7:00 a.m.	39
Worship 8:15 a.m.	132
Worship 11:00 a.m.	235
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	88
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>503</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$20,090.00</b>

**Easter Offering \$2,525.00**

**SUNDAY April 15, 2012**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	
Worship 8:15 a.m.	72
Worship 11:00 a.m.	95
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	43
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$5,230.85</b>

**SUNDAY April 22, 2012**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	74
Worship 11:00 a.m.	146
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	45
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$10,646.75</b>

**SUNDAY April 29, 2012**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	7
Worship 8:15 a.m.	63
Worship 11:00 a.m.	130
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	57
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$9,224.00</b>

**YTD TOTALS**

<b>YTD Income:</b>	<b>\$230,579.89</b>
<b>YTD Expense:</b>	<b>\$206,194.29</b>
<b>YTD Net Total:</b>	<b>\$ 24,385.60</b>

# May 2012



## CDC's Pre-k Class



Sweet good byes to Ariel and Ethan who will be attending kindergarten this coming fall. These two have done a great job at succeeding this year and we would like to thank Ms. Tami for making that possible.



- Up coming events**
- CDC Closed May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mom's Lunch May 16<sup>th</sup>
- 3's & Pre-K Field Trip to Dewberry Farm May 22<sup>rd</sup>
- Two's & Toddlers Fieldtrip to Dewberry Farm May 24<sup>th</sup>
- CDC Closed May 28<sup>th</sup>



Group goes to Thorndale Church to hear Rev. Sam Duree speak on Russia.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

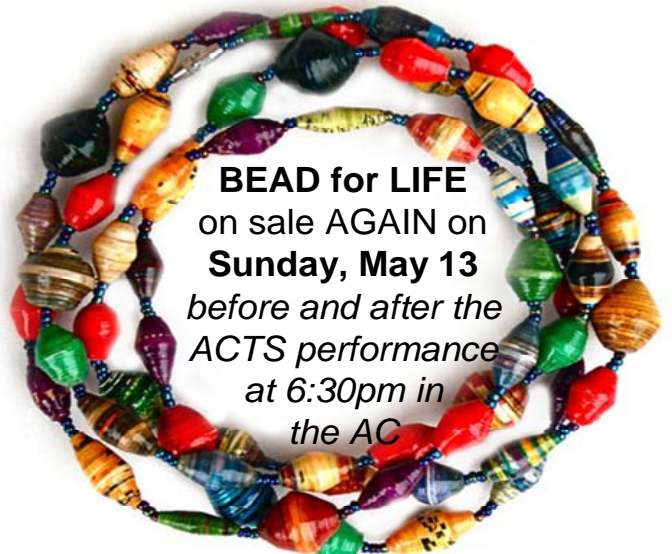
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That's So  
**DANIEL!**  
A.C.T.S.

**A.C.T.S. MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

**SUNDAY, May 13 6:30 p.m.**  
Ice Cream Sundae following the show



**BEAD for LIFE**  
on sale AGAIN on  
**Sunday, May 13**  
before and after the  
ACTS performance  
at 6:30pm in  
the AC



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 4 – June 8, 2012  
Register NOW online at  
<http://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/FUMCBrenham>  
Or  
fill out a registration form in the  
church office



*Blinn Blitz  
2012  
Huge  
Success  
Thank you  
to all!*



# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 UMW/ AC	2 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 9:00 Yoga/ AC	4 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	5
6 12:00 Confirmation/ FH 5:00 Youth/AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	7 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:30 CDC Board/ Library	8 9:00 Card/ MH	9 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	11 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	12 8:00 am ACTS/AC
13 <b>Mother's Day</b> 6:30 ACTS Performance	14 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	15 9:30 Rogers Circle/ Newman Hiners Circle/ Harmer Cummings Circle/ Ross 6:30 Wesleyan/ FH	16 12:00 Susanna Circle/Summerour 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 9:00 Yoga/ AC 4:30-6:30 CDC Drive-thru 7:00 Senior Dinner	18 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	19 10:00 Big House Meeting/FR
20 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> Noon Confirmands/AC 2:00 Girl Scouts/AC 5:00 Youth /AC	21 10:00 Fellowship Study Group/ FH 7:00 Administrative Board/ FR	22 9:00 Card/ MH	23 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24 9:00 Yoga/ AC	25 9:00 Emmaus/ Library	26
27 <b>Pentecost</b> 5:00 Youth /AC	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed 3:00 42/MH	29	30 1:00 Care Team/Lib. 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	31 9:00 Yoga/ AC		June 2 VBS Set-Up
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

## NOTICE!



There will be no Newsletter until mid June. The office is operating short-handed while Meagan is off with her new baby, so please be patient while we make do.

### *Prayer Concerns*

Lane Buban  
Mary DeSalvo  
Buddy Dorow  
Susan Ebel  
Jacque Ketcham  
Betty Moss  
Gene Moss  
Elizabeth Muckleroy  
Sue Perry  
Peggy Robertson  
Jan Stevenson  
Alyce Super  
Mrs. Vollert  
Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

## YOUTH NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rick@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:rick@fumcbrenham.org)

### **Youth April/May Calendar**

Sun., April 29–Lake Somerville–3-8:30pm  
Sun., May 6 – Youth – 5-8pm  
Sun., May 13 – Mother’s Day  
Thursday, May 17 – Senior Dinner  
Sun., May 20 – Youth – 5-8pm  
Sun., May 28 – Youth – 5-8pm

### **Know Anyone we can help?**



**We are nearing the deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>** for any small work projects for those in need here at our church and across Washington County for the Big House mission group who will be here on **July 12-15<sup>th</sup>**. FUMC Brenham will be hosting Big House. Several work groups of junior high students will be in town to do projects such as landscaping, painting, cleanup etc. If you know someone or have some ideas, please call Rick or the church office **by May 15<sup>th</sup>** so that we may consider them for this special opportunity. Thank you!!

### *Donations Received*

#### *In memory of*

**Jeannie Draehn**

By Andrew & Susan Ebel

#### *In memory of*

**Dr. John Cantrell Plummer**

By Andrew & Susan Ebel

#### *In memory of*

**Mary Kay Pomykal**

By Andrew & Susan Ebel

#### *In honor of*

**Newborn Mack Howard Ehler**

Son of member Mallory Ehler

By United Methodist Women

#### *In honor of*

**Newborn Carter Evan Smith**

Son of members Chris & Alexis Baker

By United Methodist Women

#### *In honor of*

**Newborn Weylin Thomas Oden, Jr.**

Son of members Weylin & Jenny Oden

By United Methodist Women

**Lakeview** will be **July 16-20<sup>th</sup>** this year, a change from years past. Stay tuned for details soon!

*Everyone be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> You wouldn't want to miss out!*

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my gratitude for the many cards and prayers sent my way. Even though I am unable to receive visitors right now, you are all in my heart and thoughts. I feel very blessed to have such a loving church family.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Muckleroy

Upper Rooms are now available in the narthex and the church office.

YES, WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE MISSION HOUSE (BROWN HOUSE) TO **PLAY 42** MAY 28 (4TH MONDAY) AT **2:00 P.M.** We have been meeting at 3:00 but decided to start meeting at 2:00 so we can play a while longer because we have so much fun. We would like more people, both men and ladies, to join in the fun. There are some people who have been playing a long time but beginners are urged to come as well. We will help them learn to play. You need no further invitation, just come. If you have questions, please call Lydia House at 836-5153.

**Let's celebrate the birthday of the church on Sunday, May 27, Pentecost Sunday. Everyone wear red! We will have birthday cake and punch in the parlor between services.**

The third annual **Blinn Blitz** is history and was a complete success. This year we had more students than work for them to do, so now we know that next year we'll be looking for more work sites. Our Blinn coordinator, Dr. Greg Phillips, did an excellent job recruiting the students, and even some faculty this year. Blinn Blitz has truly caught on in Brenham and we at FUMC Brenham are pleased and proud to be a part of it. It can only get better as the years go by.

My thanks go out to our "site supervisors," all from FUMC. The students come to us with little of no experience, but they're ready to learn and work. We don't want any injuries or other issues, so I appreciated having Clifford Brisbin, Art and Smitty Hinners, Bill Mays, Nick and Marianne Nelms, Chuck and Arlene Van Eman and Bobby Clark at the sites to make sure the work got finished.

We have a lot to be proud of here in Brenham, and our relationship with Blinn College certainly ranks high on the list.

Pat Clark, Chairman  
Missions and Outreach

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