

# First United Methodist Church

September Edition Newsletter 2020

## Online Worship

8:30 AM Sunday morning, Traditional Service

10:00 AM, Celebration Service

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

The Traditional Service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham

Radio KWHI/AM 1280 at 11:00 a.m.

and Channel 96 Cable TV at 11:00 a.m.

Greetings Friends and Members of FUMC Brenham,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! I continue to pray for our worshiping community, the Brenham Area, our state and nation. I implore you to do the same, not asking for ourselves but for all of us to be granted the wisdom that is God's to give. I believe God will provide as God has provided since Creation.

The gift of God's wisdom has been on my mind quite a bit recently. For one, because I've been praying for access to it intensely. The very liturgical stole that I don when I lead traditional worship reminds me of the yoke of responsibility I've accepted as an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. To properly respect that responsibility requires a great deal of God's wisdom; human wisdom is insufficient. And so I pray.

Secondly, in two recent conversations individuals have credited the gift of God's wisdom for their lack of anxiety about the present and future, and the assurance of God's providential care. Jesus makes the point in Matthew 6 that worrying won't add even an hour to our lives. Why would he say that if he hadn't complete confidence in God's wisdom to know what we need and when we need it?

In the Book of James, Chapter 1, it reads, "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you." Proverbs reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." When taken together, those two verses might infer that we should ask for God's wisdom, even if (or especially if?) we don't believe we're lacking it.

I'm reminded of a funny story written by Martin Luther that's meant to prod us into remembering that God provides what we need when we need it, and in practical ways. It would be a good reminder for us in these days:

*A man was trapped in his house during a flood. He began praying to God to rescue him. He had a vision in his head of God's hand reaching down from heaven and lifting him to safety. The water started to rise in his house. His neighbor urged him to leave and offered him a ride to safety. The man yelled back, "I am waiting for God to save me." The neighbor drove off in his pick-up truck.*



*The man continued to pray and hold on to his vision. As the water began rising in his house, he had to climb up to the roof. A boat came by with some people heading for safe ground. They yelled at the man to grab a rope they were ready to throw and take him to safety. He told them that he was waiting for God to save him. They shook their heads and moved on.*

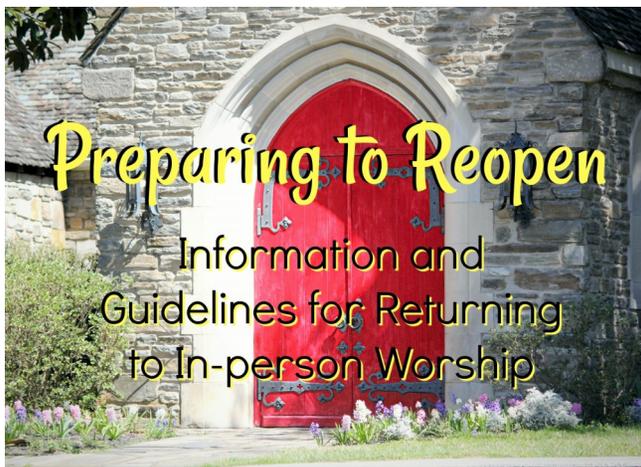
*The man continued to pray, believing with all his heart that he would be saved by God. The flood waters continued to rise. A helicopter flew by and a voice came over a loudspeaker offering to lower a ladder and take him off the roof. The man waved the helicopter away, shouting back that he was waiting for God to save him. The helicopter left. The flooding water came over the roof and caught him up and swept him away. He drowned.*

*When he reached heaven and asked, "God, why did you not save me? I believed in you with all my heart. Why did you let me drown?" God replied, "I sent you a pick-up truck, a boat and a helicopter and you refused all of them. What else could I possibly do for you?"*

May God grant us wisdom!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie Maltas



### In-Person Worship: What to Expect

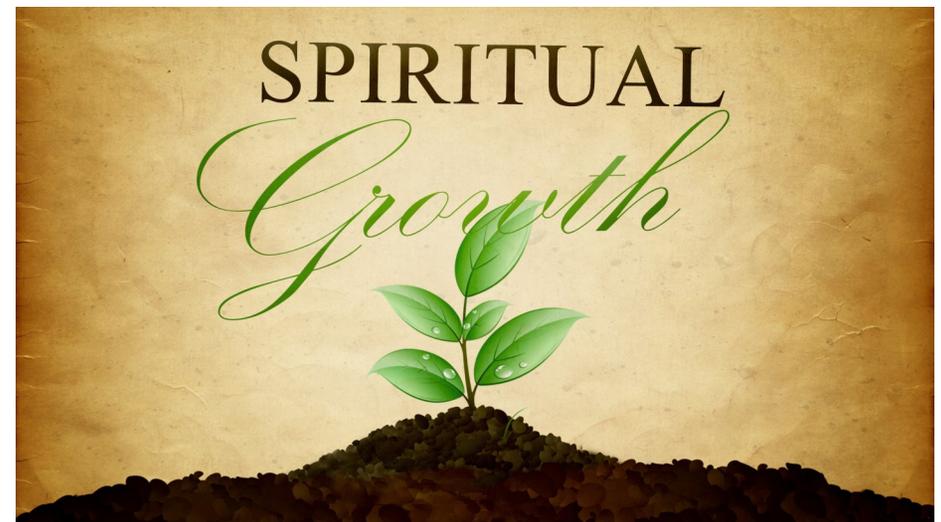
All of us are longing to return to some level of normalcy and since the number of active COVID-19 cases in Washington County have been declining, coming back to in-person worship is at the top of our lists. In-person worship will resume with safety protocols so that the risk of anyone becoming ill is lowered.

If you are over 65 and/or have any chronic health issues, please continue to worship online. If you have any doubts about whether or not in-person worship is an acceptable risk for you, check with your physician for advice.

Whether attending Celebration (beginning August 30) or Traditional (Starting September 6) worship, there are safety measures that will hopefully loosen as the weeks progress. In the beginning, please adhere to the following:

- No-Contact Temperature Check
- Wear a face covering
- Remain in family groups
- Maintain 6 feet distance between family groups
- RSVP for worship weekly through Sign-Up Genius or by calling the church office.

On behalf of the clergy, staff, Board of Stewards, and volunteer worship leaders, thank you for your patience and cooperation!



### New Techniques for Spiritual Growth

- **Morning Prayer with The Upper Room via [Facebook Live](#), every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m. (CT).** These guided prayer experiences are archived so you may join us at your convenience if you miss it live.
- **[Resources for Spiritual Wellness in Anxious Times.](#)** For navigating the pandemic, this link makes available to you a robust list of timely practices—for individuals and families as well as your faith leaders. Included are digital devotionals, videos, eCourses, podcasts, etc., all of which can be accessed and distributed free of charge to everyone in your congregation.
- **[A PDF File of the September/October issue of \*The Upper Room\*](#)** is available to our standing order churches. Because you are a paid subscriber, we want to provide this service to you since we realize many readers are currently reticent or unable to pick up their copy of the devotional guide because of the virus or closed church office. We encourage you to freely share with everyone in your congregation as a gift.
- **[Resources for the Spiritual Work of Overcoming Racism.](#)** For addressing the spiritual virus of racism that continues to tear our society apart, we're compiling and adding more content each week to this list of helpful resources. Included is my blog which sets the context for the formational work of anti-racism—*Reaching In, Reaching Up, Reaching Out: The Spiritual Work of Overcoming Racism.*



# UMYF EVENTS Begins Sept 6

Check your email and texts for details on the time and place to meet!



## Methodist Weekday Childcare Development Center



Our first day of the new school year is off to a good start. We have 81 kids enrolled and 5 kids on waiting list. We have opening in our 11months-18months classroom.

We are very thankful for the staff we have this school year.

I am looking for a part-time aid for our Toddler classroom. We will be close on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor day. We ask that you continue to pray for or school.

Thank you for helping support our Center.

### Music Ministry Notes:



As we practice social distancing requirements, music ministry activities are still on hold until further notice.

Later this month we will be offering a virtual organ tour. Details to come.

**Celebration resumes  
August 30<sup>th</sup> in the  
Activity Center at  
10:00 a.m.  
Traditional Service  
resumes September 6<sup>th</sup>**



The FUMC Brenham Prayer Train left the station this past Sunday, August 23 at 4:30 PM following the Blessing of the Back Packs. The Evangelism Team created and facilitated the routes taken throughout Brenham to bathe our schools, our medical professionals, our city and county government as well as most of the retirement and nursing facilities.

Here is how it was arranged:

Train 1 was a virtual tour which included a stop at Brenham City Hall, Washington County Courthouse, Brenham Early Childhood Learning Center. You can still experience this part online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCBrenham/videos/776279176470679>

The train continues on to Kruse Retirement Village and also available online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCBrenham/videos/231197384874426>

Train 2 started out at Baylor Scott & White, continuing on to Blinn College, and then to Alton Elementary.

Train 3 started at Brenham High School, continuing on to Brenham Nursing and Rehab, then onto High Hopes Nursing and Rehab, and finally to Brenham Elementary.

Train 4 started at Cub Stadium, to Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, then to Brenham Middle School and Junior High, then onto Krause Elementary, and finally to Blue Bell Creamery.

We had great participation in each of the trains and had 41 individuals joined us virtually, so far. Thank you all for your continued prayers for our church an community. Prayer guides can still be found on our website at:

<https://www.fumcbrenham.org/home/prayer-train/>

Pastor Greg



# Children's Corner

## What Happened in August

Easy Sunday School lessons that follow the sermon have been (and will be) emailed each week- let me know if you want to be added to the list:

[ChrisAnn@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:ChrisAnn@FUMCBrenham.org)!

Building Blocks Family Study began in August. We met two times: the first discussion compared the Bible to a Time Capsule, and the second week we looked at our first Building Block story- Creation. Our Building Blocks study is composed of two parts: the first is a face-to-face family time and the second is an extension activity to complete on your own. Everyone is welcome! Bring a picnic blanket and drink. The next few topics include: Noah's Ark, Battle of Jericho, Jonah, and the Silent Years between the Old and New Testament.

**A HUGE**  
**Happy Birthday to**  
**our Favorite**  
**September Kids!**



Quinn Henly (9-4),  
Raegan Wheeler (9-10), Travis Hopkins (9-11),  
Brent Jones (9-13), Molly Jones (9-13),  
Gage Graham (9-15), Tyler Hopkins (9-23),  
Caitlyn Masterson (9-24), and Melody Phipps (9-27)



**FUMC Brenham**  
**Childrens' Ministry**

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMC-Brenham-Childrens-Ministry-100916674991774>



FUMC Children now have a new way to get QUICK reminders! To be added to the list, simply text **@fumckid123** to the **#81010**



Is Your Child on Our Roster?

Get them added now:

[ChrisAnn@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:ChrisAnn@FUMCBrenham.org)



# HIKING WITH OUR MISSIONARIES THE COUCHES IN KOSOVO



## MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM



The Monday Morning Bible Study currently meets online or by phone via Zoom. By using the link, you may log in by using your internet-abled device or you can call the phone number and input the meeting number and password. You do not have to download the Zoom App or have a Zoom App on your phone. You only need the Meeting ID and password.

Whether on a desktop, laptop, iPad, Nook or cell phone, log on up to 15 minutes before the meeting time, 10:00 AM.

The link to log on is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222168792>

Meeting ID:322 216 8792

If you are dialing in this the telephone number:  
346-248-7799

Then enter the same Meeting ID from above

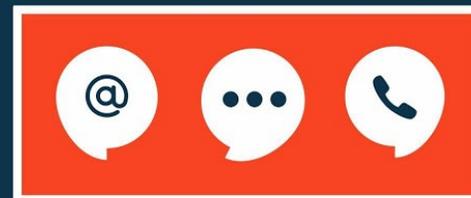


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CHECK ON YOUR  
**NEIGHBORS**  
- BUT DO SO SAFELY



**CALL, TEXT, OR EMAIL THEM**

#DoingMyPart



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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	Sunday, August 2, 2020
Offering:	\$8,613.00
	Sunday, August 9, 2020
Offering:	\$9,540.00
	Sunday, August 16, 2020
Offering:	\$6364.00
	Sunday, August 23, 2020
Offering:	\$9877.00
	Sunday, August 30, 2020
Offering:	\$11,116.00

2020 Budget: \$668,783.00  
Offering Needed Each  
Week: \$12,861.40

### Newsletter Deadline

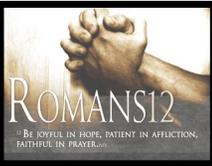
Your next newsletter deadline  
will be **Wednesday,**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**by 4:00 PM.**

If you have a submission for  
the newsletter, please email  
your written article to  
[fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto: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.

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 UMW Executive Board/Library CANCELED	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Traditional Service/Sanc 10:00 AM Celebration Service/AC	7 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	8 6:00 PM Board of Stewards/Zoom	9	10	11	12
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members

Glen Amerson	Lydia House
Ed Baker	Otto Janner
Mary Burgess	Martha & William Lee
Virginia Collier	Beverly Leyrer
Wanda Curbo	Coleen Murphey
Beverly Duree	Jean & Harold Pool
Susan Ebel	Red Powell
Ellen & Jim Ellison	Chris & Tom Rogers
Marshia & Bud Foster	Edna Rote
Joy Goedeke	Jody Tyson
Carolyn & Keith Hale	Elaine & Ron Walberg
Joycine & Louis Hannath	Linda Winstanley
Luene Harmer	Faye Wubbenhorst
Virginia & A.W. Hodde, Jr	

### Others

Lois Albright	Cindy Mullins
Bobby Cook	Ray Neuse
Rick Fitzgerald	Jack Peurl
Sue Gibson	Lloyd Pieper
Don Gore	Carrie Polwart
Carol & John Haarmeyer	Karen Presley
Melissa Hale	Kathy Revenaugh
Dianne Hall	Stan Royal
Julie & Ed Hardin	Barbara Scates
Kathi Ivy	Annie Schultz
Mike Kalil	Jim Sockwell
Sharon & Fred Ketcham	Marissa Spangler
Don & Ray Manchester	Susan Stollman
Susan McMurray	Rusty Walding
Mary Ann Meals	Brylee Waltrip
Ernestine Moore	Barbara & Lloyd Wilganowski



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979-830-8661



### **Church Staff**

*Rev. Bobbie Maltas*, Senior Pastor  
*Rev. Greg Smith*, Associate Pastor  
*Jennifer Patrick*, Director of Youth and Wesley Foundation  
*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