



# FUMC Post-Harvey Update

**"Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord."**

**Church Update #15 ~ Pastor Laura Becker  
February 1, 2018**

Grace and Peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ!

This will be my last update in this format called Post-Harvey. I have been given the gift of Rest and Renewal Leave by the Bishop and Cabinet from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>. I'm so grateful to be a part of the United Methodist Connection and to receive their care and support in this way. An interim pastor has been assigned to care for the congregation, Rev. Kenneth 'Kp' Polk for the eight week Leave.

I look forward to returning for Eastertide, a season of Resurrection. We will continue to work toward fulfilling our mission in this time of disaster recovery. Blessings be upon you. Pastor, Laura

## **WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN:**

- a. Worship schedule resumes to 8:00am Holy Communion and 10:30am Traditional
- b. Sunday School Adult classes have resumed.
- c. Please continue to worship as you are able and remember if you are out of town or unable to attend that your church in Rockport can receive offerings on our website at [www.fumcrookport.org](http://www.fumcrookport.org) (Click the ONLINE GIVING icon) or you can mail gifts to P.O. BOX 1045 Rockport, Texas 78381.

## **New Information:**

1. Praise Report
  - a. United Methodist Men have finished several projects for local homeowners: Rebuilt fence, walls rebuilt, and more projects to come on the Second Saturdays of each month.
  - b. First Learning Tree is being awarded a grant from Dell for playground upgrade restoration and tuition relief for families to the tune of \$359,000. Way to Go Kimberly, Teachers, and Susan for the grant-writing leg work and initiative.
  - c. Continued praise for Castaway and Prescription Assistance Volunteers who have kept vital outreach ministry and resources managed for taking care community, dignity, and mission of Christ.
  - d. Sunday School leaders ROCK! The need for safe Christ-centered spaces to grow and heal in community is the gift these small groups bring.
2. Immediate Pressing Needs
  - a. Income to meet First Learning Tree Mortgage commitment.
  - b. Stock investors to help Youth fulfill their mission trip commitment to Costa Rica
  - c. Volunteers to help unload boxes and re-organize rooms
3. Future Needs – Unmet by Insurance
  - a. Power wash entries
  - b. Paint exterior of Sanctuary and Church buildings

- c. Level old playground and complete 'recreation space' project
  - d. Update signage – outside and interior
  - e. French drain installed in parking lot where water accumulates
  - f. Window replaced to match the restored windows (6)
  - g. Breezeway maintenance – clean, paint, cover exposed nails.
4. Prayer Needs
- a. The family of Ellen Leikam, sister of Virginia Felts, who died 1/16/18.
  - b. The family of Buck Kohl, husband of Carol Kohl, who died 1/21/18.

### Ongoing Information:

1. **First Learning Tree** is open with current enrollment at 130 children.
2. **Restoration Management Company Updates-Feb 1st:**
  - a. Shade coverings on outdoor recreational areas.
  - b. HVAC Repair team completing Fellowship Hall connections.
3. **District and Conference Ministries Important Contact Information:**
  - a. [www.riotexas.org](http://www.riotexas.org)      [www.coastalbendumc.org](http://www.coastalbendumc.org)
  - b. **UMVIM Leaders**– training can be scheduled in your church or if your putting together a UMVIM team, please contact Frank Rojas, Conference VIM Coordinator: [vim.riotx@gmail.com](mailto:vim.riotx@gmail.com) / **512.422.0210**; Lisa Bowen, Costal Bend VIM Coordinator: **936.264.6744** / [lisa@serendipitybridge.org](mailto:lisa@serendipitybridge.org) / **361.442.9056**; Abel Vega, RTC Mission Vitality Center – Director of Outreach Vitality [avega@riotexas.org](mailto:avega@riotexas.org) or **210.408.4514**
  - c. **Gene Hileman, Disaster Response Coordinator-Rio Texas** Conference UMC, 210-557-8698: A Case Management program will be headquartered in Sinton at the First United Methodist Church. UMCOR will have a similar program headquartered in Victoria.

### Action Items for Congregation:

1. Check in. Call or email the church office and let us know how you are. 729-1659 or [pastor@fumcrockport.org](mailto:pastor@fumcrockport.org)
2. Find one thing you can do to serve. Keep taking care of yourself and each other. Pray for all.
3. Ministries and programs will return as rooms are reset and leaders are ready to lead. Look for news as we move into 2018.
4. Keep checking in on all our information: email, Facebook, website, etc.
5. And, please update any contact information and current mailing address.

### Ministry Partners for Relief and Recovery

*These are the churches who have reached out to us and said 'God is calling us to help Rockport FUMC'*

Wellspring United Methodist Church – Georgetown, Texas  
 Grace United Methodist Church – Corpus Christi, Texas  
 John Wesley UMC – Victoria, TX  
 First United Methodist Church – Georgetown, Texas  
 Laurel Heights UMC – San Antonio, Texas  
 Midge Hall United Methodist Church – Longmeanygate, Leyland, England  
 Halifax UMC – Halifax, Pennsylvania  
 St. Philips UMC – Round Rock, TX

Our little church in Rockport, Ohio  
UMCOR  
Wylie UMC – Wylie Pirates  
Gruene UMC  
El Valle District UMC  
Coastal Bend District UMC  
Family Life Church - Sugarland, TX  
First Methodist Mansfield, Tx  
FUMC and Wesley Nurse – Goliad, Tx  
FUMC and FBC Portland - TX  
Thoburn United Methodist Church – St. Clairsville, Ohio  
Ellisville FUMC  
Stonebridge UMC – Sunshine Kids  
The City of Sachse, Texas  
Vermeer Charitable Foundation  
Gutshall Charitable Foundation  
Eastlawn Methodist Church –Pascagoula, MS

*Please let us know if we missed your church!*