

The Rockport Beacon



November 2018 Newsletter

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From the Pastor...

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

We have heard the command reinforced by Jesus that love is a gift from God and love is designed to fill up our entire being for the purpose of sharing it with our neighbors. In their book, *The Art of Neighboring*, Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak tackle a con-

Just over a year ago, we experienced a natural movement due to disaster that stirred up some neighboring in our area and also left neighborhoods empty. I believe we are still living into this new reality of long-term recovery. I also believe that most of life can be framed in 'recovery' terminology. We are a fallen, sinful, disobedient, selfish people who are constantly recovering our footing in the area of loving one another. *The Art of Neighboring* invites us into conversation about our daily practices of intentional loving. This conversation is timeless just as the timeless conversation God had with the first humans about how they were created to live, love, and recover from their selfish actions, reaching out toward others.

Join me on Sunday mornings in worship as we reflect on how we might take the commandment to love our neighbor literally, and how our time and fears are obstacles to overcome.

I'm looking forward to giving Thanks for new friends and connections as we to step forward and recover the great gift of each other. May God show us the way to bravely grow.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

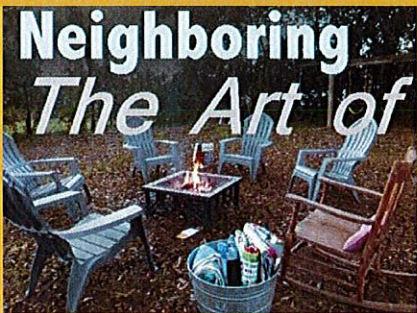
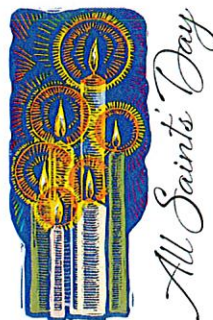


Church Events

- Nov 3—Memorial Service for John Hazard
- Nov 4—All Saint's Day
- Nov 4—Coffee Bistro
- Nov 7—Men's Breakfast
- Nov 8—Caring Cards
- Nov 13—FLT Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 17—Charge Conference
- Nov 20—Storytelling 101

November 4th All Saint's Sunday

Saints to be Remembered:
Ellen Liekam
Jim Gould
Walter Stryker
Rev. Thom Elliott
Danny Adams Sr.
Larry Moore
John Hazard



versation about 'neighboring' which has grown into a movement of building healthier communities. A few years ago, twenty-one churches in Arvada, Colorado united to start a neighboring movement in their community. Dave and Jay said they kept things simple and challenged the people in their congregations to take the next small step with their literal neighbors. The movement spread, and to date over 1,000 churches are using the *Art of Neighboring* resources.

Memorial Service



Memorial Service

Celebrating the life of John Hazard
Saturday, November 3rd at 11:00 a.m.
FUMC Sanctuary



Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Worship
Weekly Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship
Monthly Holy Communion
First Sunday

Children are always welcome in worship here! Children's bulletins and other activities are available in the Family Area, located inside the Live Oak entrance.

ADULT CLASSES

9:15a.m. - New Beginnings FH1
9:15a.m. - Cross Talk..... Rm 7

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery (0-4 yrs) Nursery
9:15 a.m. Elementary (K-5th) Rm 5
12:00 p.m. Youth (6th-12th)..... Rec. Room

FH = Fellowship Hall

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Cross Talk Class - 9:15 a.m. @ Room 7

The Cross Talk class is known for its discussions of biblical material. Dr. David Murrah and Dr. Jeannie Coe are the two who help lead the class. During Advent the class will discuss Adam Hamilton's series on Joseph. Adults of all ages are welcome to join in.

New Beginnings Class - 9:15 a.m. @ Fellowship Hall 1

The New Beginnings Class uses the Uniform Series Adult Bible Studies as their guide. Leaders rotate, and this fall the focus is on God's World and God's People.



Coffee Bistro

Sunday, November 4, 9:15 —10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship!
Hosted by the Cross Talk Class

Lectionary Readings

Our worship life is organized around the Revised Common Lectionary—a system of reading through the entire Bible in a 3-year cycle. You are invited and encouraged to use these scripture passages in your devotional time.

November 4 - All Saint's Sunday

*Benevolent Bucket to Benefit Good Samaritans

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 11 - Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9: 24-28
Mark 12: 38-44

November 18 - Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1: 4-20
1 Samuel 2: 1-10
Hebrews 10: 11-25
Mark 13: 1-8

November 25 - Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm 132: 1-12
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37

Coastal Bend Charge Conference

Saturday, November 17
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church
14521 Northwest Blvd
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Living Water Bible Study (Spanish)

Sundays at 6:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Alfredo Gonzales leads a time of Bible Study and worship on Sunday evenings in Spanish.



Methodist Men

Wednesday, Nov 7, 7:00am
Fellowship Hall

Methodist Men will meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesday the 7th of November at 7 AM. A light breakfast will be served. Come join us for fellowship and an inspirational message. All men are encouraged to come and bring a friend. We will be seeking nominations for the upcoming year for our officers. If you have come in the past but have been away, make this your new start and be a part of this fine organization. If you have not joined us in the past, please come and spend an hour with your brothers in Christ. For more information please call Kevin Jamison, Interim President at 361-229-9535.



Lectio with Laura

Wednesdays at Noon
in the Recreation Room

We will feast on the Word in scripture and focus on the Lectionary text for the week. Pastor Laura will use a variety of methods for reading and praying through the scriptures. The goal of this time is to invite the scripture to transform your heart and mind in a community setting.

Crazy Quilters

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall Room 1

Join us for fellowship and making projects.
All experience levels welcome.



Choir

Join us each (or any) Wednesday Evening from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. as we fellowship and sing God's Praises. We have fun as we learn new music and gather to help lead the congregation in worship. For more information, contact Paul Klemm at 361-463-0712 or music@fumcrokport.org



Caring Cards: An Evening Social with a Purpose

Thursday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
Room 5

Calling all "scrapbookers" or anyone who would enjoy making greeting cards. We will be making cards on the evening of November 8th at 6:00. Come join us, we have a lot of fun! If you have an interest in being involved in a second group that would meet in the day, or if you have supplies you wish to donate please contact Lynne Ruf 361-816-5912.



Paraiso Café by FUMC Youth

Sunday, November 18
9:15 —10:15 a.m.
Youth / Recreation Room



Birthdays

11/02 Kimberly Chapman	11/16 Lynne Ruf
11/04 Bob D'Amico	11/17 Richard Pifer
11/04 Carol Pifer	11/18 Marjorie Farrer
11/05 Terry Collins	11/18 Beverly Johnson
11/05 Kathy Daniels	11/18 Jan Sutter
11/06 Max Kluge, Jr.	11/20 Marsha Kirk
11/07 Alice Porter	11/22 Maria Gardner
11/07 Dustin Barre	11/25 Lovelyn Hughes
11/08 Janice Spears	11/25 Cameron Tonne
11/10 Candi Ward	11/26 Bud Crough
11/11 Betsy Sadler Pfister	11/26 Jim Fowler
11/15 Ed Caldwell	11/26 Sandra Garrison



Anniversaries

11/06 Carl & Jane Lechlitrer
11/10 Charlene & Lloyd Morin
11/12 Ginger & John Gay
11/14 Lin & Melva Turner
11/15 Shawn & Stefany Simmons
11/30 Ramona & Craig Day



November 1st is Alfredo Gonzales' 9th Anniversary with FUMC Rockport!

Thank You for all that you do, Alfredo!



Nurses Notes: November 2018

Walking Classes:

Mon/Tues/Fri
8:25-9:00 a.m. 2 mile
9:00-9:30 a.m. – 1 mile

Tuesday/Thursday

11:00-11:30 a.m. – 1 mile

Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, November 13th 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall 3

Come and join this dynamic group as we manage our way through diabetes. This month the focus will be on portion control to include a hands-on activity.

Diabetic Education

Tuesday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall 2&3

The Coastal Bend Health Education Center at Texas A&M Corpus Christi will be holding their all-day Diabetic Education Class on Tues, Nov 20. Call Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 or the Health Education Center at 866-524-1408 to enroll.

Everybody Poops

On October 11, Jeannie Coe taught a very informative and entertaining class on gut health. Lunch was prepared by Jama Brandon, and Alfredo Gonzales added some delicious poop emoji cupcakes into the mix. A great time was had by all!

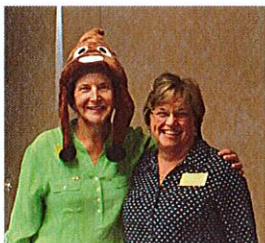
Storytelling 101

Tuesday, November 20th @ noon, Youth Room
Lunch will be provided

This month's topic: Someone who has impressed you in your lifetime. The story may be based on fact or fiction, heartfelt or embellished. Remember your story is YOUR story. The hope is you will be surprised, inspired, and moved to action by the insights and benefits you may discover in the process of storytelling and story listening. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and fun.

"STORYTELLING is the art in which a teller conveys a message, truths, information, knowledge, or wisdom to an audience – often subliminally – in an entertaining way, using whatever skills, (musical, artistic, creative) or props he chooses, to enhance the audience's enjoyment, retention and understanding of the message conveyed. Stories are sometimes told purely for joy and delight." From Berice Dudley

Blessings and good health to all,
Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse



Prescription Assistance

September 1 to September 30, 2018

Clients	16
New Clients	8
New Clients Unable to Help	2
Forms Filed	7
Volunteer Hours	42.00

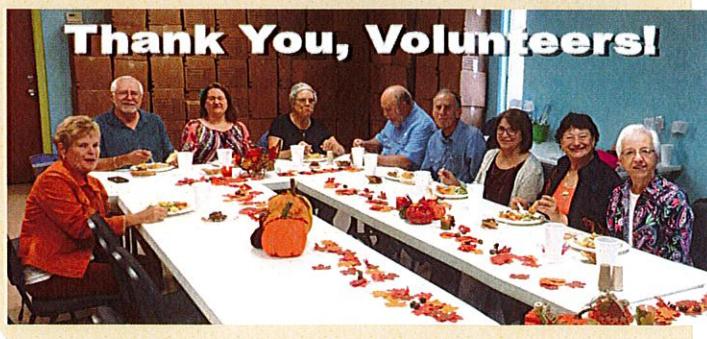
Estimated Cash Value of Medications

Saved for Clients:	
1 month supply	\$ 2,981.00
3 month supply	\$ 8,943.00

Did you know?

FUMC's Rx Assistance program is one of the most impactful ministries of this church. This would not be possible without the commitment of the incredible volunteers. Every Monday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. these caring individuals give their time to work with individuals who need assistance with affording their medications. These volunteers have dedicated many hours to this ministry. Some of them (Judy and Melva) have been dedicated to this ministry for over 10 years! No doubt the years of experience and knowledge are what makes this ministry so successful! At a special luncheon recognizing them last month, volunteers shared about how rewarding it is to serve people in this way. Judy said that one of the best things that happens is when clients say that they can now afford better food thanks to Rx assistance.

- Ray Saenz
- Melva Turner
- Judy Goodner
- Dee Luchsinger
- Betty Ohlhauser
- LeaRae Keyes
- Pat Romero (not pictured)



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Community Table—December 11th

FUMC Rockport will be hosting the Community Table dinner on December 11th. Community Table serves a free meal twice a month to anyone in our community who desires to come eat and fellowship together. Volunteers are needed on December 11th to cook, serve, clean tables, make tea and coffee, dishwashing, and clean up.

This is a wonderful ministry, and we need your help to serve our community. We currently do not have enough volunteers to handle the meal on Dec 11th. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and needed. Food handler permits are required for the kitchen, but no special requirements are needed for all other jobs. Please consider this opportunity to serve. We need your help.

There will be sign up sheets on the reception desk in the Main St. foyer. Call Gary Stone if you have any questions at 719-568-8493.

Thanks,
Gary stone



Mobile Health Clinic

2nd and 4th Mondays
morning and afternoon shifts available

Volunteers are needed to be greeters for the patients of the mobile health clinic. Welcome those visiting the mobile clinic, get them a cup of coffee or water, or direct them to Prescription Assistance. Please contact Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse, if you would like to help out in this way. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the receptionist's desk. Thank you for your support of this important outreach ministry.



Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans

507 S Ann St, Rockport, TX

Good Samaritans is currently open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and is in need of volunteers, especially to help at the reception desk. Please call (361) 790-9828 if you are able to help. Good Samaritans is an organization established by volunteers, built by volunteers, and manned by volunteers. It has no employees. It exists to help citizens of *Aransas County*. Volunteers include long-time residents, retirees, "Winter Texans", local church members, and others. Although from different backgrounds, all volunteers have a single goal: to lend a hand to those in need.

FUMC Youth Group

6th-12th graders: Meet us in the Rec Room at 12:00pm noon on Sundays

November 4 – 12 p.m. Youth Fellowship

November 11 – 12 p.m. Service Sunday

November 18 – Paraiso Café 9:15-10:15am. Breakfast and Family Table Talk. (No 12:00pm youth group)

November 25 – 12 p.m. Worship Experience



Calling all Youth!

**Middle School and High School
Midwinter 2019**

Dates: February 15-16, 2019

Place: Camp Zephyr, 151 FM 3162, Sandia, TX

Registration Forms will sent to churches by Thanksgiving week.

Early Bird Registration: \$110 before Dec. 31 after Jan 1 \$ 130

FINAL DEADLINE: Feb. 1, 2019

Theme: In and Through the Fire based on Daniel 3



Her first quilt!

This sweet lady has been visiting the Crazy Quilters on Wednesdays for several months, and with a lot of determination, hard work, and the help of various ladies in the quilting group she has officially completed her first quilt!



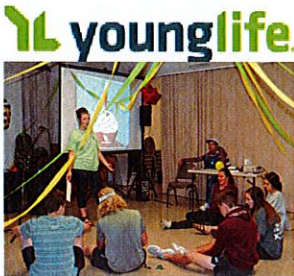
Office Angels

Thank you, Holly Francis, for being our Office Angel on so many Thursday afternoons! Although you're not able to continue serving in this way right now, we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you've done! You are a blessing!



Rockport Young Life

Rockport Young Life's "Club" meets at 8:03 p.m. on Monday nights at First United Methodist Church. This picture is from October 1, 2018. Since the group started meeting here in September, they have been introduced to Jesus, talked about the person of Christ, and talked about the need / brokenness in every human. Each week they walk through a part of the gospel that will eventually lead up to the crucifixion, resurrection, and then their life with Christ now because of that. ~Rebecca Hillis, Rockport Young Life Staff Associate



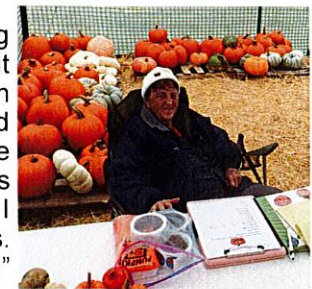
Answering the Call

Sue Weir has recently answered the call to teach the children's Sunday School Class. Ages 5-10 are invited to join Ms. Sue in Room 5 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in a wonderful time of learning the Bible, singing songs, making crafts, and more!



The Gift of Time

Audrey St. Peter is a very giving person and was so joyful about giving her time to the Pumpkin Patch this year. She volunteered for several shifts. Since she walks with a cane, she said "this is something I can do to help. I can sit here and sell pumpkins. That's something I can do." Thank you, Audrey!



Submit your GLORY SIGHTINGS
Stefany Simmons at ssimmons@fumcrockport.org

Financially Faithful!

Fall is a beautiful example of how God works change in our lives. The change of colors and temperatures bring opportunities to re-focus our hearts and minds, maybe reorganize our priorities as we prepare for the upcoming holiday seasons. May God bless the time you take to focus and ponder on what He has in store for you!

While we still look to find our footing during this recovery period I encourage each of you to center yourselves in God's word and call to discipleship. If you still need hurricane recovery assistance, please contact the church office so that we can know how to help.

September's income** was \$31,659.57 with Castaway's income donation of \$8,000.00 for a total of \$39,659.57. Our expenses were \$32,679.40 leaving a net income of \$6,980.17. Year to date net income is -31,777.09. Although we continue to curb and watch our expenses, our giving income is lower than anticipated. It continues to be a challenge in the income area of our budget so I pray

that we can reach deep to continue supporting the ministry at work here at FUMC Rockport.

Please keep your church and your church staff in your prayers and consider how you can answer God's call to stewardship of your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Our church and community are blessed by all you have to offer. If you are traveling, you can go to our church website www.fumcrockport.org and give online.

In His Service,
Susan Jamison
Business Manager
fumc@fumcrockport.org

**Income consists of Identified giving, Sunday School offerings and unidentified giving (cash received when we pass the offering plates)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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"Let Your Light So Shine..." Matthew 5:16

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*Growing Families in Christ
through Nurture, Outreach, and Witness.*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FIRST LEARNING TREE Thanksgiving Dinner Gobble
Honoring John & Ginger Gay TIL
Thursday, November 13th @ 6:30pm You
FUMC Fellowship Hall Bring Your Favorite Pie **WOBBLE!!**
Come Ready to Eat, Drink, & GIVE THANKS! **rsvp: info@fltree.org**

It's the most wonderful time of the year....

Time to give thanks to all those people that mean so much to us. If Hurricane Harvey has taught us anything, it is to be Thankful even for the small stuff. We here at FLT are so thankful for the generosity, hospitality and prayers from our congregation at FUMC Rockport. We are so blessed to be on this journey together. We are making an impact with families, teachers, and our community. We pray for you and your family to come together in love and enjoy your time together. We continue to show our resiliency and will emerge greater than our past. **#FLTRocks #RockportStrong**

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