

The Rockport Beacon



January 2019 Newsletter

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Manifestations of Light

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2: 29-32

These words from the Song of Simeon speak of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation." Simeon is proclaiming the manifestation of salvation for all people through Christ. Within Christian traditions, three great epiphanies are typically celebrated: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle in which he changes water into wine. These important events can lead us to focus on Jesus' life as a first-century Jew and yet, the audacity of the gospels is that the light shining in Jesus shown far beyond Israel to illuminate the whole world.¹

During the month of January, we will have an opportunity to see how the light of Christ reached outsiders from the beginning and continued to grow, lighting the dark places throughout our world and in our own hearts. It is remarkable that Jesus' life was lived in first-century Palestine; and when he said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8: 12), we were given an invitation and promise to never walk in darkness. Sounds wonderful. The gift of forever light that will outshine the darkness stirs memories of late evenings looking at the stars in the backyard of the Vandegriff's house in Jones Creek. Laying on blankets with friends from our youth group, we wondered at the amazing little lights that could be seen best on the darkest nights. The Milky Way was a ma-

gestic masterpiece hanging over us with the artist signature, -Light of the World. It can make one feel small and yet not insignificant.

Though Jesus began small as an infant, he grew and manifest to the complete glory of God. I believe that the beginning of the New Year is the perfect time for reflection about our lives and where we can invite Christ to shed light and manifest within us. Likewise, the church family has opportunity to be reminded of the manifestations of Christ that we are committed such as the vows we make as members of a local church family. We have promised to be a light pointing to Christ through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Renewing commitments to the Light of the World takes us from our smallness and joins us to the larger glory of Christ's body.

So what if we make goals that renew our commitments to the greater body of Christ and his church, expansive and inclusive and built on Spirit-willed dreams and visions of care and compassion.

Friends, I believe that our very hope in the light of Christ to manifest in our midst undergirds God's visions and dreams for all of creation. It is the small twinkling light of the Divine prompting us to look to something beyond our selves, even if we just get enough illumination for the next step. God's revelation will not be contained by a singularly defined group of people. Most assuredly, God's revelation is expansive and is most often found where belonging and inclusion are found.

I pray that throughout Epiphany we will look for the likeness of Christ in



each other and invite Christ to grow our commitments to manifest his light through our church's ministry. May we be empowered to participate in God's dreams for justice, compassion, and mercy.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Laura

¹Preaching the Common Lectionary, Epiphany Series: A Light to Enlighten the Nations, Robert S. Dannels, pg. 177

Church Events

- Jan 1—Church closed
- Jan 8—Diabetes Support Group
- Jan 10—Caring Cards
- Jan 14—Mobile Clinic
- Jan 15—Diabetic Education
- Jan 15—Storytelling 101
- Jan 17—Square Dancing
- Jan 22—Church Council
- Jan 28—Mobile Clinic

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
The New Beginnings Class uses the Uniform Series Adult Bible Studies as their guide. Leaders rotate, and this winter the focus is on Our Love for God.
- 9:15a.m. - Cross Talk**.....Rm 7
The Cross Talk class is known for its discussions of biblical material. Adults of all ages are welcome to join in.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Nursery**Nursery
Our wonderful childcare staff lovingly cares for little ones ages 0-4 years while parents attend worship services and Sunday School.
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Class**Rm 5
Children Kinder-5th grades are invited for a time of Bible learning, making crafts, and doing fun activities!
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group**.....Rec. Room
6th-12th graders are invited for Youth Fellowship in Rec Room following the 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

FH = Fellowship Hall



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Rockport, TX "**

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.

January 6 - Epiphany Sunday

***Benevolent Bucket for Good Samaritan Center.**
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 - Baptism of the Lord / First Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 36:1-10 Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

January 27 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

NOVEMBER 2018 CHURCH GIVING

**Giving:	\$31,000.90
Castaway's:	\$ 8,000.00
Market St Apartment Income	\$ 4,825.00
Total Income:	\$40,825.90
Expenses:	\$45,277.89
NOVEMBER Net Income:	(\$ 4,451.99)
Year to date Net Income:	(\$42,356.55)

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

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 to give online at www.fumcrokport.org.

Blessings,
Susan Jamison

First United Methodist Church of Rockport Phone No. 361-729-1659

Rev. Laura Hewett Becker, Senior Pastor	x2248
Susan Jamison, Business Manager.....	x2574
Stefany Simmons, Director of Communications.....	x2575
Paul Klemm, Director of Music.....	x2577
Karen Snyder, Administrative Assistant.....	x2576
Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse.....	x2578
Alfredo Gonzales, Custodian.....	x2501
Kimberly Head, First Learning Tree Director.....	x2584



Birthdays

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|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1-Jan | Alice Lindquist (FLT) | 16-Jan | Kevin Carruth |
| 2-Jan | Michael Popp | 17-Jan | Joyce Dittmar |
| 3-Jan | Martha Peterson | 17-Jan | Linda Hamilton |
| 5-Jan | Frances Mayo | 17-Jan | Christopher Westin |
| 7-Jan | Carol Freeman | 19-Jan | Walter Abbott |
| 9-Jan | Nicolette Marshall (FLT) | 19-Jan | Kenneth Goodner |
| 10-Jan | Violet Luton, Sr | 19-Jan | Ernie Schertz |
| 10-Jan | Richard Luton, Sr | 19-Jan | Shawn Simmons |
| 10-Jan | Ouida Richardson | 20-Jan | Marion Halvorsen |
| 11-Jan | Wendy Bryan | 23-Jan | Bruce Sanchez |
| 13-Jan | Jon Rappard | 23-Jan | Daniel Hanson |
| 13-Jan | Devin Ruiz | 24-Jan | Barbara Caldwell |
| 13-Jan | Erika Ruvalcaba | 24-Jan | Lucia Fisher |
| 14-Jan | Carolyn Allison | 25-Jan | Erica Burke |
| 15-Jan | Wayne Currie | 26-Jan | Gracie Simmons |
| 15-Jan | William Becker | 28-Jan | J.C. Morton |
| | | 31-Jan | Jeannine Larson |



Anniversaries

- 5-Jan Les & Carol Freeman
- 8-Jan Tim & Debbie Chapman
- 17-Jan Pat & Dina Murphy
- 22-Jan Kenneth & Barbara Helbling



Our thoughts and prayers are with these families who have recently experienced deep loss:

- The family of Jack Dittmar
- The family of John Hazard
- The family of Steve Herndon
- The family of Peggy Berry
- The family of Beverly D'Amico
- The family of Terry Collins

Loraine Fitzgerald, in the loss of her mother, Faye Wilson

District Women's Retreat

February 8-10, 2019
Zephyr Encampment - Sandia, TX



Tending the Heart

Keynote Speaker:
Kara Oliver

Cost: \$155.00
(includes room, meals, & materials)

Brochure with registration information located on the reception desk near the Main St. entrance, or visit coastalbendumc.org/district-womens-spiritual.html

THANK YOU!

The FUMC Staff want to say "THANK YOU!" for your generous Christmas gift offering! What a blessing you are. We are so blessed to work alongside such kind and generous people in this place!



*In Christ's Service,
FUMC Staff*





Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18—25

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his

followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."

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Deuteronomy 16:20

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2019 FUMC Rockport Priorities

Moving from Facilities and Grounds Recovery to more People Recovery

- ⇒ Emphasize home bound communion and visitation
- ⇒ Continue Prayer ministry and Card Ministries
- ⇒ Develop new leaders and attend to guests
- ⇒ Faith Formation in Children: Bridge with school and Sunday school, chapel, etc.
- ⇒ Teams will be built as volunteers called forth

Build/Update Communication that reaches the FLT family & community

- ⇒ Increase media presence
- ⇒ Continue using all kinds of medians to reach a variety of ages and means
- ⇒ Collaborate with FLT in ministry events and spiritual formation plans
- ⇒ Signage

Continue to support the Health Ministry Outreach of our church

- ⇒ Educational opportunities
- ⇒ Support Groups
- ⇒ Partnerships with local agencies
- ⇒ Rx Assistance



Administrative Diligence

- ⇒ Finance - Audit of Finance Post Harvey and maintain healthy cash flow
- ⇒ SPRC - normal goals to care for Pastor and Staff
- ⇒ Trustees – continue oversight of new property and old property maintenance

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 22 at 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall 1

Council meetings are open to all. If you are interested in learning more about the leadership of the Church and seeing how God might call you to participate, please come!



Called Special Session of General Conference

February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri

The Council of Bishops has [called a Special Session](#) of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the [Commission on a Way Forward](#) based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning [human sexuality](#) and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

[General Conference](#) is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The General Conference 2020 will take place May 5-15, 2020, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

<http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>

Get Connected...



Living Water Bible Study (Spanish)

Sundays at 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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

Spanish.



Methodist Men

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00am
Fellowship Hall

Come join us for fellowship and an inspirational message. All men are encouraged to come spend an hour with your brothers in Christ. Bring a friend. For more information please call Kevin Jamison, Interim President at 361-229-9535.



Crazy Quilters

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

Crazy Quilters will start up again on January 9th. Join us for fellowship and making projects. All experience levels welcome.



Lectio with Laura

Wednesdays at Noon
January 9—30

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.



Caring Cards:

An Evening Social with a Purpose

Thursday, January 10, 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 January 10th 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.

Starting in January there will be a card making gathering offered during the day also. For information please call Lynne Ruf at 361-816-5912. We want to pick a day that will work for everyone who is interested in being part of this Church Ministry. Join the fun!

NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING

A small group is being formed to explore and discuss some of our beloved and familiar Biblical passages, such as the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord's Prayer, and some of the parables and stories in the New Testament. We will use DVD's and printed material primarily by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, a noted linguist and extraordinary theologian, who is well known to uncover meanings lost in translations from the original manuscripts.



Winter Texans are especially welcome!

John Gay is organizing the group and will get discussions started. Time, day, place, and location are to be determined, according to people's schedules. A brown bag lunch may be in order! Please sign up on the front desk to indicate your interest. For more information, contact John at 361 729 2521 or johnandgingergay@gmail.com.

♪ **Music Ministries** ♪

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
beginning Jan 16

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

Easter Cantata Rehearsals

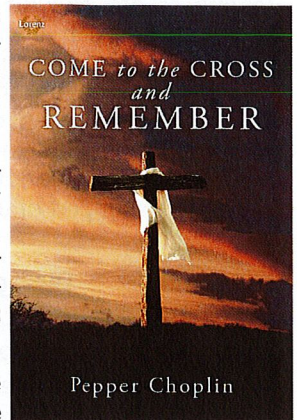
Wednesdays at 6:30-7:00 p.m.
beginning Jan 16

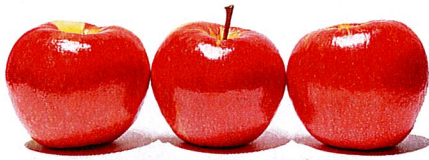
Our Easter Cantata this year is *Come to the Cross and Remember* by Pepper Choplin. It will be presented to the congregation on Palm Sunday.

If you've ever thought about singing in the choir, but a weekly commitment is a little too much, this is your chance. We will rehearse the Cantata on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:00 beginning on January 16th.

Come join us. Help us to tell the story of Christ's journey to the cross.

For more information contact Paul Klemm (361) 463-0712 or music@fumcrokport.org.





Healthy Resolutions

Each year New Year's resolutions start off with lose weight, drink less, quit smoking, join a gym, pay off your debt. Big challenges that may easily be forgotten by January 15th. This year, make a healthful resolution, for a more healthy you. Baby steps to become more healthy. Cook at home one more day per week than you are doing now. Take a walk after dinner with your dog, your kids, or your special someone. Plant a garden and learn how to cook a new dish with the fresh produce you have grown. Join a bible

Nurses Notes: January 2019

study. Volunteer in Rockport for mental well-being. Come see the Wesley Nurse and have a screening of your blood pressure and/or blood sugar. As always, see your healthcare professional at least once per year for a checkup. Small steps for big results. Health – it does a body good.

Blessings to all,
Kathy Wilson,
RN, Wesley Nurse

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."
3 John 1:2

Walk the Walk



Walkes:

Mon/Tues/Fri
8:25-9:00 a.m. 2 mile
9:00-9:30 a.m. – 1 mile
Tuesday/Thursday
12:00-12:30 a.m. – 1 mile

Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, January 8th 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Rec Room

Come and join this dynamic group as we manage our way through diabetes.

Mobile Health Clinic

Mondays, January 14th and 28th
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-3:30p.m.

Volunteers are needed to be greeters for the patients of the mobile health clinic. Morning and afternoon shifts available. 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

Diabetic Education

Tuesday, January 15, 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, Jan 15. Call Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 or the Health Education Center at 866-524-1408 to enroll.

Storytelling 101

Tuesday, January 15th
@ noon, Youth Room
Lunch will be provided



Your 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.

Health Screenings:

Wesley Nurse visits Good Samaritans on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. for health screenings and education.

Square Dancing!

Mike & Iris Huddleson are returning to Rockport from their home in Wichita, Kansas. You may have seen them singing in the choir in previous years. He would like to provide some fun & fitness through easy square dancing to those interested. We look forward to getting acquainted & having some fun times with our Texas church family.



Intro to Square Dancing Class

Thursdays at 2:00-3:00pm, Fellowship Hall 2-3
January 17th—February 7th

No experience necessary. There will be a small fee to help cover expenses.

Main Stream and Plus Level Square Dancing

Thursdays at 7:00-9:00pm, Fellowship Hall 2-3
January 17th—February 7th

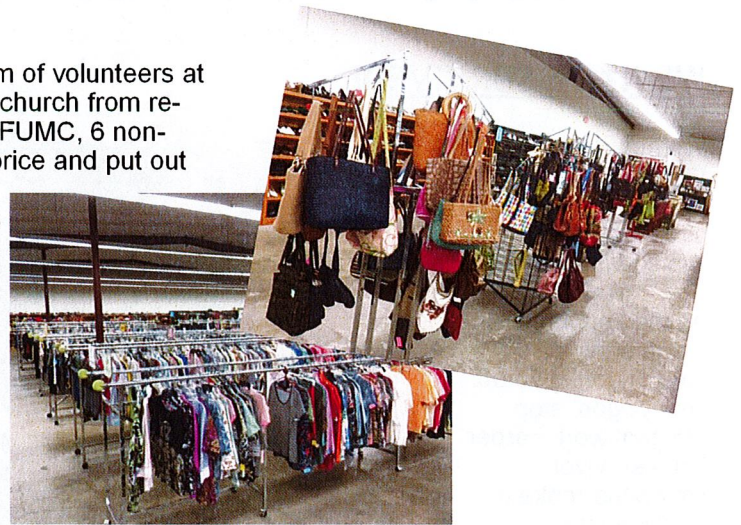
All Square Dancers welcome!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Castaways

2018 was a year of hard work and commitment from the team of volunteers at Castaways. We were happy to contribute monetarily to the church from results of your donations and the efforts of 25 volunteers from FUMC, 6 non-members and winter family. Consider working with us! We price and put out our goods all day Wednesday and manage the store, sort and price on Thursday. A little fun is found along the way as well. Contact Annette at (361) 790-6217 if you're interested in joining the Castaways Team.

Treasures abound at Castaways, so stop by and shop, too!



Prescription Assistance Report

November 1 to November 30, 2018

Clients	7
New Clients	2
New Clients Unable to Help	1
Forms Filed	7
Volunteer Hours	61.00

Estimated Cash Value of Medications
Saved for Clients:

1 month supply	\$ 2,302.00
X 3 months supply	\$ 6,906.00

The Prescription Assistance Program is open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons. Volunteers give their time to work with individuals who need assistance with affording their medications. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please come by on Monday afternoon or call the church office at 361-729-1659.

Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans

507 S Ann St, Rockport, TX
Mon-Wed-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Good Samaritans is 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

- January 6 – 12 p.m. Youth Fellowship
Secret Mission of Light
- January 13 – 12 p.m. Youth Fellowship
Beach Combing
- January 20 – 12 p.m. Youth Fellowship
Midwinter Sign Up Partyt
- January 27 – 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

Happy New Year from First Learning Tree

WE HAVE SURVIVED!

We survived the storm.
We survived a new Director.
We have survived the construction.
We survived an expansion.

As the song says...
"I'm a survivor.
I'm not gon' give up.
I'm not gon' stop.
I'm gon' work harder.
I'm a survivor.
I'm gonna make it.
I will survive.
Keep on survivin'.

I'm wishing you the best.
Pray that you are blessed.
Bring much success, no stress, & happiness!

Cheers to success, no stress, & happiness in 2019.

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."
2 Cor 4:8-9 ESV

In Christ we are even more than survivors...we are conquerors!

Kimberly Head,
FLT Director



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**First United Methodist Church of Rockport
2019 Lay Leadership Report**

(Adopted at Church Council prior to Charge Conference – 11/17/2018 – 10am-12:30pm.)

CHURCH COUNCIL – ONE BOARD MODEL

The purpose of the church council is to plan a program of nurture, outreach, and witness; implement the plan; provide an administrative infrastructure; align the plan with the mission of the church; evaluate the effectiveness of the plan; act as the administrative agency of the charge conference. Under the One Board Model the Church Council serves FLT Advisory Board, Finance, Trustees, and SPRC functions and responsibilities through sub-task groups who lead the work and rely on the full council for purposes of oversight of missional alignment and Discipline standards for structure.

Church Council Chair: Kevin Jamison

	Members at Large	Trustees	Finance	SPRC
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Mike Peters	Jeannie Coe	Betsy Penshorn	Richard Pifer
<u>Class of 2020</u>	August Smith	Joe Wilson	Gary Stone - CH	Mary J Hoffman
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Ken Goodner	Kathy Daniels-CH	Rob Coe	Bob Meador –CH

Members due to leadership roles and offices:

Secretary: (To be elected) _____ Treasurer: _____
 Lay Leader: _____
 Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Wendy Bryan
 Alternate Delegate: _____ District Delegate: Susan Jamison
 Youth/Young Adult Member: Michael Becker (District Youth Delegate)

Sub -Task Group Responsibilities

Staff Parish Relations Committee acts as a bridge between congregation and the staff. They advocate for staff needs and offer a communication system that supports healthy relationships between congregation and staff. They meet on at least a quarterly basis.

Board of Trustees supervise and maintain all property belonging to your congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. They will work closely with the church council to respond to God’s call. The trustees together have several legal and administrative functions, many of which is governed by specific requirements of The Book of Discipline.

Finance Committee is the administrative arm of receiving and dispersing funds to support the mission and life to the congregation. This group is responsible for budget, spending plans, and financial stewardship.

First Learning Tree Advisory Committee: The ministry of FLT is supported by an Advisory Committee that guides the daycare in providing the most effective and appropriate education for the youngest in our community. The Church Board is currently serving as this Advisory Committee and meets at least quarterly, It is responsible for: setting guidelines concerning operation policies and personnel, functioning within the guidelines of FUMC-R and TDFPS; select and employ a FLT Director, under guidance and approval of the Senior Pastor and SPRC; approve an annual budget for submission to Finance Committee and Church Board; and helps with yearly events, reviewing program evaluations and goals for the coming year.

LAY LEADERSHIP

The charge conference elects lay members for the committee on Nominations and Leadership Development. It is a committee or team that serves throughout the year to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for local congregations.

Lay Leadership Committee Co-Chairs: Laura Becker (Pastor) & Lay Leader

Class of 2019
Linda Valdez

Class of 2020

Class of 2021
Susan Jamison

Foundation Board of Directors administers the scholarship fund to support our High School Seniors in further education. They are guided by articles for the Foundation and elect officers at their first meeting of the year who serve as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

FUMC Foundation Chair: TBE

Ex-Officio: Pastor, Treasurer/Business Manager, Trustee Chair, Finance Chair

Staff Liaison: Susan Jamison, Business Manager

At Large Members:

Class of 2019
Susie Black

Class of 2020
Carita Gould

Class of 2021
John Gay

Health Ministry Team:

The Health Ministry Team forms a partnership with the Wesley Nurse and engages in health ministry to the underserved. The team may include but not limited to members of the congregation/community who are: interested in health needs, health care professionals, social workers, the Wesley Nurse provided by Methodist Healthcare Ministries, church pastor, and persons from congregation and community interested in serving the underserved.

Chair: Kathy Daniels

Wesley Nurse: Kathy Wilson

Church Members:

Class of 2019: Melva Turner

Class of 2020: Jeannie Coe

Class of 2021: Kathy Daniels

Community Agencies Representatives: _____

Ministry Teams will be created for specific ministry roles and tasks. The Laity in collaboration with Church Council will be responsible for building the teams needed to achieve program ministry goals. Individuals and Groups within our congregational family are invited to create a ministry plan (Ministry Plan Worksheet and Budget Request provided by Church Office). Implementation is responsibility of church servant volunteers. Staff will assist in resources, communication, guidelines, spiritual formation, and missional alignment.

We will begin with a clean slate. And grow ministry teams as the primary resource of people are available and ready to serve. Nominations and Lay Leadership will focus on Church Council recruitment, training workshop offerings, and giving voice to ministry objectives that need lay leadership to achieve.

Legacy Ministries that will continue and seek new servant volunteers.

Outreach Ministry:

Serving and Caring for the needs of those outside the church (the Samaritans) including ministries of compassion, justice, disaster relief, and advocacy. This team helps the congregation be aware and responsive to local, regional, and international mission and missionary support.

Meeting Frequency: as needed to plan and implement ministry

Good Samaritans Center is our local assistance agency. Servants are trained by Good Samaritan for the purpose of distributing food, processing requests, and counseling those in need about local resources.

FUMC Board Representative to Good Samaritans: Jane Doss Briggs

Castaways is our local ecumenical thrift store that provides support for operating ministry activities of local churches and other charitable agencies in Rockport. It operates on the principles of recycling, repurposing, and restoring items at an affordable price. The store provides an atmosphere where the public makes connections with people of faith and resources for living.

Church Liason: Annette Hegen

Prescription Assistance is a ministry that assists eligible community members with applying for prescription drug programs. The team meets weekly on Mondays from 1-3pm.

Prescription Assistance: Chair - Judy Goodner

Pastor, Lay Leader/Council Chair, Business Manager

At Large members: Ray Saenz, Melva Turner, Nellie Symm-Gruender, Betty J. Ohlhauser

Community Table is a weekly meal ministry hosted by the Presbyterian Church and provided by area churches. Our church is responsible for providing a meal every 6-8 weeks. Cooks and crew are needed to prepare, serve, and clean-up.

Community Table Coordinator: Chris Stumpf

Team – All those willing to serve

Worship Ministry: *Create experiences with the pastor and musicians that invite all participants into the presence of God for the sake of offering praise and thanksgiving. Offer opportunities for multiple expressions of faith stylistically and generationally. Manage worship servants that assist and prepare elements of worship especially special services. Manage worship space and environmental needs that provide accessibility.* **Meeting Frequency: as needed to plan and implement ministry**

Worship Team:

Chair: Wendy Bryan

Staff Liaison: Pastor

Team include Worship Leaders: Director of Music, Accompanist, Lay Leader, Head Usher, Acolyte Coordinators, Reader Coordinators, Technology Coordinator, Altar Guild, Communion Stewards

Card Ministry Coordinator: Lynne Ruf

Prayer Team: Ruth Crough (Leader), Lynne Ruf, Sue Weir, Beverly Palas, Dave Rusk, Mary Rusk, Steve Johnson, Eileen, Mike Peters

Visitation Ministry Team Leader: Barbs Meador

GLORY SIGHTINGS

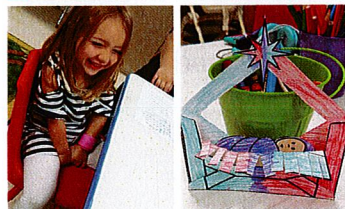
Rio Texas Partners

Disaster Case Managers Austin, Amanda, Lisa, and Brittany have been working hard in the Rio Texas Case Management office located in the last room of FUMC Rockport's education wing. They have helped (and are still helping) numerous individuals and families in this community. At any given time, each case manager might handle as many as 25-30 cases. The FUMC Rockport staff is delighted to be able to partner with these wonderful folks and is often able to assist with specific needs by providing funds which have been donated for Harvey Relief. In the picture above, these kind folks surprised the FUMC staff with a thoughtful gift of holiday goodies!



Too Much Fun??

There seems to be a new problem in the FUMC nursery here lately... the little ones are having so much fun that they don't want to leave! Our awesome Childcare staff must be doing something right, because the children have literally been begging their parents to stay longer! Wow. What a gift to have these joyful children in our midst!



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

PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were there**fo**re buried with him
through bapt**is**m into death in order that,
just as Christ was rais**e**d from the dead
through the gl**o**ry of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Roman**s** 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i l e w n; new life

The Art of Neighboring: Block Party

Wouldn't you love to be invited to a block party? In November, Pastor Laura's sermon focus was on the Art of Neighboring, and Pastor Laura challenged us to get to know our neighbors and even coordinate a block party.



If you have taken this challenge to heart, we would love to hear about your experiences with getting to know your neighbors! If you haven't started yet, you might want to visit www.artofneighboring.com/resources/ for some helpful ideas. You are invited to share your stories and pictures on our Church Facebook page or by emailing them to Stefany at ssimmons@fumcrockport.org.



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Equipping the Saints Workshop
Sunday, February 3rd
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.



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