

The Rockport Beacon



February 2019 Newsletter

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Loved

"You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God."

Isaiah 62: 3

Now that is a sentiment for a Valentine's Day card!!! Before the Christmas decorations were out of the stores, the presence of red hearts, fuzzy friends, and sweet decadents started to appear. This non-subtle reminder of a basic need for love to be expressed is palatable. It touches the single, co-habitants, separated, married, divorced alike. It invades the space of the playful, hopeful, cynical, realistic, and disillusioned as well. Marketers know we can be hooked by the innate desire to be seen, heard, accepted, acknowledged, chosen, respected – LOVED.

So what happens when we don't feel or receive such expressions of affection? What about a community that feels abandoned? Or, the socially awkward adolescent? The Lonely? Is there any hope for love to come and wrap its arms around the despairing heart?

Isaiah would say, YES! For the Israelites living in the Babylonian period, the feelings of abandonment by God left them in despair. And they needed a word, to remind them of God's faithful love.

Isaiah 62: 1-5, reiterates the promise of God to take back and restore the relationship with Israel in tender love and affection. It also offers a reminder of the kind of liberating love God offers. This prophet writes after a time of exile and draws on a tradition of Israel/Jerusalem as God's wife; our contemporary ears may substitute 'spouse' if that's helpful. For the sake of space, aspects of the cultural

context and symbolism cannot be fully explored, yet the truths about God's faithful and loving nature is clear.

Prof. Kathleen M. O'Connor explains it further:

In Third Isaiah's poem, God speaks about speaking, as if to surprise readers who expect only divine silence, expect no response, anticipate no vivid interaction between them. "I will not keep silent...I will not rest" (Isaiah 62:1). The reason God moves to speech and action is not for God's own honor but to vindicate Zion, the broken, defeated, God-abandoned city-woman. God's speech will make her vindication burst out and her salvation become "a burning torch." That new event will create global awareness of the city's glory. Her emergence will be like an epiphany revealing her beauty, her royal stature, and her new identity because God will give her a new name (v. 2-3). She will be a crown and a royal wreath in God's own hand. God will receive honor and glory on account of her.

Zion's new life will stand in marked contrast to her previous experience. "you shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate" (v.4). These words recognize the historical devastation of the community, the city's suffering, and the longtime of despair in which they have lived. For Zion to be vindicated means, at the least, that the reality of past horrors be acknowledged for what they have been, that the experience of divine abandonment be recognized as true. But now everything is to change and the change rests not in anything she must do, but in God's enduring love for her. No longer will she be desolate, lost, and forsaken; now she "shall be called

My Delight Is in Her" (v.4). God announces a reunion of the broken household, a remarriage in which God delights in her and her land shall be married.

Happy Valentine's Day, the Restorer of our souls will do this! Promise.

Even when we doubt the love of God, our doubt cannot change God's nature. So enjoy the 'heart' month whether you think romance is over-rated or already have your expressions in hand. May God's delight in you renew your reservoir of love and fill you with joy. Give some time, give a gift, speak a word of encouragement, offer a service, hold a hand, hug a friend, and above all else give God space to care for you, because Easter will be in the stores soon, if it's not already there!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Laura

Church Events

- Feb 8-10—District Women's Retreat
- Feb 11—Mobile Clinic
- Feb 12—Diabetes Support Group
- Feb 14—Caring Cards (1pm)
- Feb 18—Church closed
- Feb 19—Storytelling 101
- Feb 23-26—General Conference
- Feb 25—Mobile Clinic
- Feb 26—Community Table
- Feb 27—Go Red for Women
- Feb 28—Health Fair

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 BeginningsFH1

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

NurseryNursery

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 ClassRm 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



Church Office Closed

President's Day, February 18th

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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.

February 3 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ***Benevolent Bucket for building repairs**

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| Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Psalm 71:1-6 |
| 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | Luke 4:21-30 |

February 10 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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| Isaiah 6: 1-13 | Psalm 138 |
| 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 | Luke 5: 1-11 |

February 17 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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| Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Psalm 1 |
| 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Luke 6:17-26 |

February 24 - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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| Genesis 45:3-11, 15 | Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 |
| 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 | Luke 6:27-38 |

DECEMBER 2018 CHURCH GIVING

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| **Giving: | \$34,337.19 |
| Castaway's: | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Market St Apartment Income | \$ 4,611.00 |
| Total Income: | \$46,948.19 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | <u>\$43,205.46</u> |
| DECEMBER Net Income: | \$ 3,742.73 |
| 2018 Net Income: | (\$37,847.94) |

** 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

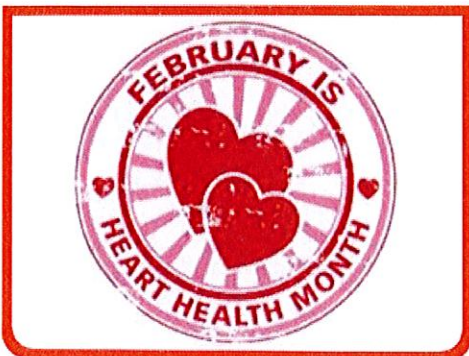
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| Susan Jamison, Business Manager..... | x2574 |
| Stefany Simmons, Director of Communications..... | x2575 |
| Paul Klemm, Director of Music..... | x2577 |
| Karen Snyder, Administrative Assistant..... | x2576 |
| Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse.....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

February BIRTHDAYS

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| 1-Feb | Gwen Hall | 13-Feb | James Carrick |
| 1-Feb | Dona Popp | 14-Feb | Verna Yeamans |
| 1-Feb | Finn Klanica | 14-Feb | Tom Bennett |
| 1-Feb | Shawn Carruth | 14-Feb | Clayton Irely |
| 2-Feb | Betty Manwaring | 17-Feb | Barbara Meador |
| 3-Feb | Ann Clegg | 17-Feb | Joyce Palmer |
| 4-Feb | Richard Bianchi | 18-Feb | James Metzger |
| 4-Feb | Ellie Saenz | 19-Feb | Judy Currie |
| 6-Feb | Charles Shanlever | 19-Feb | Kenneth Helbling |
| 6-Feb | Melva Turner | 19-Feb | Cheryl McIntyre |
| 7-Feb | Clyde Townsend | 23-Feb | Jana Tarkington |
| 8-Feb | Patsy Phemister | 23-Feb | Art Smith |
| 8-Feb | Danielle Davis (FLT) | 23-Feb | Olive Smith |
| 8-Feb | Ansley Krnavek (FLT) | 25-Feb | Scotty Kautz |
| 9-Feb | Paulette Kluge | 25-Feb | Alan Barre |
| 10-Feb | Norman III Spears | 28-Feb | Ray Saenz |
| 10-Feb | John Rainey | | |

February ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/11 Kathy & Dan Daniels
 02/14 Arno & Betsy Peshorn



Glory Sightings

Answered Prayers

As recovery efforts have continued in our community, I am thrilled to report that my family is finally getting a new house! It has been a long journey of working with many different pieces, but we have been taken under the care of the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group who is managing our case and advocating for us. Through their help, God has brought forward the Mennonite Disaster Service who has graciously taken on the building of our home. We are so incredibly grateful to them, and to every single one of you who has been praying for us through this long journey of recovery.



Much love,
 Stefany Simmons



DECEMBER



Silent Auction Winners!

Danny and Susie Hale are the proud new owners of this beautiful coffee table that was auctioned in December. The glass is from our own sanctuary stained glass windows!

Opportunities to Connect



Methodist Men

Wednesday, February 6, 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 information call Kevin Jamison at 361-229-9535.



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.



Caring Cards

Thurs, February 14, 1:00 p.m. (Rec Rm)

Creative scrapbookers or anyone who wants to join in making greeting cards is invited to join us. We have a lot of fun!

The "Card Party" during the daytime has been rescheduled for every 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth/Rec Room. The evening class for February is cancelled because of Valentine's Day. For information please call Lynne Ruf at 361-816-5912.

♪ Music Ministries ♪

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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@fumcrockport.org

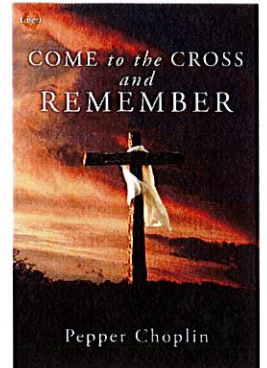
Easter Cantata Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Easter Cantata this year is *Come to the Cross and Remember* by Pepper Choplin. It will be presented to the congregation on April 14th, 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. Come join us and help us to tell the story of Christ's journey to the cross.

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



Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 17th
12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Rockport FUMC Chili Heads!! It's that Time again!!

The **TENTH** (almost) Annual Chili Cook Off is set for **Sunday February 17th!!** You've still got time to dust off/create/find a new Chili Recipe! Plus, lately we've had lots of cold, damp, chili weather to practice our chili recipes! We have a great group of returning Chili Judges for our 6 categories- Methodist Meek and Mild, Real Chili (No Beans), Chili with Beans, Spiciest Chili, Non-Traditional Chili, and Youth Chili. Compete for Bragging Rights!! Chili needs to be checked in for judging at the kitchen by 10:15 a.m. that day. To help us plan, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Narthex. Not to worry... for those of you who don't do/make chili, you can bring a dessert to share.

If you have questions ahead of time, or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Jeannie and Rob Coe at 210-601-6132 or jbryancoe@mindspring.com



"Name Tag" Tag

Leading up to the Chili-Cook Off, you are invited to participate in a 'name tag' challenge on Sunday mornings. In an effort to learn and remember each other, you are encouraged to wear your name badges while at church!

If you need a name badge, please indicate this on your friendship card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or contact Karen Snyder during the week at 361-729-1659. Some badges will be "tagged" each week for agape gifts and recognition. Those who are tagged first will have a chance to 'tag' others.

Health Ministries

Help Us Help You!

The Health Ministries Team is kicking off the New Year with a resolution to provide encouragement and support for our parishioners. We need your help. Help us to help you by informing us of upcoming concerns such as hospital stays or surgeries that may require support from your church family. If you would like to be a part of helping your fellow church members, please contact Kathy Wilson at 361-729-1659 or Kathy Daniels at 361-463-1217; or sign

up on the bulletin board located in the hallway across from Pastor Laura's office.



"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

Blessings to all,
Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse



Walkers:

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, February 12th 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, February 11th and 25th
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

Storytelling 101

Tuesday, February 19th @ 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.

Intro to Square Dancing Class!

Thursdays at 2:00-3:30pm, Jan 17—Feb 7
Fellowship Hall 2-3

No experience necessary. Class is led by Mike Huddleson, who has been a square dance caller for over 40 yrs. There will be a small fee to help cover expenses.

Main Stream & Plus Level Square Dancing

Thursdays at 7:00-8:45pm, Jan 17—Feb 7
Fellowship Hall 2-3

Go Red for Women Lunch and Learn

Wednesday February 27
12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall 2-3



February is National American Heart Month, and the perfect time to learn about your risks for heart disease and steps you can take towards prevention and wellness. This Lunch and Learn is not just for women, but everyone. Ellie Saenz will be speaking about her personal story related to heart disease. Kathy Wilson will provide education on control and prevention of heart disease. A pharmacist will be on hand to speak about medications for blood pressure control. Come enjoy fun, fellowship and a heart healthy lunch. Sign-up sheet available on desk in Narthex. Sponsored by Healthy Ministry Team.

Rockport Community Health Fair

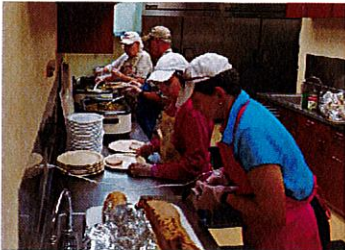
Thursday, February 28
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



In honor of heart healthy month, Aransas County Medical Services is hosting a Community Health Fair, free to the public. This event is taking place **February 28th, 1-3pm** at First United Methodist Church.

Opportunities to Serve

Community Table—February 26th



Community Table serves a free meal twice a month to anyone in our community who desires to come eat and fellowship together. Churches rotate hosting these meals, and it's a wonderful opportunity to serve our community. FUMC will host on February 26th and March 12th. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving, cleaning, making tea and coffee, dishwashing. All volunteers must have a food handlers permit.



Leadership Opportunity

FUMC is seeking a **Co-Coordinator** to partner with Kris Stumpf on coordinating this important ministry. Co-coordinators split the responsibilities for coordinating FUMC volunteers and community table duties. This is a great opportunity to be involved in this wonderful ministry. Please contact Kris Stumpf at 210-268-6855 or maxineroget2@yahoo.com if you are interested!



SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Cleaning Day

March 15-16

Castaways—Anyone Can Help!

Wednesdays and Thursdays

FUMC volunteers help with sorting and pricing items at Castaways on Wednesdays, and Thursdays they work in the store. Anyone is welcome to come help... even your furry friends! ☺☺☺



Prescription Assistance

The Prescription Assistance Program is open on Monday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. 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 one Monday afternoon or call the church office at 361-729-1659.

December 1 to December 31, 2018

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| Clients | 6 |
| New Clients | 1 |
| New Clients Unable to Help | 0 |
| Forms Filed | 7 |
| Volunteer Hours | 50.25 |

Estimated Cash Value of Medications Saved for Clients:



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| 1 month supply | \$ 2,399.00 |
| X 3 months supply | \$ 7,197.00 |

YEAR END REPORT 2018

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| Number of Clients Served | 170 |
| Number of New Clients | 61 |
| Number of Forms Files | 137 |
| Volunteer Hours | 645.75 |
| Medication Cost Saved for Clients | \$157,911.00 |

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.



Church Leadership

Growing Families in Christ



God's Gifts Equip Us for Ministry

Equipping the Saints

Worship Workshop

Sunday, February 10th

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall (Lunch provided)

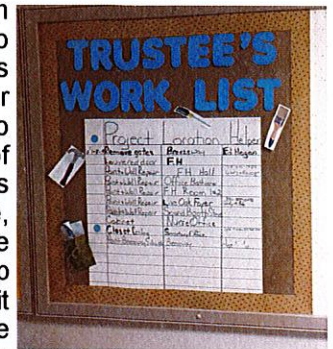
Our worship is a gift to honor God, and it takes many people to manage the various pieces of our worship services. Join us after the second worship service on Sunday, February 10th for lunch, and then learn and practice ways of serving in worship!

- † It's Not Just About Lighting Candles: Acolyting – led by Shawn Carruth in Main St. Foyer
- † Shaking Hands, Collecting Plates, and Keeping Safe: Usher/Greeting – led by Tom Serota and Susan Jamison
- † Setting the Table: Communion Stewardship/Home and Altar Communion Servers – led by Karen Lee Rystad, Kevin Carruth, and Pastor Laura
- † The Word Meant for Hearing: Scripture Reading led by John Gay in Sanctuary
- † AV Technician - led by Dustin Barre
- † More than Decoration: Altar Guild - led by Patsy Phemister and Barbara Serota in Banner Room
- † Making Joyful Noise: Choir - led by Paul Klemm in Choir Room

From the Board of Trustees

I am very excited to be the Board of Trustees Chair for this coming year. Having been involved with the Trustees as Director of FLT for 25 years, I feel that my previous experience will benefit the Church and help guide the Trustees in making decisions. We look forward to the challenge of making these repairs with the support and suggestions from this Congregation.

In the Church Office Hallway, you will find a poster board that has small repairs listed on it. The Trustees invite you to assist with these repairs, as this will help us stretch our insurance dollars. I would also like to form a group of volunteers that the Trustees could reach out to in the future, as additional repairs are identified. Not only will this help with the Trustees Budget, but it will also empower you with the experience of knowing you are a vital and important part of this church.



Your stewardship in keeping FUMC Rockport physically sturdy and safe for years to come will be an asset as we welcome new families. Please contact myself or Susan Jamison for additional information.

With the continued support of this Church Family, the Trustees will do our best to serve this beautiful church that has been placed in our care.

Kathy Daniels, Chair

361-463-1217

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>

Love in Action

Giving to our Families, Community, & God.

At First Learning Tree, the children are given opportunities everyday to learn what it means to serve one another, to put *love* into *action*. First United Methodist Church (FUMC) is excited to bring special attention to the wonderful things these children are doing by publishing this special monthly newsletter. Each month will highlight things the children did in the previous month.



Crock Pot Cooking: We cooked dinner for our families as a way to show them we love them while also learning about measurement, ingredients, and healthy living.

Food Drive: The children collected 365 cans and non-perishable goods for Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans, Inc. as our Christmas Offering.



Chapel Time: Wednesdays starting back up in February, the children go to the FUMC sanctuary for Chapel Time with Mrs. Kim. They love to worship and sing!

Christmas Tea: We performed for our families at the Christmas Tea. With help from Castaways, we had our annual Proverbs 18:16 Market and picked gifts to give to our parents. We are learning that giving is just as important as receiving. We gave these gifts to our families at the Christmas Tea.



From the Editor: *Love in Action* is a newly designed publication that will be sent from FUMC to FLT parents each month. We pray it will be a blessing to all who read it!

"For God so love the world that he gave his only son..."

John 3:16

Dear Parents of FLT:

As I think of God giving his son to the world, it strikes me that it's no small thing to entrust your child to our care. This awareness draws attention to the tremendous responsibility for us to offer care that reflects the love of God. The goal of reaching such great love requires mutual support and partnership in the raising of your children. Engaging in loving action is a way of life in many faith traditions, and certainly hoped for in the Christian faith.

So it remains my hope that your family will experience safe community where love abounds. Please know you are always invited to join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live. I also welcome conversations about faith, life, and the tough questions our kids ask.

For families with tweens, the church will host a class called "Wonderfully Made" on Mar 29-30. It offers faith and sexuality education for ages 10-12, and it is a great resource for parents to help children learn the connection of body, mind and spirit. For more information about this or anything else at FUMC, please visit our website at www.fumcrockport.org or call us anytime at 361-729-1659.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Laura

FUMC Sunday Morning Schedule

- Worship Services - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 - Children's Sunday School, K-5th - 9:15 a.m. (Rm 5)
 - Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. (Rm 7, FH1)
 - Youth Group - 12:00 p.m. (Rec Rm / Rm 6)
 - Nursery Available for 0-4 years (FH)
- FH = Fellowship Hall

Activities for fun and growth

Create your own version of Psalm 36, a response to God's promise as a personal love note to God.

Read, Pray, Create...

Psalm 36

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.


⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!




PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

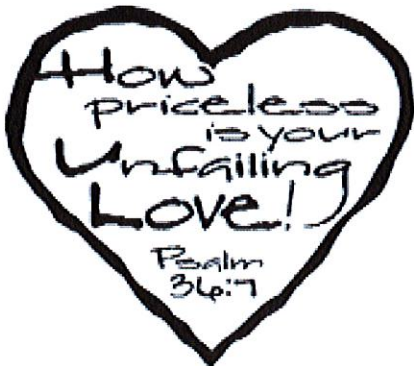
“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect



Opportunities to Grow



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.



Lectio with Laura

Wednesdays at Noon
in the Recreation Room

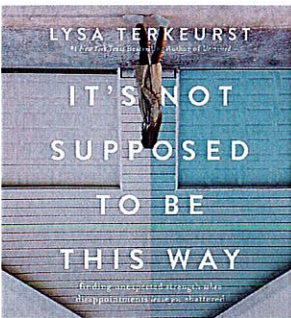
We will feast on the Word in scripture and focus on the Lectionary text for the week.



New Looks at Good Ol' Stories

Mondays at 11:00 a.m. (Rec Rm)

This newly started small group Bible Study views DVD's and discusses stories presented by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, a renowned theologian and linguist who lived in the Middle East for forty years. He brings new meanings to familiar stories. All are welcome to join in the discussions. Contact John Gay at (361) 729-2521 or johnandgingergay@gmail.com with any questions.



Upcoming Lenten Study

(Dates to be determined)

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY

finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered

Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected.

Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness.

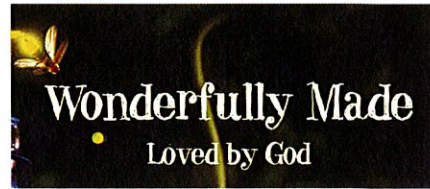
Lysa TerKeurst shares her faith story and invites us to encounter God in the midst of our disappointments. Her new book *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* will be a guide for a Lenten Study starting in March. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested in this study.

Growing Families in Christ

Confirm... coming soon



Youth 5th-8th will be invited to join a Confirmation Experience through the season of Lent. On Easter, they will have an opportunity to profess their faith in Christ and join in full membership of the church by their personal commitment.



Wonderfully Made

Faith and sexuality education for children ages 10-12

March 29-30

Friday 6—9 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

The preteen years are tough. Changes are happening to their bodies, minds, and emotions which make it hard to know exactly what's going on. And what hard topics to try and discuss with Mom and Dad. *Wonderfully Made* provides kids ages 10–12 the opportunity to not only ask questions about growing up, but to get faith-based answers as well. This class covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping preteens establish a foundation for their life in Christ, and it is interactive with parents during certain parts. More information coming soon. The fee for this class will be \$25. For questions, please contact Pastor Laura at 361-729-1659.

Parents come 6-7:15 Friday & 3-4 p.m. Saturday. Kids are there the whole time.

Rockport Young Life

Young Life Club
9th-12th graders

Starting February 4th
Monday Nights
@ 8:03 p.m.
FUMC Fellowship Hall



YL younglife

February



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 BENEVOLENT BUCKET 8:00 AM Worship (Communion) 9:15 AM Crosstalk Adult Class 9:15 AM New Beginnings Adult Class 10:30 AM Worship (Communion) 6:00 PM Living Water Bible Study (Spanish) | 4 8:25 AM 2-Mile Walk (FH2) 9:00 AM 1-Mile Walk (FH2) 10:30 AM Prayer Team (Rm 4) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting (Conf Rm) 1:00 PM RX Assistance (Conf Rm) 8:03 PM Rockport Young Life (FH) | 5 8:25 AM 2-Mile Walk (FH2) 9:00 AM 1-Mile Walk (FH2) 12:00 PM 1-Mile Walk (FH2) | 6 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Castaways Day 10:00 AM Crazy Quilters 6:30 PM Easter Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 7 8:30 AM Castaways Day 12:00 PM 1-Mile Walk (FH2) 2:00 PM Intro to Square Dancing 7:00 PM Main Stream and Plus Level Square Dancing | 8 8:25 AM 2-Mile Walk (FH2) 9:00 AM 1-Mile Walk (FH2) | 9 |
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Sunday, February 10th
12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.



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