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May 2019 Newsletter

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Unexpected Bouquets...

There is something about a bouquet that reminds me of the beauty we hold in our hands and the shortness of its lifespan. I also love fields of wildflowers especially if mixed with a variety of colors. They too have a short season of beauty that eventually returns to seed and unknown potential.

There are days that I'd prefer that blooms lasted forever; it's this kind of thought that leads to cheap artificial versions that never come close to the glory of the pure and natural versions.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Psalm 103: 15-18

I find great comfort in these words especially in times of parting and temporary earthly farewells because they remind me of something that is steadfast and everlasting. This truth is what I cling to when a chapter ends in my own story. I'm hopeful in what awaits, expectant that it too will be filled with the grace I have known in each place of cutting, blooming, wilting, and new birth.

Only Christ can hold this magnificent bouquet of people that have been written on my heart. Only Christ can bind up the wounds given and received; through Christ alone does our remembering give us a glimpse of the glory to come when we all meet in the eternal presence of everlasting Love. Until then....let us enjoy each new bouquet of blessing and remember.

Your friend forever in Christ, Laura pastor@fumcrockport.org

Gates of Prayer

At the rising sun and at its going down we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter we remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring we remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer we remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn we remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends we remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart we remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make we remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs we remember them.

(Unknown)

Church Events

- May 1—Men's Breakfast
- May 5—Coastal Bend District Conference/Celebration
- May 9—Caring Cards
- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 13—Mobile Clinic
- May 14—Diabetes Support Group
- May 17—FLT Graduation
- May 28—FLT End of Year Play



and to the ends of the earth. Acty 1:8, NRSV

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Worship Weekly Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

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 ClassRm 5 Children Kinder-5th grades are invited for a time of Bible learning, making crafts, and doing fun activities!

FH = Fellowship Hall



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

In observance of Memorial Day, the Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th. All health ministries including Rx Assistance and the Mobile Clinic will also be closed.

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.

May 5 - Third Sunday in Easter

Benevolent Bucket for Rx Assistance

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-9

May 12 - Fourth Sunday in Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 23 John 10:22-30

May 19 - Fifth Sunday in Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 Psalm 148 John 13:31-35

May 26 - Sixth Sunday in Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Psalm 67 John 14:23-29

MARCH 2019 CHURCH GIVING

**Giving:	\$21,840.97
Castaway's:	\$ 8,000.00
Market St Apartment Income	\$ 4,980.00
Total Income:	\$34,820.97
Expenses:	\$33,708.40
MARCH Net Income:	\$ 1,112.57

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

Year to date income is -\$9,524.34. We continue to watch expenses as we head into the summer months.

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.fumcrockport.org.

Blessings,

Susan Jamison, Business Manager fumc@fumcrockport.org

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Opportunities to Connect



<u>Journeymen</u>

Mondays at 8:00 a.m.

For men who have completed the Emmaus Walk. If you wish to participate in a fourth day group, please join us on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, call Chester at 361-729-6285

Men's Emmaus Group 729-6285

UNITED METHODIST

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00am Rosita's Taqueria & Cafe

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.

Holiday Inn Airport and Conference Center 5549 Leopard St, Corpus Christi Sunday, May 5th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

FUMC has reserved a table for the Coastal Bend District Conference/Celebration. There are a few spaces available. If you would like to attend, please contact Karen Snyder at the church office. 361-729-1659.

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. Many projects are made in

service to others (i.e. nursing homes, military, children at Camp Aranzazu).



Thursday, May 16 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! For information please call Lynne Ruf at 361-816-5912.

☐ 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.





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1-May	Jerry Sanchez	18-May	Kathy Abbott
3-May	Sam Schertz	19-May	Rob Coe
3-May	Kim Hall	19-May	Nathan Freund
4-May	Zachary Morgan	22-May	Mary John Hoffman
5-May	Anna Monroe (FLT)	24-May	Judith Herndon
6-May	Debbie Chapman	27-May	Pat Koenig
6-May	Victoria Jamison	29-May	Chrystal Perez (FLT)
9-May	Jane Shanlever	29-May	Cheryl Picarazzi (FLT)
11-May	Mary Rappard	30-May	Jay Tarkington
12-May	Kaitlyn Carruth	31-May	Susie Black
16-May	A.D. Hall	31-May	Lee Jamison DuBose



4-May	Edward & Marsha Charles
5-May	Kathy & Walter Abbott
12-May	John & Sherry Peirce
13-May	Dale & Norma Vickers
25-May	Sam & Ernie Schertz



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



Rockport Young Life

Young Life Club 9th-12th graders

Monday Nights 7:27 p.m. Rec / Youth Room

First Learning Tree invites YOU...

Join FLT children and families for our special end of year festivities!

Preschool Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. **FUMC Sanctuary**

End of Year Play

Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m. **FUMC Sanctuary**



Growing Families in Christ

Nursery Ministry: Can you help??

The nursery is in need of volunteers for Sunday services. You can volunteer weekly, twice a month, or even once a month. Whatever would work for you would help us out greatly. Volunteers are needed to sit with infants, talk to toddlers, and just keep an eve on the little ones so we can teach the Sunday school lesson to the children who can participate. Please see me in the nursery, leave a note for me in the

childcare box in the front office, or contact me via email shereefumc@yahoo.com to volunteer on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings during choir practice.

As a childcare volunteer, you will play such an impactful role in the children's church experience. You become their role model and encourage them to attend church in their future, because they will remember the great experience they had while they were younger. Your commitment and dedication will help the children to be successful in learning God's word by helping us create a minimally distracting environment, where the children can have fun, and feel God within them. We won't ask a lot. We just need a few volunteers to help show attention to the younger children while we provide a Godly, impactful lesson to those that are able to participate. Background Check and Safe Gatherings training is required for all volunteers who work with children at FUMC Rockport.

Thank You! Sheree Standefer. Childcare Director





Nursery Childcare Job Opening

FUMC Rockport is seeking Childcare ministry workers. Childcare positions: 4-6 hours/week evening hours and Sunday mornings, hourly position/compensation, working with infants to 10 years.

Background Check and training required. Worker must exhibit skills in supervision of children, communication with parents and respectful nurture of a child in development. Please contact Rev. Laura Becker at 361-729-1659 or fumc@fumcrockport.org and place Nursery Childcare Job in the subject line. Application is online at www.fumcrockport.org on the About Us page.

Opportunities to Serve



Community Table

Community Table serves a free meal on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to anyone in our community who desires to come eat and fellowship together. Held at the First Presbyterian Church (301 Hwy 35 North), different churches rotate hosting these meals.

FUMC is signed up to host Community Table again on the following dates:

- ♦ September 10th
- November 19th (Thanksgiving)
- ♦ December 17th (Christmas)



Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, clean tables, make tea and coffee, dishwashing, and clean up. Volunteers truly enjoy the blessing of serving the community together in this wonderful ministry. If you are interested in serving in this way or have any questions, please contact Kris Stumpf at 210-268-6855 or maxineroger2@yahoo.com.

Please note: Food handler permits are now required for ALL volunteers.

If you need a permit you can go to:

www.aransascounty.org/envirohealth/foodsafety.php

Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans FOZ S App St. Bookport TV

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*.

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.

March 1 to March 31, 2018

Clients	21
New Clients	5
New Clients Unable to Help	1
Forms Filed	15
Volunteer Hours	71.00

Estimated Cash Value of Medications Saved for Clients:



1 month supply \$ 4,810.00 X 3 months supply \$ 14,430.00

Castaways

The Castaways team is looking for a few new members for our team. Pricing merchandise clothing on Wednesday mornings is fun and a chance to visit with each other. There are duties throughout the

store all day on Thursday. Please consider helping





Health Ministries



Walkers:

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



Mobile Health Clinic

Monday, May 13th 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. Thank you for your support of this important outreach ministry.



Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, May 14th 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (FH3) Join us on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall 3 for support and education. Holly Francis will be joining

the group to share her experience with the Free Style Libre blood glucose monitoring device. If you or someone you know is having difficulty controlling diabetes, come and experience group support. Hope to see you then. For any questions, contact Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse, at the church office at 361-729-1659.

Help us 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, 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.

Healthy choices are a part of living the resurrection! Come see your Wesley Nurse today!

> Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse 361-729-1659 kwilson@mhm.org

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2nd Annual Clothing Drive to support Child Protective Services of Aransas and San Patricio counties. These items will be distributed to children who have been removed from an unsafe home



environment. Your support of this program allows children to receive new items in their new home.

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 20th Century



Benjamin Franklin Street III passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 18, 2019. Benjamin was the son of Vi Street, who was a member of FUMC Rockport. His Memorial service was held on April 5, 2019 at Aransas Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jolie Charissa Summers passed away peacefully on April 15, 2019. Jolie was the daughter of Marsha Charles, member of FUMC Rockport. Memorial service was held on April 22, 2019 at Resthaven Funeral Home in Aransas Pass.

Glory Sightings

Confirmation

On Easter Sunday, April 21st, seven of our 5th-8th graders made public professions of faith and were confirmed.

Randolph Kenneth Degner Ashley Faith Armstrong Angela Jo Freund Gracie Mae Simmons Ava Lynn Brandon Mason Wayne White Elle Alexandra Shane





Baptism

On Easter Sunday, April 21st, Evelyn Nichol Jamison, daughter of Kaitlyn and Nick Jamison,

was baptized into Christ's family and First United Methodist Church of Rockport, TX.

EASTER on the Beach

at Rockport Festival Grounds in collaboration with Rockport-Fulton Market Days

Easter on the Beach 2019

On Saturday, April 20th, the Children's Coalition of Aransas County joined together with Rockport-Fulton Market Days and hosted their 2nd Annual Easter on the Beach event. God provided beautiful weather, awesome music by The Rock Church, 20 children's activity booths hosted by various churches, businesses, and organizations, and an incredible crowd of children and families!







From our Future Pastor

Greetings in Christ, First Church!

My name is Frank Baik, I am a second generation UMC pastor. I love the Lord, and God's people. I was born in S. Korea and immigrated to the US when I was five. Grew up mostly in CA, but have lived 7 years in San Antonio, and am finishing my fourth year as pastor of Schulenburg First.

I have really enjoyed the tight knit community of the small town, and integrated into the life of the community. I am a sponsor for the campus ministry, FCA. Serve as secretary of the Ministerial Alliance, and member of the Lions Club. I offer the only martial arts class in Schulenburg as a ministry of the church.

Before Schulenburg I served as an assistant manager of a Halfway house for Federal Inmates, a Children's Director at Helotes Hills, and



Pictured from Left to Right: Frank, Carol, Christine (UTD), Patty, Caleb (on phone from Landstuhl Germany)

English Ministry Pastor at Bethel Korean UMC in San Jose CA, and Associate at Bell Memorial UMC in Roland Heights CA.

I am married and have three children. Carol is 14 and a freshman in High School. Christine is 17 and a freshman at UT Dallas. Caleb is 21 and a PFC in the Army, stationed in Landsthul Germany. My wife Patty teaches Art, Yearbook, and Graphic Design at the High School, but is looking forward to a break. I also serve with the Army Reserve as a Chaplain (Captain) with the 549th MI Battalion based in San Antonio.

I am a plain preacher for plain people. I preach the Gospel, and strive to let the scriptures speak. I will do my best to make sure you learn something important, have a reason to laugh, and have something you can do in response to the word. Because, "the sermon isn't over until the congregation responds."

My preaching teacher taught, "The best sermon preparation is a life lived in integrity and harmony with God's word." But even more important that preaching, I pray that my life and manner would speak the Truth of God. I look forward to meeting all of you, until then, the Lord's grace sustain you, overflow through you, and bless everyone you touch with your smile.

In the name of Jesus who died, but rose again,

Amen

Thanks and Blessings,
Frank Baik
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Future Pastor of First UMC Rockport
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Please Pray for Revival, "...immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine," Ephesians 3:20



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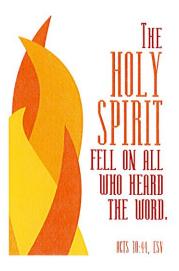
Mission Statement

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Unexpected Acts of God

Our current series of sermon messages is focused on the Unexpected Acts of God. The scriptures come from the Book of Acts, which is the account of the church's birth. Make plans to be in worship on Sunday mornings. If you can't be physically present, check out our 10:30am worship service via our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/fumcrockport or on our website, www.fumcrockport.org



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