

# The Rockport Beacon



## October 2019 Newsletter

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### Go! Call To Local Mission

Just a few months ago, I warned you that God has uniquely positioned us to respond to disaster, and that he might be calling us to the mission field. With the damage in Houston, and more storms brewing, I am feeling God's call more and more. To get ready, I have scheduled Early Response Team (ERT) Training here at FUMC Rockport on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

In the near future, we as a church are going to stop further damage on flooded homes in the name of Jesus. If you are willing to sweat and be available to the Lord, people are going to be needing a lot of help. Please join us for ERT training!

Now if you are one of those people who are a danger to yourself and others with a hammer in your hand, there are other ways to serve. When teams go out, there is often a support team that assists with meals, safety, and counseling. Part of the ministry of the ERT is listening to people's stories and letting them vent their trouble and loss. Showing people they are loved by listening, and giving them hope, is just as important as drying out walls and tarping roofs.

I know many of you received aid from people all over the US and donations from around the world. Remember what that meant to you. We have the opportunity to extend that same gift in Jesus' name, and remind people after the storm that they are precious in the Lord's sight and not forgotten by God.

Many of you have also done work yourselves—repairing, and replacing, learning skills, and sharpening long unused construction skills. We are ready! Will you go?

I will also need help providing hospitality and lunch for all the trainees on Feb 8th. If you would like to be part of the hospitality team, I would be grateful.

Grace and Peace,

Frank Baik

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Early Response Team (ERT) Training  
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

### **Calling All Children and Youth! Jesus Needs You!**

Sunday, October 13th is Children's Sabbath, and we would like young people to help lead worship!



Children's Worship Service

Kids, would you help usher?

Greet people as they come in? Take up the offering? Would you read scripture or lead another part of the service?

We would love your participation! Please talk to Pastor Frank or Wendy Bryan if you're willing to help. Thank you in advance for your participation!

#### Upcoming Youth Events:

⇒ Midwinter Retreat - January 24-26 @ Camp Zephyr

### **Important Dates**

- Oct 2—Men's Breakfast
- Oct 2—Mid-Week Reflection
- Oct 6—Benevolent Bucket (Welcome Team)
- Oct 8—Diabetic Support Group
- Oct 9—Mid-Week Reflection
- Oct 10—Caring Cards
- Oct 14—Mobile Clinic
- Oct 16—Mid-Week Reflection
- Oct 21—Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 23—Mid-Week Reflection
- Oct 26—FLT Fall Festival 5:00-8:00pm
- Oct 28—Mobile Clinic
- Oct 29—Church Council
- Oct 30—Lunch 'n Learn: Fall Prevention / Fall Recovery

For full church calendar, see [www.fumcrockport.org/calendar](http://www.fumcrockport.org/calendar)

## 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.*

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### ADULT CLASSES

**9:15a.m. - New Beginnings.....FH1**  
The New Beginnings Class uses the Uniform Series Adult Bible Studies as their guide. Leaders rotate.

**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 infant to preschool while parents attend worship services and Sunday School.

FH = Fellowship Hall



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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.

#### October 6 - World Communion Sunday

Lam 1:1-6                      Psalm 137  
2 Tim 1:1-14                 Luke 17:5-10

#### October 13 - Children's Sabbath

Jeremiah 29 1,4-7            Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15            Luke 17:11-19

#### October 20 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34          Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5         Luke 18:1-8

#### October 27 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32                 Psalm 65  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18         Luke 18:9-14

### AUGUST 2019 CHURCH GIVING

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| **Giving:                  | \$16,330.92   |
| Castaway's:                | \$ 8,000.00   |
| Market St Apartment Income | \$ 2,790.00   |
| Total Income:              | \$27,120.92   |
| Expenses:                  | \$33,667.39   |
| AUGUST Net Income:         | (\$ 6,546.47) |

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

Year to date net income is (42,573.18). We continue to monitor expenses and keep them to a bare minimum but ask you to 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](http://www.fumcrockport.org).

Blessings, Susan Jamison, Business Manager

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

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# Get Connected



## Prayer Team

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (Rm 4)

Every Monday, a dedicated group comes to the church to pray for prayer requests, church staff, ministries of the church, the community, and the world. They meet in Room 4, otherwise known as the Banner Room. Please come if you would like to join this group in prayer. If you are unable to come in person, you are invited to pray daily from home or work or any place!

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## Methodist Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 a.m.  
FUMC 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.

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## Crazy Quilters

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



This group is made up of talented ladies from the community. 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).

# Ministry Leaders



## Ministry Fair — THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who set up a ministry table at the FUMC 2019 Ministry Fair! We look forward to seeing how God moves in these ministries and beyond!

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## Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m.  
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 is calling you to participate, please come!

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## Newsletter Deadline:

**October 21st**

Do you have something to share in the Church Newsletter?



Please send your ministry information and glory sightings to Stefany Simmons at [ssimmons@fumcrockport.org](mailto:ssimmons@fumcrockport.org).

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## Save the Date! Charge Conference

Saturday, November 9th, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Grace UMC—14521 Northwest Blvd, Corpus Christi

Church Council members are invited to join us in this annual district-wide meeting and celebration service.

# Nurture your Relationship with God

## Online Bible Study

Are you reading the Bible with us? It's not too late to start! Go to [www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study](http://www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study) and click the link to join.

You can pick up where we are and go back when you have time. At least one person just did two lessons a day for 2 weeks and is now caught up. With a 3 year timeframe, you have more than enough time to get on track. I invite you to make Jesus first. Give God 10 minutes of the best part of the day, when your mind is the most clear.

If you need assistance getting started, please call the church office at (361-729-1659).

Pastor Frank



## Mid-Week Reflection with Pastor Frank

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. (Banner Room)

Pastor Frank invites you to join him for mid-week study and reflection. It will be a discussion-based Bible Study of the UMC lectionary text. Reflections questions are shared each week in the church bulletins.

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## 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.

## Traveling for Jesus

I am a huge fan of short term mission trips. They are great for the people who go, and the churches that send them. They are great for the people who receive the missionaries and they work with. But I like to keep these trips within a few hundred miles, so they don't get too expensive.

I went to India on a month long mission trip in the 90s, and had the time of my life. I made great friends with my team members. We met so many people, learned much, and we served the Lord. It was a little taste of heaven for me, a picture of what it would be like to live in Christian community, and always serving God. But when I came home and counted the cost of the trip, I could not justify going again. Instead I sponsored two local missionaries in my place. I put two native missionaries in the field for 5 years for the cost of me serving for one month. I continued to support foreign missions because I get such a great rate of return on my investment.

We have the opportunity to serve in Saipan without the costs. And all the benefits of taking a long trip to a beautiful area during a season of perfect weather. Serving the Lord is good for the soul, and for me it's always great fun. When teams take these trips together it is a strong bonding experience, and being in a new exciting and unfamiliar place, makes you more open to God's leading. The possibilities are endless. I felt my calling to ministry confirmed on my trip to India. I knew I would not be satisfied doing anything else but serving the Lord.



Because of our Church's unique experience in recovering from Harvey, I know we are poised for mission already. When this opportunity came up it really grabbed me. All the benefits of foreign mission, without cost!

But I had doubts too. Who would give up 17 days, go through all this

training, and be healthy enough to serve in this capacity? Who will serve the Lord in a foreign land? I whispered a call, and two answered immediately. Please consider a trip (see the next page for more details).



**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND**  
*Coming in 2022...*

I also have a dream to see the Holy Land one day. To see the temple steps where the disciples proclaimed Jesus risen from the dead, walk the Sea of Galilee where Jesus called his first disciples, and go to the garden where Jesus spent time praying. FEMA won't pay for this one, so I have to start saving. How about a 3 year plan to visit Israel, and see the historic sites of the Bible?

Currently trips start at \$3,200 for 15 days in Egypt, tracing the exodus to Israel and seeing the sights where Jesus and the disciples ministered. Wouldn't it be something to see? Let's plan for 2022 and see if God opens the doors.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Frank



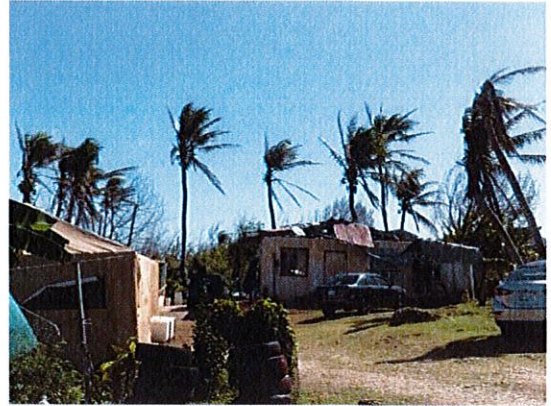


## Saipan Mission Opportunity

*Do you like to travel? Do you have basic construction skills?  
Are you willing to do two weeks of relief work for an all-expense paid trip to a tropical paradise?*

Saipan is North of Papa New Guinea and South of Japan, Far East of Hawaii.

Super-Typhoon Yutu hit Saipan in October 2018 with sustained 178 MPH winds. More than 500 homes needed repairs, especially to roofs. UMCOR has worked on over 50 homes but many more need help.



Requirements: 17 Days, Teams will work for 2 weeks, excluding Sundays.

- ◇ Excellent health, flexibility, and a sense of humor make for a great mission
- ◇ Passport good for up to 6 months beyond deployment dates
- ◇ ERT trained and currently badged (Can Get trained between now and Oct).
- ◇ Trusted Certification
- ◇ SS# for FEMA travel authorization
- ◇ WJ international travel insurance—depending on days to and from airport, approx. \$60 and Money for food. Per diem (for food) --reimbursed at end of deployment
- ◇ Construction skills including carpentry and metal skills for trussing/tin roof jobs.

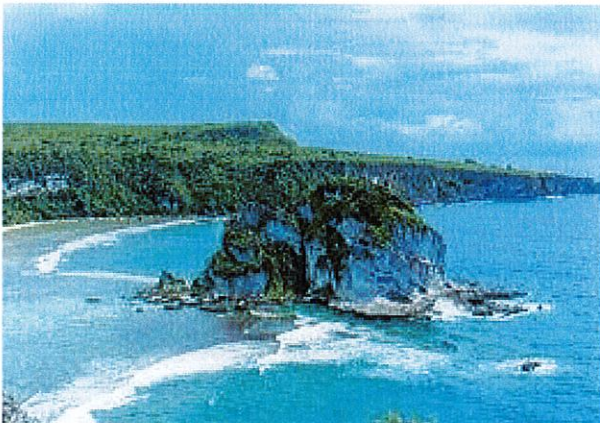
### **FEMA will provide:**

- ◇ Transportation to local airport and Saipan and home again. No extra days allowed.
- ◇ Housing in Saipan
- ◇ Ground transportation

Please let us know if you are interested, and we will get you an application packet.

Thanks and Blessings,  
*Pastor Frank Baik*

The time frame we are trying to fill is Mid Feb to April 30, 2020. (This is if FEMA extends the funding which is very likely.)



Judy Lewis, Cal-Pac Disaster Response Coordinator;  
[DFJKLewis@aol.com](mailto:DFJKLewis@aol.com); 909-731-8248

For application packet:

Linda Wilson, Saipan Team Coordinator [lwilson6215@gmail.com](mailto:lwilson6215@gmail.com),  
720-394-1567

For more information: [Calpacumc.org](http://Calpacumc.org) disaster response task force.  
[lwilson6215@gmail.com](mailto:lwilson6215@gmail.com)

Current team members: Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Bob Ruf,

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## From the Music Director

### Come Sing With The Choir!

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm



#### **Everyone is welcome!**

Don't sing like a professional?

Don't read music?

Can't commit to making it every week?

**Come anyway!**

Join us for fellowship as we learn new music.

For more information, contact Paul Klemm  
(361) 463-0712  
[music@fumcrokport.org](mailto:music@fumcrokport.org)

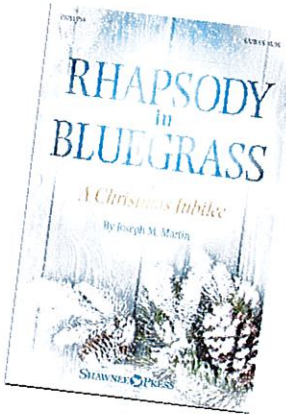
### **Christmas Cantata**

This Christmas the Chancel Choir will present this wonderful Cantata at the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service.

If you've wanted to sing with the choir, here's a low commitment way to do it!

**Wednesdays  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

There is no commitment to join the choir. Just come out, make some new friends and sing some wonderful new music!



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Contemporary  
Worship  
Service



...coming soon!

### New Contemporary Worship Service

**Coming Soon!**

Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Begins November 30th

## From the Trustees

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Auction. Monies raised have been used to purchase items for the Main Street Foyer and refreshing of the Ladies Bathroom in the Fellowship Hall. (See the Glory Sightings on page 10 for some progress photos!) BUT we are not through!! We are looking to purchase a desk for the Foyer or refurbish the existing one, purchase new curtains in the movable door in the Sanctuary to complement our new stain glass windows, and also update the Live Oak Street entry. The Benevolent Bucket on October 6th has been dedicated to this endeavor. Your support is much needed and appreciated if we are to complete this project. We thank you for your generosity today and in the future.

Kathy Daniels, Trustees

### **Congratulations, Auction Winners!!!!**

- 1) Maple End Table, Coffee Table and Pink Tablecloth, Maroon Chairs - Frank Baik
- 2) Small Lamp - Sandy Lee
- 3) Fall Fabric and Tablecloth - Susie Hale
- 4) 4 Piece Wicker Set - Larry Schuetz
- 5) Baskets - Doris Owens

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,  
THANK YOU!!!!!!**



# Health Ministries



## October Lunch and Learn Fall Prevention / Fall Recovery

presented by Jeannie Coe  
and Kathy Wilson

Wednesday, October 30th  
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall Room 2-3

Lunch will be provided by the  
Health Ministry Team

Some surprising facts and statistics related to falling according to the National Council on Aging:

- 87 percent of all fractures in the elderly are due to falls. Two-thirds of those who fall will do so again within six months.
- When an older person falls, his or her hospital stays are almost twice as long as those of older patients who are admitted for any other reason.
- Among people aged 65 to 69, one out of every 200 falls results in a hip fracture. That number increases to one out of every 10 for those aged 85 and older.
- Many falls do not result in injuries, yet 47 percent of non-injured seniors who fall cannot get up without assistance.

Staggering information (pun intended) – don't be a statistic. Come and learn how to help prevent a fall and tips to make your home safe. If you do fall, learn how to recover from a fall and get the help you need.

Hope to see you there. Sign-up sheet is available in the Main Street foyer.

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Come see your Wesley Nurse today!

Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse  
361-729-1659

[kwilson@mhm.org](mailto:kwilson@mhm.org)

[www.fumcrokport.org/wesley-nurse](http://www.fumcrokport.org/wesley-nurse)



## Indoor Walking Classes

Mon / Tues / Fri

8:25-9:00 a.m. – 2 mile

9:00-9:25 a.m. – 1 mile

Mondays only at 9:25 a.m.– Gentle Sitting Tai Chi

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## New! Gentle Sitting Tai Chi

Mondays at 9:25 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall Room 2

Similar to our walking classes, we are now offering a video-led Gentle, Sitting Tai Chi class. "Verbal Cues for breathing and relaxation integrate smoothly with natural movements to energize the body and alleviate stressors."

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## Diabetic Support Group

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.  
Youth / Rec Room

### **October Focus: Carbohydrate Portion Control**

Come experience this group that includes people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, or caregivers. Learn a new tip, meet a friend, and improve your lifestyle to live well with diabetes. Hope to see you there. Contact Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 for any questions.

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## Help Us Help You!

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 Frank's office.



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## Mobile Health Clinic

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

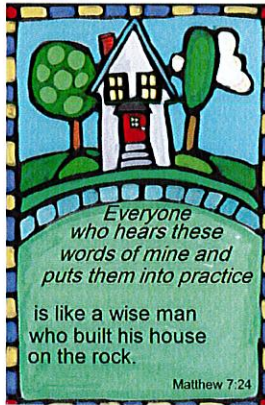
If you or someone you know is uninsured or under insured and needs a primary care provider, the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation Mobile Health Clinic comes to Rockport the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please call 361-814-2001 to schedule an appointment.



# Children's Ministries

## Wisdom from a Child

My son attended First Learning Tree before he started school, and one of his favorite stories he learned about was "The Three Little Pigs". He found it so interesting that this big bad wolf had the ability to blow houses down. I think he related it to the hurricane in many ways. We talked about how some homes were built to withstand stronger winds and some homes were not. We also love to talk about Jesus and the Bible. One day we were talking, and as we pulled up to our brick home, he said, "mom, I love that our home is made of bricks. It's strong, and the big bad wolf can't blow it down....kind of like the devil can't blow our house down because it's so strong." After going inside, we read Matthew 7:24-27, which talks about building a solid foundation. I explained to him that if we put Jesus first in our lives, the devil has no power over us. He related it back to the big bad wolf, and how he could easily blow down the houses with a weak foundation. When he tried to blow the firm foundation down, he was defeated. I was amazed that a 6-year old could put that together on his own. They are never too young to start learning about Jesus and how to have a relationship with him.



### The Wise and Foolish Builders

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

God bless,  
Madaline Brown, First Learning Tree Director

## Growing Families in Christ

### "BE THE CHANGE!"

We have had so many great CHANGES in the childcare department!

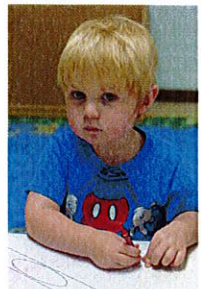
1) We welcomed Alissa to our childcare staff. She wrote a little bit about herself to help you get to know her.

*My name is Alissa Ostrom. I am originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I have 12 siblings due to my parents being foster parents. In the future, I plan on pursuing a special education degree to become a special education teacher. It is something near and dear to my heart, as I have an autistic niece and nephew whom I enjoy working with. In my free time, I love taking my daughter to the park! I love working here in the church nursery and being at the church in general, because everyone is so nice and inviting. This is always nice when you move to a new place and do not know a lot of people. I look forward to both of my daughters growing up with the church, and I can't wait to see where the future takes us!*



Alissa Ostrom, a new member of the Childcare staff

2) Bulletin boards have been placed outside of the nursery. We are all so excited for this new addition. We will continue to have childcare information, children's work, and information about the childcare staff on the bulletin boards.



Little Derrick drawing in the nursery

3) The children have been attending "Children's Time" in the worship service at 10:30 a.m.. They have been enjoying their time with Pastor Frank. We hope to continue this; sometimes it is hard bringing the children in when childcare staff are out of town. *If you would like to volunteer to help us in the nursery, please let me know!*



Mrs. Ellie reading to the children in Spanish

4) Mrs. Ellie Saenz has started a fabulous, amazing, exciting Spanish Class for us on Wednesday nights. What a great new childcare chapter here at FUMC Rockport! Mrs. Ellie engaged the children by singing fun, active songs with the children, reading them a book in Spanish, teaching them the color and shape of the week, and so much more. We are thrilled to see how things transform on Wednesday nights.



Sheree Standefer, Child Care Director  
[shereefumc@yahoo.com](mailto:shereefumc@yahoo.com)



## Is God Calling You to Lead Children?

We are seeking Christian leaders who are passionate about leading children!

Please contact Pastor Frank at 361-729-1659.



# In His Service



**WELCOME VISITORS!**

or send emails according to each visitor's preference. Several people have expressed deep appreciation for these simple acts!

Would enjoy reaching out to visitors and helping people feel welcome? Please contact Karen Snyder at 361-729-1659 or [ksnyder@fumcrockport.org](mailto:ksnyder@fumcrockport.org).

## Magnetic Name Badges

Order forms are available on the Main St. reception desk. The cost is \$8.00 each. Please turn your order form and payment in to the church office.



## Be a Greeter - Mobile Health Clinic

Mondays, October 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. Thank you for your support of this important outreach ministry.

## 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.

### **August 1 to August 31, 2019**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Clients                    | 19   |
| New Clients                | 10   |
| New Clients Unable to Help | 4    |
| Forms Filed                | 11   |
| Volunteer Hours            | 51.5 |

### Estimated Cash Value of Medications

Saved for Clients:



|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 month supply    | \$ 4,351.00 |
| X 3 months supply | \$13,053.00 |

## Serve at our Local Food Bank

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*.

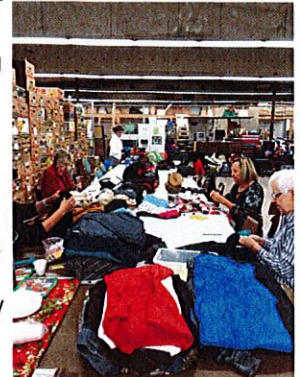
## Help Out at Castaways Thrift Shop

*Need to declutter?*

### **Support the ministries of FUMC Rockport by donating items to Castaways**

Please drop off your gently used clothing, furniture, toys, books, jewelry, household items or anything else that someone could use. Be sure to let them know you would like your donations to benefit the Methodist Church!

If you would like to help with sacking merchandise, picking up misplaced merchandise, rehanging clothes, boxing hangers and assisting customers, please call Annette at 361-790-6217. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated.



## Community Table

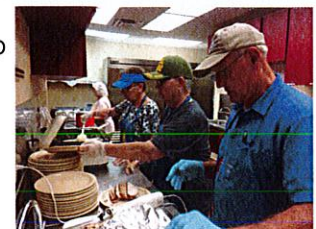
Community Table serves a free meal on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to anyone in our community who desires to come eat and fellowship together. Held at the First Presbyterian Church (301 Hwy 35 North), churches rotate hosting these meals. FUMC will help next on:

- ☉ November 19 (Thanksgiving)
- ☉ December 17 (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 Community Table, please contact Kris at 210-268-6855 or [maxineroger2@yahoo.com](mailto:maxineroger2@yahoo.com) or Joyce at (512) 716-9973 or [drjoycempalmer@gmail.com](mailto:drjoycempalmer@gmail.com). **Please note: Food handler permits are now required for ALL volunteers.**

If you need a permit you can go to:

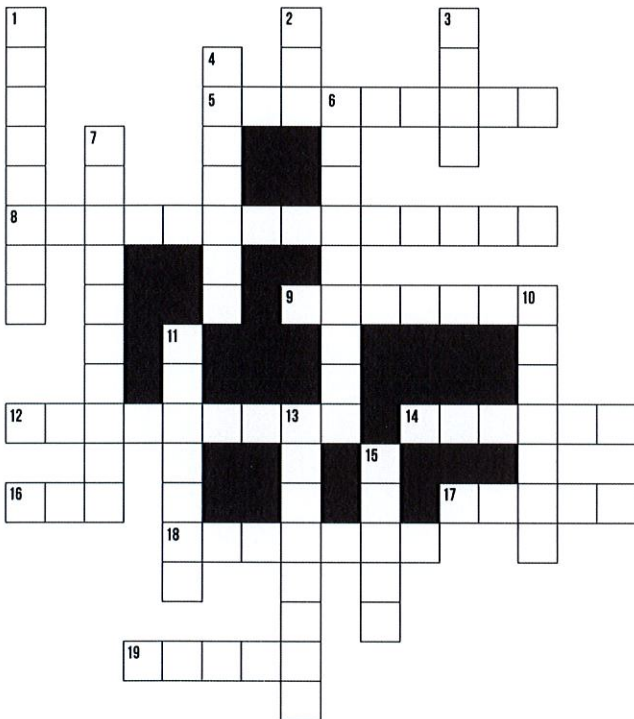
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*Kitchen volunteers preparing Community Table dinner 9/10/19.*

# Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm                             | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist                       | 13. the degree of moisture in the air                    |
| 3. frozen rain pellets                         | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam          |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions         | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere              |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky   | 16. frozen water   |
| 6. violent tropical storm                      | 17. deluge   |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust                | 18. when day and night are of equal length               |
| 8. northern lights                             | 19. frozen dew or vapor                                  |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon |  |
| 10. wearing away of the soil                   |  |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice                 |  |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

## Glory Sightings



Pork Loin, Mashed potatoes, green beans, and bread.

### Community Table

On Tuesday, September 10th, FUMC Rockport hosted the Community Table meal at First Presbyterian Church. About 135 people were served, including helpers and guests!

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help!

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## 2019 Benevolent Bucket Offerings

|           |                             |            |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| January   | R-F Good Samaritans         | \$142.50   |
| February  | UMARMY Youth Mission        | \$397.00   |
| March     | UMCOR                       | \$165.30   |
| April     | R-F Good Samaritans         | \$272.00   |
| May       | Prescription Assistance     | \$188.00   |
| June      | Wesley Nurse Transportation | \$511.17   |
| July      | ACCESS Counseling           | \$160.00   |
| August    | Emergency Assistance        | \$96.00    |
| September | Care Portal                 | \$2,198.00 |



### October Benevolent Bucket

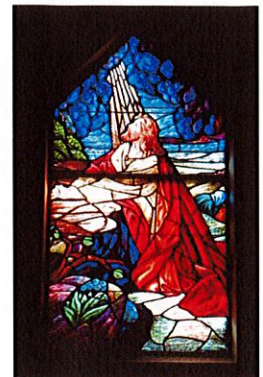
Benevolent Bucket is a special offering taken up on the first Sundays of each month. On October 6th, the Benevolent Bucket is designated for the "Welcome Team." Your contributions will help us to create a more welcoming environment in this Church!

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### Shining in the Darkness

Have you ever seen this beautiful window? If not, it's located inside of our Prayer Room on the back left side of the sanctuary.

Lighting has recently been added so that this beautiful stained glass window of Jesus praying can be seen shining brightly at night!





## Special Celebrations this Month

|        |                    |        |                      |        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 2-Oct  | Ed Hegen           | 13-Oct | Michelle Poirrier    | 22-Oct | Clayton Caskey     |
| 2-Oct  | Arthur Foss        | 13-Oct | Nakeeta Arbelo (FLT) | 22-Oct | Connie Ott         |
| 2-Oct  | Avery Gregg        | 14-Oct | Leann Stansel        | 24-Oct | Stefany Simmons    |
| 3-Oct  | Todd Cutting       | 16-Oct | Cole Hudgins         | 25-Oct | Barbara Daniels    |
| 3-Oct  | Leroy Burke        | 17-Oct | Lee Kuhn             | 25-Oct | Mason Neely        |
| 3-Oct  | Samantha Greenway  | 17-Oct | Edward Charles       | 25-Oct | Audree Stone       |
| 4-Oct  | Douglas Fitzgerald | 18-Oct | Kathryn Hamilton     | 28-Oct | Loraine Fitzgerald |
| 4-Oct  | Pat Lister         | 19-Oct | Jim Schick           | 28-Oct | Ray Berry          |
| 5-Oct  | Monica Hudgins     | 20-Oct | Mary Jane Crabill    | 29-Oct | Susan Jamison      |
| 5-Oct  | David Rusk         | 20-Oct | Dale Vickers         | 29-Oct | Courtney Shane     |
| 6-Oct  | Coleman Street     | 20-Oct | Beverly Toups        | 30-Oct | Glen Shean         |
| 9-Oct  | Linda Valdez       | 20-Oct | James Shelden        | 31-Oct | Norma Vickers      |
| 10-Oct | Bill Simmons       | 20-Oct | Beverly Neely        |        |                    |
| 11-Oct | Richard Fisher     | 21-Oct | Milana Klanica       |        |                    |
|        |                    | 21-Oct | Allison Degner       |        |                    |



Want to help them celebrate their special day?

### **Caring Cards**

Thursday, October 10  
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 cards are sent to people in our church each month for celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries! For information please call Lynne Ruf at 361-816-5912.

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 10/16 | Todd & Charlotte Cutting     |
| 10/18 | Bob & Barbara Meador         |
| 10/20 | Charles & Jane Shanlever     |
| 10/23 | Bud & Ruth Crough            |
| 10/25 | Ed & Annette Hegen           |
| 10/28 | Douglas & Loraine Fitzgerald |

## Happy Anniversary, Lynn!



October 5th is Lynn Simpson's Anniversary with FUMC Rockport! We celebrate her 11 years of service with the Childcare Team!

*Thank you for all that you do, Lynn!*



Please pray for the family of *Tim Lowery*, who passed away on August 21, 2019. A Funeral Service was held on August 31, 2019 at Halifax U.M. Church in Halifax, PA.

Please pray for the family of *Mary Ann Swartz*, who passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019. A private burial was held on September 14, 2019.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Pumpkins arriving soon!*

**Friday, October 11th  
@ 4:00 p.m.**

*Please help unload  
if you can!*



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