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### Happy New Year!

No, I am not (too) crazy. The season of Advent which marks the start of the Christian year starts on Dec 1 this year. Advent is when everyone is getting ready for Christmas, and when we, the Church, remember the coming of Jesus in the manger, and look forward to the coming of Christ in glory.

These days, the Advent season is filled with parties, but historically Advent has been a time of fasting, prayer and preparation for the coming of the Lord. The church waited till Christmas to celebrate, and then would continue to celebrate for 12 days! Thus the carol, "On the First Day of Christmas."

Please don't skip your holiday parties in favor of fasting. Don't refuse to say Merry Christmas till Christmas. We don't need to get legalistic about our Advent, Christmas, and Easter practices. But please do prepare your heart with prayer and reflection on Holy Scriptures. Do reflect on the story of the King of Glory birthed in a humble manger.

Here are some things we are offering to help...

- † Worship—See page 3 for a list of special worship services happening this month
- † Sign up for Advent Bible Study. [www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study](http://www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study)
- † We are starting the second quarter of our study of the entire Bible. Join us as we continue to read at the pace of a chapter a day. In three years we will complete the entire Bible. [www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study](http://www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study)
- † Adopt an Angel Tree child (Prison Fellowship)

*Prepare your hearts!  
Christ is coming!*



"THE VIRGIN WILL  
conceive  
and  
GIVE BIRTH  
to a  
son,  
AND THEY WILL  
call him  
IMMANUEL"  
(which means "God with us").  
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



### Staff Christmas Offering

The FUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee has elected to continue our Church tradition of providing an opportunity for you to express a special "Thank-You" to our Church Staff this Christmas. If you wish to participate in this bonus gift, please send your check payable to FUMC or cash donation with a notation of "Staff Gift." Your gift needs to be received by no later than **Wednesday, December 11** in order to be distributed before Christmas. Checks or cash may also be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 8 or delivered to the church office to Attn: Susan Jamison.

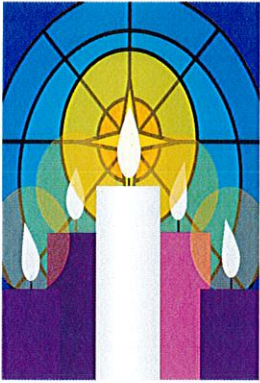


### Important Dates

- Dec 9—Open House
- Dec 15—Children's Worship Service
- Dec 18—Blue Christmas Service
- Dec 22—Christmas Cantata
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve - Office Closed
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve Services 5PM & 7PM
- Dec 25—Christmas Day - Office Closed
- Dec 31—New Year's Eve - Office Closed

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

# FUMC Rockport—December 2019



## 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*

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**6:00 p.m. Saturday**  
**Contemporary Worship**

*Children are always welcome in worship here! Children's bulletins and other activities are available, and children's sermon is during the 10:30 a.m. service*

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## ADULT CLASSES

**9:15a.m. - New Beginnings.....FH1**

The New Beginning class is currently studying with the focus on Hope and using Scripture to back this up. Teachers rotate. All are invited to attend this class.

**9:15a.m. - Cross Talk.....Rm 6**

The Cross Talk Class will explore new insights in the Christmas story this Advent season, primarily using Adam Hamilton's The Journey. The class meets in the Recreation Room and invites adults of all ages to join us for some hearty discussions!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Nursery.....Nursery**

Our 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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## Church Office Hours during the Holidays

*Church offices closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day,  
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day*

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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.

### December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5                      Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14              Matthew 24:36-44

### December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10                  Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13              Matthew 3:1-12

### December 15, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10                  Luke 1:47-55  
James 5:7-10                  Matthew 11:2-11

### December 22, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16                  Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7                  Matthew 1:18-25

### December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7                      Psalm 96  
Hebrews 2:10-18              Matthew 2:13-23

### December 25, 2019 - Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10                  Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)      John 1:1-14

### December 29, 2019 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9                  Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18              Matthew 2:13-23

### December 31, 2019 - Watch Night/New Year

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13              Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a          Matthew 25:31-46



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## Season's Greetings

Come join us as we focus our eyes on Jesus, the light of the world. The Way the Truth, and the Life. (John 14:6)



### Saturday Evenings:

#### Contemporary Advent Worship

6:00 p.m. Join us for non-traditional worship on Saturday evenings this Advent season.

### Monday, Dec 9: Staff Christmas Open House

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FUMC and FLT Staff Members invite you to our Christmas Open House. We will be in the Church Administrative Hallway with lots of holiday goodies!

### Saturday, Dec 14:

#### Christmas Caroling for Children and Youth

4:00 p.m.—All are welcome! Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and we'll caravan over to Gulf Pointe Plaza. Then we will come back to the church for hot cocoa and cookies!

### Wednesday, Dec 18:

#### Blue Christmas Worship Service

5:30 p.m. A service of hope and healing, designed to quietly honor the lament of wounded hearts and lay our grief at the throne of God.

### Saturday, Dec 21:

#### Christmas Caroling for Everyone

4:00 p.m.—All are welcome! Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and we'll caravan over to Gulf Pointe Plaza. Then we will come back to the church for hot cocoa and cookies!

### Sunday, Dec 22: Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir will present a wonderful Cantata titled "Rhapsody in Bluegrass" at both the 8am and the 10:30am Worship Services.

### Tuesday, Dec 24:

#### Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service: Designed for children, young families and all who are young at heart!

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Service: Celebrating Christ's Birth with Communion and Candlelight.

## "The Manger of My Heart"

By Renee Swope, Proverbs 31 Ministries

*This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.  
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.*

*As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,  
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from  
Heaven.*

*The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.  
You came as a baby born in a manger.*

*Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,  
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.*

*Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,  
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in  
rags of earth.*

*Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.  
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His  
Light."*

*"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.  
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.*

*Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.  
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender  
them all.*

*Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your  
voice.*

*Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday  
noise.*

*Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.  
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your  
hush.*

*This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.  
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.*

*Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence  
each day.*

*Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I  
pray.*



## Welcome in this Place

### 3 Ways to Connect with Your Community at Christmas

#### Being Intentional about Engaging and Connecting

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. It is when we celebrate the arrival of God in human form, the Incarnation. Emmanuel, God with us!

Our theological task during this season of Advent is also to remind people *not simply* that Jesus was born in a manger in a little town called Bethlehem, but also to help everyone remember and *to eagerly anticipate* his second return to earth.

The essence of our ministry is that we have Good News! Great news! It's the best news in the world! And people want to hear it. In fact, the Christmas season is one of the few times that people take the initiative to seek out a place to worship.

This is an opportune time for churches to be intentional about engaging and connecting with their communities. While you are planning the various Christmas Eve services, children's plays, special music productions, Christmas caroling and Christmas ministry team gatherings, don't forget to plan for the people who are either first time or returning guests to your church.

Here are three ways to connect with your community at Christmas:

1. First, invite. It sounds simple, but I have coached a lot of churches where they feel no intentional outreach is needed during this season because people will just show up. Instead, we should be even more intentional in our efforts to engage the community because people are more receptive during this season.

So maximize your evangelism efforts. Consider a cost-effective invite card that your members can share with people they want to personally invite to church. Consider direct mail, or advertising in the local paper. The idea is to actively engage people in your community.

2. Next, plan a winsome worship experience.

When people show up, your church has the opportunity to demonstrate the spirit of excellence. The way you plan, preach, make music selections and transition in worship are all very important.

You need to be at your best, and planning with excellence allows you to be totally reliant on God in the worship experience. The more you plan, the freer you are in worship. If you slack in your planning, it is painfully obvious to those in attendance.

3. And finally, follow up. Be sure to have a follow up

plan in place to invite new and returning guests into your church family.

Share with them the concrete and practical ways that your church can help them on their spiritual journey. In my churches, I always phrased it like this: "Here are the ways you can get connected this week." Or, "Plan to join us on the first Sunday of the new year as we begin a new message series that ..." and then share ways the series will be life-changing and will have real, practical ideas for them.

Within 48 hours of that service, send a personal handwritten note – not a form letter – thanking people for attending and inviting them to come back to your church.

Remember that regardless of how good the music is or how great the sermon is, a person must be welcomed into your church in a friendly and helpful way or the first impression of the church will be a negative one. The greatest impact you will have on someone is when they first walk through the door.

By Junius B. Dotson

Posted by [Discipleship Ministries](#) on Thursday, December 8, 2016

### *Do you love to decorate?*

#### **Come help the Welcome Team Green the church!**

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 9:30am

Place Christmas Tree and decorate it.  
Hang wreaths in windows, decorate with gold  
Change banners to Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 9:30am

Place Poinsettia Tree and decorate

Dec. 22, After Church service

Change banners to white,  
add Wise Men

Keep these decorations thru Jan.  
19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany.

Thanks, Patsy Phemister,  
Altar Guild



# Get Connected



## Methodist Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, December 4  
7:00 a.m.  
FUMC Fellowship Hall

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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## Prayer Team

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



This dedicated group comes to the church to pray for prayer requests, church staff, ministries of the church, the community, and the world. Please come if you would like to join this group in prayer.

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## Prayer with Pastor Frank

Weekdays at 8:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary



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## Mid-Week Reflection with Pastor Frank

*\*Time Change\**  
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
Banner Room

Pastor Frank invites you to join him for mid-week study and reflection. This is 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.

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## Newsletter Deadline:

December 16th

Do you have something to share in the Church Newsletter?



Please send your ministry information and glory sightings to Karen Snyder at [ksnyder@fumcrokport.org](mailto:ksnyder@fumcrokport.org).

# Giving for His Glory

## OCTOBER 2019 CHURCH GIVING

**Giving:	\$19,606.90
Castaway's:	\$ 8,000.00
Market St Apartment Income	\$ 3,635.00
Total Income:	\$31,241.90
Expenses:	\$37,290.24
OCT 2019 Net Income:	- \$ 6,048.34

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

Year to date net income is (45,589.74). 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.fumcrokport.org](http://www.fumcrokport.org).

Blessings, Susan Jamison, Business Manager



## December Benevolent Bucket

Sunday, December 1st

Benevolent Bucket is a special offering taken up on the first Sundays of each month. **December Benevolent Bucket** will benefit Teen Challenge, a faith-based program providing Christian recovery services to those with drug addictions. The Teen Challenge Brothers' Band will be at FUMC Rockport on December 8th to provide singing and testimonials.

## 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	Welcome Team	\$465.00
November	R-F Good Samaritans	\$203.00

# Children's Ministries

## From the Nursery...

### Spanish Class on Wednesday nights

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the nursery

We are so glad that Mrs. Ellie has returned from her trip! On Wednesday nights the children have so much fun learning Spanish and about Spanish culture. It is so important to learn about others, where they come from, and their culture. In November, the children had a blast getting their faces painted, and learning about Dios de Muertos.

Children are singing songs in Spanish, learning how to make flowers for a fiesta, learning numbers and colors, making tortillas, and doing other exciting crafts and projects! They are making "praying hands" to thank God for everything he has given us and will creatively decorate them!



Mrs. Ellie teaching Spanish to the children



Fun with Face Painting and learning about Dia de los Muertos

The staff and children cannot wait to see what else us in store for them on Wednesday nights during choir practice!

### Making a Joyful Noise

Lately, the children have also been learning Christmas songs to sing at the nursing home on December 14th, as well as preparing to sing at the 10:30 a.m. Children's Worship Service on December 15th.

Please help us in the nursery, if you can!

"Be the Change!"

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



Mrs. Shanda and Mrs. Sheree

# Growing in Christ

## From the Director of First Learning Tree

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever"

1 Chronicles 16:34

This scripture is so powerful and exciting! I recently walked around to our older classrooms and talked about this wonderful time of year. The children were filled with joy to tell me that they are thankful for Jesus. They feel His love and generosity toward us. I told them that I am so thankful that His love and promises are true and enduring (going on forever and ever as explained to them). I love going around telling Jesus "thank you" for everything. We can teach our children to do this as well, and through our example, they won't murmur or complain. They will rejoice in the Lord with thanksgiving!

God bless,  
Madaline Brown, First Learning Tree Director



Mrs. Sylvia's Class of Wobblers is thankful for lunch!



### Upcoming Events for Children and Youth:

- ⇒ December 14th—Christmas Caroling at Gulf Pointe Plaza, 4pm
- ⇒ December 15th—Children's Worship Service—10:30. Children and youth will lead, serve, and sing!
- ⇒ January 24-26th—Youth Midwinter Retreat—@ Camp Zephyr (6th-12th graders)

# From the Music Director



## The Chancel Choir is going on tour!

The Chancel Choir has received a formal invitation to travel to New York City to sing in the World Premiere of Pepper Choplin's newest cantata: Resurrected: From the Tomb to Pentecost. The performance will be on May 25, 2020 at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in the David Geffen Hall, under the baton on Pepper Choplin himself. The performance will include choirs from around the country and be approximately 200 strong. The voices will be accompanied by a professional orchestra.

Because a trip like this doesn't come without some significant costs, we will be holding some fund-raisers soon. We are kicking around some ideas that will be fun for everyone. If you have any ideas (or questions), please don't hesitate to ask any member of the choir or call Paul Klemm (361-463-0712).

To our Winter Family – I have tried to contact as many of you as I can. We would love to have you join us on the trip as well. Even if you're not in town in May, there's no reason you couldn't just meet us in New York. Please call Paul as soon as possible if you're at all interested.

If you've been thinking about joining the choir, now is a great time! Join us in New York! The Choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Music Room. Just show up, we'll be sure to have a chair for you.

## 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

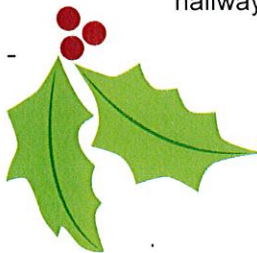
(361) 463-0712

[music@fumcrockport.org](mailto:music@fumcrockport.org)



## Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec 22nd  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



# Health Ministries

## 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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## Flu Prevention Clinic

Monday, December 9th

9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Walgreens of Rockport will be onsite at FUMC to administer flu vaccines on Mon, Dec 10th, 9-11 AM. Flu vaccines are free with most insurances. There are a limited number of no cost vaccines for the uninsured. Please call Kathy Wilson, RN, at 361-729-1659 ext 2578 to reserve your spot.



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## Diabetic Support Group

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

Youth / Rec Room

**December focus:**

### **Christmas Celebration**

This month the Diabetic Support Group will have a Christmas celebration with healthy food. Hope you can join us! Contact Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 for any questions.



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## Mobile Health Clinic

Monday, December 9th and 23rd

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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.

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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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## **Come see your Wesley Nurse today!**

Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse

361-729-1659 / [kwilson@mhm.org](mailto:kwilson@mhm.org)

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



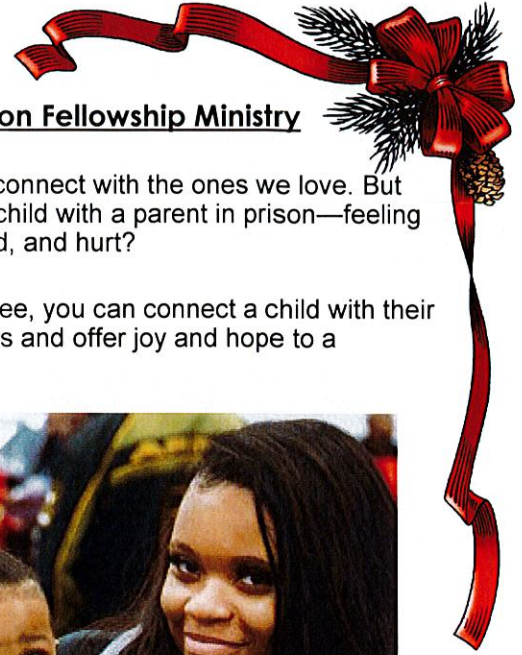
# Poinsettias

Poinsettia Order Forms will soon be available on the reception desk. You may order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary through the holidays **OR** you may make a donation in support of our church ministries. In either case, you may specify your gift to be "In Memory Of" **OR** "In Honor Of" someone.

Poinsettias are \$10 each. Plans call for them to be displayed in the sanctuary beginning **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you wish, you may take yours home anytime after the 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

Monetary donations of \$10 may also be made. The money will be given to the Angel Tree Project of the Prison Fellowship Ministries.

Payment will need to be received **no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to order multiple flowers or make multiple donations, please complete a separate form for each. (You do not have to write separate checks.)



## Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministry

At Christmas we connect with the ones we love. But what if you are a child with a parent in prison—feeling lonely, abandoned, and hurt?

Through Angel Tree, you can connect a child with their parent behind bars and offer joy and hope to a prisoner's family.



"When I opened that box ... my kids were jumping up and down and hugging me ... I said, 'There really is someone that cares for us!'"

— MOTHER OF ANGEL TREE CHILDREN



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# Serve the Lord with Gladness



## Be a Greeter - Mobile Health Clinic

Monday, December 9th and 23rd  
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.

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## 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.

### October 1 to October 31, 2019

Clients	12
New Clients	3
New Clients Unable to Help	0
Forms Filed	8
Volunteer Hours	53.25

Estimated Cash Value of Medications  
Saved for Clients:



1 month supply	\$ 3,101.00
X 3 months supply	\$ 9,303.00

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## Castaways Thrift Shop

*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, rehangng 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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
4:30-6:00pm

First Presbyterian, 301 Hwy 35 North

Christmas Meal— Dec 17  
FUMC Rockport will host on Jan 14

We Gather Together



Churches rotate hosting this community meal. Dec 17th, FUMC will provide green beans. All are invited to come and eat! Jan 14th, volunteers are needed to cook, serve, clean tables, make tea and coffee, dishwashing, and clean up. Sign-up sheet will be available on the reception desk.

For questions, 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:

[www.aransascounty.org/envirohealth/foodsafety.php](http://www.aransascounty.org/envirohealth/foodsafety.php)

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## Volunteers Needed!

### 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*.

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*Save the date!*

## Early Response Team (ERT)

### Training

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND**

*Coming in 2022...*



## Glory Sightings

### Crazy Quilters Welcome a New Star

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall Rm 1)

Crazy Quilters, a Community Sewing Group that meets at the Methodist Church was visited by Kathy McCall in November who came to see what we were all about. She and her husband recently moved here from Iowa and when she returned the next week to sew she offered the ladies a chance to work on a new project.

Kathy loves Christmas and has been sewing Christmas stockings for local charities for many years. Her motto is "Every child should have a stocking for Christmas." As they grow into adults they still appreciate receiving one. When her kids no longer needed stockings, she kept on sewing them for charities. She said "It brings joy to me and also to the receivers!" The ladies picked up on the project and are now making colorful stockings to be added to the Good Samaritan Christmas Boxes.



The ladies who call themselves 'Crazy Quilters' meet at the Methodist Church weekly on Wednesdays from 9 to 3. Many go out to lunch together. Some stay only an hour or two. Linda Sumner, a longtime member said the group really appreciates the gracious opportunity offered by the church to meet in a welcoming environment. Many of the winter visitors do not have room at home to spread out their quilting projects. Meeting here also gives our members an opportunity to meet and enjoy Christian fellowship.

The ladies bring their own sewing machines and projects. Cutting mats, ironing boards, and extension cords are available. If you know of anyone who would like to meet us, invite them to drop by any Wednesday. Don't have a current project? Precut colorful fabric and a simple pattern are available in kits to make 'Kid Quilts' for local charities.

Projects completed for the church include Prayer Blankets, totes for a Sunday school class, and Pocket Crosses enclosed in Fabric. If you have an idea for a new project please drop by and visit the "Crazy Quilters. Questions? Call Linda Sumner, 719-989-8890



### Pastor Frank is a Volunteer Police Chaplain

Ever since I arrived at Rockport, I had the sense that I needed to reach out to the police department. I dropped my business card off at the department shortly after I moved. I didn't think about it for a while, but in Sept, I did the 9/11 Memorial at Charlie Marshall's.

There I met officer Sinclair and talked to him about police chaplaincy. He shared with me that the department had been looking for somebody for quite some time. On Nov 1, there was a Sheriff picking up our leftover pumpkins, and he shared how he was just looking for someone to talk to his guards that had just experienced a death in the facility.

Feeling these events confirmed God's leading and the sense that I needed to reach out, the next week I ask the Administrative Council if they would be open to me serving as a police chaplain for Rockport PD. They unanimously approved, and the next morning the city manager sought me out to ask if I'd be willing to serve as police chaplain. The next day the Police Chief called me and asked if I would be willing to serve.

A Week later, Nov, 13 I interviewed and was hired. Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, our computers and phones went down, so I dropped by the department and took a tour. Was introduced to people working dispatch and a few officers. That same night, I got a call asking me to support a death notification. In the car officer told me that her son was at First Learning Tree, and that two days ago she had been saying to her husband that she thought he needed to get back to church. You think God's up to something?






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| 2-Dec Clayton Black     | 12-Dec Madelyn Jamison       |
| 2-Dec Trey Rider        | 13-Dec Ann Schick            |
| 3-Dec Christine Degner  | 13-Dec Kay Stone             |
| 3-Dec Brooke Dunn (FLT) | 14-Dec Linda Collins         |
| 5-Dec Christine Brou    | 14-Dec Georgia Townsend      |
| 7-Dec Noble Chapman     | 16-Dec Grant Brou            |
| 8-Dec Melinda Brou      | 22-Dec Kerstin Gordon (FLT)  |
| 9-Dec Lilly Hoose       | 24-Dec Tim Chapman           |
| 10-Dec Stacey Hooper    | 28-Dec Doug Gibbs            |
| 10-Dec Charlene Morin   | 29-Dec Kaitlyn Jamison       |
| 10-Dec Brian Brust      | 30-Dec Johnna Alvarado (FLT) |
| 12-Dec Ruth Crough      | 31-Dec Ava Hoose             |
| 12-Dec Bette Mae Adams  |                              |



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| 14-Dec Steve & Mary Huhman      |
| 17-Dec Bronson & Linda Hamilton |
| 24-Dec Ryan & Alicia Luchsinger |
| 28-Dec Rob & Jeannie Coe        |
| 28-Dec Will & Jeannine Larson   |





### The Christmas Story

Each line below contains the letters to form a word that is part of the Christmas story. But each group of letters has 1 that is extra! Unscramble the words and write the extra letter on the lines at the bottom. What did we all receive at Christmas?

① TGLBEHHEME	_____
② NEAGLO	_____
③ NRMEDAG	_____
④ ODEKSNY	_____
⑤ AMGYR	_____
⑥ OHESJIP	_____
⑦ EFJSUS	_____
⑧ ITEENMSW	_____
⑨ SPHDSREEO	_____
⑩ EMCFAL	_____
⑪ TLSRA	_____
⑫ CSSNUEO	_____
⑬ HEVSPE	_____
⑭ ENIN	_____

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1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8

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9    10    11    12    13    14

Bethlehem (C), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (J), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love

### Caring Cards

Thursday, Dec 12 @ 1:00pm  
Youth / Rec Rm



We make cards that are sent to people in our church each month to celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries.

*Caring Cards needs more cards!*

We are expanding our ministry opportunities to include:

- † Kairos Outside weekends: Women who have incarcerated partners have both emotional and financial pressures. For three days during Kairos Outside, they are encouraged by the knowledge that others care about them. Our cards can be part of the "Agape" given to them.
- † Care Portal clients: We can arm individuals in the Care Portal program with the knowledge that our efforts on their behalf are an extension of God's love.

Come join us in making cards on the second Thursday of each month @ 1 PM. If you are unable to attend and/or prefer to make cards at home, please consider making/donating cards for our ministry. If you have any questions, please call Lynne Ruf at 361-816-5912.



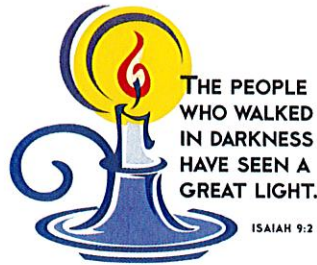
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- † Every Saturday, 6:00pm—Contemporary Worship
- † December 18th, 5:30pm—Blue Christmas Service
- † December 22nd, 8:00am & 10:30am—Christmas Cantata
- † December 24th—Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm—families, 7:00pm—Candlelight

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