



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*of Rockport*

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### Very Local Mission Opportunity



The Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Early Response Team (ERT) Training is almost upon us, and I am in need of some help to provide a light breakfast in the morning and lunch for all the trainees on Feb 8th. If you would like to be part of the hospitality team, I would be grateful. A typical setup would be donuts, fruit, coffee, and juice for breakfast, with Subway sandwiches, chips, and tea at lunch. Expenses are reimbursable.

If you're not sure what ERT Training is, it is God's Love and Hope in a green T-shirt. Many of you were recipients of aid from people all over the US, and donations from around the world. Remember what that meant to you. It says "I care" to someone who has lost everything. Helping them recover can make a lasting impression and reminds people that they are not forgotten.

Early Response Team Training will prepare you to respond to the next disaster. If you would like to be a part of that, please sign up for the class here at FUMC Rockport on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please register online at: <https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-registration-form>. If you are not good with a computer, you can call the church to sign up.

A few of us will be taking a trip to Saipan to help mend broken hearts and homes. If you are available on April 19-30 we would love to have you on our team. If you are willing to be trained, sweat, and be available to the Lord, you will be doing something wonderful for someone who is in great need.

Many of you have the experience and skills of repairing and replacing after Harvey. I dare say that God has blessed you to be a blessing to others. And if you're like me, you might learn a few new skills.

Blessed to be a blessing,  
Pastor Frank Baik

### Let's Recycle!

Starting in Feb, there will be a bulletin recycling tray at the entrances to the sanctuary. This is a place for 8am worshipers to leave their bulletins so that they can be reused for the 10:30 service.

If you are feeling sick, sniffing, or sneezing, please recycle elsewhere! :)

10:30 worshipers can leave bulletins in bins, and they will be recycled.

Thank you for helping us steward the Earth and gifts given in trust to God through the church.



## FEBRUARY

### Important Dates

- Feb 2—Chili Cook Off
- Feb 8: ERT Training
- Feb 9—Safe Gatherings Training
- Feb 12: Lunch 'n Learn
- Feb 13: Pastor Frank's Birthday
- Feb 13: Valentine Brunch sponsored by Caring Card (see pg.12 for info)
- Feb 14: Valentine's Date Night and Movie
- Feb 17: President's Day Holiday—Office Closed
- Feb 18: Church Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Feb 26: Ash Wednesday Service 6 PM  
(other Wed PM events cancelled)

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

# FUMC Rockport—February 2020



## 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 enjoys lively discussions on topics selected and led by our members. The class is well known for hearty exchanges of ideas and comments. There's always room for one more!

## 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

Church offices closed on  
Presidents' Day,  
Monday February 17th

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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 2, 2020—4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Psalm 15  
Matthew 5:1-12

### February 9, 2020—5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)  
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
Matthew 2:1-12

### February 16, 2020—6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Matthew 5:21-37

### February 23, 2020— Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Psalm 99  
Matthew 17:1-9

### February 26, 2020—Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 9:1-4  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
Matthew 4:12-23

Don't Miss the **Stump the Pastor Sermon Series** as Pastor Frank addresses these requested sermon topics:

**Feb 2:** What is the path to Salvation?  
How do you become a Christian?

**Feb 9:** Faith, what is it?  
How do you develop it?

**Feb 16:** What is going on in our world?  
Where is all this hate coming from?

**Feb 23:** Are the God of Old & New Testament the same?  
Why does one seem mean, and the other forgiving?

**March 1:** Lent: What is the will of God and how does it relate to us and the events of our times?

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# Get Connected



## Methodist Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, February 5  
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.

## 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.



## Prayer with Pastor Frank

Monday—Friday  
8:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary



## Mid-Week Reflection with Pastor Frank

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
Conference 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.

## 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.

## Good Ol' Stories and Brown Bag

Bring a lunch and join us on Mondays @ 11 AM in the Rec Room for fresh looks at well known Bible stories. For more information contact John Gay at [johnandgingergay@gmail.com](mailto:johnandgingergay@gmail.com) or 361-729-2521.

## Moving Mountains Bible Study

Jan 15th—Mar 11th  
Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

When we discover that prayer is not just asking God to do something—prayer is *partnership* with God—new possibilities open before us.

# Giving for His Glory

## DECEMBER 2019 CHURCH GIVING

**Giving:	\$31,752.87
Castaway's:	\$ 8,000.00
Market St Apartment Income	\$ 3,635.00
Total Income:	\$43,387.87
Expenses:	\$40,150.53
DEC 2019 Net Income:	\$ 3,237.34

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

Year-end net income is **-\$42,086.45**. 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

## 2020 Benevolent Bucket Offerings

January	Methodist Children's Home	\$122.00
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### February Benevolent Bucket

Sunday, February 2nd

Benevolent Bucket is a special offering taken up on the first Sundays of each month. **February Benevolent Bucket** will benefit UMARMY.

UMARMY's mission is "To provide Christ-centered missions that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth and young adults."



# Ministry Leaders

## EVERYBODY LOVES A CONTEST

### WIN A PRIZE!

The Church Trustees are responsible for all the church properties - that includes the church, education wing, First Learning Tree, the parsonage and the garage behind First Learning Tree. We are responsible for everything that is in those buildings as well.



Kathy Daniels is the Chair of the Trustees, leading fellow trustees Joe Wilson, Ray Saenz, and Jeannie Coe. Because we are in charge of church property, our duties may range from new equipment acquisition, care and maintenance to keep what we have in good working condition, and sometimes property disposal (sometimes we just pitch it but we always consider giving things to Castaways and occasionally we sell it if there is a market for it). We try very hard to be good stewards with respect to repurposing and getting multiple bids to ensure that whatever work we contract out (e.g. air conditioning, mold abatement, major plumbing...) is done well and at the best price.

We have completed quite a few projects in the last 6 months. Some were repairs, some were maintenance, and some were new/repurposed materials.

Have you been paying attention?  
Can you name what has been accomplished??

**Folks who turn in a list of at least 5 things (changes, new stuff, moved around stuff, stuff gone) are eligible for a prize!!**

**Everyone likes prizes!!  
Claim yours!!**

**Make your list and turn it in at the front desk (make sure to put your name on it and best way to contact you!!) or you can text it to 210-601-6132 or email your list to**

**[jbryancoe@mindspring.com](mailto:jbryancoe@mindspring.com).**

♦ **Deadline is February 19th.** Winner will be announced at services on Sunday, February 23rd.

### Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 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!



### **Newsletter**

**FEBRUARY**

**17**

**Deadline**

### March Newsletter

#### Deadline:

**February 17th**

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

# Family Ministries

## Trust in the Lord

God is doing exciting things at FUMC Rockport! A Children's Sunday School class is in the works, and more information will be shared about that soon. Pastor Frank is leading Martial Arts Discipleship for anyone ages 6 and older. Our child care ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. We have even started talking about plans for Vacation Bible School this summer and will have our first planning meeting on February 16th after church!

If you have a special love for children, will you consider volunteering to help with the Nursery, Sunday School, and/or Vacation Bible School? In order to volunteer, you will first need to become Safe Gatherings certified. (More info on the right column of this page.)

As I write this article, we have seven 6th-12th graders who are preparing to attend the Youth Midwinter retreat this weekend at Camp Zephyr. I trust it will be a wonderful experience of growing in faith for all!

On Valentine's Day we will host a "Date Night" at the church. (Friday, Feb. 14th, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.) I hope you and your date will join us for a fun Valentine's celebration! The United Methodist Men's group will provide a delicious spaghetti dinner, and child care will be available. We will also have a great time watching an episode or two of "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." Please RSVP at the front desk!

I also plan to begin a marriage Bible study starting in March on Wednesday evenings. We will study Adam Hamilton's *Love to Stay: Sex, Grace, and Commitment*.

On another note, some of you have heard that I am entering into the candidacy process to explore God's call to ministry for my life. I do not yet have full clarity on how God is calling me, but I know that he's leading me into a season of deeper learning and exploration. I have completed the "Christian as Minister" study with Pastor Frank, and I have met with our District Superintendent. My next step in the process is that I will attend the Candidacy Summit on May 1-2, 2020. At the summit, I expect God will give me clarity as to how he wants me to move forward. This is an exciting and prayerful time in my family's life. I will take one step at a time, trusting in the Lord.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

Blessings Always,  
Stefany Simmons

361-729-1659 x2575 [ssimmons@fumcrockport.org](mailto:ssimmons@fumcrockport.org)

## Want to help with Vacation Bible School or other Children's Ministries?



**Get certified!**

### Safe Gatherings Training: 3 Steps

#### 1. Register with Safe Gatherings

- Go to [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com)
- Click the red "Get Started" button at the top of the page.
- Fill out the online application
- Safe Gatherings will go to work processing the background check and reaching out to the applicant's designated references.

#### 2. Complete the Safe Gatherings online training

**course.** This is approximately an hour long presentation of information on safety guidelines and best practices. Persons will take a test at the end of this training.

#### 3. Attend a TRUSTed con Confianza certification

**facilitated session.** This is a 2 hour interactive experience that can be taken online via a webinar or in person via a scheduled workshop. **We will have a group session at FUMC Rockport on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sign-Up sheet is on the reception desk.**

For other training dates and times, check out: [riotexas.org/safetrainings](http://riotexas.org/safetrainings).



### Upcoming Dates:

- ⇒ **February 15th**—Youth Gathering at the church—4:30-7:00 p.m. (includes contemporary worship service)
- ⇒ **February 16th**—Vacation Bible School initial planning meeting after church
- ⇒ **March 22nd**—10:30 a.m. Children's Worship Service—children and youth lead, serve, and sing!

# Children's Ministries

## From the Nursery...

Please come check out the nursery rooms. So much has changed! The nursery looks amazing and inviting!



Pictures above: Ms. Alissa and Ms. Lynn in the Nursery  
Pictures below: Mrs. Ellie and our Spanish class children on Wednesday nights.



### Spanish Class for Ages 4-9

#### Wednesday nights

6:30-7:30 p.m.

in Mrs. Ellie's room located in the Annex

On Wednesday nights during adult choir practice, the children have so much fun learning Spanish and about Spanish culture. Children sing songs in Spanish, learn numbers and colors, and do exciting crafts and projects!

Please help us in the nursery, if you can!

*"Be the Change!"*

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



# Growing in Christ

## From the Director of First Learning Tree

Love is in the Air!

Valentine's Day is approaching, and we are teaching our children about this fun, happy holiday. It is about hearts, candy, hugs, parties, and kisses. This is also another wonderful opportunity to talk about the love of Jesus Christ.

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

This is agape love, unconditional, and we can teach our children that they are loved by Jesus regardless of circumstances. He loves them when they make a good or bad choice or if they are in a good mood or a bad mood. That really seems to resonate with them. It shows them that God is so loving. We also tell them that they can love like Jesus as well. We can demonstrate this love by forgiving wrong-doing, spreading hugs and smiles, and thinking the best in everyone.



Imagine what a better world we would live in if we all practiced this love.

God bless,

Madaline Brown, First Learning Tree Director

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## Wednesday Nights

- ⇒ 5:30-6:30 p.m. Martial Arts Class with Sensei Frank—ages 6 and up in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ 5:30-6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study—*Moving Mountains: Praying with Passion, Confidence, and Authority* by John Eldredge, in the Conference Room.
- ⇒ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Spanish Class with Mrs. Ellie—ages 4-9 yrs
- ⇒ 7:00-8:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- ⇒ Child Care available for children ages 0-3 in the nursery

# Health Ministries

## Mobile Health Clinic

Monday, February 10th and 24th  
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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## 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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## Diabetic Support Group

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.  
Youth / Rec Room

Hope you can join us!



Contact Kathy Wilson, Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 for any questions.

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## Healthy Heart Lunch 'n Learn

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



Attend our free lunch & learn to hear Pharmacy and Medication updates from Will Almond, PharmD (HEB). Bring your questions and your desire to learn. Hope to see you there.

*Lunch will be provided by the Health Ministry Team  
Sign-up sheet is available in the Main Street foyer.*

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## Less of You to Love

Wednesdays @ 12:06 PM

Are you tired of the whole DIET thing? Are you fed up (pun intended ☺) and frustrated? Are you beating yourself up because it seems you just can't lose weight... or even worse, beating yourself up because you have actually gained weight?? Have you just given up?

Here is an opportunity to get off the weight loss merry go around once and for all! We'll look at what the Bible says about healthy living and move on from there!

Get ready and remember, there will be **Less of You to LOVE!!**

## Worried about Falling?



*Do you have musculoskeletal health concerns?*

*Would you like to make your home less of a fall hazard?*

*Do you hate targeted exercise activities but are unmotivated to start?*

*Does life simply seem harder with everyday basic activities but you think it's okay because "you are dealing with it?"*

Life can be better than that!!

Jeannie Coe, PhD, DPT, Physical Therapist, is offering her services as an orthopedic/geriatric/primary care/neurological, fall recovery issue specialist (everything but pediatric.. I only manage to make babies cry!! ... I do much better with adults!! ☺))

**The 45 minute consultation is free. However if you would like to make a donation to the choir Trip to New York in May, that would be greatly appreciated.**

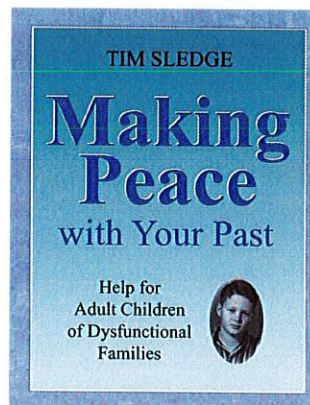
To schedule a free consultation at your home or at the church, please contact Jeannie Coe at 210-601-6132 or [jbryancoe@mindspring.com](mailto:jbryancoe@mindspring.com).

Looking forward to helping you!

Jeannie

## Mental Health Group

begins Thurs, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
12:00-1:30 pm



Join Erica T. Garcia, PhD, LPC, MHM and Kathy Wilson, RN, Wesley Nurse for a 13-week series based on the book "Making Peace with Your Past: Help for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families" by Tim Sledge. Books and study materials to be provided by Methodist Healthcare Ministries. Participants commit to attend weekly group sessions from February 27

through May 21. Preregistration is required, and spots are limited. For more information call 361-658-9708.

## Take Care of You

### February is American Heart Month!

Did you know that people who have close relationships at home, work, or in their community tend to be healthier and live longer? One reason, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), is that we're more successful at meeting our health goals when we join forces with others. NHLBI launched the #OurHearts movement to inspire us to protect and strengthen our hearts with the support of others.

Here are some facts, how-to tips, and resources to inspire you to join with others to improve your heart health.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. About 90 percent of middle-aged people and more than 74 percent of young adults have one or more risk factors for heart disease, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, or being a smoker or overweight. Having multiple risk factors increases your risk for heart disease.



### Why Connecting is Good for Your Heart

Feeling connected with others and having positive, close relationships benefit our overall health, including our blood pressure and weight. Having people in our lives who motivate and care for us helps, as do feelings of closeness and companionship. You don't have to make big changes all at once. Small steps will get you where you want to go.

### Move More

Invite family, friends, colleagues, or members of your community to join you in your efforts to be more physically active:

Ask a colleague to walk with you on a regular basis, put the date on both your calendars, and text or call to make sure you both show up.

Join an exercise class at your local community center and bring a neighbor along. Carpool or walk there together to make it a regular date.

Grab your kids, put on music, and do jumping jacks, skip rope, or dance.

Make your social time active and encourage everyone—family and friends alike—to think of fun activities that get you off the couch and moving.

**How much is enough?** Aim for at least 2½ hours of physical activity each week—that's just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. In addition, do muscle strengthening exercises 2 days a week. Can't carve out a lot of time in your day? Don't chuck your goal, chunk it! Try 10 or 15 minutes a few times a day.

### Aim for a healthy weight

Find someone in your friend group, at work, or in your family who also wants to reach or maintain a healthy weight. (If you're overweight, even a small weight loss of 5–10 percent helps your health.) Check in with them regularly to stay motivated. Do healthy activities together, like walking or playing on a neighborhood sports team. Share low-calorie, low-sodium meals or recipes.

### Manage stress

Reducing stress helps your heart health. Join with a friend or family member to do a relaxing activity every day, like walking, yoga, or meditation, or participate in a stress management program together. Physical activity also helps reduce stress. Talk to a qualified mental health provider or someone else you trust.

### Improve sleep

Sleeping 7–8 hours a night helps to improve heart health. De-stressing will help you sleep, as does getting a 30-minute daily dose of sunlight. Take a walk instead of a late afternoon nap! Family members and friends: remind each other to turn off the screen and stick to a regular bedtime. Instead of watching TV before bed, relax by listening to music, reading, or taking a bath.

### Track your heart health stats, together

Keeping a log of your blood pressure, weight goals, physical activity, and if you have diabetes, your blood sugars, will help you stay on a heart healthy track. Ask your friends or family to join you in the effort.

*American Heart Month: Pre-written Articles for Newsletters. (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month/drop-in-articles>*



## Music News



2020 has started off with a bang for the Music Department!

The Choir is back in the Chancel area for our 10:30 service. In fact, we are stronger than ever thanks to some returning members of our Winter Family. That makes this an excellent time to start singing with the Choir. **Did you know, the more people in the choir, the easier it is to sing?** You do not have to be able to read music. You do not have to have a particularly great voice. All you really need is an open mind, a desire to be in fellowship with some really great people and a willingness to have fun! Choir rehearses in the choir room on Wednesday Nights from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

### Concert Series

Our next Sunday Afternoon Concert will be Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 and will feature Flutes from the Coastal Bend Flute Club. They will be playing music from Show tunes as well as some original arrangements by Paul Klemm. When The Coastal Bend Flute Club performs they will use Piccolos, Flutes, Alto Flutes and Bass Flutes. The sound the combination makes is unique. It will be a great show. Come on out and have an afternoon of fun. There will be a reception following the concert and a love offering with proceeds going to the Choir's New York Fund!

### Saturday Night Service

If you haven't been to a Saturday Night Service, let me encourage you to give it a try. It is a laid back, come as you are service. The message that we receive is different from the one we get on Sunday Mornings, too. On top of all that we have some really good music. The Praise Band is getting a little better each and every week. We've put together a great group of people. We're just missing a couple of essential pieces, specifically, Guitar and Keyboard. If you, or someone you know play either and would like to join us, we rehearse Tuesday Nights from 5 – 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

### Come Sing With The Choir!

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

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.

### **Everyone is welcome!**

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



I have 15 singers signed up to go to New York in May. If you are interested in singing with us, the deadline for signing up is rapidly approaching. Please come speak to me as soon as possible. If

you would like to come with us, but not sing, now is the time to let me know. There is a reduced cost for anyone that would like to come along with us. You will be allowed into the rehearsal hall for both rehearsals, you will get a (really good) ticket for the performance at the Lincoln Center and you will be invited to the Gala following the performance (This is a party for all the performers with food and drink provided). I know some of you have approached me in the past about coming along. Double check with me that you're on the list. We are trying to finalize our travel arrangements.

As I just mentioned, we have not yet finalized our travel arrangements. It looks as if the cost will be somewhere around \$2000 per person for the trip. We have already raised about a quarter of the funds we need to make this trip at little to no cost. There is still a long way to go! If you are interested in sponsoring the choir (either a specific member, or the choir as a whole) any gift, no matter how large or small would be greatly appreciated.



Left: Ladies Knitting Group knitting scarves for choir NYC trip  
Center: Scarves for sale are located in the narthex  
Right: Kathy Wilson making a hard decision....which do I choose?



Barb, Sherry, and Jeannie had a rummage sale to raise money for the choir trip to NYC

# Serve the Lord with Gladness

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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.



### December 1 to December 31, 2019

Clients	5
New Clients	1
New Clients Unable to Help	0
Forms Filed	8
Volunteer Hours	41.25

Estimated Cash Value of Medications Saved for Clients:

1 month supply	\$ 2,766.00
X 3 months supply	\$ 8,298.00

### YEAR END REPORT 2019

Number of Clients Served	161
Number of New Clients	50
Number of Forms Files	126
Volunteer Hours	663.75
Medication Cost Saved for Clients	\$139,847.00

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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.



## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

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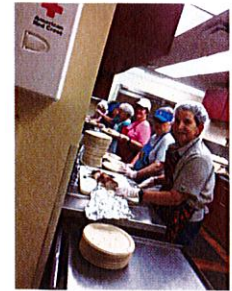
Coming in 2022...

## Community Table

2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 4:30-6:00pm  
First Presbyterian, 301 Hwy 35 North

Churches rotate hosting this community meal. All are invited to come and eat! Community Table dates for February are Feb 11th and Feb 25th.

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!

### 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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## Early Response Team (ERT) Training

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

Registration and Breakfast start at 8:00 AM. and instruction will be from about 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, with a lunch break.

If you have not yet registered online, please do so! Our paper signup is not a registration, but a best guess on who is attending.

**Please register online at <https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-registration-form> ASAP!**

*Thank you for getting ready to serve and look forward to serving with you. —Pastor Frank*



# Glory Sightings

## Cross Talk Sunday School Class - Making a Difference *Contributed by Jeanie Coe*

In December, the Cross Talk Sunday School class decided to adopt Gail Garcia as a class Christmas project. Gail is a Rockport native who lost her fifth wheel and belongings to Hurricane Harvey, had lived in a tent in someone's front yard for 18 months, and then stayed with different friends and family. On Friday, Dec. 20th, she got the GOOD NEWS that an apartment was available. Even better - her son, his wife, and 3 small children live in the same apartment complex!

With God leading the way, Cross Talk members were able to acquire furniture/household goods and help get Gail moved in before Christmas.



Cross Talk Sunday School class members also joined in helping Roger and Jonie Perdue finish out their home in preparation for moving back in two years, five months since Hurricane Harvey



*FLT students have a Glory Sighting every Thursday morning when Ms. Sue comes to share Bible Stories with them!*



Community Table served 187 guests at the January 14th meal.



## February Special Events

### Calling All Rockport UMC Chili-Heads!! Chili Cook Off!!!

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Fellowship Chili Meal following the Second Service

Entries must be turned in to kitchen NLT 10:15 to be judged

Judging for Chili

#### Chili Categories:

REAL (No Bean) Chili

Chili with Beans

Hottest/Spiciest Chili

Methodist Meek and Mild Chili

Non-Traditional Chili.

Youth Category for our younger Chili cooks

We will have a team of well qualified, experienced judges. Judging will be during second service. Winners announced during the Chili Dinner. Compete for Bragging Rights!! Perfect your Chili recipe now!! You could be a BIG winner!! Event is free but Love Offering will go the Choir trip to NYC in May!! If you are NOT a chili-head, please bring a dessert to share. The church will provide drinks, chips, rice, and cornbread. Western wear- boots, jeans, spurs and hats are encouraged! Let your Texas Chili Lights Shine!!



### Valentine Brunch & Card Make 'n Take

**Thursday, February 13th, 11 AM-1 PM**

The Caring Cards group invites you to a Valentine Brunch on Thursday, February 13th, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. Drop in to have brunch and bring a treat if you are able.

You will have the opportunity to work with expert card makers to make your own Valentine to give to someone special.

*Most of all, just come and enjoy your Church Family.*

**Sign up is at receptionist desk.**



### Valentine Date Night

Bring your date and join us on  
**Friday, February 14th, 6-9 PM**  
for a fun evening of dining  
and

watching an episode or two of

**“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”**

*Spaghetti dinner provided by United Methodist Men  
Love offerings will be appreciated and help to  
further their ministries.*

Child Care available.

**RSVP is required.**

**Please sign up at the receptionist desk.**



# February Birthdays

02/01	Gwen Hall	02/12	Ty Brisgill
02/01	Dona Popp	02/13	James Carrick
02/01	Finn Klanica	02/13	Frank Baik
02/01	Shawn Carruth	02/14	Verna Yeamans
02/02	Betty Manwaring	02/14	Tom Bennett
02/02	Alicia Luchsinger	02/14	Clayton Irey
02/03	Ann Clegg	02/17	Barbara Meador
02/03	Margaret Randt	02/17	Joyce Palmer
02/04	Richard Bianchi	02/18	James Metzger
02/04	Ellie Saenz	02/19	Judy Currie
02/05	Ansley Krnavek(FLT)	02/19	Kenneth Helbling
02/06	Charles Shanlever	02/19	Peggy Brisgill
02/07	Clyde Townsend	02/19	Cheryl McIntyre
02/07	Scarlett Shane	02/23	Jana Tarkington
02/08	Patsy Phemister	02/23	Art Smith
02/08	Danielle Davis(FLT)	02/23	Olive Smith
02/09	Paulette Kluge	02/25	Scotty Kautz
02/10	Norman Spears III	02/25	Alan Barre
02/10	John Rainey	02/28	Ray Saenz
02/10	Elle Shane	02/29	Clifford Sies

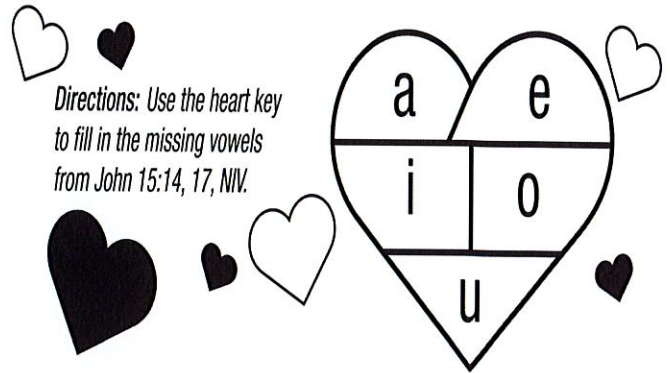
# February Anniversaries

02/10	Dan and Kathy Daniels
02/14	Arno and Betsy Peshorn



## A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y \_ \_ r my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f

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Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:

L \_ v \_ \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

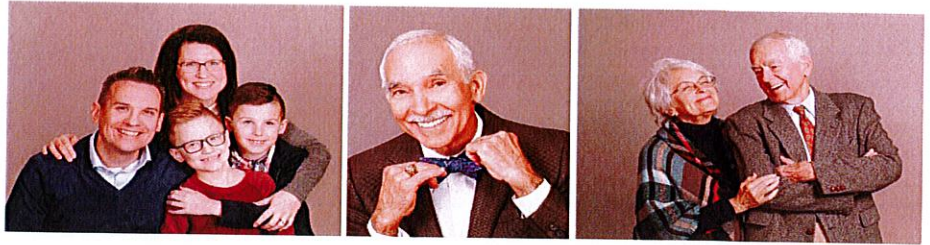
Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



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*of Rockport*

*Growing in Christ*



## Save the date

Be included in the new  
First United Methodist Church directory.

Photography dates:  
January 29, 30, 31 & February 1

**Lifetouch.**

### LIFETOUCH FOOD DRIVE WITH BONUS

Please get your picture taken! Lifetouch will give \$2 back to your church for every family photographed. And you will get a free FREE 8x10 print, and a copy of the directory.

They also want to do some community service, so they are doing a food drive. You will receive 20% off photography PLUS an additional \$5 off when you donate a non-perishable item. Donated food will be given to Rockport Good Samaritans.

Thank you for your participation!

Frank

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