February 2023 Newsletter



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3 Big Questions That Change Every Teen's Life

One of the consistent themes I hear working with families is that raising teens is hard. I hear this from every parent in some way, sometime during the teen years, (or much sooner). In an effort to give parents and grandparents some resources, I have purchased a book entitled 3 *Big Questions that Shape Your Future* that address everyone's deepest needs.

Who am I?
Where do I fit?
What difference can I make?

These are questions that are important to everyone, but as a teen these are questions that are at the forefront all the time and need answers. When you have these questions right, you have a framework from which to approach every problem and life in general. If you don't have this clear about yourself, others will tell you who you are and what you can do. I have given these books out in church in hopes that you will read them, and that teens will read them and benefit from the grounding that answering these questions can bring.

In February we will have a book discussion to talk about our reading and bring application to our personal lives. We will meet Sundays after church. Call Pastor Frank if you would like to be involved.

Thanks and Blessings,

Pastor Frank

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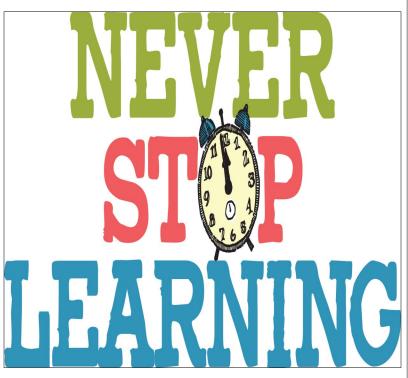
The Heart of Study

I don't want to make anyone do anything, they are not ready to do, or force anyone to do a Bible Study that they don't have time for. What I do want is for everyone to have the abundant life. To tap into the immeasurable strength that comes from being grounded in the Rock of Jesus Christ, the Sure Foundation, the Corner Stone, the Beginning and End.

Everyone goes through stress. But when you have God present in your life, you can stress with grace and joy. Everyone has moments of great happiness that come and go, but joy remains consistent as the knowledge and recognition of God's presence and work in our lives. That joy cannot be taken away.

People are transformed when they really encounter the Living God. Sometimes that comes through a song, when God appears in a dream, or speaks, and often it comes when people read the Bible for themselves. And God reveals truth that they have been longing for. And the Word confirms that there is a personal God that loves them and has made a way for them.

Do you want to be transformed? Spend time with God.



Study Opportunities at FUMC-R

In person:

Cross Talk Sunday School Disciple 2 or Disciple 3 Lively Bible Study Women in the Word: Isaiah

Online:

Bible in One Year
App by Nicky Gumbel

Church Leadership

Pastor Frank Baik

I want to thank our volunteers for serving the church on its leadership council. Everyone working together is a significant undertaking. Without volunteers the church would not run.

Also, I want to welcome our new leaders to the team, and thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord through the church. Please see the new Admin Council and support them in serving the church.

Church Council: Chair Ed Hegen

	Members at Large	Trustees	Finance	<i>SPRC</i>
Class of 2023	John Peirce	Vacant	Richard Hyde	Doris Owens
Class of 2024	Dustin Barre (Trustee)	Ted Norland	Ray Saenz	Kay Stone
		Bill Neal		Sherry Peirce
Class of 2025	Stephanie Clark	Christy Linsley Dustin Barre-At	TommyTompkins	John Gay

Almighty God, we ask your Spirit's filling and guiding for us this year. Help us to be attentive to your voice and heed your nudges. Bless our leaders with outstanding wisdom, protection and an abundance of love that the world may know you dwell in us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

February Sermon Series: Spiritual Warfare

During the month of February Pastor Frank will be teaching on Spiritual Warfare through the life of Gideon. Gideon's experience has much to teach us about how God works, and some hindrances to God moving.

Feb 5 Judges 6:1-24 "Rise Up Mighty Warrior" Letting go of false identity and agreements with the devil. Embracing what God says about us.

Feb 12 Judges 6:25-40 "Spiritual Victory Requires Spiritual Purity" We like to hedge our bets with grace and...how do we invite God in to our battle?

Feb 19 Judges 7:1-25 "Not by Might or Power" The enemy army turned on each other. Gideon defeated an innumerable Army with 300 men and God.

Feb 26 First Sunday of Lent Judges 8:22-35 "Winning at Home" The Danger of Peace. Gideon after establishing peace in the land creates and ephod, which becomes an idol to him, and his community.



We extend our deepest sympathies to our members who lost family members this week.

The Family of Bill Phemister

The Family of Reynaldo Saenz

Global Methodist Church Annual Conference

Pastor Frank Baik

What is the GMC? They are the (trouble making) Methodists that are focused on scripture and tradition, calling for more accountability and faithfulness to the Discipline. Not getting it, they have formed their own denomination. Roughly 30% of Rio Texas Churches are in a discernment process to see whether they will stay in the UMC or split off. I attended the first GMC conference as a guest on Jan 19-21, 2023 to see if GMC was something of which I wanted to be a part.

The conference was fun for me, had great worship and speakers (except one guy). One surprise, I was reminded that Duke, a Methodist School, houses a Baptist seminary. Truett Center for Wesleyan Studies is housed at Baylor, the Baptist University! That's exciting! There was a little too much advertisement of Truett Seminary, and a few announcements that felt like commercials for special interests like youth ministry, but overall, it was a great conference.

Most of the time was spent in worship and teaching sessions. As opposed to the UMC Annual conference which usually spends half the time with business, plenaries, announcements, and recognizing people. When the Rio Texas Annual Conference met online in 2020, we accomplished all the voting in less than two hours. It was awesome.

The GMC is brand new and does not have a lot of money. All the GMC upper leadership is not paid through the conference. Some serve churches from which they get a salary, while they still administer the greater church. The GMC has no trust clause and currently only asks 1% of operating costs as apportionments. I expect that percentage to go up as the denomination grows, but it is capped at 6.5%. (https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d38c95dfaa31100010b2f1b/t/625da6fab092305f37222f9b/1650304762589/ COMPARISION+OF+UMC+%26+GMC.pdf. That is considerably less than what the UMC requires.

There was that one guy who was a grouch, but I felt welcomed and loved like a good UMC. But I was more moved during this conference. I felt God's nearness. People were called to the alter for prayer, more time was devoted to worship and calling on God.

I have seen the Spirit moving at Rio Texas Annual Conferences. My heart warmed through teaching there too. The difference was the sustained time in prayer and worship. It felt more like a retreat than an Annual Conference. That is right for me.

I don't like to think of myself as a troublemaker, but right now I think everyone is. Elijah the prophet was also accused of being a troublemaker by Ahab for bringing drought on the land. Elijah answered the King he troubled Israel by leading them to worship idols, and bringing God's judgement. (1 Kings 18) People have radical opinions on the same drought. Both have a point of reference that color their view.

Global Methodist Church Annual Conference Waco TX ~ January 19-22, 2023



Worshipping the Lord Together

Worship through Song





Ordination Ceremony

Wesley Health Nurse

Geralyn Matecjek, RN



Hello Church Family!

Happy February!

I am official! I made it through my orientation period and have started seeing clients. Of course, I still have a lot to learn and much of my learning will be on the job. I have seen an assortment of needs so far. It could be rent or medication assistance, food, clothing, diapers, and medical bills. I have been volunteering at Good Samaritans and New Beginnings Church. I have met a lot of great people and discovered resources by doing this. Food disparity is a big concern for the people of Aransas County. I am so thankful for the resources provided to me by Methodist Healthcare Ministries, this church, and the community. Promoting health and wellness is of the utmost importance to me not only personally but for the church family and the community.

The 1st meeting with the Health Ministry Team was held, and I am very excited about the projects we discussed. If there are any types of programs, either educational or physical that you enjoyed in the past, please let me know. My plans are to start the Diabetic Education group up again and I would love to have an exercise class of some kind. What would you like to see offered to the church and community? I am open to suggestions.

Please stop by the office to see me or call my work cell at 210-455-1409. I look forward to growing my practice, and I appreciate your referrals too! I am so thankful and blessed to have been placed in this position at just the right time of my life and career. My prayer is that everyone will know Jesus by knowing me. God bless you all.

"You were born for such a time as this."

Esther 4:14

Discernment Task Force

Richard Hyde

The Discernment Committee met on January 10th to identify issues should the church ever decide to disaffiliate. The issues are being researched by members of the committee and include First Learning Tree, Castaways, exit costs, insurance, the Foundation, and options of joining other groups.

The next meeting is **February 7th at 5 pm** in the Rec Room. All are welcome to join us. Our goal is to have information to present to the church to help answer many of the questions that are involved in this.







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Music Ministries Update

Paul Klemm



In the last newsletter, I had all kinds of great ideas. My goal was to start 2023 with a real bang! Unfortunately, I got a bug and was out for the first week or two of the year.

I'm back now! It's time to get back on track with all our plans! If you've ever toyed with the idea of joining the choir, this is a great time. We are not going to present a cantata at Easter this year. What that means is that we are working on new music each week. I promise, this is a low-pressure group, and we have a lot of fun. So come on out and join us!

My plan was to offer an introductory music class again this year. This isn't a ploy to rope you into the choir or anything like that. It's simply an opportunity to learn some of the very basics of music. The class begins with the presumption that you

know nothing about music. You won't be writing symphonies when the class is over, but even just singing out of the hymnal will begin to make more sense.

I would like to have the class on **Mondays at 5:30** in the Choir Room. If you are interested, please let me know. Each class will probably only last 45 minutes to an hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Saturday April 1**st, the group "Westward Road" will come to entertain us. They sing a blend of Gospel and Modern Worship Music. Westward Road is an exciting and dynamic family trio, led by Scott Roberts, a 20-year veteran worship leader and nation charting songwriter, and his wife, the talented and award winning vocalist, Kelli Roberts. Their son, Garrett Roberts completes the superbly gifted musical family with his smooth vocal tones.

Their "out of the box" take on worship and gospel music paired with their God given ability to communicate the Good News takes audiences into the presence of God in a very powerful way. They have performed for audiences in large theaters and for intimate settings in rural churches, festivals and fairs.

A Westward Road concert leaves you uplifted by their message of hope and encouraged to live a life of trust in God. Their new take on gospel music along with their smooth family harmonies and ability to lead God's people into His presence through worship will have audiences of all ages falling in love with this fun and energetic trio.

So, make sure you join us on **April 1**st. We will have a dinner following the show!

Praise Band Practice
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Sanctuary



Chancel Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Church Attendance

Thank you for registering your church attendance, whether it is in person or online. It is important for us to keep accurate attendance records for worship services, classes and activities. Please note the Friendship Cards we use to register attendance are changing beginning February 5th. If you are facilitating a class, please be sure to use the attendance forms located in the office hallway on top of the staff mailboxes.

Let's focus on reaching a new attendance summit in 2023 to spiritually feed Rockport and surrounding communities. Invite your friends and neighbors to visit our church.



Church Attendance Totals for 2022

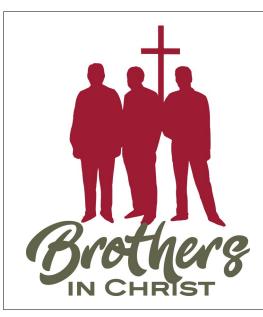
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	MONTHLY AVG
9:00 AM	64	55	49	23	80	106	0	0	0	69	70	48	564	62.67
10:45 AM	288	231	179	210	156	114	295	277	266	284	270	306	2876	239.67
Online	152	129	132	219	349	118	210	173	188	200	70	93	2033	169.42
TOTAL	504	415	360	452	585	338	505	450	454	553	410	447	5473	456.08



First Learning Tree

Madaline Brown, Director

Love is in the air, and we are feeling it. Popular opinion is the holiday season ends with the new year, but at First Learning Tree, we have so much more to look forward to. Some of our upcoming events are, but not limited to, Dr. Seuss Week, St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon, Week Of the Young Child, Easter celebration, spring play, Muffins With Mom, and graduation. We have so many more events planned, and cannot wait to share them with you. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please stop by First Learning Tree. We will love the partnership.



United Methodist Men

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 am ~ Bistro

Faith, Food & Fellowship

Contact Ed Hegen for more information.



Men's Walk to Emmaus

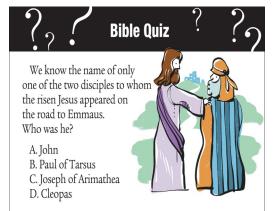
April 27th—30th

Pilgrim applications are available at the Reception Desk.

Lay Service Team Member applications are also available at the Reception Desk.

Deadline for Pilgrim applications is March 31st.

See Paul Klemm for more information.



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



For more information contact ACMSI at 512-290-3036

Church Office Updates

Business Office Update

Patty Impens

February signals the beginning of personal income tax preparations. Your giving statements were available at the church and have been mailed to you. If you do not receive your statement, let me know and I can print another one for you.

This is also a time for reviewing how you give to the Church. You may write checks, pay in cash using the Church envelopes in the pews or pay online through your bank or credit/debit cards.

Like everything else, the fees for using credit/debit cards have gone up. Please consider adjusting your giving to cover those fees. If you require help you may reach me by phone, 361.729.1659, a personal visit here at the church, or by email at fumc@fumcrockport.org. It is my pleasure to serve as your Business Manager. God bless and thank you for the opportunity!

Technology Update

Ted Norland

January was fairly smooth in the IT Department. The new server is almost ready for action. There were multiple equipment repairs on FLT's Chromebooks completed this month.

As always, security is paramount with IT and with that comes constant monitoring for attempted intrusions. Please be reminded that Pastor Frank will never text or email you for money, gift cards, etc. If you get a notification of this nature from him or any staff member, delete it immediately. These types of messages are scams.

If you have any questions or need technology assistance, please let me know. My email is tnorland@fumcrockport.org or you can reach me by calling the Church Office at 361.729.1659.



Who is reading What's Happening Next Week?

The What's Happening Next Week email of January 22nd was opened **205** times, which is a **65%** open rate!

Be sure to read the most up-to-date news in this weekly email sent to your inboxes each Wednesday.

Birthdays:

Shawn Carruth (1)
Gwen Hall (1)
Betty Manwaring (2)
Margaret Randt (3)
Richard Bianchi (4)
Ellie Saenz (4)
Melva Turner (6)
Scarlett Shane (7)
Clyde Townsend (7)
Patsy Phemister (8)
Paulette Kluge (9)
Elle Shane (10)
Norman Spears (10)

Arwen Griffith (12)
Frank Baik (13)
Tom Bennett (14)
Verna Yeamans (14)
Barbs Meador (17)
Joyce Palmer (17)
Judy Currie (19)
Kenneth Helbling (19)
Cheryl McIntyre (19)
Art Smith (23)
Olive Smith (23)
Jana Tarkington (23)
Alan Barre (25)

Anniversaries:

Dan & Kathy Daniels (11) Arno & Betsy Penshorn (14) Paul & Sandy Klemm (29)





Cross Talk Sunday School

9:15 am—Rec Room

Current Study

Understanding the Bible Adam Hamilton

See John & Ginger Gay for more information

A Sneak Peak at the United Methodist Church Liturgy for February

<u>5th</u>

Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalms 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20

19th

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

<u>12th</u>

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalms 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-27

26th

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19



Giving for His Glory

DECEMBER 2022 FINANCE

Church

*Giving:	\$	32,335.87
Castaway's:	\$	8,000.00
Market St Apartment Income	<u>\$</u>	0.00
Total Income:	\$	40,335.87
Total Expenses_	\$	35,725.46
Dec Net Income		\$4,610.41

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

First Learning Tree

Income/Tuition \$ 83,890.94 Regular Expenses \$ 91,823.69 Grant Applied

Dec Net Income -<u>\$ 7,932.75</u>

Church & FLT Combined through December Year-to-date Net Income -\$ 513.48

If you are traveling please consider going to our church website to give online at www.fumcrockport.org.

Thank you for participating in the work for Christ! Your gifts are honored and you are blessed by celebrating the gifts you have been given...Please contact the church office if you have any questions in regards to Stewardship or your offerings.

Blessings,

Patty Impens

CASTAWAYS METHODIST VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU UNITED Methodist Volunteers!! Your hard work and commitment are a huge support to the ministries of FUMC Rockport...help by joining this team and be blessed as you work together for God!

December 2022

 Sales Total
 \$ 14,037.32

 Admin Fee to Castaways
 -\$ 1,913.92

 Total deposit to FUMC
 \$ 12,123.40

These funds were distributed as follows: \$8,000.00 to the FUMC General Fund \$2,424.68 to the Castaways Volunteers Mission Fund \$1,698.72 to the FUMC Capital Reserve Fund

THANK YOU TO AL L OUR CASTAWAYS VOLUNTEERS!!

2022 BENEVOLENT BUCKET OFFERINGS

UMJanuary	UMC Human Relations Sunday	\$0.00		
February	UMCOR—Denver Fires	\$ 140.00		
March	UMCOR Relief Funds	\$ 158.00		
April	FUMC Rockport Emergency Assistance Fund	\$457.00		
	SPECIAL EASTER giving to Afghan Refugee Assistance	\$98.00		
Мау	Native American Ministries Month	\$76.00		
June	Peace with Justice Sunday	\$27.00		
July	Undie Sunday	\$3,273.00		
August	Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans	\$70.00		
September	UM Student Day	\$45.00		
October	World Communion	\$111.55		
November	Harvest Sunday (Hunger)	\$140.00		
December	UM Children's Home	\$1,079.00		

BENEVOLENT BUCKET—FEBRUARY 2023

Benevolent Bucket is a special offering taken each month. The Benevolent Bucket this month is designated for the **Community Table**. Please drop your donations into the baskets at the Altar or the Church Office any day this month. Thank you for blessing others!





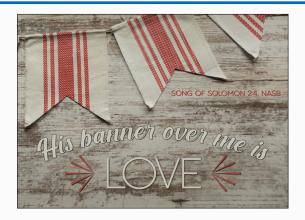
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Saturday	4		II.	Coastal Bend Emmaus Gathering Kelsey Memorial UMC 1610 Comanche St Corpus Christi	18	Men's Walk to Emmaus Lay Service Leader Training	25			February Benevolent Bucket Community Table
Friday	3 ER Praver	Church Office Closed Square Dancing Lessons & Dance	01	FB Prayer Church Offices Closed Square Dancing Lessons & Dance	71	FB Prayer Church Office Closed Square Dancing	24	FB Prayer Church Office Closed Square Dancing		
Thursday	2 FB Praver	Disciples	٥	FB Prayer Martial Arts Castaways Discipleship Allegro Women's Club Disciple 3 Lions Club Jujitsu	91	FB Prayer Jujitsu Castaways ACMSI Health Disciple 3 Fair Lions Club Martial Arts Discipleship	23	FB Prayer Jujitsu Castaways CRG Mtg Disciple 3 Martial Arts Discipleship	Genesis 8:22	As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.
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Tuesday			7	UMM Jujitsu FB Prayer Prayer Team Community Table Discernment Task Force Mtg	Valentine's Day 14	FB Prayer Prayer Team PEO Meeting Jujitsu	21	FB Prayer Prayer Team ACRTA Community Table Jujitsu	28	FB Prayer Prayer Team Jujitsu
Monday		Abrie in Get's	•	FB Prayer Yoga Class Staff Meeting Disciple 2 Church Council Meeting	13	FB Prayer Disciple 2 Yoga Class Prescription Assistance Staff Meeting Worsh p Committee Mtg	President's Day 20	FB Prayer Church Office Closed	27	FB Prayer Yoga Class Prescription Assistance Staff Meeling Disciple 2
Sunday			Wear Emmous Crosses 5	Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	12	Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	19	Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	26	Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

HAS GOD DONE SOMETHING AMAZING IN YOUR LIFE?

Others would benefit from reading about it—You can share your testimony in the newsletter! *Email to:* <u>admin@fumcrockport.org</u>



Happy President's Day!





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS:

9:00am Contemporary Worship Service—Communion Every Sunday

9:15am Cross Talk - Adult Sunday School

10:45am Traditional Worship Service - Communion Monthly on First Sundays

6:00pm Living Water Worship (Spanish)

www.fumcrockport.org/worship

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Let us know you're worshiping with us from home by filling out the online Friendship Card.

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PRAYER:

PRAYER WITH PASTOR FRANK:

Mon-Thur @ 8:30 AM: In-person in the Sanctuary or on facebook.com/fumcrockport Fri @ 8:30 AM on facebook.com/fumcrockport

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to <u>www.fumcrockport.org/prayer</u>

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

Sun: Cross Talk, 9:15am, Rec Room

Tue: <u>Disciple #2</u> with Stephanie Clark, 1:00-2:30pm, Rec Room

Wed: Women In the Word Bible Study with Donna Hyde, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm, FH 2 & 3

<u>Lively Bible Study</u> with Pastor Frank, 5:30 pm, Bistro

<u>Disciple #3</u> with Richard Hyde, 1:00 pm, Banner Room

Sign up for Small Group Bible Studies @ www.fumcrockport.org/bible-study



GIVING:

Thu:

- Give online at fumcrockport.org/give
- Mail to PO Box 1045, Rockport TX 78381



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9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 9:15am Cross Talk - Adult Sunday School

10:45am Worship (Communion every First Sunday)

6:00pm Living Water Spanish Worship

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