

March 2023 Newsletter



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Lent

Pastor Frank Baik

Lent comes early this year. I encourage you to take advantage of this season to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Do something to strengthen your bond with God. Common ideas: spending time reading and studying the Bible, Pray, Spend time in Self-reflection and Repentance, Write letters of thanks!

We all tend to do more than we should. That is why the tradition is to give up something for Lent. We all already have too much to do. So while I could ask you to do something else, there is probably something that needs to be pruned from your life to make room for a good habit.

What competes with God for your attention? Family, Friends, TV, Liquor, fishing, daydreaming, computer, phone? One woman's drug of choice was the Frappuccino. She gave it up for lent and calculated the amount she would have spent on coffee, and made it an offering to the church after lent. When asked, "Why don't you just donate the amount? Why do through the self denial?" A little embarrassed, she answered, "Then I wouldn't learn anything." Inn keepers are not the only ones without room for Jesus. What might we cut out to allow God space in our lives.

This year I have decided to do a progressive fast. I will give up sweets during the first half, and meat the second. On Good Friday I will start fasting from all food. And Easter celebration will be glorious. I usually settle for something simpler, but this year, there are important things on the horizon for the church, locally, and even more as a denomination. This is great timing for praying for direction and provision for the church, and in my own life.

As we see revival brewing in Africa, Cuba, and Asbury University, I am also praying for colleges, and students. I am praying for the campuses my children attend, and I the one I attended for the Collegiate Day of prayer.

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You can get more information here, and participate in the prayer event on February 23, 2023. Who knows? Maybe God will work on campuses and renew faith in our children and grandchildren. Maybe God will bring new life into our 150-year-old church.

<https://collegiatedayofprayer.org/>


If you would like to join me in praying for colleges, and a Lenten reading plan you can join me at:

<https://bible.com/p/56992837/edcec2cf0d4cf1193b1516dc94ef609c>

Many Thanks and Blessings,

And may you find life-giving union with Jesus Christ, our source of life and redemption. Amen.

Pastor Frank

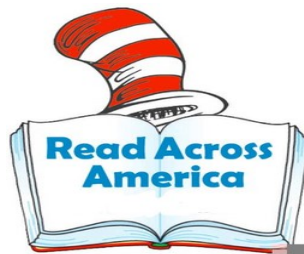
| | | <u>January</u> | <u>February (thru 2.19)</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|  Attendance Update Worship Services | 9:00 am | 97 | 85 | 182 |
| | 10:45 am | 490 | 347 | 837 |
| | Online | 125 | 75 | 200 |
| | Total | 712 | 507 | 1219 |

First Learning Tree

Madaline Brown, Director

You are invited to a Seussical Event!

“Read Across America” is a week-long event that celebrates childrens’ literacy, and the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The week of February 27th-March 3rd, we will have dress-up days, snacks and events to celebrate the writer of all things Seusstastical. On March 3rd we will have our annual “Dr. Seuss Parade”, and you are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please meet in our parking lot at 9:15 a.m.. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. where you will see our classes dressed as Dr. Seuss characters. We hope to see you there.



Music News

Paul Klemm



I wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns about my voice. I have finally seen an Ear, Nose and Throat Doctor who has diagnosed the problem. I will go in for a small procedure mid-March to have my vocal cords repaired. Thank you again for all the love.

Hopefully you've heard me talk about them... Westward Road is coming to Rockport to perform for us right here in our sanctuary. We will probably combine a Potluck dinner in conjunction with the performance. Be sure to circle April 1st at 5:00pm.

If you're not already subscribed to the church's Facebook page, I would encourage you to. Just go to: <https://www.facebook.com/fumcrockport> and press the like button. We post a little something every day. I will also begin posting video of Westward Road there so everyone can hear a little of their music before the 1st.

One last thing, this really doesn't have anything to do with Music, but... The Walk to Emmaus is coming soon. This is something that is very near and dear to me. The Men's Walk is scheduled for April 27th - 30th. Not too long afterward is the Woman's Walk August 3rd - 5th. If you have never been on a Walk to Emmaus, I urge you to go. It is a life-changing weekend that will enhance your relationship with Jesus, no matter how strong that relationship may already be.

If you have already been on a Walk to Emmaus, and you're not receiving my periodic emails, please let me know. I'd like to build our Emmaus Community here in Rockport.

Praise Band Practice
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Sanctuary

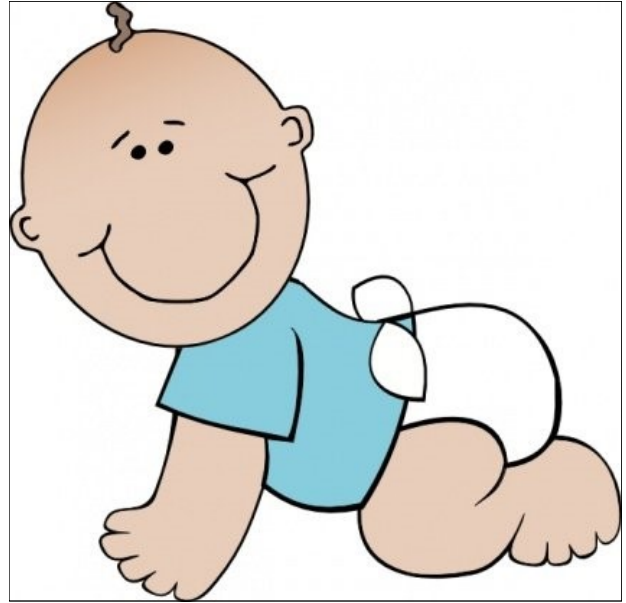


Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Sanctuary

Join us for musical F-U-N!

Annual Diaper Drive

It is the time of year when our church reaches out to give support to the fathers and mothers who have chosen to raise their babies. This is done with the help of our local Pregnancy Center. One of the most important ways we can show our support is through our Annual Diaper Drive. Please purchase packages of diapers (any size). Your kind donations are always greatly appreciated.



Contact Lynne Ruf at 361.816.5912 for more information.

WESTWARD ROAD
On Tour

April 1st, 5:00
First United Methodist Church
801 E. Main St Rockport, TX
Free, Family Friendly Show
For more information go to:
www.fumcrokport.org/music
Or www.westwardroad.com
A Love Offering will be taken

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons
www.westwardroad.com
www.bandsintown.com/westwardroad

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1. Log onto the church's website at www.fumcrokport.org
2. Click on **Subscribe to our Newsletter**
3. Complete the online form

This will allow you to subscribe to the church's email mailing list.
You may unsubscribe at any time.

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Join Pastor Frank in reading the

Collegiate Day of Prayer: 40-Day Campus Prayer Guide

Use the link below for the Lenten Study and Fasting Guide

<https://bible.com/p/56992837/edcec2cf0d4cf1193b1516dc94ef609c>



Pray for Our College Students

Women in the Word Bible Study

Donna Hyde

Women In The Word is inviting any women who might be interested in hearing the author of Epic Of Eden Series, Dr. Sandra Richter, speak on March 25th from 9am-3pm at Faith Methodist Church in Richmond Texas. The cost is \$25 and lunch is provided. The link to register is <https://faithmc.org/>, click on Ministries and then click on Adult. From there scroll down and find Sandra Richter. You can register there.

Please let Donna Hyde know you are coming at 832-457-2279 (text or call) or Donna-hyde@att.net. We are getting car pools together to get everyone who wants to go there and back. We will need to leave by 6:30 am and hope to be home by 6:30 pm. I hope you can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear Sandra speak. You will not be sorry. She is speaking on her newest study on Deborah. Hope to hear from some of you soon.

The Song of Deborah—Judges 5:1-3

On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:

² “When the princes in Israel take the lead,
when the people willingly offer themselves—
praise the LORD!

³ “Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers!
I, even I, will sing to^{the} the LORD;
I will praise the LORD, the God of Israel, in song.



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.



Study Opportunities at FUMC-R

In person:

Cross Talk Sunday School
Disciple 2
Disciple 4
Lively Bible Study
Women in the Word: Isaiah

Online:

Bible in One Year
App by Nicky Gumbel

Church Office Updates

Business Office News

Patty Impens

In the Gospels we often hear about Charity. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on 'almsgiving,' which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.

Prayerfully consider what this means to you. There are many opportunities to give your money, your time and gently used goods to national and local organizations. Castaways is one such organization for the donation of goods.

If you make a monetary donation to the church, please remember to label its intent on the check or envelope. This ensures the money goes to the correct accounts and is credited to your annual giving statement. May March be a blessed month for you and your families.

Technology Update

Ted Norland

The church technology office remains as busy as ever. While working with new equipment set ups, there are always some other issues to handle. The beauty of technology is it can be very helpful in our daily lives. The problem with technology is it can drive us all crazy when it doesn't work correctly. Patience is key when dealing with technology issues. The book of James, Chapter 1 contains perfect instructions when dealing with life's challenges. May you be blessed by these words.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Who is reading What's Happening Next Week?



The What's Happening Next Week email of February 15th was opened **215** times, which is a **68%** open rate!

Be sure to follow our Facebook page at

First United Methodist Church of Rockport, Tx

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Birthdays:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.2 Rachel Dominguez | 3.14 Marcus Phillips |
| 3.3 Abigail Busack | 3.15 Mike Pfister |
| 3.3 Manning Chapman | 3.17 Patty Torres |
| 3.4 Jennifer Day | 3.19 Teoko Zeidler |
| 3.4 Jane Lechlitner | 3.20 Evelyn Jamison |
| 3.5 Haley Rose | 3.26 Teenie Bailey |
| 3.6 Pat Best | 3.28 Mary Jane Willard |
| 3.7 Adeline Dunlap | 3.30 Jo Durham |
| 3.9 Ashley Armstrong | |
| 3.10 Derrick Jamison | 3.18 Dale & Deloris Motsinger |
| 3.13 Caleb Baik | 3.23 Ted & Kathy Norland |
| 3.14 Steve Johnson | |

Anniversaries:

- 3.18 Dale & Deloris Motsinger
3.23 Ted & Kathy Norland



A Sneak Peak at the United Methodist Church Liturgy for March

5th

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalms 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

19th

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalms 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

12th

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalms 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

26th

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalms 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



Spring Forward on
March 11th so you
won't be late to
worship services!



Have a safe
and happy
Spring Break
2023!

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Giving for His Glory

JANUARY 2023 FINANCE

Church

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| *Giving: | \$ | 24,750.03 |
| Castaway's: | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Market St Apartment Income | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Income: | \$ | <u>34,750.03</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 33,985.27 |
| Jan Net Income | | <u>\$764.67</u> |

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

First Learning Tree

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Income/Tuition | \$ | 93,674.95 |
| Regular Expenses | \$ | 93,376.76 |
| Grant Applied | | |
| Jan Net Income | | <u>\$ 298.19</u> |

Church & FLT Combined through January

Year-to-date Net Income \$ 1,062.95

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

January 2023

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Sales Total | \$ | 16,799.13 |
| Admin Fee to Castaways | -\$ | 2,270.67 |
| Total deposit to FUMC | | <u>\$ 14,528.46</u> |

These funds were distributed as follows:

\$10,000.00 to the FUMC General Fund
\$2,905.69 to the Castaways Volunteers Mission Fund
\$1,622.77 to the FUMC Capital Reserve Fund

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CASTAWAYS VOLUNTEERS!!

2023 BENEVOLENT BUCKET OFFERINGS

| | | |
|-----------|---|--------|
| January | Wesley Health Nurse | 120.00 |
| February | Community Table | |
| March | UMCOR Relief Fund | |
| April | FUMC Rockport Emergency Assistance Fund | |
| May | Native American Ministries Month | |
| June | Peace with Justice Sunday | |
| July | Undie Sunday | |
| August | Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans | |
| September | UM Student Day | |
| October | World Communion | |
| November | Harvest Sunday (Hunger) | |
| December | UM Children's Home | |


BENEVOLENT BUCKET—MARCH 2023

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

THANK YOU!



March 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| The Season of Lent | Song of Solomon 2:11-12 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. | | FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir | FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club Marital Arts Discipleship | FB Prayer Church Office Closed | |
| Wear Emmaus Crosses 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship | FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting | UMM FB Prayer Prayer Team Community Table Jujitsu | FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir | FB Prayer Castaways Allegro Women's Club Disciple 4 Lions Club | FB Prayer Church Office Closed | Move clocks forward! South Texas Area Square Dancers |
| DST Begins 12 | Spring Break 13 | Spring Break 14 | Spring Break 15 | Spring Break 16 | St Patrick's Day 17 | 18 |
| Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship | FB Prayer Yoga Class Prescription Assistance Disciple 2 Staff Meeting | FB Prayer UMM Prayer Team Jujitsu | FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir | FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club | FB Prayer Church Office Closed |  |
| Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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| Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship | FB Prayer Yoga Class Prescription Assistance Disciple 2 Staff Meeting | FB Prayer Prayer Team Jujitsu | FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir | FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 | FB Prayer Church Office Closed | Benevolent Bucket -> UMCOR Sunday |

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 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: admin@fumcrokport.org

40 days OF LENT

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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
- Facebook: First United Methodist Church Rockport Tx
- Instagram: FUMCrockport

*Let us know you're worshipping with us from home by filling out the online Friendship Card.
You can find the link on our home page @ www.fumcrockport.org*

PRAYER:

- PRAYER WITH PASTOR FRANK:
Mon-Thu @ 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 www.fumcrockport.org/prayer

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

- Sun:** Cross Talk, 9:15am, Rec Room
Tue: Disciple #2 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
Lively Bible Study with Pastor Frank, 4:30 pm, Bistro
Thu: Disciple #4 with Richard Hyde, 1:00 pm, Banner Room

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



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



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| | |
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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 |

COME JOIN US!

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