

May 2023 Newsletter



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FUMC To Receive Honor from SEC DEF

First United Methodist Church, Rockport was nominated for the **Freedom Award**, ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard or Reserve) the nation's highest national award granted by the Secretary of Defense to employers.

Pastor Frank Baik, Army Reserve Chaplain (Captain) nominated the church, and the Rio Texas Annual Conference for outstanding support of the military service. He says, "FUMC has been generous to allow me to serve with the Army once a month without docking my pay, and has supported me financially by paying above and beyond conference health insurance. They pay for Tricare on top of my insurance. FUMC also generously allowed me to use my church expense account to tend to ministry needs with the Army Reserve.

Finally, thanks to my Supervisors in the past 8 years. District Superintendents, Laura Brewster, Marcus Freeman, and Robert Lopez who all offered to preach for me during my military absences and were supportive of my serving as an Army Chaplain."

FUMC was not one of the final 15 national finalists, but did go to the national level. FUMC we will be receiving an honors certificate for it's support of national defense. The presentation will be made by Espiridion "speedy" Castillo TXESGR Area 11 Chair on May 21, 2023 at the 10:45am service.

Hi friends, here's a fun bit of news. Most winners of the award are nominated multiple years in a row before they receive it. We will settle for the honor. ~ Pastor Frank

Thank you, Pastor Frank, for this great honor from the Secretary of Defense!

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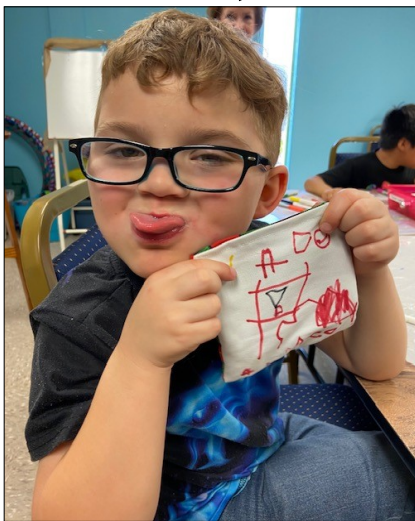
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Wacky Wednesdays with Our FLT Kids

The Wacky Wednesday kids are drawing on beanbags for the Operation Christmas Child. This is a program started by Franklin Graham (Shoebox Outreach of Samaritan's Purse). This project happens every Christmas season and everywhere in the world. The purpose is to help children learn about Christ. Secondary to that is teaching our FLT kids to serve others.



**FLT Kids
are
Fabulous!**



Thank you to Ellie Saenz, Kathy Daniels and Art Foss for your help with Wacky Wednesdays. The FLT kids love it and love all of you too!



News from Women In The Word

On March 25th, nine of us took a field trip to meet Dr. Sandra Richter, author of Epic of Eden, in Richmond TX at Faith Methodist Church. Dr. Richter spoke on her newest study, Deborah. What a wonderful day it was for all of us! Sandra has such a unique gift of teaching. We have completed her study on Epic of Eden, and Isaiah which helped us understand the Old Testament in such a different light and eased our fears of not fully understanding the meaning.

Stephanie Clark shared, "When I read the Bible I should remember that it wasn't originally written "to" me but it was preserved "for" me. The other thing is that I should ask myself if it's worth fighting for. If it is then I should fight for it!"

Debbie Chapman took this away from the day, "What do I need to do to claim the "land", that I can see, that God has promised me? Is it worth fighting for?"

It was a very thought provoking day and great discussion followed afterwards on our drive home. I think we all looked at scripture a little differently that day. God's word is worth fighting for. The stories of the Old Testament aren't someone else's stories, they are stories of God's people, God's promises. We are God's people and we need to know what we have been promised. When these stories were written down they were to preserve them for the generations to come. Dr. Richter referred to "The curse of the 3rd generation - too far removed from the works of God to work for God." So how can we remedy that in our circle?

What a blessing the day was. **Women in the Word is on the move.**

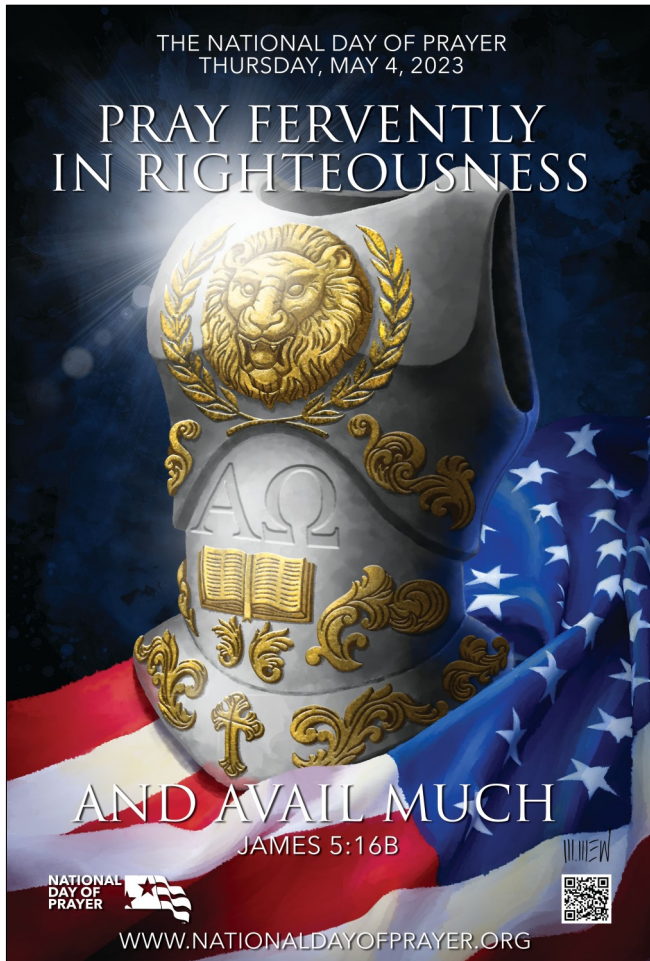


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Attendance in Worship Services

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Total</u>
9:00 am	97	107	108	72	384
10:45 am	490	443	346	304	1583
Online	125	95	88	103	411
Ash Wed	n/a	57	n/a	n/a	57
Good Fri	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	35
Total	712	702	542	514	2470

Easter Sunrise Service Attendance: 500 (estimate)



National Day of Prayer

Service: Thursday, May 4th ~ Noon
 Front of Rockport Police Department

Pastor Frank Baik

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Sign up at the Church Reception
 Desk to pray for thirty minute intervals
 during the day. The Church will be open
 or pray wherever you are at the time.

Prayer Cards are available
 at the Church Reception Desk.

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Hi Church Family,

Where did the month of April go? The year is flying by so fast! I have loved seeing all the flowers and green grass. So refreshing!

Do you pray about the work that you do? We pray for others and for our own needs, but do we pray about our work? Even if you are volunteering or working at your job, reach out to God and ask Him to glorify your work to honor Him. Don't forget to listen and hear His calling. I am asking God to watch over my Wesley Nurse practice and to bring the people who need me into my path. I would love for you all to pray for me as well.

The Diabetic Education and Support Group held its 2nd monthly meeting with an attendance of 6 participants. We had 3 new members join so that was exciting. DeeAnn Hill a Holistic Nutritionist and owner of Wellness with Dee joined us and led an extremely informative discussion about reading nutrition labels and how the labels have changed recently. The participants along with myself learned several new things and the importance of reading the ingredients list to find hidden sugars. DeeAnn will be coming back soon to offer more nutrition education to the group, and anyone is welcome to attend. We normally meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Recreation Room, however, May's meeting will be held on May 16th. Please feel free to join us!

The Health Ministry team did not meet in April but will meet again this month. We had a great discussion and have several ideas we are tossing around to better serve the homeless population which continues to grow. I am looking forward to assisting with Backpacks and Blue Jeans this year!

My practice continues to flourish! I feel extremely blessed to be able to bless others! I had a total of 68 patient encounters for March and as of April 25th, I have had 51. I continue to see a great need for prescription assistance, referrals to specialists, doctor's co-pays, gas cards, and always food and diapers. I spend a great deal of time assisting clients with simply navigating the healthcare system and finding appropriate providers.

Do you need to exercise more? I know I sure do! I am excited about collaborating with Maggie Allen to start up a Senior-cise exercise class. We recently visited the class in Sinton that has a 12-year history, and we are basing our class off theirs. Stretching, strength, balance, heart health, and fun will be included for FREE! Modifications will be offered for any injury or limitations you may have. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning May 16th. Everyone is invited to attend whether you are 30 or 97! Stay tuned for room location.

I will be out of the office from May 9th through 12th for Wesley Nurse Forum in San Antonio but you can always reach me on my cell phone 210-455-1409.

I am always open for your input and ideas that will better help me serve the community and congregation. Thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers. They are appreciated more than you know.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! Psalm 90:17 ESV

Geralyn Matejcek, *Wesley Health Nurse*

New Adult Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class was started so that people have options and to build the Sunday School program. We met for the first time this past Sunday and had a good discussion. This group will be self-led based on the scripture for the Sunday sermon. Please come with your Bible, and if you want to read ahead, take the previous Sunday bulletin home with you as the questions to be discussed are on the back. There will be bulletins available in class for anyone who did not take one home this week. The scripture for this week is Luke 24:13-35.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hyde at Donna-hyde@att.net or 832-457-2279. The start up of this class is being led by Sherry and John Peirce and Richard and Donna Hyde at the request of Pastor Frank. We hope you will consider this opportunity of study. We meet at **9:15 in FH2**. Hope to see you next week. Let's get in the word and grow together.



Cross Talk Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9:15 am

Rec Room

The **Cross Talk Class** is discussing "Jesus Revealed", a series on the "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John, provided by Matthew Rawle. Various class members lead our discussions. Contact John Gay for more information. Join our inquiring minds!

United Methodist Men

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 am ~ Bistro

Faith, Food & Fellowship

Contact Ed Hegen for more information



Wednesday Rehearsals

Praise Band 5:30 pm

Choir 6:30 pm

Join us for musical F-U-N!

Seniorcize Exercise Class

Begins Tuesday, May 16th—10:00 am

Rec Room

Instructor: Maggie Allen
Bring small hand weights
For information, contact Maggie
or Geralyn.



Study Opportunities at FUMC-R

In person:

Cross Talk Sunday School
New Sunday School Class
Disciple 2
Disciple 4
Lively Bible Study
Women in the Word: Ruth

Online:

Bible in One Year
App by Nicky Gumbel

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Birthdays:

5/03 Sam Schertz

5/06 Debbie Chapman

5/19 Rob Coe

5/22 Mary John Hoffman

5/24 Judith Herndon

5/30 Jay Tarkington

5/31 Susie Black

5/31 Lee Jamison DuBose

Anniversaries:

5/12 John & Sherry Peirce

5/13 Dale & Norma Vickers

5/25 Sam & Ernie Schertz



A Sneak Peak at the United Methodist Church Lectionary for April

7th

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:14

21st

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

14th

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:1-11

28th

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

May Flowers

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.
~ *Song of Songs 2:12*

The grass withers and the **flowers** fall, but the word of our God endures forever.
~ *Isaiah 40:8*



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Giving for His Glory

MARCH 2023 FINANCE

Church

*Giving:	\$ 25,569.62
Castaway's:	\$ 10,000.00
Total Income:	<u>\$ 35,569.62</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 33,357.28</u>
Mar Net Income	<u>\$2,212.34</u>

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

First Learning Tree

Income/Tuition	\$ 101,389.75
Regular Expenses	\$92,866.20
Grant Applied	
Mar Net Income(Loss)	<u>\$ 8,523.55</u>

Church & FLT Combined through March

Year-to-date Net Income(Loss) -\$ 7,288.71

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!

March 2023

Sales Total	\$ 18,146.05
Admin Fee to Castaways	-\$ 1,872.67
Total deposit to FUMC	<u>\$ 16,273.38</u>

These funds were distributed as follows:

\$10,000.00 to the FUMC General Fund
\$3,254.68 to the Castaways Volunteers Mission Fund
\$3,018.70 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	0.00
March	UMCOR Relief Fund	563.00
April	FUMC Rockport Emergency Assistance Fund	0.00
May	Native American Ministries Month	0.00
June	Peace with Justice Sunday	0.00
July	Undie Sunday	0.00
August	Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans	0.00
September	UM Student Day	0.00
October	World Communion	0.00
November	Harvest Sunday (Hunger)	0.00
December	UM Children's Home	0.00

BENEVOLENT BUCKET—MAY 2023

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



May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FB Prayer UMM Prayer Team Community Table Jujitsu</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Day of Prayer Jujitsu</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club</p>	<p>5</p> <p>FB Prayer Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Wear Emmaus Crosses 7</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting Jujitsu</p>	<p>9</p> <p>FB Prayer Prayer Team PEO Meeting Jujitsu</p>	<p>10</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jujitsu</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways Allegro Women's Club Disciple 4 Lions Club</p>	<p>12</p> <p>FB Prayer Church Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>Mother's Day 14</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting Jujitsu</p>	<p>16</p> <p>FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize ACRTA Mtg & Luncheon Diabetic Support Group Community Table</p>	<p>17</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jujitsu</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FB Prayer Church Office Closed FLT Graduation</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship Living Water Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting Jujitsu</p>	<p>23</p> <p>FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize Community Table</p>	<p>24</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jujitsu</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways Lions Club Disciple 4</p>	<p>26</p> <p>FB Prayer Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>Honoring Linda Hamilton</p> <p>28</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Cross Talk SS Traditional Worship+Luncheon Living Water Worship</p>	<p>Memorial Day 29</p> <p>FB Prayer Church Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize Jujitsu</p>	<p>31</p> <p>FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band & Choir</p>			

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MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 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@fumcrockport.org

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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



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- 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.

PRAYER:

- **PRAYER WITH PASTOR FRANK:**
Mon-Thu @ 8:30 AM: In-person in the Sanctuary or on facebook.com/fumcrokport
Fri @ 8:30 AM on facebook.com/fumcrokport
- **PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to www.fumcrokport.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.fumcrokport.org/bible-study



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- Mail to PO Box 1045, Rockport TX 78381



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9:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
9:15am	Cross Talk - Adult Sunday School
9:15am	New Sunday School Class
10:45am	Worship (Communion every First Sunday)
6:00pm	Living Water Spanish Worship

COME JOIN US!

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