

June 2023 Newsletter



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Where's Frank?

Several of you have asked where I was going and what I would be doing. I'm not sure just yet. For now, the plan is to move to Victoria TX where Patty and I own a house. I have picked up a part-time job at Harbor Hospice as a chaplain, with room for growth. I will continue to serve in the Army Reserve and be starting ILE (Intermediate Leaders Education) so that I can continue my military career. I am also interviewing with Tyson Foods for a position as a corporate chaplain. And applying at World Vision as a writer, while still keeping my eyes open for the right Army job.

Patty and I are looking into small business ideas too. I enjoy Wood working, raising Plants, enjoy teaching Martial Arts, and Spiritual Coaching/Direction/Counseling. I also make exceptional Kim Chee, baked ziti, and meatball soup.

Patty is thinking about becoming a Realtor, doing more Art, and is open to other ideas. She is trained as a Graphic Designer, has always wanted to have a food truck, and has a special gift for getting the best value for whatever you are buying. Maybe she can be your personal shopper. She will just charge 10% of the amount you save on your purchase.

We are both keeping our eyes open, and waiting on God to direct us to the right positions. World Vision would be a dream job, I have always been passionate about feeding, and educating children to break cycles of poverty.

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I am still keeping my eyes open for a full time Army Chaplaincy job and would love to see Europe or Asia on assignment. So not sure where I will be next year, but I know God's got things well in hand.

It has been my great honor to serve you these past 4 years. I am hopeful for the future, and I pray that the Lord will continue the work through FUMC Rockport to serve and bless the community.

I pray that each of you would find your place in the body of Christ. May the Spirit of God and Word of God dwell in you richly. So richly that you will personally overflow with Grace, Love, and Mercy.

Finally, I invite you to my going away party on Sunday June 11. We'll have a potluck, bring your favorite dish to share, and sample everyone else's. Methodists know how to eat. (Baptists say the same thing). Humans know how to eat. But nothing is more appropriate than breaking bread together, sharing and remembering.

And as we say goodbye, we also share the hope of resurrection. That goodbye is never the end, and we will share eternity together. We will see each other again. And the reunion will be a continuation of the great fellowship we share here. And this sweet fellowship will never end.

Odds and Ends

Bring your spent inkjet cartridges to church! We collect regular size Inkjet cartridges and recycle them for money. Our fundraising and recycling company does not take Large or XL cartridges. Only the regular size.

We are also looking for a volunteer that can 1) email green cycle about 4 times a year, for a mailing label. 2) Count and package inkjet cartridges, and 3) mail them off. Historically this has been a fundraiser for the Youth Group. Right now we don't have much going on with the youth. And these funds will be directed to general fund, where it can be used for all our ministries.

That brings me to a point of grief. That we don't have enough people to work with our children. Would you pray about volunteering with Youth and or children? We have kids in our congregation, but we need people who will listen to them, and love them. This is one of the great needs in our church, ministry to children and youth. If you feel a nudge, explore it and see how you might serve.

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We have over 120 children at First Learning Tree, our day school across the parking lot. I would love to see us minister to them meaningfully and regularly. Talk to Ellie Saenz if you love children.

Giving has been down this year, while costs have gone up. I think everyone is feeling a little more pinch with all our purchases. And we as a church are feeling it too. One way to save on your purchases is to buy used! Remember that purchasing from Castaways supports local ministry and mission. And giving to the Methodist Church at Castaways contributes to our church income through sales.

If you would like to volunteer at Castaways, Methodists work Wednesday mornings and Thursdays 9am-3:30pm day. Castaways workers through their labor, contribute thousands of dollars to the church every month. They also benefit from a great faith community, fellowship and celebrations too.

And if you would like to support the church, consider contributing money. There is a biblical precedent for it, and a promise of blessing. If you would like to include the church in your will, you can also benefit from tax deductions in the present for donations you will leave in the future.

My friend and colleague Gene Roe specializes in planned giving. He became an ordained deacon specializing in nonprofit giving because he feels that passionately about it. He specializes in getting the maximum tax benefits from planned giving, and leaving your legacy for both your family and institutions you want to support. You can find out more about what he does at www.plantoroe.com. Or contact him at Office 210-477-7147/ Mobile 210-771-5052, gene.roe@plantoroe.com.

We also collect food for Good Samaritans, and soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc... to make hygiene kits for the homeless. If you stay at hotels, with small toiletries, bring them to the church and we will get them to the homeless who need some soap. May the Lord of all Wisdom grant you discernment in what to elevate, and what to cut out of your life. We all have limited time, finances, and attention, and so these things need to be budgeted to make the most of them. What ever else you decide, I pray that the Author of Life, the Redeemer of your soul, and Wonderful Counselor take first place in all aspects of your life. And you reap the wonderful reward of communion with your God.

I have decided to follow Jesus, I pray you do the same.

Pastor Frank

SPRC

Please join us as we welcome our new Pastor on Sunday, July 2nd in worship and afterwards at the Potluck Luncheon. Here are fifty other ideas to make Pastor Mel feel at home with our Church Family and the Rockport community.

Doris Owens, Chair



50 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor

From the Lewis Center for Church Leadership
Prepared by Robert Crossman



Prepare to welcome your new pastor

- 1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
- 2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
- 3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
- 4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
- 5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
- 6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

- 7. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.
- 8. Acknowledge the change in public ways. Especially in the case of a much-beloved pastor, this allows the congregation better to let go and receive the new pastor.
- 9. Provide the congregation the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing pastor, even if things have not always gone well.
- 10. Find appropriate occasions — in worship and at other times — to thank the outgoing pastor.
- 11. Express appreciation in ways that are consistent with what you have done in the past.

- 12. Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor's last Sunday and another pastor's first Sunday.
- 13. Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off.
- 14. Provide information to the local media about the outgoing pastor's accomplishments and future plans.
- 15. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with his or her new congregation, and it establishes your new pastor as everyone's pastor from the beginning.

Make things move-in ready

- 16. Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.
- 17. Determine if the parsonage is in need of repairs or painting. Consult the outgoing and incoming pastors about timing so as not to disrupt the lives of either party. Do not ask a new pastor to move into a parsonage "under construction."
- 18. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.
- 19. Offer to have someone cut the parsonage grass.
- 20. Make sure the new pastor and church officials are clear on how moving expenses are paid and all matters related to compensation, benefits, and reimbursement policies.

Welcome your pastor on moving day

- 21. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.
- 22. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.

- 23. Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and to help as needed.
- 24. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.
- 25. Invite children in the household to do things with others of their same age.
- 26. Welcome any youth in the household by having church youth group members stop by and offer to show them around.

Continue the welcome during the entry period

- 27. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a “pounding” for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
- 28. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.
- 29. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
- 30. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.
- 31. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
- 32. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
- 33. Make sure the pastor's spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.
- 34. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

- 35. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
- 36. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.



- 37. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
- 38. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
- 39. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
- 40. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
- 41. Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
- 42. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
- 43. Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
- 44. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
- 45. Create a “church yellow pages” (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a new-comer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).

Help the new pastor connect to the community

- 46. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
- 47. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.

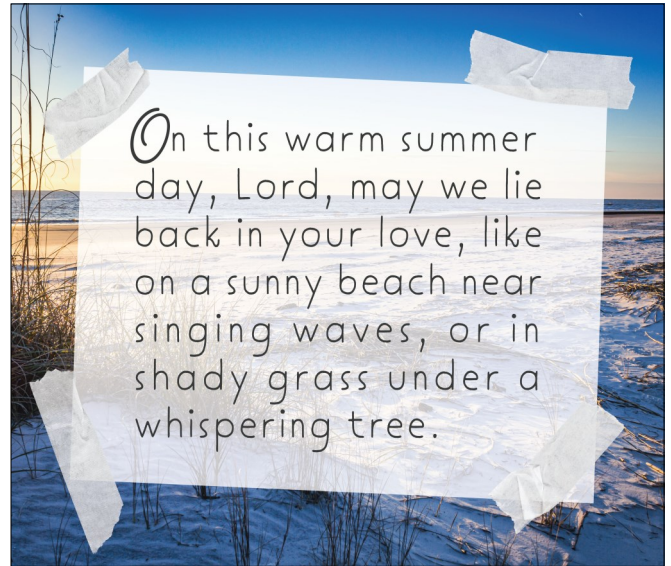
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- 48. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
- 49. Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
- 50. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

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Pastors Moving to New Churches Need the Right Start



Women in the Word Wednesday Summer Speaker Series

Join us as we discover and study the favorite Bible stories of our speakers. All are welcome!

June 7th	Heather Sims, Senior Pastor, Corner Stone Global Methodist Church, Houston
June 21st	Suzanne Olmon, DWS, Returning Speaker
July 12th	Richard Hyde, Member, First United Methodist Church, Rockport
July 26th	Parker Zimmerman, Associate Pastor, University United Methodist Church, San Antonio
August 9th	Ross Talbert, Local Pastor, Missouri City United Methodist Church
August 23rd	Melissa Lind, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Rockport

**1:00 to 3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall 2 & 3**

Contact the Church Office at 361.729.1659 for more information.

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Hello

Pastor Melissa Lind

I would like to start off by saying thank you, thank you, thank you for the warm welcome!! FUMC of Rockport has already showered me with so much love and I'm not even officially there yet. Thank you for reaching out to me, sending your well wishes and prayers. It has been a joy to start to get to know the members and staff of this amazing congregation.

July is just around the corner, Woohoo!! I can't wait to get to know all of you, get to work and get out in the community. I'm also looking forward to a little time relaxing on the beach, fishing, and walking my dogs as we explore Rockport while taking in all this wonderful community has to offer.

My first few months with you will be a time of fellowship, getting to know one another, the staff and community. I can't wait to build wonderful, lifelong relationships with you. I am so excited to be your pastor, to work alongside you in ministry, to walk with you through the struggles of life, to celebrate all the blessings God brings and to learn and grow into better people as we journey together serving our Lord and Savior.

Rockport is a beautiful community and I see our church as a beacon of light for Rockport. When I think of FUMC of Rockport, Matthew 5: 15-16 comes to mind.

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in Heaven."

FUMC of Rockport is a place of refuge, love, and grace. You shine so brightly within the community of Rockport, sharing God's love through your good deeds and glorifying God's Holy name. I am truly blessed to be called to your community and look forward to all the ministries we will do together in the name of Christ.



Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mel

From the FUMC-R Members and Staff!

Music News

Paul Klemm



Last month we said goodbye to Linda Hamilton after working with her for 22 years. Linda has been such an integral part of FUMC's Music program, but even more than that, she has been a good friend for all these years. We will miss her and wish nothing but the best for her and her family.

This month we are happy to welcome our new accompanist, Paul Villarreal. Paul works full-time at Rockport Fulton High School where he is the Instructional aide/collaborative pianist for RFMS/HS choirs. He is coming to us from First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Corpus Christi where he served as the Praise Team Leader. He brings with him vast experience in both traditional and contemporary worship. If you have a chance, be sure to say hello!

Beginning in June, the choir will take its summer vacation. Rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday August 2nd at 6:30 in the Choir Room. We will begin looking at music for the choir's return to Sunday Morning Worship. We will also begin rehearsals for a new Christmas Cantata. Last year for Christmas we sang the Cantata, *Peace* by Joel Raney. This work is part of a series of Christmas Cantatas by Joel Raney. I haven't decided which one we are going to do this year, but it will either be *Joy* or *Hope*.

Over the past year or so, many of you have come to talk to me about joining the choir, even if it's on a part-time basis. This is the PERFECT opportunity to join us. If you can only come periodically, at least come on August 2nd. If you'd like a little more of a commitment, but not ready to dive all the way in, join us for the Cantata. We have several members each year that come at 6:30 for the Cantata Rehearsal, then leave at 7:00 when we shift to our Worship Anthems.

Since we are putting our 9:00 service on Summer Break as well in June, the Praise Band will begin to play for the 10:45 Service. When the Praise Band plays this is not supposed to be a concert atmosphere. Instead, it's meant to be very interactive. We are going to explore different ways to get song lyrics to the congregation. Sing along with us. Clap along to the music. If there is a particular song you would like for us to play, let any one of us know. I will try my best to get it programed. See you on Sundays!

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Coastal Bend Emmaus



Renewing Christian Disciples, Strengthening Local Churches

The next Walk to Emmaus is a Women's Walk and is scheduled for August 3rd-6th at Pax Christi Retreat Center.

The Board of the Coastal Bend Emmaus is seriously considering another Men's Walk in October. The location and exact dates are still to be determined.

If you have never been on a Walk to Emmaus, I strongly encourage you to go. It is a great weekend filled with Worship, Fellowship, Fun (and great food!). There is no actual walking involved in this event. Instead, it refers to Luke 24:13-35 where Jesus walks alongside two disciples following his resurrection.

For those of you that have been on a walk, I would encourage you to volunteer to work on the team for a walk. It is immensely gratifying to see the pilgrims grow in their relationship with Christ and one another. If that's not a possibility, maybe you might consider sponsoring a pilgrim on his or her walk.

If you have any questions at all about the Walk to Emmaus, please come and see me. For that matter, you can ask anyone that has already been on a walk what it meant to them!

Lastly, one of our goals at FUMC has been to allow the pilgrims to go on their walk without worrying about the financial aspect. The cost for sending a Pilgrim is \$225. Sometimes Sponsors will pick up the cost for their pilgrims. Sometimes though, that's just not possible. We have a fund that is designated just for the purpose of paying the fees for pilgrims from FUMC. Unfortunately, we have exhausted that fund. If you could donate anything, it would be a huge blessing to a pilgrim.

Okay, this really is the last thing... Don't forget, if you've been on a walk, be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross on the first Sunday of each month during Worship Services.

De Colores,

Paul

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Attendance 2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
9:00 AM	97	107	108	98	89								499
10:45 AM	490	443	346	364	274								1917
Online	128	107	104	178	81								598
Ash Wed	n/a	57	n/a	n/a									57
Good Fri				35									35
<i>Sunrise 7a (Easter)</i>				500									
TOTAL	715	702	558	636	444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3106

Note: There is one worship service only in the summer.

Note: April 9th - 7:00 am Sunrise Service ~ not in attendance totals

Note: No 9:00 am Service on Easter Sunday

Giving for May 2023

Date	Amount	
7th	\$3,465.00	
14th	\$1,009.00	
21st	\$3,538.00	
28th	\$2,142.00	
Online	\$6,573.75	(thru 5.30.23)
Total	\$16,727.75	

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Hi Church Friends,

Can you believe it is June? This is my favorite time of year! Warm weather, sunshine, and my family and friends love to visit me in Rockport!

The Diabetic Education and Support Group continues to meet at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Recreation Room. This month we will meet on June 13th. Megan Glidden, Aransas County Extension Agent, will be bringing the education portion of the meeting by preparing diabetic friendly dishes. The group is really looking forward to seeing Megan. Please feel free to join us any time for more healthy eating and nutrition information.

The Health Ministry team will be having a special called meeting this month as we did not meet last month. We are working on an event to provide FREE haircuts to our ever-growing homeless population. So many times, these individuals simply need assistance for a few months to get back on their feet. For example, I had a client who was living in his car, showering at the beach, and unable to find employment. I was able to help him see a doctor, get back on his prescription medications, and in less than 4 months, he had housing and was the employee of the month at his new job. Thanks be to God!

I am looking forward to assisting with Backpacks and Blue Jeans this year! The date is set for August 5th.

Also, along with Maggie Allen, we have started a Seniorcize chair exercise class on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Education Rooms 13-14. This is a DVD led chair class that offers modifications for everyone. After the exercise portion of class, we are also watching short educational videos related to stroke, high blood pressure, etc. that have been well received. We have been having a great turn out and are having a lot of fun. I hope you can join us soon!

My practice continues to grow! I feel extremely blessed to be able to bless others! I had a total of 65 patient encounters for April and 89 encounters for May. I continue to see a great need for prescription assistance, gas cards, and always food and diapers. I spend a great deal of time assisting clients with navigating the healthcare system and finding affordable providers. I try to keep canned goods with pop tops in my office in case of an emergency and would appreciate any donations of those. Also, I would love to have mosquito spray and sunscreen to share.

Coming soon: Friends and Family CPR class. I will let you know more about this when I get everything finalized.

As always, I am 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.

Geralyn Matejcek
Wesley Health Nurse

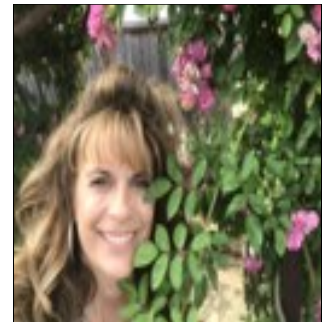
“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as ransom for many” Mark 10:45 NLT

Women in the Word Summer Speaker Series



Come join us on **June 7th**, 1-3PM when Rev. Heather Sims will join us once again to share the story of Samson with us. **Rev. Heather Sims**, is currently serving as the Lead Pastor at Cornerstone Global Methodist Church, in Houston Texas. Rev. Heather offers a personal interpretation of the life and lessons that the story of Samson has to offer us today. There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

Come join us on **June 21st**, from 1-3 PM when **Suzanne Olmon**, will share the story of Jonah with us. Suzanne is a Middle School Bible Instructor at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Sugar Land, Texas. She loves the opportunity to delve into the life of a person and/or Biblical story through Scripture, study, and prayer. This year, the focus will be on the mercy of the Father to turn our mess into a message! What happens when His will is not the same as our own: a choice to follow or flee is before us? There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.



Come join us on **July 12th** from 1-3PM when **Richard Hyde**, member of FUMC Rockport shares the Psalms with us. Richard is a Disciple Bible study leader and offers an insight to the Psalms. There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions please contact the church at 361-729-1659.

Women in the Word Summer Speaker Series



Come join us on **July 26th** from 1-3 PM for **Pastor Parker Zimmerman**, an Associate Pastor currently serving at University UMC of the Rio Texas Annual Conference in San Antonio. Parker is a preacher and leader who has a passion for the Gospel and is creative in his service to Christ. This year Parker will be speaking on Peter. Come join us as we learn more about Peter and his influence on our faith today. There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

Come join us on **August 9th** from 1-3pm when **Rev. Ross Talbert** will give us an overview of the book of Nehemiah and his powerful story of the rebuilding of ancient Jerusalem's walls after the exile. Ross is a retired local pastor, currently working part time at First UMC Missouri City with responsibility for Discipleship, Missions and Care Ministries. This is Ross' first time to join us for our summer series and we are excited to welcome him to Rockport. There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.



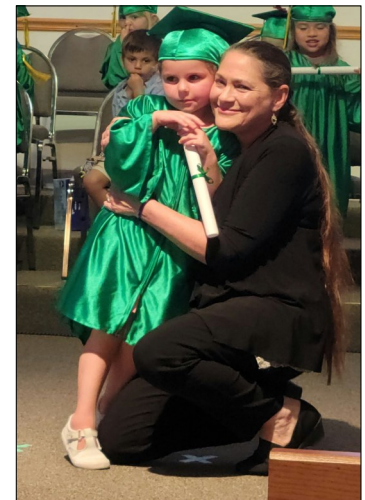
Come join us on **August 23rd** from 1-3pm when our new **Sr. Pastor, Melissa Lind**, will be sharing the story from the book of Daniel. This promises to be interesting and a great chance to get to know Pastor Mel a little better. Please come and meet her and hear the story of the book of Daniel. There is no charge for this opportunity and all are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 2 & 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

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First Learning Tree Graduation 2023



*"A Metaphor on
Metamorphosis"*
- all children -
From caterpillar to butterfly,
watch me wiggle from my egg.
Leg by leg by leg by leg . . .
Watch me munch leaves high and low,
and grow and grow and grow and grow . . .
Watch the chrysalis I create,
and wait and wait and wait and wait . . .
Watch me spread my new wings to dry,
and fly and fly and fly and fly . . .
Goodbye!



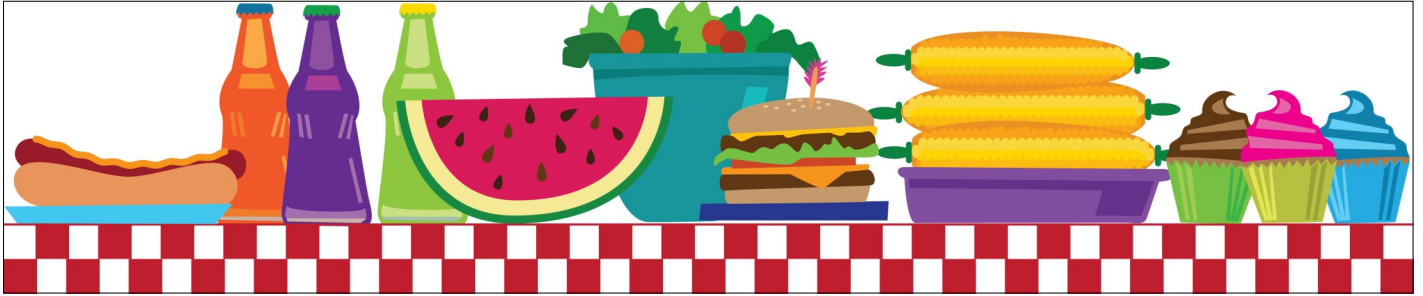
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"He's got the Whole World in his Hands"
- all children -
"He's got the Mommas and the Daddys in his hands ..."
"He's got the little bitty babies ..."
"He's got the grandmas and the grandpas ..."
"He's got the plants and the animals ..."



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Food Handler's Permit Course

Tuesday, June 20th—5:00 pm

\$5.00 (payable at the door or before class using the information below)

First Baptist Church, Rockport

To register by June 16th: 361.729.6382 or
churchladymaria@fbcrockport.net

Check your permit to see if it is expiring soon!

Finance Committee Information

Richard Hyde, Chairman

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. When we join the church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As a church we have an opportunity and an obligation to manage each of these. The Finance Committee wants to announce a **Stewardship Campaign** beginning later this summer, **August 20th**, and concluding on **Consecration Sunday, September 10th**. In this campaign we will celebrate the talents we have, learn how to better manage them and then how we can share those talents. I know that most associate a Stewardship campaign with money, and yes that is part of it, but if you really look at the five items the common denominator is time. Luke 12:34 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". Through this effort the hope is that we can all become better stewards of what God has given each of us.



Time, Talents & Treasure

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



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 is on Summer Break
until August

Be part of the ExErCiZe craze!

Yoga Class

Mondays—9:00 am
FH 2

Instructor: Maggie Allen

Seniorcize Exercise Class

Tuesdays—10:00 am
ED #13 & #14

Instructor: Maggie Allen
Bring small hand weights



Study Opportunities at FUMC-R

In person:

Cross Talk Sunday School Class
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:

6.05 Kathy Wilson
6.16 Barbara Day
6.21 Betsy Penshorn
6.22 James Teague
6.26 Melinda Poole
6.27 Drexel Riley
6.30 Arno Penshorn
6.30 Gary Stone

Anniversaries:

6.04 Danny & Gail Hanson
6.04 Tom & Barbara Serota
6.07 Bob & Lynne Ruf
6.11 Joe & Kathy Wilson
6.17 Bruce & Jerry Sanchez
6.25 Wayne & Judy Currie
6.29 Manning & Kimberly Chapman
6.29 Richard & Lucia Fisher
6.29 Coleman & Donette Street

A Sneak Peak at the United Methodist Church Lectionary for June

4th—Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

18th— Father's Day

Genesis 18:1-15
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

11th

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalms 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

25th

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June Dates to Remember

June 4th Wear your Emmaus Crosses to Church
June 11th Pastor Frank's Last Day + Potluck Lunch
 June 14th Flag Day
 June 18th Father's Day
June 28th John Wesley's Birthday (1703) - 320 years ago!

FUMC Rockport-June 2023

Giving for His Glory

APRIL 2023 FINANCE

Church

*Giving:	\$ 19,305.39
Castaway's:	\$ 10,000.00
Total Income:	\$ 29,305.39
Total Expenses	\$ 33,071.62
APR Net Income(Loss)	<u>-\$3,766.23</u>

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

First Learning Tree

Income/Tuition	\$67,583.95
Regular Expenses	\$90,602.03
Grant Applied	
Apr Net Income(Loss)	<u>-\$23,018.08</u>

Church & FLT Combined through April

Year-to-date Net Income(Loss) **-\$34,073.02**

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!

April 2023

Sales Total	\$ 17,540.74
Admin Fee to Castaways	<u>-\$ 2,075.28</u>
Total deposit to FUMC	<u>\$ 15,465.46</u>

These funds were distributed as follows:

\$10,000.00 to the FUMC General Fund
\$3,093.09 to the Castaways Volunteers Mission Fund
\$2,372.37 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	100.00
March	UMCOR Relief Fund	824.00
April	FUMC Rockport Emergency Assistance Fund	1,100.00
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—JUNE 2023

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



June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 • JUNE •		May His name endure forever, may it continue as long as the sun . Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. Psalm 72:17		FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club	FB Prayer Church Office Closed	
Wear Emmatus Crosses 4 Cross Talk SS New Sunday School Class Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	5 FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting	6 UMM FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize Community Table	7 FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band	8 FB Prayer Castaways Allegro Women's Club Disciple 4 Lions Club	9 FB Prayer Church Office Closed	10
Pastor Frank's Last Sunday 11 Cross Talk SS New Sunday School Class Traditional Worship +Potluck Luncheon Living Water Worship	12 FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting	13 FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize	Flag Day 14 FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band	15 FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club	16 FB Prayer Church Office Closed	17 Parsonage Make Ready Day
Father's Day 18 Cross Talk SS New Sunday School Class Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	19 FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting	20 FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize Community Table Food Handler's Class	21 FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band	22 FB Prayer Castaways Disciple 4 Lions Club	23 FB Prayer Church Office Closed	24
25 Cross Talk SS New Sunday School Class Traditional Worship Living Water Worship	26 FB Prayer Yoga Class Disciple 2 Staff Meeting	27 FB Prayer Prayer Team Seniorize	28 FB Prayer Castaways FLT Chapel Lively Bible Study Praise Band	29 FB Prayer Castaways CRGC Meeting Disciple 4	30 FB Prayer Church Office Closed	

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 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



Join us this summer as we study about God and worship Him in spirit and truth!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAYS:

- 9:15am Cross Talk - Adult Sunday School
- 10:45am Traditional Worship Service - Communion Monthly on First Sundays
- 6:00pm Living Water Worship (Spanish)

Serving the Rockport Community since 1870

- www.fumcrokport.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.

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



GIVING:

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



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WORSHIP SERVICES:

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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