

AUGUST 2023 Newsletter



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Well, we made it through July and a lot has been happening around FUMC Rockport!

I am amazed at just how busy we are at the church, as well as the presence FUMC has in the community of Rockport. Our community of faith truly has a servant's heart!

This month we will be wrapping up sermon series on "Love God, Love People" looking at how Jesus lived out and calls us to live out "The Greatest Commandment" to love God and love others as He loves us! As your pastor I am so proud to say I see so much love within our congregation. What a joy it is to walk beside all of you in ministry!

Looking ahead to our next sermon series we will begin the 2023 Stewardship Campaign called "Moving Forward with Trust." We will be looking at how we can better trust God with all aspects of our personal lives as well as our spiritual lives, with an emphasis on stewardship. I'm as so excited about this sermon series as it will help us to begin to dream, discern, and plan for the bright future God has instore for us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mel



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Music News



CHOIR HAS BEGUN!!

Rehearsals have begun for the Chancel choir. We will rehearse every Wednesday Evening at 7:00 – 8:00 in the Choir Room. The first time the choir will sing in Sunday Morning Worship will be September 3rd when we go back to having 2 Worship Services. For those that are interested, we will meet from 6:30 – 7:00 in the choir room to rehearse the Christmas Cantata. Come join us. At the first rehearsal all we did was listen to the entire cantata. I am providing CDs (or whatever format is best for you) of the individual parts. That really helps with learning the music.

If you'd like to come for either the Cantata or Choir, don't feel as if you need to make a reservation. Just come on in and join us. It's a great bunch of people and a lot of fun! Hope to see you there!

Coastal Bend Emmaus



Renewing Christian Disciples, Strengthening Local Churches

The Coastal Bend Emmaus has just concluded its Women's Walk to Emmaus. We are, however, already planning walks for next year. Now we only have tentative dates, but within a couple of weeks those dates should be firmed up.

MEN: The next Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for February. 1st - 4th. That is, in case you don't have your calendar in front of you, the week after the NFL Conference Championships and a week before the Superbowl.

WOMEN: The next walk is tentatively scheduled for Mid-June. The Lay Director for that walk is a schoolteacher, and wanted to make sure it was at a time that any teacher could come on the walk!

If you have never been on a walk to Emmaus, just talk to anyone that has ever been. It is an amazing weekend filled with learning, singing, worshiping, and eating! Surprisingly, there is no walking. You will make life-long friends over the course of the weekend. Most importantly, no matter where you are currently on your faith journey, you will strengthen your relationship with God.

For applications, please come see Paul in the choir room.



Women in the Word
Wednesday
Summer Speakers

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

August 9th Ross Talbert, Local Pastor, Missouri City United Methodist Church

August 23rd Melissa Lind, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Rockport

Contact Donna Hyde for more information at donna-hyde@att.net.



FALL SERIES

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Know God better through a study of His names. Join Women in the Word Bible study as we learn about God's character as revealed in His names; Elohim, Yahweh, El Shaddai and many more.

This six week study will meet on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall #1 at 1:00 pm beginning Sept. 20. Debbie Chapman will be leading the study. The cost is \$20, which includes the student workbook. This Bible study is open to all women. For more information or to order your workbook:

Contact Debbie Chapman at dcchapman52@gmail.com.

UNDIE SUNDAY

Thanks to all who participated in the Undie Sunday Mission Project! All donations and support bring God's love to so many who would otherwise struggle (or go without) when preparing for a new school year. The Backpacks & Bluejeans Event is sure to be a success!

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Attendance in Worship Services

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Total</u>
9:00 am	97	107	108	98	89	n/a	n/a	499
10:45 am	490	443	346	364	274	385	505	2807
Online	128	107	104	178	81	83	188	869
Ash Wed	n/a	57	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	57
Good Fri	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	35
Total	715	714	558	675	444	468	693	4267

Easter Sunrise Service Attendance: 500 (estimate)



Subscribe to the Church's Emails



If you wish to subscribe to the church's emails, such as What's Happening Next Week, general information or the monthly newsletters, please do the following:

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES—AUGUST

Birthdays:

Karen Lee Rystad—1
Virginia Felts—2
Danny Hale—3
Judy Goodner—4
Julie McKain—6
Summer Barre—7
Ramona Day—9
Richard Butler—12
Herb Sutter—13
Josie Tucker-King—13
Melissa Lind—14
Donette Street—15
DeAnna Laughlin—16
Evan Hamilton—18
Barbara Klemm—18
Monica Manwell—19

Penelope Macklin—20
Liam Simmons—21
Gail Baker—21
Kathy Norland—23
Karen Snyder—24
Jaby Tarkington—26
Marguerity Naiser—27
Joe Wilson—29
Mardell Diminguez—29
Dan Daniels—30
Logan Simmons—30
Abby Cruz—30
Bob Ruf—31
Sue Weir—31
Boden Klanica—31
Paul Klemm—31



Anniversaries:

2—Marguerite & Chuck Naiser
11—Doris & John Owens
13—Susan & Kevin Jamison
17—Judy & Ken Goodner
17—Judy & John Rainey
18—Shawn & Kevin Carruth
24—Lauren & Mike Nowotny
25—Georgia & Clyde Townsend
26—Valerie & Art Smith
30—Jana & Jay Tarkington

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 month, **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 5:30pm

Choir 6:30pm

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

Truth Seekers Sunday School

Class

Disciple 1

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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Giving for His Glory

APRIL 2023 FINANCE

Church

*Giving:	\$ 21,690.89
Castaway's:	\$ 10,000.00
Total Income:	\$ 31,690.89
Total Expenses	\$ 33,835.24
APR Net Income(Loss)	<u>-\$2,144.35</u>

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

First Learning Tree

Income/Tuition	\$104,817.64
Regular Expenses	\$95,507.73
Grant Applied	
Apr Net Income(Loss)	\$ 9,309.91

Church & FLT Combined through April

Year-to-date Net Income(Loss) -\$40,582.49

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	\$ 15,807.26
Admin Fee to Castaways	<u>-\$ 2,010.79</u>
Total deposit to FUMC	<u>\$ 13,796.47</u>

These funds were distributed as follows:

\$10,000.00 to the FUMC General Fund
\$2,759.30 to the Castaways Volunteers Mission Fund
\$1,037.17 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	140.00
June	Peace with Justice Sunday	140.00
July	Undie Sunday	3,175.05
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—AUGUST 2023

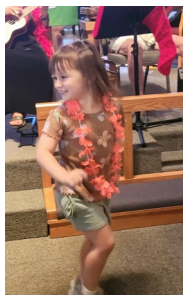
Benevolent Bucket is a special offering taken each month. The Benevolent Bucket this month is designated for the **Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans Food Pantry**. Please drop your donations into the baskets at the Altar or the Church Office any day this month. Thank you for blessing others!





First Learning Tree

School is starting, and we are so excited for a new year! This summer was so much fun, but we are ready for our new students to join our FLT family. We offer an accredited curriculum for our infants-Pre-K rooms that engages each age-group with his/her learning level. This year, our extra-curricular activities will include Chapel on Mondays with Mrs. Debbie Chapman and Pastor Lind, Spanish with Mrs. Ellie Saenz on Tuesdays, and Story Time with Mrs. Melodie Field on Thursdays. Stay tuned for information on our Pumpkin Patch, Fall Festival, and Trunk-or-Treat. We look forward to seeing you there.



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, SEPT 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



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

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service—Communion Every Sunday
- 9:15am Truth Seekers - Adult Sunday School
- 9:15am Cross Talk - Adult Sunday School
- 10:45am Traditional Worship Service - Communion Monthly



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- www.fumcrokport.org/worship
- Facebook: First United Methodist Church Rockport Tx
- Instagram: FUMCrockport

PRAYER:

- PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to www.fumcrokport.org/prayer

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

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

Mon: Disciple #1 with Maggie Allen, 10:00am starting September 18th

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 Mel, 4:30 pm, Bistro (Coming this Fall!!)

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

COME JOIN US!

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