

August 2026 Newsletter



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As most of you know I finished my required Course of Study in November through Perkins School of Theology. I was so grateful to have finished my studies and had not planned on attending graduation in August, but my daughter Karli was very upset with my decision not to attend graduation and bribed me into going by flying out to attend. Well, I would never give up the opportunity to see her so I will be attending my graduation from Course of Study at SMU on August 22nd celebrating with my daughter Karli and best friend Leanne.

As I reflect on the past few years of Course of Study I am reminded of a quote by St. Augustine "The Greatest good is wisdom." I very much enjoy learning but with my learning disabilities school has not always been enjoyable but through God, scripture and your support I found Course of Study to be a wonderful experience in many ways. Psalm 111:10 reminds me that through our Lord true wisdom is found "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise." My time in study has given me a great foundation as a pastor fostering a deeper love for learning, scripture and my call to ministry. I want to thank all of you for your love and support through this process as I continue to strengthen my role as your pastor. I have loved being a part of FUMC Rockport representing our church in Rockport.

As many of you know Paul is settling in well as the pastor in Palacios and I ask for your continued prayers for him and his call to ministry. He has some big shoes to fill and it is such a joy to be bringing Joshua Moses on as our new Worship Leader and Accompanist to fill those shoes. He is extremely talented and has so much to offer our congregations. I am so excited for you to meet him and get to know him! Please make a point to welcome Joshua with open arms taking the time to get to know this amazing young man.

Grace & Peace
Pastor Melissa Lind



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Welcome Joshua “Josh” Moses

Josh Moses is thrilled to join the team at FUMC Rockport as Music Director! Josh holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Harding University, where he studied voice, piano, conducting, and composition. His background includes serving as a church pianist and staff musician, directing successful school choir programs, and performing as a classical vocal soloist, conductor, and arranger.

Alongside his new role at the church, Josh also serves as the Director of Choirs for Sinton ISD. Josh and his wife, Ashli, are excited to plant roots in the community and look forward to getting to know everyone and serving through music!



Wesley Nurse

Stay tuned for updates in the September Newsletter!

Children's Book Drive

The Aransas County Retired Teachers Association collects children's books each year and give them, in their own book bags, to children in need. This is usually done in May, with the hope that they will read over the summer and enjoy having something of their very own. The need for these books has grown, so we are collecting books at various places around Rockport, in the hopes of having more books for more children.

Pastor Mel has agreed to let us hold a book drive in our church, so the book bin will be in the foyer around the middle of August. Please consider books that your children or grandchildren have or had that they no longer want and help us share them with children who have little.

More information?

Please text Maggie @ 775-781-1637. Thank you.





Anniversaries

John and Doris Owens, August 11th, 19 Years

Ken & Judy, August 17th, 63 Years

John and Judy Rainey, August 17th,



Birthdays

Karen Lee Rystad, August 1st

Virginia Felts, August 2nd

Don Duncan, August 4th

Judy Goodner, August 4th

Vicki Duncan, August 7th

Melissa Lind, August 14th

Barbara Klemm, August 18th

Tommy Tompkins, August 19th

Kathy Norland, August 23rd

Terry Spang, August 24th

Mardell Dominguez, August 29th

Dan Daniels, August 30th

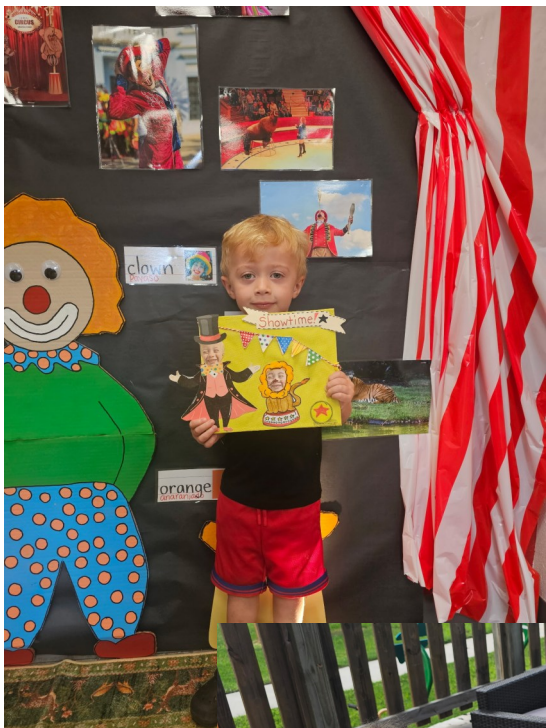
Paul Klemm, August 31st

First Learning Tree

As summer comes to an end, we want to reflect on all the fun we had. From luaus to rodeos, and dinosaur excursions to circus themes. It is safe to say our bucket was full. With the new school year quickly approaching, we want to send a blessing off to all of our students returning to ACISD. Some of our students are beginning their journey in elementary school, and we feel confident they will succeed above expectations. This is also a time to welcome new families to our program along with new journeys. This is going to be an exceptional school year!



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Hello Everyone:

It's been quiet with a lot of the kids away on vacation visiting family, but now it's that time again—Back to School! While the summer months were peaceful, we still enjoyed incredible times of fellowship and worship together as a church family. Now, our focus shifts to launching our youth into a fantastic new school year, which officially begins on Wednesday, August 12.

On Sunday, August 9th we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during the morning service. Please make sure you join us at church that Sunday so we can cover them in prayer and love for the new year!

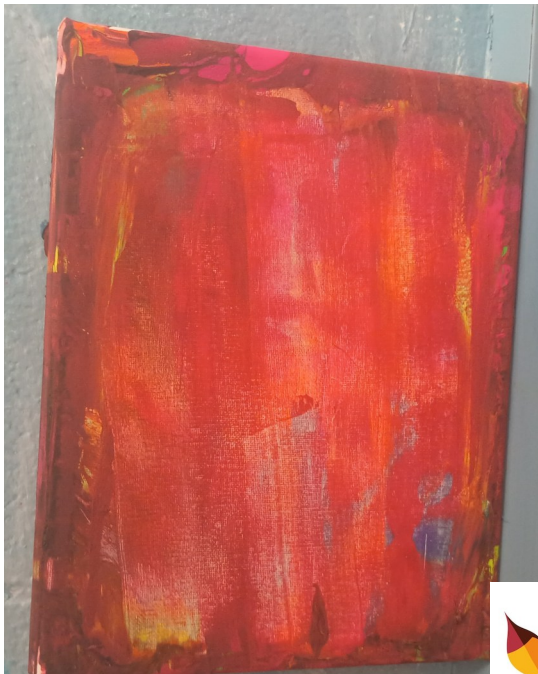
We will be planning a day out for our youth in Corpus Christi. We are looking for chaperons and volunteers.

The students are preparing their characters from the bible. If anyone would like to help me with costumes, please let me know. We appreciate all the ties you brought. Thank everyone for the wonderful support of our youth. Please know that it is greatly appreciated.

Valerie Goodrum
Children and Youth Ministries Director



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Castaways

Hi Church Family – Are you wondering how you can help at Castaways just a bit, but not make a huge commitment? Besides our Wednesday morning pricing session and all day store management on Thursdays, here are a few less strenuous ways you can help: Every Wednesday at 3:00 we stock the store with the things we priced during the week. It takes about an hour. Once a month at 3:15 we take our assigned area in the store and remove all the things that did not sell the previous month. This is usually the last working day of the month, but varies slightly, so let me know if this interests you and I will give you firm dates. It takes 1-1/2 hours. Every Thursday at 2:00 we start our recovery effort and leave the store neat for the next day's church in charge. Join us when you can. Thanks for your nice donations and support in so many ways.

Annette Hegen

VOLUNTEER

opportunities



Ever wonder if you could make more of a positive difference in our Rockport community? The answer is a resounding “yes.” Simply volunteer to help out with Community Table. All it takes is a food handler's license.

Kris Stumpf (210.268.6855) can answer all of your questions and even share a website where you can take the test on line.

Passing is guaranteed!





PRAYER TEAM

This team is dedicated to lifting up our church, congregation & community in prayer throughout the week. If you have a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or if you feel called to join this important ministry, you can find information on how to participate in our bulletin or on our website. We believe that united prayer can do amazing things, and we look forward to seeing how God works through this team.

For more information contact Doris Owens:

at 361-463-8666 or at rockportfumcprayerteam@gmail.com



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Small Group Study Opportunities



In person:

Sunday

Cross Talk on hold until mid August
Truth Seekers
Children & Youth



FREE Community Exercise Class

Zumba Gold & Seniorcise: Standing or Seated

Take back control of your health & improve your life through exercise. DVD led class with modifications for every fitness level. These exercises can be done seated or standing. These classes will help you develop strength, enhance your ability to function in daily life, improve your balance, lose weight, boost your energy & metabolism. They can even help you play more with your grandchildren! Strengthen your body & mind to help you enjoy a life of independence!



Zumba Gold 8:00 am, Monday
& 10:00 am Wednesday

Seniorcise Classes are at 10:00
am, on Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday.

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**Every Tuesday at
11:00 am in the
Bistro**

**We play card games,
board games &
Mahjong !**

**If you have a favorite
game bring it!**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS:

9:30 am Small Group Studies

10:45am Together in Spirit - Communion on the First Sunday of the month

6:00 pm Living Water Worship (Spanish)

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- Instagram: FUMCrockport

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PRAYER:

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to:

rockportfumcprayerteam@gmail.com

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

Sun: Cross Talk, ON HOLD UNTIL MID AUGUST

Truth Seekers 9:30 am, Conf. Room

GIVING

- Give online at fumcrookport.org/give
- Mail to PO Box 1045, Rockport TX 78382



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY AUGUST 17TH

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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