

June 2026 Newsletter



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What a joy it is to host VBS this summer. I want to thank Valarie for taking the initiative in hosting VBS with all the planning and preparation that goes along with this program. I would also like to thank all our volunteers that stepped up to help with VBS, from making decorations, helping with food and volunteering the week of this event. Valerie could not have done this without all of you!

It has been such a joy to see our seniors graduate this year. This is the first group of graduates I have had as your pastor. I pray that William, Caleb, and Quentin all step into the amazing plans God has for them!

I came across this scripture the other day and it reminded me that every day we ought to renew our purpose. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind" Romans 12:2. So why do we need to renew our purpose every day?

Well as we look around at all the changes we are seeing within our congregation as well as what is happening in the world renewal of mind and purpose is something that can keep us grounded and focused on the will God has for us as individuals and a collective. Change and challenges are inevitable and without a renewed sense of being, that focuses on the true will of God we can find ourselves frustrated, lost, or even angry at ourselves, our loved ones or the world around us. There are so many things we do not have control over, but what we do have control over is ourselves and this is why renewal of our mind and purpose is so important, because through renewal we can center ourselves and find peace in uncertainty.

I find three renewing practices to be vital in my daily life; meditation, prayer and reading scripture. Through meditation I find a mind-body practice that involves focusing or clearing my mind and body so that I can be open to God's words through scripture and prayer. It helps me to relax and opens me up to awareness, reflective thinking, mental clarity, emotional calmness and stability. I want to be at my best to receive all God has to say to me in prayer and scripture.

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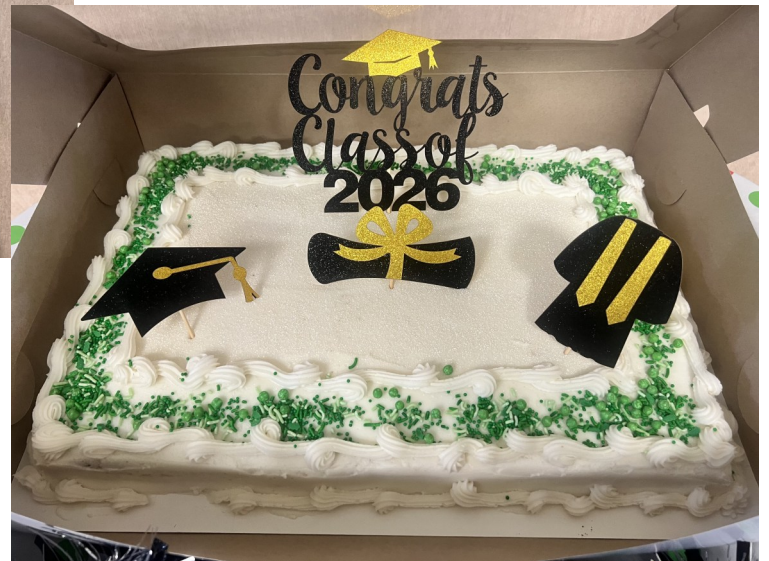
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Pam Jaschke Administrative Assistant x2576
Madaline Brown, First Learning Tree Director.....x2584
Geraldyn Matejcek, Wesley Health Nurse.....x2578
Valerie Goodrum, Director of Children & Youth.....x2579

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Scripture is such a powerful channel for receiving the living Word of God. So, whether I am reading a devotional, theological study or just sitting down with the Bible, I can always find a renewed sense of power and movement of God which helps me to move into a deeper conversation with Christ. Through this conversation and prayer God opens my mind with a redemptive power of healing, safety, hope and promise. As we open ourselves up to a conversation with God we are opening up ourselves to a relationship with God and it is through this relationship we will find the deepest renewal of mind, body and soul.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Melissa Lind



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Anniversaries

Tom & Barbara Serota June 4th 59 Years
Tommy and Golda Tompkins, June 7th , 51 Years
Bill and Carolyn Neal, June 17th, 65 Years



Birthdays

Madaline Brown, June 8th
Karen Wiest, June 9th
Barbara Helbling, June 10th
Caleb Brock, June 18th
Janet Farrier, June 22nd
Ann Murrah, June 25th
Maggie Allen, June 29th

First Learning Tree

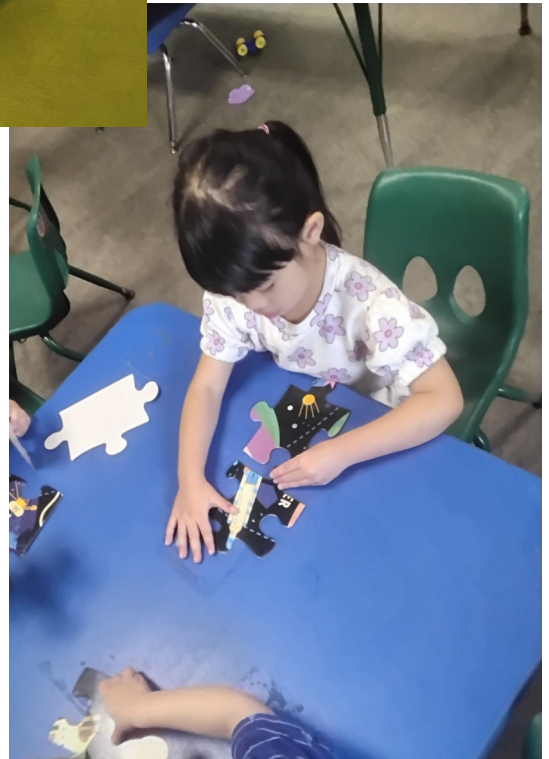
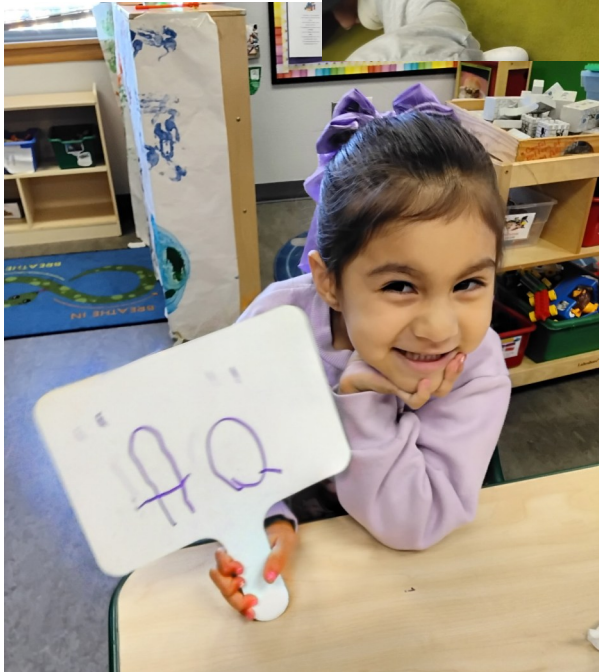
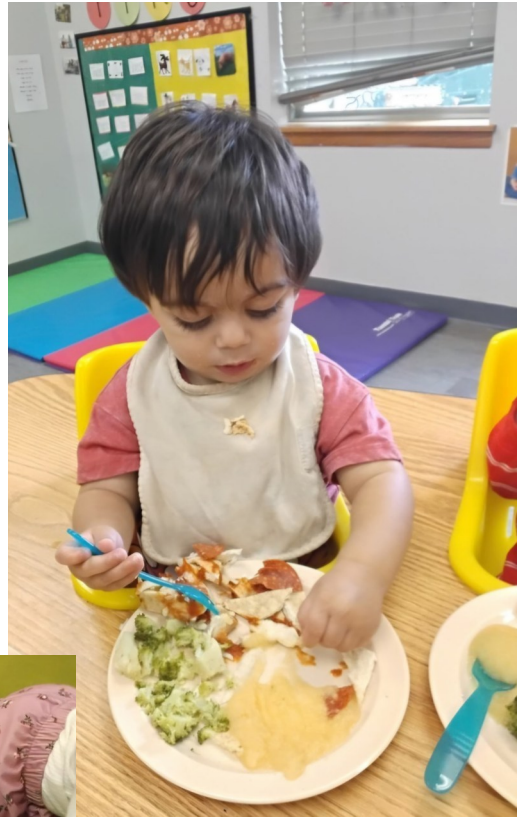
As we close out the school year and get ready for summer, we are filled with gratitude for an amazing year.

There are so many things we accomplished from "Community Helper Week" to our annual "St. Jude Trike-a-Thon." We learned ABC's in English and Spanish. We can count to 20 and 100. Our Pledge of Allegiances are well-versed and used every day. Chapel was consistent and Pastor Mel taught us about the love of Jesus Christ. While the school year was a blast, we are looking forward to a relaxing summer filled with fun.

Happy summer everyone!



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FIRST LEARNING TREE



Music News



As many of you know, we have been blessed these past several months by the gifts of Lynn Soeby, who graciously filled in as our accompanist. Lynn has now returned home to the Dakotas for the summer, but plans to return to the Rockport area this fall. We are deeply grateful for her willingness to share her talents with us and help lead us in worship during this season of transition.

At the same time, the church continues its search for a Music Director and/or accompanist. We have received a couple of applications already and are continuing to pray for God's guidance in this process. Finding the right person for ministry is important, and we trust that, in God's timing, the right doors will open.

Seasons like this remind us that ministry is never about just one person. It is about the faithfulness of a church family willing to step forward, adapt, encourage one another, and continue the work God has placed before us. Even in quieter seasons, God is still at work among us.

Thank you for your patience, your prayers, and your continued support of the music ministry of our church. Please continue praying for wisdom and discernment as the search continues.



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The Coastal Bend Walk to Emmaus community is preparing for several upcoming Walks in 2026, and now is a wonderful time to begin praying for the pilgrims, team members, and lay directors who will help make these weekends meaningful experiences of faith and renewal.

The upcoming Walks include:

Women's Walk — June 25th–28th, 2026

Lay Director: Agnes Flores

Men's Walk — August 6th–9th, 2026

Lay Director: Shane Beckwith

Women's Walk — September 24th–27th, 2026

Lay Director: Priscilla Arce

Applications for both Pilgrims and Team Members are available online at:
www.coastalbendemmaus.org

The Prayer Vigil sign-up is also now open for Women's Walk #2022. One of the most powerful aspects of the Walk to Emmaus is knowing that every moment of the weekend is surrounded in prayer. Volunteers commit to specific prayer times throughout the Walk, lifting up both the pilgrims and team members as God works in their lives.

If you would like to participate in the Prayer Vigil, you may sign up at:

<https://prayervigils.net/vigils/194>

As always, your prayers, encouragement, and support are an important part of the Emmaus ministry. And if you are hoping to secure one of those famous late-night prayer slots, don't wait too long!

Castaways

Castaways is blessed to have two new volunteers this month. We're sure the guys will fit right in at receiving donations or working in the store. Summers are full of vacations and other family obligations so we will be a little bit shorthanded. Please join us when you can. Two hours a week would be most helpful. Thank you for all your support and dedication in donating your gently used goods for us to price and put in the store for the community to enjoy. Besides our regular amount for the Church, we were able to send a nice donation to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Annette Hegen 361-790-62177

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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PRAY



Wesley Nurse News Flash

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I am continuing to see many patients each month for different needs. I had 68 patient encounters in April and so far have 70 for May. 65 patient encounters are the expectation each month.

I attended Wesley Nurse Forum in May. Our education focus was geared toward Alzheimers and Dementia, Human Trafficking, and Nursing Ethics. We earned continuing education hours, ate good food, and spent time with the Wesley Nurses from all over Texas. I attend twice a year and always enjoy being with the other nurses and learning from them.

We continue to have a lot of fun in our Seniorcise and Zumba Gold classes. As always, there are modifications for every fitness level, and we would love you all to join us soon.

Zumba Gold Mondays 8 AM for the early birds and Wednesdays at 10 am



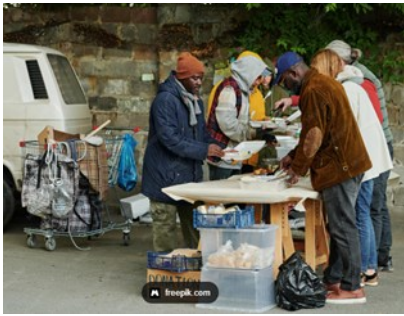
Seniorcise Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am-11 am.



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1ST ANNUAL CLEAN SWEEP Project Due to the success of the Clean Sweep project and the need for more supplies. I partnered with Keller Williams Real Estate agency and was the beneficiary of their Red Day event. Keller Williams donated many cleaning items and funds to purchase more supplies. I am hoping to serve at least 40 more families. We will be purchasing more supplies next week and the plan is to distribute them at New Beginning's Church's food pantry on June 5th at 10:00 am. **Volunteers are needed** to assist with distribution. Please let me know if you are available.



WN Food Pantry & Closet Our emergency food pantry and closet serves many individuals each month. We keep a few bags of non-perishable food items in the front closet in the narthex for individuals who may come to the church on Sunday seeking food. Frozen dinners, burritos, etc. are always needed and they are kept in the small chest type deep freeze in the kitchen. Many individuals enjoy a hot meal, a cup of coffee, and the love of Jesus. They feel welcomed and gain a sense of belonging to the church family. Please consider adding a few items to your grocery shopping and dropping them by the church. **Thank you** to everyone who donates and continues to support this ministry of the church. The food pantry is used only when Good Samaritan's is closed.

Special request for June: Generic protein shakes, small waters, tunafish, canned meats, mosquito spray. Thank you Jesus for the rain!

The **Diabetic Education and Support Group** continues to meet at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Recreation Room. We had 8 individuals attend the meeting in May. Our next meeting is **June 9th at 12:00 noon** in the Recreation Room.

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Thank you to everyone who recently donated new and used bicycles. So far in May, I have been able to share bicycles with 3 individuals. These bicycles are given to individuals who need transportation getting back and forth to work, grocery shopping, etc. If you have a bicycle that needs to be picked up from your home, please let me know and I will send the bicycle angels to pick it up!



Coming in June:

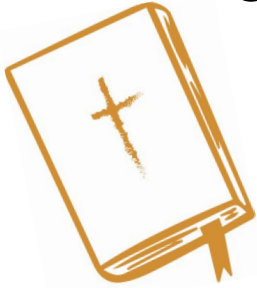
Dementia/Alzheimer's Community Forum education class

Thank you all so much for your continued support, donations, and prayers. They are appreciated more than you know. Please feel free to call or text me anytime at **210-455-1409**. My door is always open, and God bless you all, Geralyn

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

“Serving Humanity to Honor God”

Small Group Study Opportunities



In person:
Sunday
Cross Talk
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 cards and board
games!**

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

**Friday at 12:00 pm
Mahjong in the Bistro**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS:

- 9:15 am & 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)

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

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PRAYER:

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to:

rockportfumcprayerteam@gmail.com

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

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

Truth Seekers 9:30 am, Conf. Room

GIVING

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



For the latest updates, check our website at fumcrookport.org

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WEDNESDAY JUNE 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

Hello June



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