

May 2026 Newsletter



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Thank you for joining me on the Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously initiative! We will be closing this six-week worship series on Sunday, May 17th with the “Miracle Sunday Campaign” as we take up a special offering in collaboration with the 30,000 United Methodist Churches around the world, as a global effort to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. We will continue to receive offerings for this initiative throughout the month of May through our May Benevolent Bucket.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our dear worship leader Paul Klemm! Reverend Paul Klemm will begin serving First United Methodist Church of Palacios this coming July. We will miss his dedication and devotion to FUMC Rockport but know that God has amazing plans for Paul and Sandy as they embark on this Spirit lead journey! What does this mean for us? Well, we are in need of a new Music Director. The SPRC is already at work looking for candidates that may be able to fill this very important role within our church. Paul has done such an amazing job for us, and he will be very hard to replace, but I know God has just the right person that will help us with all our musical and worship needs. I ask you to pray and keep your ears and eyes open for a potential candidate. We are hoping to find someone with a strong choir and contemporary musical background. Also, please mark your calendar for June 21st, this will be Paul’s last day with us, and we will be sending him off with all the love and care FUMC Rockport is known so well for.

I would like to thank Janet Erm for taking on the role of Events and Hospitality Coordinator! We are grateful for her willingness to serve and look forward to the warmth and care she brings to our gatherings. If you would like to schedule an event or have questions, please email her at fumevents@aol.com. In this role she will not only oversee all our potlucks, but will help with funerals, weddings, and other special events held here at the church.

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As we are getting ready to start a busy summer with family visits and summertime activities we will be celebrating with a potluck on May 24. May does have 5 Sundays and we chose to celebrate Pentecost and the birth of the church for our 5th Sunday gathering. Yes, I know it's the fourth Sunday but what a great way to celebrate the birth of the church together! The theme of this potluck is "Let's have a Barbecue!" so bring you favorite barbecue or summer side dish. As scripture tells us "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Melissa Lind



FUMC Foundation Scholarship Awards
Quentin Check & William Johnson



Hello Everyone

The youth group would like to thank everyone for their donations. The easter eggs, sheets, helium, food. We greatly appreciate them all. We are looking for crowns, costumes or items for our upcoming skits. The children have all chosen characters from the bible, now we begin making costumes. If anyone would like to help with sewing, ironing etc. please let me know.

We are planning our VBS for the first of June. I am in need of volunteers. Please contact myself or Pastor if you can help me out.

The children are really enjoying learning about God and his love for us. Thank you everyone for all your support and uplifting.

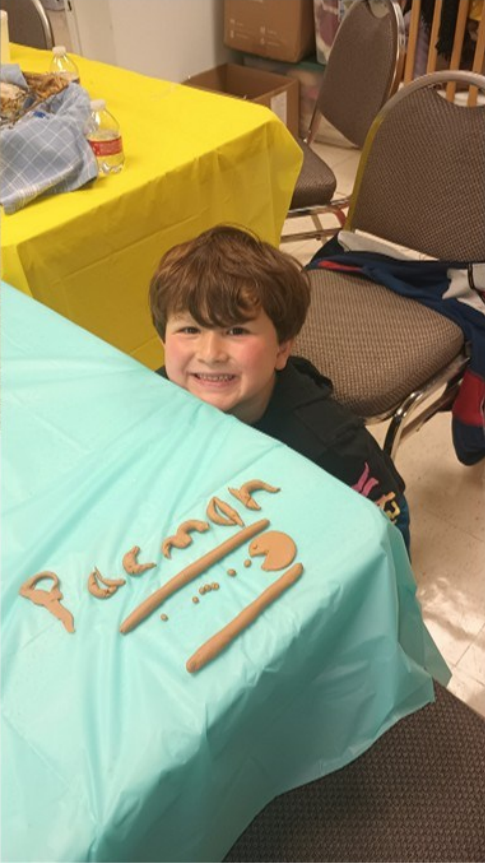
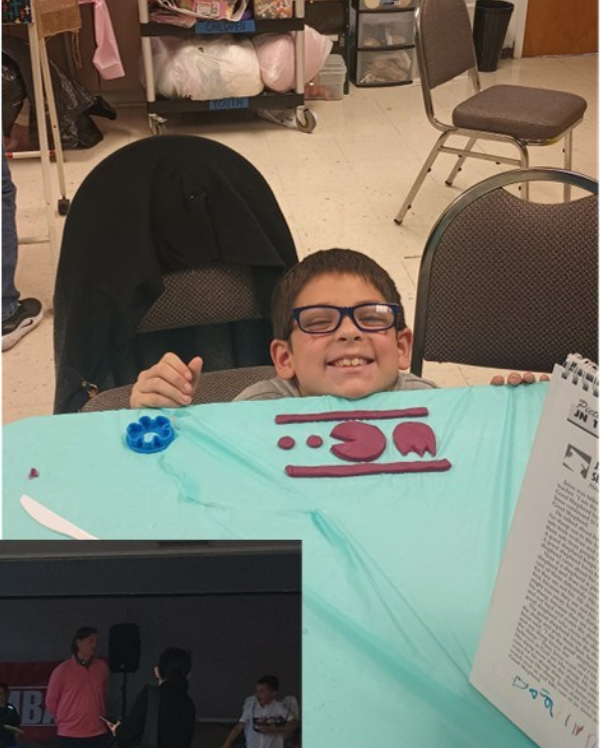
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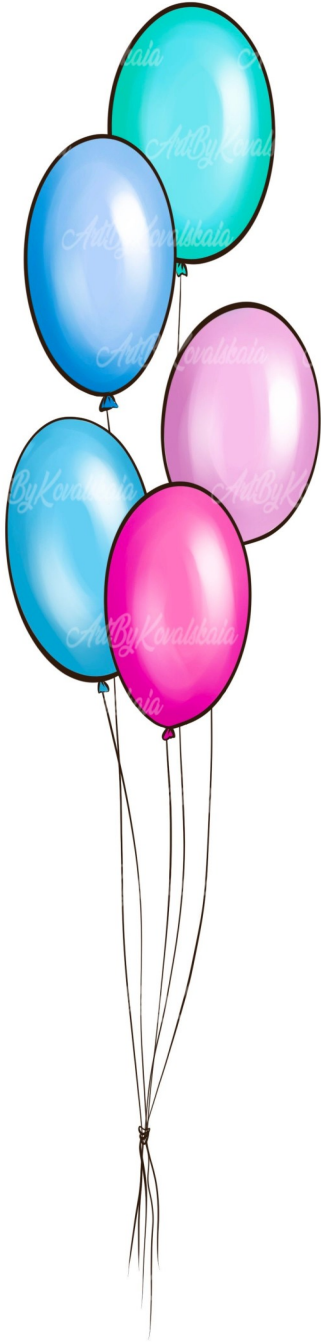
Anniversaries

Wayne & Vicki Caraway
May 15, 2025
1 Year



Birthdays

Janet Erm - May 1st
Steve Brock - May 16th
Wyston Harmon - May 13th
Harry Addison - May 18th
Rob Coe - May 19th
Tony Jaschke - May 22nd
Emi Norland - May 22nd
Jessica Sergrant - May 26th



First Learning Tree

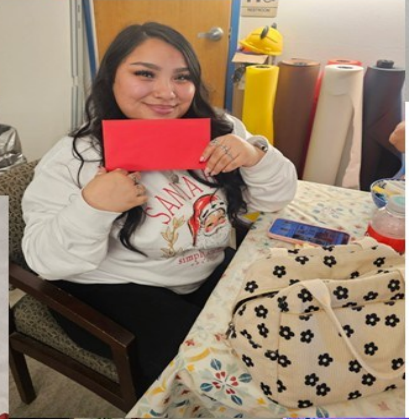
We typically connect November as the month of giving thanks, but May is another time of the year to give gratitude to all the wonderful people that make our school great. First, we celebrate our amazing kitchen manager Ms. Amanda. She makes three meals a day for our students, and always wears a smile. When the classes hear her food cart coming, they eagerly sit at the table for her comforting meals. May is also "Teacher Appreciation" where teachers are celebrated nationally for their dedication to children. This team is what makes our school function with quality. Please send a note of gratitude to our dedicated staff. Furthermore, please extend a "congratulations" to our Wobbler teacher Ms. Kim for completing her CDA classes over eight months. We are beyond proud of her.

Finally, please send a large "congratulations" to our graduates as they leave us to go to kindergarten. They are advanced and ready for this next chapter, and we are going to miss them.
"We grow to learn, we learn to grow!"



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Teacher Appreciation



FIRST LEARNING TREE

Color Powder Throw for
Week of the
Young Children



Special Message from Paul

By now, most of you have heard that I have been appointed by our Bishop to serve as the Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Palacios, effective July 1. That means my final Sunday with you here in Rockport will be June 21.

There will be time in the weeks ahead for proper goodbyes, but I don't want to wait to say this: Sandy and I are going to miss you deeply. This church has been more than a place of worship for us—it has been home. For me, it has felt that way for the last 25 years. Leaving feels, in many ways, like stepping away from family. At the same time, we trust that God is already preparing a new church family for us in Palacios.

The good news is that Palacios isn't far—just a straight drive up Highway 35. I truly hope you'll come visit. It would mean a lot to see familiar faces and stay connected in the months and years ahead.

Thank you for the love, encouragement, and support you've shown Sandy and me. I am especially grateful for the way you have supported my education and calling—your generosity has meant more than I can put into words.

We still have some time together, and I want us to make the most of it. Let's finish strong, celebrate what God has done, and look ahead with hope for what He will continue to do in each of our lives.

With love and gratitude,
Paul



Music News



I want to begin by saying thank you to everyone who attended our Maundy Thursday service and supported the choir. Last month, I wrote about the upcoming cantata with anticipation—now I have the privilege of reflecting on it with deep gratitude.

The response has been incredibly meaningful. I've received so many kind words, and I truly appreciate each one. More importantly, I could not be more proud of our choir. Their dedication, preparation, and heart for ministry were evident in every note. They helped shape a Maundy Thursday service that I will personally carry with me for a long time.

As we look ahead, we have begun an active and prayerful search for a new Director of Music Ministries, as well as an accompanist. We are grateful for the time we've had with Lynn, and while we will certainly miss her, we wish her all the best as she returns home to South Dakota on June 1.

If you—or someone you know—might feel called to either of these roles, I encourage you to reach out to the church. These are important positions that will help continue the strong tradition of music and worship we've built together.

Thank you again for your continued support of our music ministry.

Paul Klemm
Director of Music Ministries



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The Walk to Emmaus is currently seeking pilgrims, and two upcoming weekends are beginning to take shape. A Women’s Walk is scheduled for June 25–28, and a Men’s Walk will follow on August 6–9.

I’ve shared this before, but it’s worth repeating: The Walk to Emmaus is not a physical journey—it’s a spiritual one. It is rooted in Luke 24:13–35, where the risen Christ walks alongside two travelers on the road to Emmaus. Along the way, He speaks with them, teaches them, and ultimately reveals Himself in a way that transforms their understanding. Our modern Walk to Emmaus follows that same pattern. Over the course of 72 hours, participants are invited into a meaningful experience of worship, teaching, reflection, and community. Together, we explore themes like grace, discipleship, and spiritual growth, all with the goal of helping you recognize Christ’s presence more clearly in your daily life.

I recommend this experience without hesitation. If you—or someone you know—might be interested in participating, I encourage you to reach out. You can speak with me or Pastor Nadine; we would be glad to share more and help you with an application.

Women’s Walk #2022

June 25–28, 2026

Lay Director: Agnes Flores

Men’s Walk #2023

August 6–9, 2026

Lay Director: Shane Beckwith

Women’s Walk #2024

September 24–27, 2026

Lay Director: Priscilla Arce

Applications to become a Pilgrim (or if you’ve already been on a walk, Team Members) are now available. If you have been considering attending a Walk—or sponsoring someone else—this is a great opportunity to take that next step.

For more details, registration, and applications, please

visit www.coastalbendemmaus.org.

Castaways

Hello Church Family- We have been working diligently for the church and are hoping to see some of you soon to help out. Thank you for your donations from the "Forty Days-Forty Items" project. Some very nice items were priced and put into the store for access to the community. Please keep them coming. We could really use some furniture, jewelry and nice doo dads to round out our offerings. Many volunteers from other churches are at Castaways everyday processing donations for their church to sell. We are there, too. Let me know when you have a little extra time and I will meet you there. April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and the Castaways treated themselves to a pat on the back lunch. Fun! Annette Hegen 790-6217



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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LET US
PRAY



Wesley Nurse News Flash

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I am continuing to see many patients each month for different needs. I had 72 patient encounters in March. So far for April, I have had 68 patient encounters. 65 patient encounters are the expectation each month.

I am **out of the office** until May 4th for my semi-annual conference in San Antonio. Please keep all the Wesley Nurses and Counselors in prayer as we travel.

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 for 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!

Our 1st annual Clean Sweep 2026 project was amazing, and we could not have done it without the church's support. **WOW!** You guys went above and beyond! We were able to bless 17 families, and you cannot imagine the joy it brought. The families are extremely thankful. **Thank you Church!**

This event was so successful that it is being extended with the help of Keller Williams Real Estate Red Day project. K-W will be collecting money and supplies, and we will distribute them at Good Samaritan's and St. Vincent de Paul to more deserving families.



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. 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 April: Generic protein shakes, peanut butter, jelly, small waters, peanut butter/cheese crackers, deodorant for men and women.

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 6 individuals attend the meeting in April. Our next meeting is **May 12th at 12:00 noon** in the Recreation Room.

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Thank you to everyone who recently donated new and used bicycles. Last month the waiting list was fulfilled. **This month, we have 2 individuals needing bicycles.** You cannot imagine how life changing this gift can be. These bicycles are given to individuals who need transportation getting back and forth to work, grocery shopping, etc. If you have a gently used bicycle, William, Kenny, & Caleb, have graciously agreed to assist with repairing the bikes. 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 Soon:

Dementia/Alzheimer's Community Forum education class
Steppin On fall prevention class

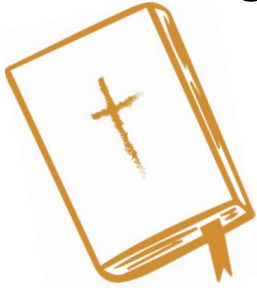
Thank you all so much for your continued support, donations, and prayers. They are appreciated more than you know. Please feel free to call or text me anytime at **210-455-1409**. My door is always open, and God bless you all, Geryl

"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!**



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
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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, 9:15 am, Rec Room

Truth Seekers 9:30 am, Conf. Room

Mon: Christian Believer, 10:00 am, Library

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


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JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY MAY 18TH

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



May 17, 2026

Miracle Sunday!

Support the Endowment
for Theological Education
Outside the United States!

Love Boldly


by helping people answer the call to ministry.

Serve Joyfully

by contributing to the worldwide connection.

Lead Courageously

by lifting up a new generation of pastors.



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