

November 2025 Newsletter



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It's hard to believe November is here and 2026 is just around the corner. I think November is my favorite month, the weather gets a little cooler, football is underway, and of course Thanksgiving with all the wonderful food! Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday; it's a time to be with family and friends reconnecting and reflecting on all the blessings of the past year.

As I reflect on the past year, there is so much to be grateful for! I am so thankful for all of you, for the community of Rockport and the opportunity to serve FUMC Rockport. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love in October for pastor appreciation, Thank you so much for your continued support and love. First United Methodist of Rockport is truly a special place.

I also want to thank you for the help with members of our community. In the month of October, you helped so many people with food, health, and housing. You are making a difference in God's kingdom one family at a time, changing lives and loving your neighbor.

This year's Stewardship campaign is another blessing to be thankful for. As a church we had wonderful participation in the campaign reiterating the support you have for the work of our congregation's mission outreach, worship, and education. God is at work through everyone here at the church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Melissa Lind



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Birthdays

Kathy Daniels - November 5th
Dustin Barre - November 7th
Betsy Pfister - November 11th
Sandy Klemm - November 23rd
Doris Owens - November 28th

Anniversaries

Carl & Jane Lechittner - November 8th
9 Years
Steve & Michelle Brock - November 11th
8 Years
John & Ginger Gay - November 12th
20 Years

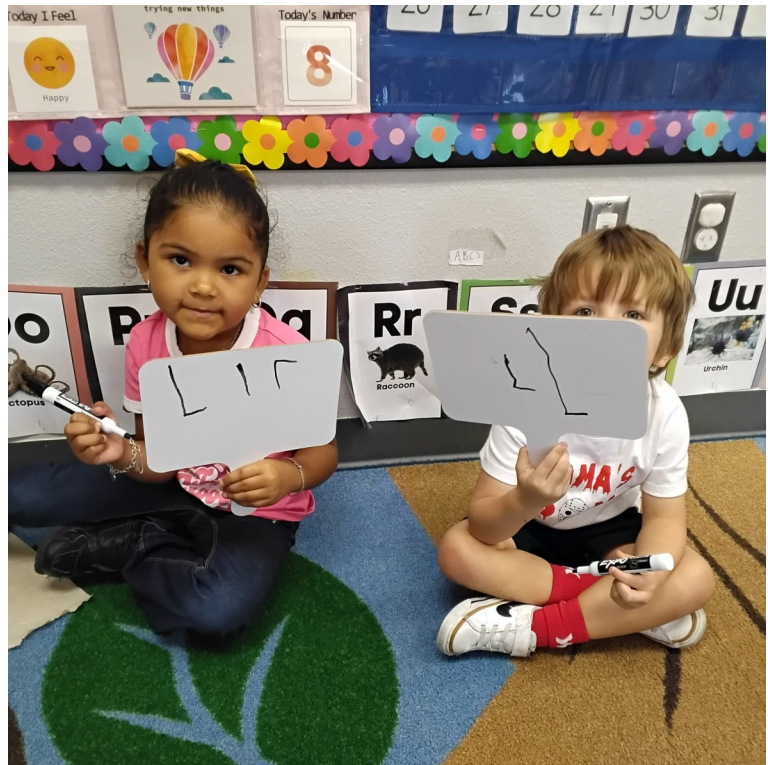
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We are midway into the holiday season and have no plans of slowing down. Kicking off our season of thankfulness, we are going to have our annual "Tom Turkey" contest when families have to disguise Tom the Turkey so he does not become dinner for Thanksgiving. This is our favorite contest all year, and we hope you vote for your favorite turkey. To celebrate our parents that helped with our fall fundraiser, we are hosting a "Glow Pajama-Jam" party one evening. Those parents will drop their children off with us for a free evening of childcare. November 11th is Veteran's Day, and we want to thank all of our veterans for your service. Continuing the fun, we will have "Movie and Pajama Day" by watching "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and serving some fun snacks. Our annual Thanksgiving lunch will be on November 21st, and we would love to have some volunteers assist us in the kitchen and fellowship area. It is a great opportunity to connect with our families. Finally, we will be closed November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving, and want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving from First Learning Tree.



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Music News



Last month we said goodbye to our accompanist, Paul Villarreal. Paul accepted a position at FUMC Portland as the Praise Team Leader. This has left music in an odd spot... For the time being, at least, during Worship Services, I am letting the choir fill in those spots that the piano used to.

That being said, I really would like to find an accompanist. Please keep your eyes and ears open for anyone that might be able to take on that role.

Our band has really grown in the past few weeks. You may notice that we have several new guitars and singers. If you are interested in joining the band, you're welcome. We can always use a few more. Particularly instrumentalists!

Beginning November 23rd, we will go back to 2 services on Sunday mornings. I especially need some people that are willing to participate in music for that service.

After several setbacks, the choir is almost ready to present our Christmas Cantata, "Silent Night" by Craig Adams. This Cantata is full of old familiar Christmas Songs as well as a couple new ones! The date will be announced soon. You'll want to make a point of being present when the choir presents this one.



2025 has been an incredibly successful year for Coastal Bend Emmaus. We held 4 Walks, 2 men's and 2 women's, and had nearly record numbers of pilgrims!

2026 is going to be just as ambitious. Once again, we have 4 walks (2 men's and 2 women's) scheduled. They are:

Men's Walk #2021 January 29th - February 1st, 2026 / Lay Director-Tim Miller

Women's Walk #2022 June 25th - 28th, 2026 / Lay Director-Agnes Flores

Men's Walk #2023 August 6th - 9th, 2026 / Lay Director-Shane Beckwith

Women's Walk # 2024 dates to be announced soon/Lay Director-Pricilla Arce

If you know of anyone that has not been on a Walk to Emmaus, now is the time to get them registered for an upcoming walk!

We have a Men's Reunion Group that meets at 6:30am at Rosita's every Wednesday. If you're interested in joining us, come on by,

Nadine Graham is working on forming a Women's Reunion group. If you would like to know more about that, talk to Nadine.

De Colores,
Paul Klemm

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Children & Youth Time
Join us every Wednesday
4:30 pm Youth Gathering
5:30 pm Children's Gathering

The air is starting to change as we move into the holiday season. We had a breezy TRUNK OR TREAT with the First Learning Tree. It was fun seeing the costumes in action.

Our Halloween in the District got off to a rocky start but finished really well. We had goody bags for the children as well as pumpkin decorating. The hydro-dipping was the favorite. The bible's oldest man Methuselah dropped in for a visit. It was fun. I'm already looking forward to next year.

We would like to welcome Abrielle and Alexander to our youth. They are our newest additions. The group wants to start working on the props for Jonah and the Whale. If anyone would like to help with this project we would love the help.

As of now we have not found a basketball goal for the youth. If anyone knows of one, please let us know.

Thank you to everyone for the help and support that makes this youth group possible. As we ready for the holidays, let's remember to Gather with thankful hearts.

God Bless

Youth Director, Valerie Goodrum

Children and Youth Ministries Director

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Castaways News

Meet your FUMC Castaways volunteers and consider joining us processing donations and managing the store: Karen Lee Rystad, Paula Barre, Connie Ott, Jeanne Coe, Rob Coe, Ellie Saenz, Ray Saenz, Annette Hegen, Ed Hegen, Pastor Mel Lind, Kathy Daniels, Vicki Caraway, Wayne Caraway, Janet Erm, Donald Erm, Maggie Allen, Jackie Riley, Carita Gould, JC Morton, Annette Maston, Arthur Foss, and our fabulous winter volunteers Sheryl Quick, John Jeffries, Marcia Bronson, and Tee Hutchins. We also have fabulous volunteers not affiliated with our church: Diana Solis, Claudia Bateman, Betty Bullock, Sheila Hunt, Debbie Chapman, and Shirley Krajewski. Currently, we are having a busy Fall season and are gearing up for Christmas. During the year we price holiday items so they are ready to sell after Thanksgiving. There are about 60 large boxes of priced Christmas items ready to stock in the store. Our greatest need is for another gentleman to help manage the back donation door on Thursday morning and a few more ladies to price clothing, toys and knick knacks on Wednesday morning or anytime on Thursday. Please help us help the Church. Thank you, Annette Hegen

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. Joyce Palmer (512.716.9973) and 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



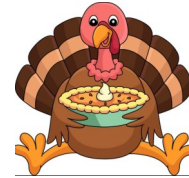
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Hi Church Family,

Welcome November! I can't believe how fast the year has flown by. I love this Fall weather!

I am continuing to see many patients each month. Thank you to the church staff, volunteers, & church members for your help and support. I had a total of 75 encounters in October.

First Learning Tree has partnered with me again for the Thanksgiving Blessing Bags food drive. Last year we were able to bless 38 families with not only a turkey but all the ingredients to prepare their entire meal. This year we are planning to bless 30 families! Please let me know if you would like to participate.



Can you donate a turkey/turkey breast?

Please click on this link to donate a turkey or to help with other items.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094DA4A729A6FC1-60065265-blessing#/>

Our emergency food pantry has served many individuals this month and the shelves look bare; we can always use the following items. Pop top soups, canned meats, canned beans, crackers, and bottled waters. Frozen TV dinners are always needed. Thank you all who donated and continue to support this ministry of the church. The food pantry is used only when Good Samaritan's is closed.

Special request this month continues for women's feminine hygiene products, shampoo, and 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. 9 members attended in October. Megan the Agri-Life extension agent presented "Cooking Well with Friends". The members enjoyed the presentation and the food that Megan served. November's meeting will be on November 11th. Please feel free to join us.

Seniorcise continues to grow! The class size averages 12-15 individuals with a good mix of church and community members. Remember, there are modifications for every level of ability. You can stand or sit to participate in the class. Bring your water and prepare to have fun while getting healthier & stronger!

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Have you tried Zumba Gold yet? It is so much fun! Just ask Ken Goodner what he thinks! It is truly a healthy Happy Hour. And all the good 50s-60s tunes are played!



Zumba Gold Monday and Wednesdays 10 am-11 am Fellowship Hall. **Seniorcise** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am-11 am in the Fellowship Hall. To celebrate Halloween, the Seniorcise & Zumba class dressed in their best costume. We had a great time eating and socializing. Pizza was served!



Bicycle ministry continues to grow. The Brock family and my clients assisting with repairs but could use financial assistance as well. These bicycles are given to individuals who need transportation getting back and forth to work, grocery shopping, etc. For many individuals in Rockport, their bike is the only means of transportation they have. A bike tire costs anywhere from \$19-\$25. The tubes cost \$10-\$12. If you would like to assist with this growing ministry, please mark your donation as Wesley Nurse bike fund. Thank you and God bless.

As always, I am open to your input and ideas that will help me serve the community and congregation. 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!

COMING SOON: Tree of Hope in December. Be on the lookout for the tree and tags!
Mental Health 1st Aide training November 18th
Alzheimer's Community Forum

“Serving humanity to honor God”

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Blessings to you all,

Geralyn Matejcek, BSN, RN

Wesley Nurse



Small Group Study Opportunities



In person:

Sunday

Cross Talk

Truth Seekers

Children & Youth



Come Join Us!
FUNE of Rockport
801 E. Main Street

**Every Tuesday at
11:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall
We play cards and board
games!**

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

Stay Active. Stay Healthy.

Seniorcize Exercise Class

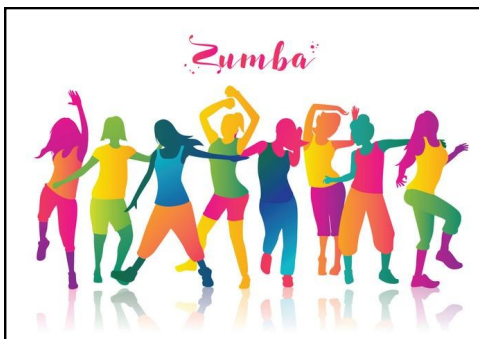
**Mondays Zumba Gold-
10:00 am (No Charge)**

Tuesdays - 10:00 am

Thursdays - 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall 1

***Bring small hand
weights Water and a
Friend***



Make sure you check for dates and
times in our Church Alive on
Sundays for Zumba Class times.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00 am & 9:30 am Small Group Studies
- 10:45am Together in Spirit - Communion on First and Third Sundays
- 6:00 pm Living Water Worship (Spanish)

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- Instagram: FUMCrockport

Let us know you're worshipping with us from home by filling out the online Friendship Card.

PRAYER:

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to www.fumcrookport.org/prayer

SMALL GROUP AND BIBLE STUDIES:

Sun: Cross Talk, 9:00 am, Rec Room

Truth Seekers 9:30 am, Conf. Room

Mon: Christian Believer, 10:00 am, Library

The Chosen, 1:00 pm, Rec. Room

Mere Christianity, 5:30 pm, Rec. Room



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- Mail to PO Box 1045, Rockport TX 78382

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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



Give
Thanks
TO THE
Lord



Join us this month,
Sunday
November 30th!

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