

September 2025 Newsletter



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Help Wanted! We need your help here at the church in many areas of ministry and helping at the church is one of the best ways to get connected to others within your community of faith. Hebrews 13:16 says "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Sharing your gifts, graces, time and resources is a great example of how you can show God your love as you love and support your neighbors. This God finds pleasing and in pleasing God through helping your congregation God rewards you with amazing connections and relationships!

If you have looked around the church lately you will see several young faces! God has blessed us with beautiful families and children that want to be a part of this community of faith! But with most blessing come some responsibilities. We now have children to help raise so that they will not only know God but will learn to love Christ and their neighbor. We want these children to know the good news found within the holy scriptures and to be excited to share Gods great love with others through service. You are their examples of discipleship. You are their role models of Christian love. You are the congregation that is going to make them feel loved and important, helping them build confidence in who they are as young people and empower them to stand firm in their convictions as well as their relationship with Christ.

So how exactly can you help? Well, most important, Valerie, our Children's Ministry Director, needs able and willing volunteers to help her in her ministry. I know that children's ministry is not for everyone, many of you helped for years as your children were growing up and let's not forget how scary and exhausting it can be to work with children. But God has delivered us these beautiful souls, and it is our responsibility to foster their relationship with Christ. Please reach out to Valerie to see how you may be able to help her and make an impact on the children God has sent our way. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Melissa Lind



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Vacation Fun Time



Birthdays

Alfredo Gonzales— September 6th
Audrey St. Peter –September 10th
Jeannie Coe - September 11th
Jean Gould - September 11th
David Murrah - September 13th
Tom Serota - September 19th
Michelle Brock - September 20th
John Gay - September 21st
Annette Hegen - September 23rd

Anniversaries

Jake & Donna Meyer - September 3rd
59 Years

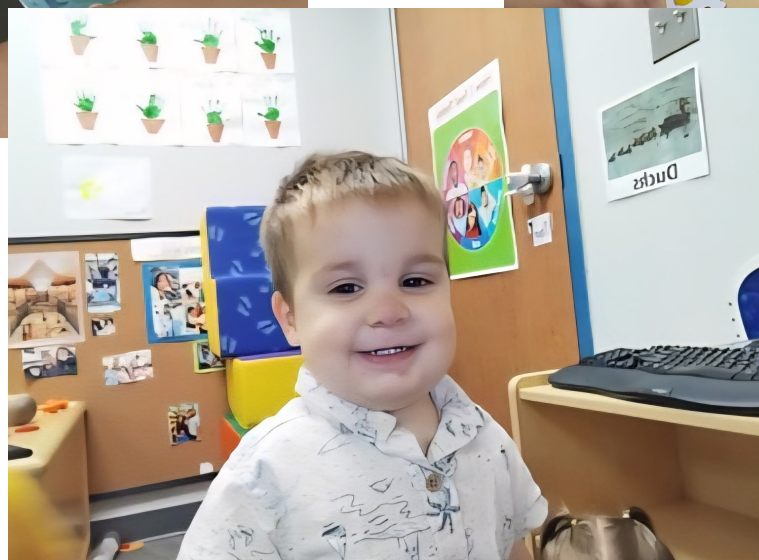
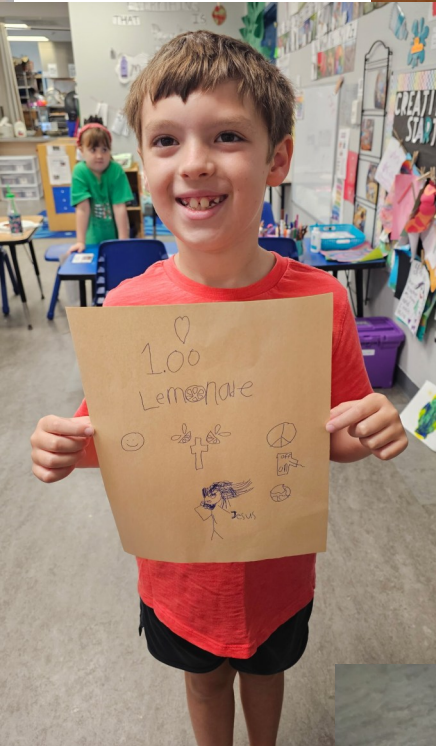
Alan & Paula Barre - September 28th
40 Years

FIRST LEARNING TREE

It may not be "burr" cold, but it is time for the "ber" months, and we are so excited! School has begun, our pumpkin order is filled out, and we are planning for our pumpkin patch. As a part of our First Learning Tree family, we would love to connect with you more, and we have some great events to make that happen. First of all, our "Friends of First Learning Tree" family group is hosting a "Fill-a-Bag" garage sale where all proceeds will go to our school. Please consider donating any gently-used items to this event. Another great opportunity is unloading pumpkins with us into our pumpkin patch. With over 1,000 pumpkins coming, we can definitely use "all hands on deck." If unloading pumpkins is too laborious for you, have no fear! We will need volunteers to help sell our pumpkins, and it is so much fun to connect with families visiting our pumpkins. We are also selling "Porch Pumpkins" this year, and would appreciate your participation. Please consider purchasing a package, and your porch will look festive for fall. As I said, there are plenty of opportunities to connect.



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September Theme: Family & Home



1st - Labor Day - First Learning Tree CLOSED

2nd, 3d & 4th - Picture Days

5th - Craft with Our Grandparents!

11th - Wear red, white & blue

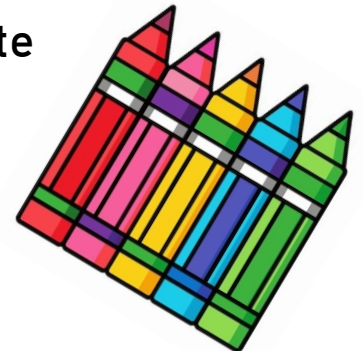
12th - Staff Development - First Learning Tree CLOSED

15th - Make a Hat Day!

16th - Play Doh Day!

22nd & 26th - Community Helper Week

27th - Expected Pumpkin Delivery Date



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Fall is almost here, and the Music Department is busy as ever!

The Choir has begun working on this year's Christmas Cantata. They are already off to a great start! This year the choir will present, "Silent Night" by Craig Adams. This is a great Cantata filled with traditional Christmas Carols that you'll want to sing along with. There are also a few new songs sprinkled in that you're going to enjoy. At the moment, we don't have a date for Cantata, but we will announce it soon. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Share with us, in the Christmas Story.

The band is as busy as ever. We are still looking for a few instrumentalists to join us. If you play an instrument, or want to, let me know. We are especially looking for more guitarists and keyboardists.

Paul



Coastal Bend Emmaus is currently gearing up for a Woman's Walk from 6:00pm Thursday 9/25 to about 4:00pm Sunday 9/28. Currently, we are sending 3 pilgrims from this congregation and the community. At this moment, we may have 2 more ladies join as well. There is plenty of room for anyone else that is interested.

We could really use your help! Each Walk to Emmaus requires a lot of people. At this point, the team has already been selected for the September Walk. There will be, however, 4 more walks next year!

How can you help? Consider serving on the team for a walk. I can tell you from personal experience that you can get even more out of being a team member than you did on your original walk!

Before each walk may begin, we must have a prayer vigil in place. We must have people scheduled to pray for the team and the pilgrims for the entire 72 hours of the walk. You don't have to go anywhere; you can pray from the comfort of your own home. We do ask you to sign up for a specific time. You can find the Prayer Vigil sign-up on our website: www.coastalbendemmas.org.

Consider donating to this church's scholarship fund. We strive to send pilgrims on their walk without them having to worry about the financial aspect. Each pilgrim costs \$225. If you can spare anything, please let us know!

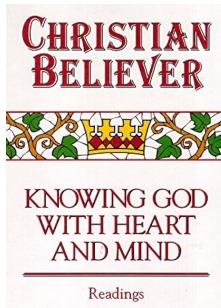
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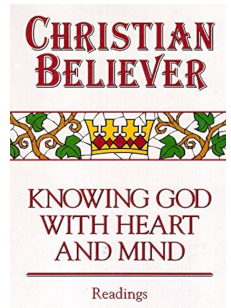
Upcoming Bible Studies

Christian Believer is a Bible Study of the language, both word and symbol, of Christianity. I believe that it will strengthen the foundation of your belief. The fascinating study uses these tools: the Bible, a study manual and a reading book. The class will begin Monday, October 6th, 2025, from 10:00 am—11:00 am in the Library room and continues for 30 weeks (with breaks). The books cost \$40.00.



The sign up sheet is under the name tags in the foyer.

I hope you can join us.
Maggie Allen 775-781-1637

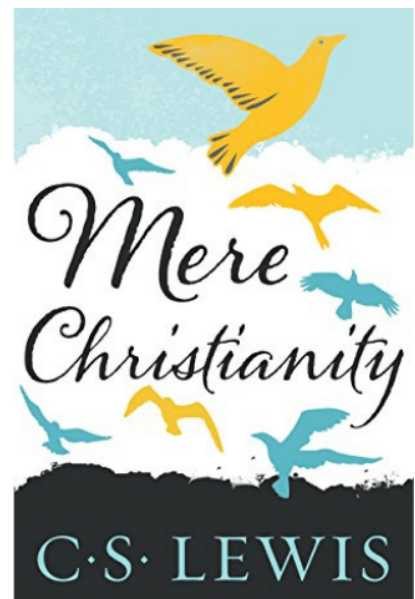


Pastor Mel will begin this Bible Study on
Monday, October 6th, at 5:30 pm
“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis

Books Cost \$35.00 - Sign up sheet will be under the name tags in the foyer.

Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. But you need not repent until you are aware of the Moral Law and your need for forgiveness. Only once you realize that you fall short of God's goodness will Christianity speak to you.

C.S. LEWIS



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Children & Youth Time
Join us every Wednesday from
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the
Sunday School Room



Hello Everyone:

I hope everyone is settling into the back-to-school schedules and routines. We are looking forward to the season change. The children are putting their helping hands into action, both at school and here. If there are any needs, we can help with Sunday mornings or Wednesday evening just drop us a note.

The children are ready to do more skits like the Moses Message. They enjoyed learning and dressing up. I was very impressed with our studies and the questions they presented. We are looking forward to doing presentations on Jesus and the Apostles as well as some that aren't just biblical. If anyone has any costumes of any kind, they would like to donate, we would love to have them.

We would like to extend an invitation to the friends and family of all to bring your children and youth to join us.

God Bless
Valerie Goodrum
Youth Director

Email: ChildrenandYouth@fumcrookport.org



News from Castaways

Hello Church Family – Thank you for the wonderful donations over the past month. Clean, gently used items ready to sell are our dream. We are sorting and processing as efficiently as we are able. Our volunteers are faithful and blessed to be able to help the church out each month in such a big way. Come by and help anytime! Our extra giving this month has included a boost to the Senior Service Center (Aransas County Council on Aging) for help with a new freezer and repair for their food delivery van. They are hoping that the other churches will step up as well. Join us when you can. Extra hands are always welcome.

Annette and Team Castaways



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!





Hello, Church family. As we continue to seek God's will for our community, we are excited to announce the launch of our new 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

Prayer Starts Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00pm



Get the **FLU** **SHOT** not the flu!

Come get your Flu Shot here at the church on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

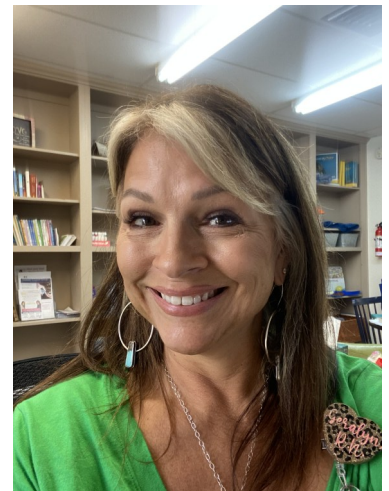
In the Conference Room

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- ~Flexible spending accounts accepted
- ~FREE for Medicare Part B



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GLOW NIGHT ZUMBA PARTY!

September 12th

7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Non Stop Dancing!

Led by Angie AND Shawndee!

801 E. Main Street Rockport

Use the S. Live Oak Street Entrance

This is a FREE event!

Small Group Study Opportunities



In person:

Sunday

Cross Talk

Truth Seekers

Children & Youth



Come Join Us!
FUMC 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***



**Zumba Classes Starting this Month
(there will be a fee for these classes)**

Tuesday class begins 09-02

Will be weekly at 6:00 pm

Thursday class begins 09-04

Will be weekly at 6:00 pm

Monday class begins 09-08

Will be weekly at 8:30 am



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

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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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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



First Day Of Fall

September 22nd

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