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DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple 1 Coming in January 11, 2027

Old Testament Bible Study

Sign up sheet & details will be available in December!

ALZHEIMER'S® ASSOCIATION

PLEASE JOIN US ON:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2026

Location: First United Methodist Church

Recreation Room

801 E. First St, Rockport, TX 78382

@11:00am-12:00pm

Join us for education on Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.

Healthy habits at every age can support brain health and lower the risk of cognitive decline.



These discussions on healthy living center on promoting longevity and enhancing quality of life. Our aim is to emphasize the importance of intentional habits and informed choices.

*Light bites provided. *

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Carl & Jane Lechlitner - November 6th Celebrating 10 Years
Steve & Michelle Brcok - November 11th Celebrating 9 Years
John & Ginger Gay - November 12th Celebrating 21 Years



Kathy Daniels - November 6th
Dustin Barre - November 7th
Janice Spears - November 8th
Betsy Pfister - November 11th
Sandy Klemm - Novmeber 23rd
Sydney Hansen - Novmeber 25th
Doris Owens - November 25th
Michael Garrison - November 26th

First Learning Tree

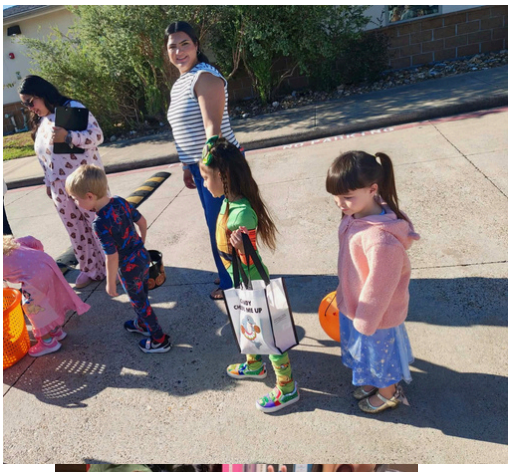
HELLO FUMC FAMILY!

While October was full of "tricks" and "treats," we are ready to give thanks this November. To begin our thankful holiday, we are having our traditional "Tom Turkey" contest. As always, we will have three prizes, and cannot wait to see your creations. Our "Blessing Bags" food drive will begin November 3rd- 20th. Please bring all food items to the office, and this is a classroom contest, so let's have some competitive fun. We will feed 40 families for Thanksgiving with our donations. Cozy up with us on November 13th for "Pajama & Movie Day" when we will watch "Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving" and serve some fun snacks. You are invited to our annual "FLT Thanksgiving Lunch" on November 20th. All Preschool and Pre-K classes will attend, and you may bring your younger child to join us from his/her classroom! Invitations will be going out soon, and please R.S.V.P. to attend. Finally, we will be closed November 26th and 27th to celebrate Thanksgiving. God bless all of you, and thank you for being a part of our school family.



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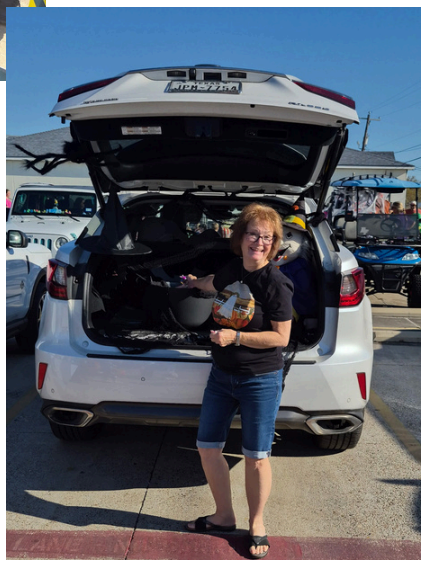












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Children's and Youth Ministries

Hi everyone,

October was such a busy month! Between the pumpkin patch, the blessing of the animals, the haunted house, and trick-or-treating, we had a lot going on.

I want to extend a huge thank you to Pastor Mel, Janet, Lin, Jacqueline, and anyone else I might be forgetting. I truly couldn't have done it all without your help.

Best,
Valerie Goodrum
Children and Youth Ministries Director





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Update on Jewelry Appraisal Event

Our Jewelry Appraisal Fundraiser Event on 9-10 October was a huge success.!! Participants brought their treasures to be appraised by our Jeweler/Geologist/Jewelry Historian Mark Krivanek from Salida, CO. They were under no obligation to sell but had the opportunity to donate all or part of the sale to the church. On top of direct donations, Mark donated 5% of sales to the church.

We had about 20 church members, friends and family participate. Feedback was very positive as in “learned a lot, confidence that appraisals were fair, and that was fun”. The church received over $27,000.00 which was designated for Capital Reserve Funds.

Special thanks to all who participated and volunteered to make this fundraiser such a huge success!!!

Mr Krivanek and his wife Heidi were very positive about the event and expressed interest in returning for another event. We’ve also had folks express disappointment they were unable to participate due previous commitments. So, the Finance Committee is already planning a second event in March-April next year. Details to follow. Please contact Jeannie Coe at 210-601-6132 or jbryancoe@mindspring.coe if you have any questions.

Castaways

Hi Church family – Wondering who our church members are who do the work at Castaways that contributes financially to the church budget? It's these dedicated men and women. Hope you will join us. Paula Barre, Vicki Caraway, Wayne Caraway, Jeannie Coe, Rob Coe, Kathy Daniels, Donald Erm, Art Foss, Judy Goodner, Ken Goodner, Annette Hegen, Ed Hegen, John Jeffries, Melissa Lind, Mark Miller, Connie Ott, Sheryl Quick, Jackie Riley, Karen Lee Rystad, Ellie Saenz, Ray Saenz, Rom Serota, William Wallace, Your Name Here. Additionally, seven others from outside our church are doing work for our church! Other participating churches that manage Castaways have three times this many volunteers, and of course make more money than we do. There is a task waiting for you that you will enjoy! Give the idea a chance. Annette Hegen, current chairman



Community Table

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!

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Wesley Nurse News Flash November 2026

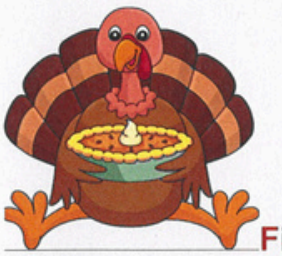
Dear Church Family and Friends,

I blinked my eyes and October was gone! I am enjoying the cooler weather and the rain but not the mosquitoes!



Speaking of **Mosquitoes**, I could use mosquito spray in the Wesley Nurse pantry. As you know, we assist many people who are unhoused and the mosquitoes have been wreaking havoc on them. The next time you are out shopping, would you grab a can or two of spray! My patients will be so grateful.

I am continuing to see many patients each month for different needs including medication assistance, clothing, hygiene, food, medical visits, bicycles, gas cards, rental, and utility assistance. The expectation is 65 encounters per month with a focus on individuals aged 18-64 under or uninsured.



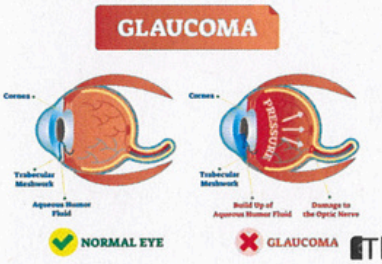
First Learning Tree has partnered with me again for the Thanksgiving Blessing Bags food drive. Last year we were able to bless 40+ families with not only a turkey but all the ingredients to prepare their entire meal. This year we are planning to bless 40 families again! Copies of the shopping list will be on the counter in the narthex. Please let me know if you would like to participate.

Can you donate a turkey/turkey breast?

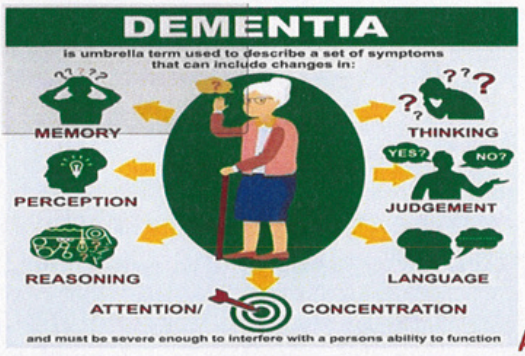
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WN Food Pantry & Closet: Our emergency food pantry and closet serves many individuals each month. These community members feel welcomed and experience the love of Jesus through a hot meal, a cup of coffee, and a welcoming smile. Please consider adding 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 November: Generic protein shakes, small waters, Spam, canned ham, sugar free sports drinks. We can always use frozen tv dinners, burritos, and breakfast sandwiches too. I mean who doesn't love a good Hungry Man meal. This may be the only hot meal that these individuals eat that day or week.



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 have several community members who attend each month. The educational focus this month will be about Glaucoma and presented by Dr. Nguyen from Wave Front Eye Care. Please feel free to join us for this informational class!



Alzheimer's Association forum on November 9th, 2026 at 11:00 am in the recreation room. This will be a great informational session for individuals who are caregivers to someone with Alzheimer's, have a personal diagnosis, or just want to learn more. Light bites will be served. Please join us!

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Bicycle Ministry: Thank you to everyone who recently donated new and used bicycles. **We donated 5 bicycles in October!** 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! Ask your friends, shop at the garage sales, buy a new one at Wal-Mart, etc.

I have a waiting list of individuals needing bicycles.



Fitness Classes: 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. Keeping your legs and arm muscles strong is critical to healthy aging.

Zumba Gold Monday and Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30. Check the Churches or Harmony Zumba's Facebook pages for last minute schedule changes.

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



Whew! That is a lot of information! 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! Always Under His Wings, Geralyn

- In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:35

"Serving Humanity to Honor God"

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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



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 8:30 am, Monday & Wednesday

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

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For more information, contact:
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Or Geralyn Matejcek, BSN, RN
Wesley Nurse
210-455-1409

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Come Join the Fun!

Game Day on Tuesday's at 11:00 am in the Bistro. Board Games & Mahjong! If you have a favorite game bring it!

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December Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, November 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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Worship Schedule

8:30am Daybreak Devotional Srvice
9:15 Cross Talk Sunday School Class
9:30 Truth Seekers Sunday School Class
10:45 Together in Spirit
Communion is the First Sunday of the each month.

Giving: Give online at fumcrockport.org/give
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