



FIRST UNITED
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Many of you have noticed that the staff has been more diligent about locking the doors around the church. I know this has been a little frustrating and an inconvenience, so I thought it was important to address this issue. The reason we are locking the doors is to help control the comings and goings of those visiting the church throughout the week. It is a blessing that we are such a busy church but at times it can be difficult to know who is in the church with so many people coming and going. I do want to make it clear that I'm not talking about Geralyn's clients. They are great at letting us know when they are in the building, they clean up after themselves and are very respectful of our church helping with some of the maintenance like changing filters, painting, move heavy items, taking out trash and pulling weeds.

What we are finding is that church members and community groups that use the church could be a little more helpful with the spaces they are using. We have a large campus, and I cannot tell you how often doors are left unlocked, air conditioners and lights are left on. Also, being such a busy church, we find that things get moved, used, disappear or appear magically. We have had instances when coffee has been made with the burners left on after everyone has left the church, which is a fire hazard. We are blessed to have such a beautiful building and need your help in maintaining our church as good stewards do with the blessings God provides.

We do not want to limit access to the church to anyone, but we do want to know who is in the building and follow up to see if the space is closed properly. If you need a key or need access to a space that is locked up know that a staff member will be willing to help you with the access you need. Let's be good stewards of our space and resources here at the church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mel



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Don and Vicki Duncan - October 5th, Celebrating 35 Years
Ed & Annette Hegen - October 25th, Celebrating 46 Years



Arthur Foss - October 2nd
Ed Hegen - October 2nd
Julie Purcell - October 9th
Linda Valdez - October 9th
Pam Jaschke - October 16th
Jim Schick - October 19th
Bill Neal - October 20th
James Shelden - October 20th
Geraldyn Matejcek - October 27th

First Learning Tree

The holiday season is officially here, and yes, there is so much going on. We are rested and ready for the fun! To begin, our graduates are invited to join us in the Seafair Parade on October 3rd. Join us for fun and candy-throwing. The following week, ages 4yrs. and up will have fall vision and hearing screenings. For “fire prevention month,” the fire department will visit our older classrooms to talk about fire safety and prevention. Come out to “Pirate Palooza” at LOLC on October 8th for some Fall fun. We will serve popcorn, so make sure you stop by. Join us on October 10th for “Blessing of the Animals” from 10 to noon. Dress up your pet, and they will receive a prayer with Pastor Mel. Another great event coming up is “Children’s Sabbath” when FLT and FUMC meet in the pumpkin patch for a special service celebrating our children. Decorate your car trunks and join us on October 23rd for our annual “Trunk-or-Treat” in the parking lot. Our classes walk to each car and trick-or-treat. Everyone has so much fun. Don’t forget to visit our pumpkin patch on October 24th for “Halloween-In-the-District” when the Cultural District has events at all businesses. Think we’re done. Not quite, because we are decorating caramel apples on October 29th for our students to take home. Finally, last but not least, our preschool and pre-k classrooms will go trick-or-treat-down-the-street. We encourage chaperones. This is also dress-up day along with class parties for all age groups, so let’s have some fun. As always, if you need anything, my office is open.
Happy October!



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Our Own Penelope

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Children's and Youth Ministries

Welcome to Fall season everyone. Let the Holidays begin. The youth have a busy time coming up. We have skits and lock-in and birthdays all coming soon.

We are working on our skit. We have decided to make it our Christmas pageant. If anyone would like to help with the costumes and props, we would love to have the help. They all seem to enjoy dressing in characters. It's never dull with the kids around. It was nice having almost all of the children here on Sunday.

I feel blessed every moment I spend with them. I invite you all to come share that blessing. The youth absolutely love interacting with the congregation. Thank everyone for your support and kind words. Thank you to the children for all their help with our new "Blessing Box" too.

Valerie Goodrum
Children and Youth
Ministries Director



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Castaways

Castaways welcome Mark and Linda Miller to our dedicated team of volunteers. They are here and hearty and eager to help out this mission. You should join us, as well. Just set aside a couple of hours, or more, a week and join in the fun. We visit, celebrate birthdays, enjoy lunch and work very hard. Please continue to donate clean, gently used items for us to sell to benefit FUMC. Blessings to all, Annette and TEAM CASTAWAYS



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!

Rockport FUMC Jewelry Appraisal Event Fundraiser
Friday and Saturday, 9-10 October 924 S. Magnolia,
Rockport, TX (The only home on the street with a Class
A Motor Home in the Driveway.)

Bring your shoebox/jewelry box/top drawer/junk drawer, broken jewelry, silverware, silver/gold coins, and your “I don’t know exactly what this is but I think it is valuable?” Treasures to be appraised. You are encouraged to donate all or part of your treasures to the church. You will get a receipt and it will become part of your record of giving to the church. Donating your treasures directly to the church will allow you to avoid IRS levied capital gains tax (at 50%). You are under no obligation to sell anything.

Mark Krivanek, Geologist/Jeweler/Jewelry Historian from Salida, CO, will be doing the appraisals. He is donating his time, expertise, travel and per diem to our church. If you choose to sell all or part your treasure(s), Mark will write you a check and will donate a percentage of the sale to the church. We will have Security on site. There is no cost to the church for this event.

All Proceeds will go to the church Capital Reserve Fund. These funds are set aside to pay for things like Emergency Repairs, New Air Conditioners, New Appliances, Flooring and Carpet, Plumbing Updates, etc.

Appraisals will be done by appointment. If you have questions/want to make an appointment, please contact Jeannie Coe at 210-601-6132 or jbryancoe@mindspring.com.

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***Wesley Nurse News Flash October 2026
Dear Church Family and Friends,***

It's FALL Y'all! Bring on the soup weather.

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. I had 68 patient encounters in September. The expectation is 65 encounters per month with a focus on individuals aged 18-64 under or uninsured.



Bicycle Ministry: Thank you to everyone who recently donated new and used bicycles. We donated 8 bicycles in September! 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.

I have a waiting list of 2 individuals needing bicycles.



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

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them by the church. We could use frozen tv dinners, burritos, breakfast sandwiches along with K-cups for the coffee. 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 October: Generic protein shakes, small waters, Spam, Vienna sausages, sugar free sports drinks, and ramen noodles. We can always use tv dinners 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.

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 at 8:30. Check the Churches or Harmony Zumba's Facebook pages for last minute schedule changes. Seniorcise Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am-11 am.

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 fall prevention with our very own, Jeannie Coe leading the class. Our next meeting is October 13th at 12:00 noon in the Recreation Room. 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. Light bites will be served. Please join us!*
- *Thanksgiving Blessing Bags in partnership with First Learning Tree. We will once again plan to provide turkeys and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal to members of the community and my patients. I love this event!*

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

·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"





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*

A logo featuring a simple black cross symbol at the top. Below the cross, the words "LET US PRAY" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text has a white outline, giving it a 3D or sticker-like appearance.

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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
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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 favortie game bring it!

November Newsletter Deadline Saturday October 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

9:15 Cross Talk Sunday School Class

9:30 Truth Seekers Sunday School Class

10:45 Together in Spirit -Communion the First Sunday of the month

8:30 am Service will begin on Sunday October 25th

Giving: Give online at fumcrockport.org/give
Mail: 801 E. Main Street, Rockport, TX 78382