

# Rockport United Methodist Church

# Rockporter

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## The Lord's PRAYER

I have always been in awe of the Lord's

prayer. It is arguably the most valued of the teachings Jesus shared with his disciples. Jesus gave this prayer to his disciples as a model of how to pray. The prayer is recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke.

In this short space of this article, I want to make just one simple suggestion about how you view the Lord's prayer. I would suggest

that you focus on two of the shortest words in the prayer ... which may well be the most important words ... "our" and "Thy."

"Our" ... If we focus on the word "our" we quickly realize that the Lord's Prayer is NOT my personal effort to get God to give me what I want. Unfortunately, this is the way too much of our prayer life works ... "I want this and this and that" (as if God were a kind of cosmic Santa Claus). Quite the contrary, prayer as Jesus taught it must always be with and for others. There are no first person singular pronouns (I, me, my) in Jesus' prayer.

"Thy" ... If we focus on the word "Thy" we quickly realize that the focus is God - God's name, God's kingdom, God's will. Notice that the three "thy petitions" come before the three "us petitions." Jesus is teaching us that God's will must always come first in our lives ... and when it does, everything else falls into place.

As precious as the Lord's Prayer is to our faith, it is probably all too often something we "say" but don't truly "pray." I'm as guilty as the next person ... when we pray the Lord's prayer on Sunday mornings, the words can fly by me before I really stop to think about what I'm praying.

My prayer for all of us is that we slow down to spend time with this marvelous prayer that Jesus has given us. May the words of Jesus' prayer, lead us to the spirit and intent of Jesus' prayer ... which is to draw us into the presence of God.

Peace,

~ Rev. Dr. Gordon Myers



## Serving the Family of Rockport United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Gordon Myers	- Pastor
Rev. Barbara Davis, BCC	- Associate Pastor
Sarah Paulson	- Lay Leader
Kira Cimino Holchin	- Director of Christian Education & Youth

Susan Shick	- Director of Music, Organist
Sara Chapman	- Office Administrator
Valerie Norris	- Director of Early Childhood Center
Tina Berardi	- Saturday Evening Worship Leader
Amanda Hover	- Saturday Evening Worship Leader

## June Anniversaries!

8	Bill & Megan Burnett, 16 years
9	Trevor & Carolyn Rowen, 17 years
13	Bruce & Barb Swan, 48 years
15	Adam & Erin Mahnen, 16 years
21	Gordon & Kathryn Myers, 43 years
24	Bill & Janet Eyman, 51 years
26	Bill & Dianne Beckman, 14 years
27	Joseph & Carol Pare', 48 years

### Getting the word out!!

Along with our website, rockportumc.org, we now have 3 more ways to share how God is working in our midst. You can find us on Instagram (@rockportumc), Facebook (@rockportumchurch) and Twitter (@rockportchurch). Consider following Rockport through any or all of these social media platforms! Share with all your friends and family by inviting them to follow as well! Let's get the word out!!



## June Month At-A-Glance

2,9,16,23,30	Worship Rehearsal, 4pm Food & Fellowship, 5pm Saturday Evening Worship, 5:30pm Worship in the Woods, 10am UMW Gail Economy Annual Tea, 3pm Stephen's Ministry Picnic, 12:30pm Trustees, 7pm Women's Fellowship, 7pm Youth Annual Conference @ Lakeside Annual Conference @ Lakeside RECC Safety Program, Parlor Childcare Committee, 7pm Men's Group Potluck Picnic & Speaker, 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting, Parlor, 6:30pm Mary Martha Circle, 12:30pm Finance, 6:30pm VBS Family Picnic and Day One, 3:30pm VBS, 5pm Fairview Summerfest Parade, 6pm
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## June Children & Youth

6	Rebekah Arcuri
7	Jack Palisin
21	Brooklyn Varga
23	Evan Pinyerd
24	Christopher Paige
29	Grace Munro

## Saturday Evening Worship

Saturday Evening Worship moves in more ways than one...or even two!

On June 2, the Saturday worship time will move to 5:30pm. All are invited to experience a meal and build relationships at 5:00pm each week. We will also be moving outdoors to the outdoor chapel (weather permitting).

May your spirit be moved by God's presence through worship, food, and fellowship all in the midst of God's magnificent creation! Can't wait to see you there!!

## Walk for Jesus at the Fairview Summerfest Parade!

What a wonderful opportunity to be in the community and share the love of God as we hand out goodies! The parade will be held on Friday, June 29! Details on how you can be involved are coming soon!

**Don't forget your pledge this summer!**

**Don't forget** to contact the office with the name of your High School or College Graduates! Please let us know by June 15th!



## Thoughts for Father's Day

An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:  
A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me; I do not dare to go astray for fear he'll go the self-same way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes; whatever he sees me do, he tries - like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.  
He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine: the base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.  
I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow, I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

## Thought of the Month!

## Father's Day Carnations!

Enclosed please find \$5.00 for each carnation ordered:

NAME OF DONOR  
(your Name )

\_\_\_\_\_(how many) RED CARNATION(S) IN HONOR OF:

(Please use wording you would like in the bulletin.)

\_\_\_\_\_(how many) WHITE CARNATION(S) IN MEMORY OF:

(Please use wording you would like in the bulletin.)

Amount enclosed\_\_\_\_\_ Left for homebound\_\_\_\_\_

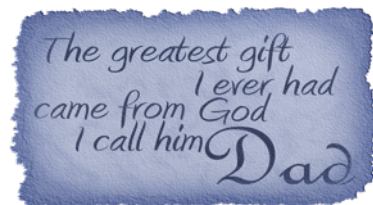
Number of flowers\_\_\_\_\_ Take with\_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, June 17th, Fathers Day:**

The \$5 donation for each flower will honor those men, grandfathers, fathers, brothers, uncles, nephews, dear friends, etc., and supports Rockport's UMW missions. Following morning worship on the 17th, you may pick your flowers up or leave them in the vase to be delivered to our "homebound" members and friends.

Please complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Please place your flower order as soon as possible and **no later than Tuesday, June 12th.**



### ROCKPORT MEMBERSHIP:

Anyone interested in learning more about Rockport or have a desire to join the Rockport family of faith, please indicate on the registration pads or call the church office.

## SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE:

On Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the parlor, beginning on July 3rd, Dr. Myers will teach a study on Nehemiah. Bring a sandwich and a beverage as we share fellowship and study the scripture. You will need your bible and paper to take notes. Sign-up sheet is in the chapel hallway.

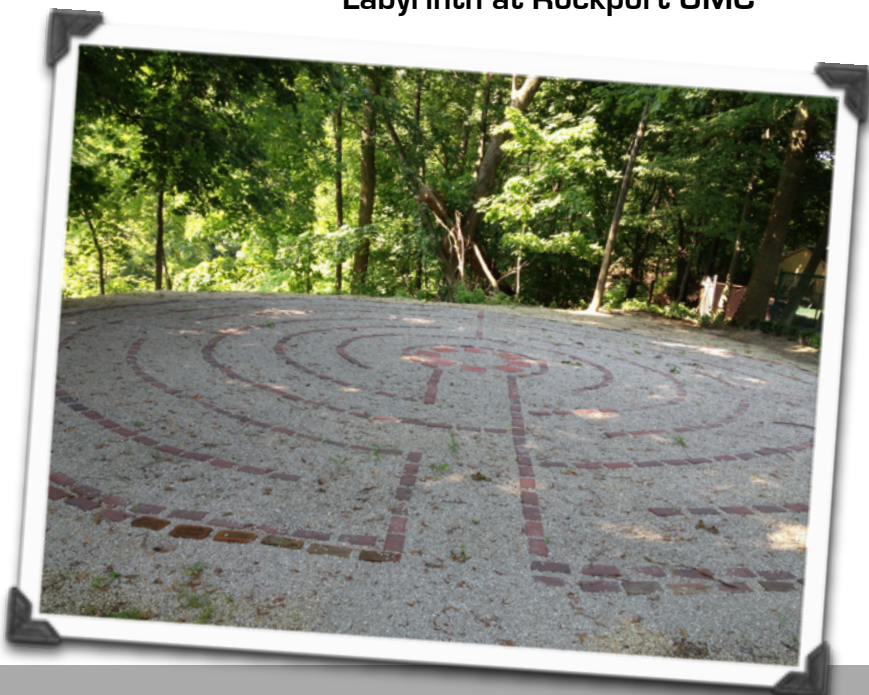
If you have any questions please ask Dr. Myers or Rev. Davis.

As the warmer season allows us to move outdoors and enjoy God's creation, consider taking time in prayer while walking Rockport's Outdoor Prayer Labyrinth. Located behind the playground, the labyrinth overlooks the beautiful Rocky River Metroparks. It is open during daylight hours 7 days a week for anyone in need of contemplation and prayer.

A labyrinth is not a maze in the popular sense, but rather a path on which one cannot get lost, serving a powerful symbol of individual life journeys. Many have found such things as healing, guidance, or a sense of peacefulness as they move along the labyrinth.

If you would like to know more about the labyrinth, please ask a member of the pastoral staff.

### Labyrinth at Rockport UMC



## *You are Invited*

### **United Methodist Women Spring Tea!**

Please join us on Sunday, June 3rd, in the Parlor 3 to 5 p.m.  
ALL women of the church are invited to attend and outside guests are very welcome!  
Afternoon dress and hats are encouraged, but not required.

The UMW named this the Gail Economy Memorial Tea because our spring tea tradition began using tea cups that Gail had given to her daughters and granddaughters over many years. She was also the mother of Sara Chapman, Lisa Kay & wife of Diamond Economy.

There is no charge to attend, we ask for a free-will offering which will allow us to help others in need. Our event includes several teas, lemonade, scones & light finger-food.

Our program this year will be from, Dale Jones, who owns Pzazz Consignment Salon at 25955 Detroit Road, Westlake in Williamsburg Square. He will speak to us regarding some of the best ways to dispose of possessions when downsizing is necessary. He will share his many years of experience in helping others through this process. He has worked in the Cleveland area for the last 30 years and has had Pzazz for the past 7 years.

He has a degree in interior design and is registered to do state appraisals for the court. He will do some individual verbal appraisals for our guests, as time permits, so please bring in an item you would like to know the value of. He does not charge for his appearance he would just like us to visit his store which carries: fine jewelry, vintage costume jewelry, original artwork, sculptures, Royal Doultons, Lladros, Hummels, Roseville, crystal & sterling silver.

Please RSVP (on UMW bulletin board by the pastor's office or by calling the church office at 440-331-9433 by Friday, June 1st, also call for last minute cancellations. You may sign up to host a table @ 4 tea cups & saucers, 4-dessert plates, & cloth napkins which is on the lower portion of the sign up sheet.

Thank you,  
**Pam Faup**



#### **Men's Group:**

The Rockport Men's Group will have a pot-luck picnic on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 pm at the church. We will have a great meal, time for fellowship and a very informative presentation by Todd Payne on what Cleveland Hopkins Airport did to be recognized as the Most Improved North American Airport for 2017. Please sign up and encourage other men to come to the picnic and hear Todd's presentation.

#### **Women's Fellowship:**

Thursday, June 7th @ 7p.m. We will be meeting at the boat dock area in The Valley at a place that used to be known as Sweetwater Landing. The entrance to the valley is on Detroit Road right after the bridge heading into Lakewood, turn right. We will have ice cream outside and then go for a walk on the trail. If you just want ice-cream that's fine too. Please sign-up on the chapel hallway bulletin board with your phone number. It will be cancelled if it rains.

#### **Mary Martha Circle:**

All ladies of the church are invited, please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided by a hostess for the month. We will be entertained with excerpts from a book "giving humor and light for getting through those senior moments".



## SUMMER!!!!

### June:

**\*YAC! Youth Annual Conference:**  
**JUNE 8th, 9th, 10th, & 11th!**

Meet at Rockport at 2 p.m. on 6/8!

Don't forget to turn in your paperwork!

Permission Slip, Rockport Medical form, Conference Medical form, and Student Covenant.

Be watching your email for list of items to bring! Extra packets with information and paperwork available if you need another one.

\*PLEASE let me know if you want to volunteer to help with **VBS** in any way - teaching, kitchen help, Crafts, & Music! **RUNNERS NEEDED!** Ask me for info!

\***DAYCAMP** Volunteer Teachers and Assistants needed! Please see me for info! Different day and nighttime dates to choose from!

\* July and August Dates coming!  
(Including Summer Lock-in!)



### LECTOR SIGN-UP!

PLEASE let me know if you'd like to serve as lector. Once-a-month we can fill a spot for the summer and into the rest of the year! as soon as we have some names we will get a schedule together for the third Sunday of the month, each month.

### \*CALLING Alumni!

We're planning on a Reunion for Alumni from 2010 through 2018! Be watching this summer for details! If you're interested, text, email, or call Kira Holchin. We're going to pick out a date together soon!

### UPCOMING Events!

**Youth Officers Mission Meeting -**  
**July 11th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Dinner meeting to go over duties, Mission planning, and fundraising.

*Faith* **FUN**  
Fellowship

 Confirmation

**Congratulations**  
**Confirmation**  
**Class of 2018!**





# Christian EDUCATION

## \*Vacation Bible School June 24th to the 28th!

What happens when you stumble into a time machine and end up back in Biblical times?! FIND OUT this summer! Registration on the next page!

**DAY CAMPS!** Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! More information and registration in this issue of the Rockporter! Lunch and activities!

**July 23rd:  
BIBLE FUN!**

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**JULY 30th:  
Kids Cook!**

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Aug 6th:  
Christians around  
the World**

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

New Medical Forms are due for all summer activities! Copies can be found on the Christian Ed table in the hallway.

## Children & UMKids' Club



This spring, the Good News Kids class (who meet on Wednesday Nights...) did a unit on prayer. They wanted to write a prayer to the Confirmation Class. So they set out to write it, and then asked if we could read it on Confirmation Sunday, to the Confirmands. They did such a beautiful job, that I thought it would be great to post it again!

Dear Father, Thank you for showering all of our friends with Your wisdom while they learned more about Your love and filling their hearts with that love and peace. We pray that they always feel Your strength and Your healing and Your guidance. We ask You to give them a generous heart, share their gifts and talents, and have a willing spirit to live their lives with You by their side.

We ask that You watch lovingly over our friends with all of these things that we have asked You, and We ask for You to be there when it is our time to begin that journey that we know You will continue to go on with them, even past today.

We pray these things in the name of You, our Father... and in the Name of the Spirit... and in the name of the Son. AMEN.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018!

Sunday, June 24th Through Thursday, June 28th!

\*Sunday: 3:30 - 6 p.m. &

\*Mon. through Wed. 5 - 8:10 p.m.

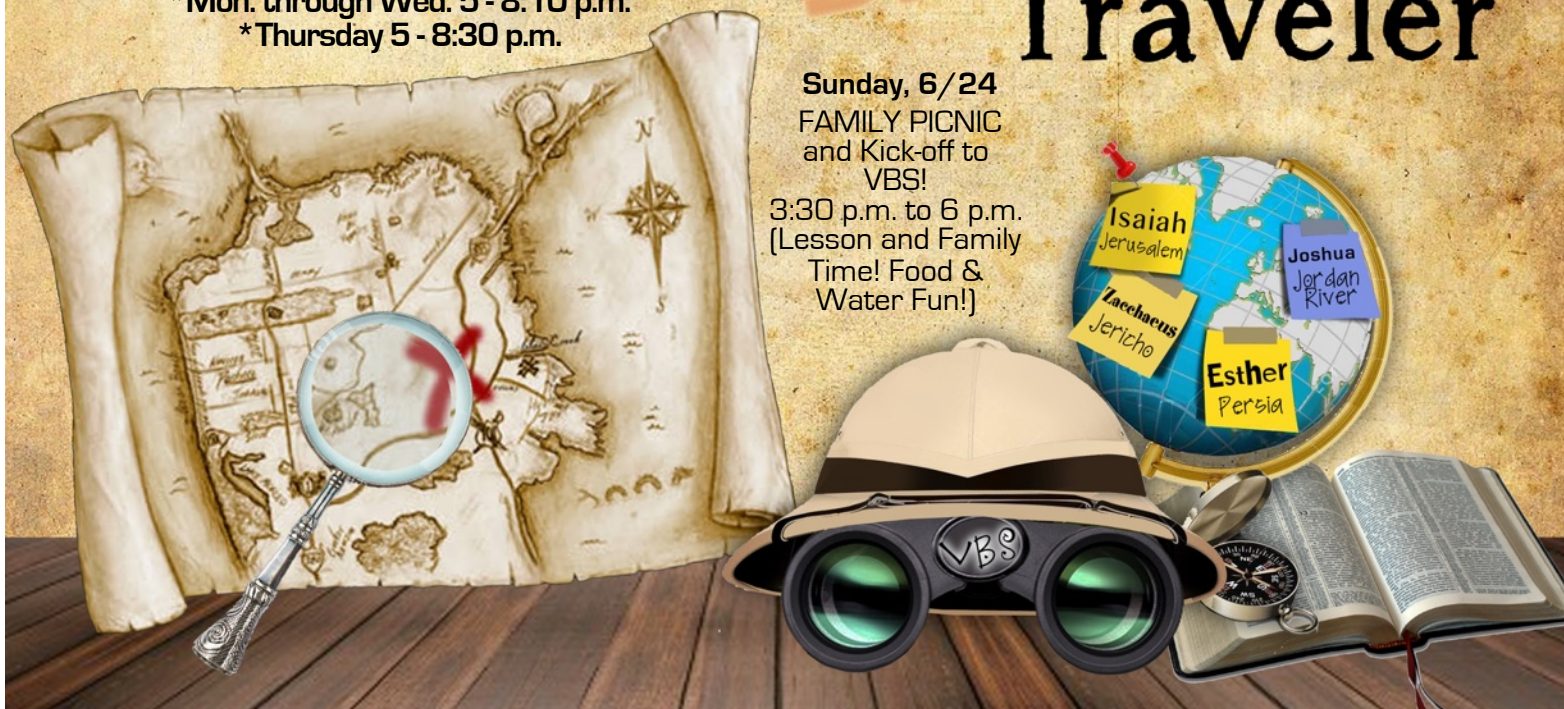
\*Thursday 5 - 8:30 p.m.

# BIBLE Traveler

Sunday, 6/24

FAMILY PICNIC  
and Kick-off to  
VBS!

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
(Lesson and Family  
Time! Food &  
Water Fun!)



**Ages 4 years through 6th Graders!** \$15. per child (Cost includes Dinner, Supplies, & Lessons) and \$6. per extra child

**Registration Opens May 20th.** Registration Forms will be available on the website, by email, or on the Christian Education Table in the Hallway.

**ONE Registration Form per child, PLEASE.**

Please Turn all forms in to the Church Office by June 20th! Doors will open at 5 p.m. for Dinner, and classes begin at 5:45 p.m.! Children under 1st Grade need an adult with them at dinner.

ALL Children participating in VBS MUST have a medical form turned in. Thank You!



**VBS 2018**  
Registration

**BIBLE**  
Traveler

Child's Name

Parent or Guardian Cell Phone

Grade Entering in Fall

D.O.B

Address Street

Parent or Guardian

Address City

Zip Code

Allergies/Notes:

Email Address (Important for announcements and VBS  
Website Invitation)

**PLEASE fill out & turn in with Medical Form by June 20th!**  
**Ages 4 years through 6th Graders**

# Day Camp 2018



## WELCOME to Day Camp 2018!

This year we have Day Camp for 4 years old through 6th Graders, Sign up for one or all! Lunch and activities provided for all three!

### DAY CAMPS (4 years old through 6th Grade)

#### 1. BIBLE FUN! July 23, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! We're going to learn how to use our Bibles, and have some FUN while we do it! Lunch

provided, Mac 'n Cheese, green beans, and dessert. We will be indoors AND outdoors, weather permitting.

#### 2. KIDS COOK! July 30, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! We'll be working on kid-friendly cooking without using the Oven or sharp knives. Lunch provided - we will eat some of our creations! Peanut butter and Jelly provided, in case the kids don't care for the food they'll be making :)

#### 3. Christian Holidays & Customs around the world! Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preschool 4 years old - 6th graders! Join us as we "Travel" around the world to learn how Christians in other countries live, work, worship, and what kinds of customs they have. Lunch provided, and we will have snacks from around the world to much on, as well!



## Day Camp

## Registration 2018

\*Please note: if your child is unable to sign up for all three Day Camps, they are still welcome to come when they're able! ALL KIDS are welcome!

\*Must have  
current Medical  
Form on file!

### Bible Fun!

7/23/18

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### Kids Cook!

7/30/18

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### Christian Holidays & Customs around the world

8/6/18

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Person Dropping off & Picking up child (if not parent/guardian)

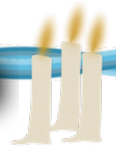
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Notes/Special Instructions:



### Food Allergies:

# Prayers



*\*Hospitalized*

Eileen Steitz	In need of prayer. Requested by David Rice
*Katie	In hospital with pneumonia. Granddaughter of Velma Malecki
Janice	Health concerns. Sister-in-law of Connie Graham
Taylor	Lost her unborn baby. Daughter of RECC teacher, Michele Garten
Kevin Ruic	Health concerns
Rose	Awaiting results of biopsy to determine if she is entering a third struggle with cancer. Friend of Elizabeth Claypool
Phil	Cancer chemo treatment. Requested by Randy Daley
Donna Gibian	Healing for her spine.
Mollie Vondriska	Multiple health concerns. Prayers for strength and healing. Mother of Bonnie Sorg
Nancy Straub	On chemo for cancer
Erna Guia	Health concerns
Helen Tank	Health concerns
Jan Tietje	Health concerns
Bill Bland	Fighting cancer. Friend of Austin Hover
Gregory Schwind	Multiple system atrophy. Requested by Nancy Geyer
Joyce	Health concerns. Sister of Nancy Geyer
Paul Scott	Has colon cancer that has spread to his liver and lungs. Nephew of Belinda St. Leger
Norma Munro	Health concerns
Jacob Gasiewski	PSC 2 stationed at Scott AFB, in IL. Grandson of Carole Heppner
Sarah Bungard	Serving our country, Chief Warrant Officer 2 USMC. Requested by the Kopko Family
Mariah White	Pray for safety for her and her unit who are in Kuwait for a nine-month tour of duty. Friend of Dan Newman
Lt. Chandler Freeman	Serving our country in Quantico VA USMC. Grandson of Marge Freeman

Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

## In Sympathy




Family and friends of **Jeri Wessler**, who passed into life eternal on May 25th. Member of Rockport

Family and friends of **Jack Allen**, who passed into life eternal on May 14th. Member of Rockport UMC

Family and friends of **Jeff Younger**, who passed into life eternal on May 14th. Brother of Todd Payne

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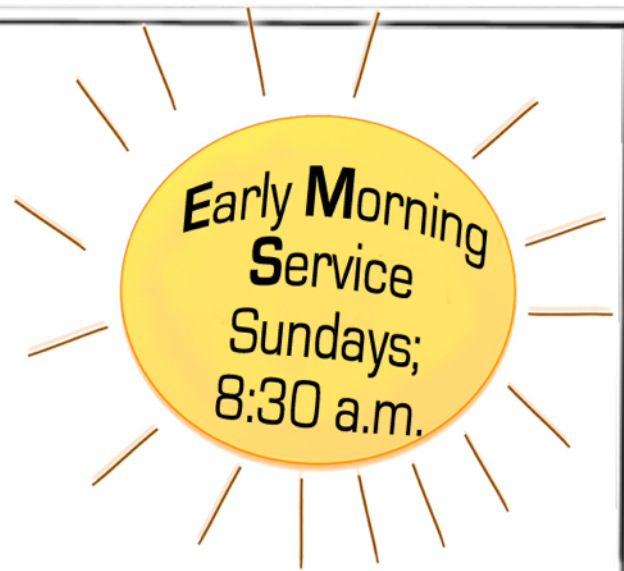
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-  US Holidays  
 Rockport Master Calendar  
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**Saturday**  
Evening  
**Worship** Saturdays  
@5:30 p.m.



**Sunday**  
Worship Winter 10:45 a.m.  
Summer; 10 a.m.



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