

# Rockport United Methodist Church

# Rockporter

November  
2019

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Ever since Sophia's baptism at the end of September, I've been reflecting on the opening of the United Methodist baptismal covenant. It says:

"Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price."

That final line has been sticking in my mind as we have walked through our stewardship season this fall. "All this is God's gift, offered to us without price." Everything that we have is a gift from God – all our gifts, skills, talents, abilities, resources, money, and more. Before we are ever aware of God's presence, God is blessing us with many good gifts. Before we know what gifts we have, before we know what to do with them, God is offering us more. Even though we cannot possibly thank

God enough, even though we can never repay the gifts God gives, even when we fall short in using all the gifts we've been given, God continues to give. That's precisely what grace looks like!

Stewardship is our response to the gift of God's grace. How will we care for the good gifts that God has given to us? How will we offer those gifts and our lives back to God, so that we learn to love God and our neighbors, so that our lives are shaped by prayer and service? How do we care for the gifts we've been given, so that every breath is a thanksgiving to God, witnessing to the love that we have been given without price or precondition?

As you prayerfully consider your answers to these questions and your pledging for the year ahead, I invite you to reflect on the gifts that you have been given and then to take the next step in thinking about your priorities for next year. Where do you spend your time, your energy, and your money? The money we spend, the time and energy that we

offer shapes the priorities we live out day to day. Where do you want to offer those gifts in response to God's call and God's grace?

I invite you to join me in making a commitment to good stewardship, as you take the next step in your stewardship journey, prioritizing the ways you will respond to God's grace by offering your gifts; time, talents, and treasure, in the coming year.

Thanks be to God,

*Rev. Lorrin*



## Serving the Family of **Rockport United Methodist**

Rev. Lorrin Radzik	- Senior Pastor
Sarah Paulson	- Lay Leader
Kira Cimino Holchin	- Director of Christian Education & Youth Pastor

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



## November Wedding Anniversaries!

12 Chuck & Cathy Collings, 24 years  
23 John & Verna Ferrante, 29 years  
29 Dave & Marilyn Plachta, 33 years

## Thought of the Month!

### The Benefits of Gratitude



Christians realize that gratitude has spiritual benefits, but now scientists are confirming its physical and emotional benefits, as well. Professor Robert Emmons found that people who counted their blessings instead of their burdens were healthier and more optimistic, exercised more and made more progress toward achieving goals. Evidence shows that gratitude can even ease chronic health conditions. Emmons, author of "Thanks! How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier" (Mariner Books), acknowledges that gratitude seems harder to practice during tough times. But, he notes, "In the face of demoralization, gratitude has the power to energize. In the face of brokenness, gratitude has the power to heal. In the face of despair, gratitude has the power to bring hope."

-Taken from the Newsletter

### From the Finance Committee:

The most recently available financial information for Rockport United Methodist Church can be found on the table at the back of the church, or can be requested by contacting the office at 440-331-9433 or [rockportumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockportumc@sbcglobal.net). This information will be updated after each Church Council meeting, which is approximately every other month.

## Happy Birthday, Children & Youth

11/6 Claire Walkosak  
11/13 Nevaeh Reith  
11/19 Jack Munro  
11/25 Lincoln Hover  
11/26 Myah Paulson  
11/27 Thomas Elama  
11/30 Annabella Cowley

## November Month At-A-Glance

1,8,15,22,29  
32,9,16,23,30

AlAnon, 9:45am  
Worship Rehearsal, 3pm  
Food & Fellowship, 5pm  
Saturday Evening Worship,  
5:30pm  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
EMS Worship, 8:30am  
Confirmation Class #2, 9:30am  
Worship, All Saints Day, 10:45am  
UMYF Bake Sale  
Pipes and Drum Practice, 7pm  
Choir, 6:45pm  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 6pm  
GNK's & Wed M&M's, 6:45pm  
Adult Education, 6:30pm  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7pm  
Childcare Committee, 7pm  
Women's Fellowship, 12:15pm  
Dec./Jan. Rockporter articles due  
All District Charge Conference at  
Rocky River UMC, 9-11am  
EMS Worship, 8:30am  
Worship, 10:45am  
Confirmation Class #3, 9:30am  
UMW World Thank Offering  
Program, 12:15pm  
Parent/Student 30 hour famine  
meeting, 12:15pm  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30pm  
UMKids' Club, 7pm, Dec./Jan.  
Men's Group Breakfast, 8:30am  
UMYF Project Feed, 12:15pm  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal,  
6:30pm  
Mary Martha Circle, 12:30  
Finance, 6:30pm  
30 hour Famine  
Church office Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Hanging of the Greens, 10-3pm

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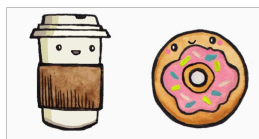
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**Charge Conference** All District Charge Conference, Sat., Nov. 9, 9 - 11 a.m.: at Rocky River UMC

**DO NOT  
FORGET!** Change your  
clocks on  
November 3rd



### Coffee Hour Schedule for November



All members and guests are invited to The Parlor immediately following church for refreshments and a light assortment of food.

### Thank you to the following groups/people for hosting in October:

November 6th: Leitch Family  
November 13th: Stephan/MacMillan Families  
November 17th: Women's Fellowship  
November 24th: Childcare

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and 10:00pm. At 7pm, we will celebrate God's love in an interactive service that takes us from A to Z! At 10pm, we will hear the Christmas story through lessons and carols. Both services will include some of your favorite Christmas music, candlelight, and communion. We hope that you and your family will join us at one or both of our services as we celebrate with joy!

### 2020 PLEDGE CARDS

Don't forget to mail in or bring your pledge cards to church on Sunday, November 10, as we celebrate the commitments we will make and offer our pledges for the coming year to God! If you should forget your pledge card, we will have extras on the table in the back of the church.



Women's  
fellowship

Mary  
Martha  
Circle

MEN'S  
GROUP

### United Methodist Women

Please join us on Sunday, November 10th after coffee hour in room 18 for a World Thank Offering collection and program. We will also continue discussion of our 2020 agenda.

### Women's Fellowship

Ladies of the church are invited to join us for lunch at Wild Mango Restaurant at Great Northern mall on Thursday, November 7th at 12:15pm. Please sign up on the chapel hallway bulletin board.

### Mary-Martha Circle

All ladies of the church are invited on Wednesday, November 20th at 12:30pm for a time of fellowship. Bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. Program following lunch will be interesting articles on "What You Need To Know."

### Men's Group

All men of the church are invited on Saturday, Nov. 16th at 8:30am for breakfast at Café Stratos, 23642 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted. Please come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with other Rockport men.

**Save-the-Date:** The Annual Rockport Men's Group Christmas Celebration will be on Thursday, December 12th from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Nick Berardi's home. Nick will provide pasta, meatballs and sausage. Bring a salad, vegetables, side dish or dessert and your Christmas spirit! We always have a great time at this festive gathering. Please put this event on your calendar.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

Help us decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, November 30th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We need those who can sit and unwrap the chrismon ornaments and those who can do some heavier duty work. Whatever you can do to help – it will be fun!!!!

People have been asking us what they can donate each month...  
This month the top items that are disappearing quickly are:

- \*Laundry Soap (50 oz. or less)
- \*Shampoo/Conditioner
- \*Deodorant
- \*Bath Soap (liquid or bar)
- \*Bottled Water



THANK YOU!!!!



The Children & Youth

THE  
NEHEMIAH MISSION  
OF CLEVELAND

6515 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, OH  
(216) 961-6968

#Corner65 is a drop in program for children of the surrounding neighborhood. It provides, play, learning, tutoring, Bible study and relationship building.

It is a place that allows curiosities to be answered and life skills to be acquired.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** [nehmission@gmail.com](mailto:nehmission@gmail.com)

CORNER 65



Dear Members of Rockport UMC,

I took this photograph in the Chapel just before an Early Morning Service. The light and the shadows spoke to me and the cross so striking reminds me of the scripture passage from Nahum 1:7, The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. I find, and perhaps you do too, that life is light and shadows with the Cross ever present. I thank God that He abides with us in all matters. I appreciate when His mighty love manifests itself to us in unexpected ways.

Peace,

Valerie Norris,

Director of Rockport Early Childhood Center





FALL  
2019

# Feel God's Blessings

be the good



What is it?

**30 Hour Famine! Nov. 22nd-23rd!**

## Hunger Facts:

\*Hunger kills another child every 10 seconds.

\*Every day, nearly 8,000 kids under age 5 die because of hunger-related causes. Some starve. Some get sick — and their hungry bodies are just too weak to fight.

\*The biggest tragedy? Almost all of these deaths are absolutely, 100% preventable.

30 Hour Famine is a nationwide event to raise money and awareness for the the impoverished people of the world who go without adequate food everyday. All donations go to World Vision to fight hunger.

During the 30 Hour Famine, students 6th to 12th grade will get a crash course in global hunger by going the entire time they are with us without food. We'll have loads of activities, discussions, and mission activities in our all nighter-event to help make this a life- changing experience.

## WE NEED YOU, our CHURCH FAMILY!

We will be ending the 30 hour famine with a meal, together with the parents and the entire Church Family! We will need LOTS of help!!!

All day on Saturday we will be working on mission projects, at the church and around the neighborhood, and we will need volunteers to oversee youth!

We need people to volunteer to GIVE us mission opportunities! If you need windows washed, your house vacuumed, leaves raked, or other small projects, please let us know! We are looking for youth teams to spend 30 to 40 min. Per location, so these are not all-day projects, but hopefully you will find them helpful!

We need people to volunteer to make and bring soup, (We need 8 crock pots of soup!) or help set up for our end-meal, prep and cook the grilled cheese & salad, or

serve the meal, as well as a clean-up crew! The kids will have been up late, working hard all day on no food, and exhausted. This is the one time I would like them to not have to clean-up!

We will end our experience at Saturday Night Worship together with the Community and our Rockport Family!

\* please note that the clean-up crew would be needed after the Saturday Night Worship Service  
The kids will be hoping the earn donations for their mission work all day.

\*IF YOU CANNOT donate to them, we STILL wish to serve you - so please do not feel that you cannot ask us for help!

\*If you are interesting in Volunteering in any way, please fill out a Volunteer Form on the next page, or email/call the office.

\* ANYONE in the congregation or community can give to our Mission!

\*YOU, our church family, are welcome to volunteer to join us at any time between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday!

You are all very welcome - we love to have you come and be with us.

\* PLEASE note that our soup and sandwich dinner will be open to the community, so all hands on deck would be EXTREMELY welcome!!!!

Please ASK Kira ANY questions you may have! THANK YOU!

Our Goal this year is to raise \$50 per student for our Mission.







# Feel God's Blessings

Sharing God's Gifts to EVERYONE

## Volunteer Registration



Please fill out all that apply and turn it in to the office, or take a photo of it and email it to [ciminodesign@aol.com](mailto:ciminodesign@aol.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will chaperone Friday night until 11 p.m.

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I will help with the Meal Set-up

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I will chaperone overnight

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I will help with the Meal Prep/Cooking

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I will volunteer Saturday, at Church

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I will help with Serving the Meal

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I will be a driver/chaperone Saturday

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I will Help with Clean-up

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I will make a crockpot of soup

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I desire more information

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## Just WHAT do we DO in Confirmation Class here at Rockport?

Do you wonder about what we do in Confirmation class? During the upcoming year, there will be a lot of preparation that will go into the Confirmand's decision to participate in the Confirmation Ceremony to become a disciple of Christ. This preparation will involve the Confirmands, teachers, sponsors, peer mentors, and importantly, the parents. There are many requirements for Confirmation. In addition to the lessons the children will be responsible for, some of the requirements they will be responsible for as we move on that journey towards Confirmation Day are: attending class & youth group, mission/service work, homework discussions on our APP, meeting with the peer mentors/sponsors, and a private interview meeting in the last week before Confirmation day between the Confirmands, and Rev. Lorin & Kira.

We take the children's faith very seriously, and believe that this is the foundation for their relationship with God for the rest of their lives. It is an honor to take this journey with them!

Please keep them in your prayers all-year long as they walk on this journey! IT IS VERY EXCITING! Thank you!



**GET READY to preorder CHRISTMAS COOKIES!** The Youth & UMKids' Club kids will be taking orders beginning on Saturday, November 23rd and running through Sunday, December 15th, and available for pick-up on Saturday, December 21st after Saturday Night Worship, and Sunday, December 22nd after 10:45 a.m. Worship. The proceeds for our Cookie Sale go to various Mini-Missions for UMKids' Club and Youth, and our YAC Youth Trip. **THANK YOU!**





## November Class:

11/3 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
11/10 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Catacombs (basement)



## November Schedule:

### BAKE SALE for Project Feed SUNDAY November 3rd!

PLEASE bring baked goods to contribute to the Bake Sale after worship on the 3rd. The cost of Project Feed has gone up considerably, and we are trying to keep our cost to the youth down so that we can continue to participate in this event! Please bring your contributions to the Youth Sunday school room on the 3rd, before church begins. We will have carts to place them on. WE WILL NEED people to man the booth after worship for 20 to 30 minutes, so please plan on staying. THANK YOU!

### PROJECT: **FEED**

Changing the world, one meal at a time.

### Conference Youth Event! Project Feed 6th -12th Graders SUNDAY November 17th!

The East Ohio Conference youth continue to set an example of the

cooperative ministry that is needed to reach out into our mission fields, both at home and around the world. During the weekend of November 16-17 teens and adult Volunteers have set a goal to pack 100,000 meals that will be sent to countries around the world. The cost is \$15. And a canned good. ALL monies go to paying for the supplies and shipping the food around the world. Because of our bigger goal this year, that cost has gone up from the normal \$5, and so we are having a bake sale to try to off-set the cost and keep it down for the kids attending. We won't know our final cost until after Nov. 3rd, and an email will be sent out.

\*We will meet after Worship (noon) 11/17,

Needed: Money for lunch on the way, Permission Slip, and money TBA for admission, with a canned food for local food banks

Please let Kira know if there are ANY questions!

### Rockport Kids' Club 6th Graders & Youth Event! 30 Hour Famine!

6th -12th Graders  
Friday, November 22nd & 23rd

This is an overnight event at the church. We will have activities, discussions, and mission work, ending with a church-wide meal on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

\*Parent/student meeting on **November 10th** after church in the Sanctuary for information.

This is a serious event, but you WILL have fun, too!

Poverty and famine run rampant around the world. We will collect money to help fight famine and much like project feed, try to feed as many people around the globe as possible!

PLEASE let me know if you are interested, but cannot attend the meeting. You will need the information!

**FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME at youth group events!**

## October's Conference Youth Event

Poverty Simulation







UMKids'  
**Club**

**November:**



**Christian  
Education**

**BAKE SALE for Project Feed  
SUNDAY November 3rd!**

PLEASE bring baked goods to contribute to the Bake Sale after worship on the 3rd. 6th Graders, especially try too help out, as you are able to attend Project Feed.

**Game Night!**

**Friday November 15th! 7 to 9 p.m.**

Snacks and games!

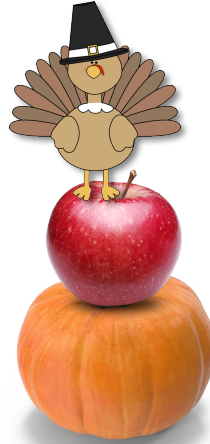
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**30 Hour Famine! 6th -12th Graders**

**Friday, November 22nd & 23rd**

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\*see Youth page for some info.



**M&M's and Good News Kids!**

**6th, 13th, & 20th:** 6:45 - 8 p.m.

Dinner served every week, Lessons, Learning Games, & Activities! (Preschool through 6th Graders!)

\*from 11/6 through 12/11 Classes will run 6:45 to 8 p.m. because of Pageant rehearsal. Children will go from rehearsal straight to dinner! THANKS!

**Please Note:** There will be NO Good News Kids class on Wednesday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Break.

**November Christmas Pageant Rehearsals:**

**Wed.** 11/6 - 6-6:45 p.m.

**Wed.** 11/13 - 6-6:45 p.m.

**Mon.** 11/18 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Wed.** 11/20 - 6-6:45 p.m.



Get to Know your Church Family!

**CALLING ALL ADULTS!**

This year we are about to do something EXCITING!!!! Beginning on Saturday November 23rd & Sunday, November 24th, there will be paper Turkeys on the Christian Ed table in the hallway.

Have you ever wanted a pen pal? YOU CAN HAVE ONE NOW! We are pairing adults with children, preschool through 6th grade, to be a Rockport Pen Pal!

We ask that from now until NEXT Thanksgiving, you write to your pen pal ten times. You can OF COURSE write more than that! YOU CAN EVEN keep sending each other notes AFTER next year!

You may mail your notes if you prefer, but we will have a system to leave them at the church as well, as soon as we know how many people are participating. \*YOU MAY ALSO request more than one child, if you like! There is NO LIMIT on love!

Please consider picking a Turkey up and writing your name on it, and returning it to the MAIL BOX that will be sitting next to the blank ones on the table.

We will kick off the pen pal project the week of December 8th, and you will receive your first note by the next Sunday. When you receive your note, you may write back to your pen pal anytime!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH, and you would like a pen pal, please contact the church office, and we will assign you a pen pal! YAAAAAY!!!!



October 2019							November 2019							December 2019							
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# Prayers



## \*Hospitalized

Laurie Lutro	Prayers for a successful surgery. Requested by Caitlin
Christina	Prayers for strength & continued faith in difficult circumstances. Requested by Janet B.
*Richard Marshall	Heart issues. Brother of Ann DeCrane
*Sarah	In hospital with fluid and has 5 chest tubes. Second cousin of Jane Newman
Sister Donna Galetovich	Health issues. Requested by Mary Mainwaring
Lucy Ponerantz	Prayers for healing. Neighbor of Mary Mainwaring
Jerry	Battling cancer. Brother-in-law of Ann DeCrane
Robert DeLeon	Recent diagnosis of cancer in multiple areas. Requested by Dan Newman
Vicki Moenich	Medical concerns
Katie Patton	Single mom of 3 with stage 4 liver cancer. Requested by the Wilkenson Family
Connie Graham	Health concerns
Betty Jones	Prayers for strength and healing
Erna Guia	Prayers for healing
Dennis	Prayers for health, strength & healing. Nephew of Elsie Gaewsky
Helen Tank	Prayers for improved health
Jan Tietje	Medical concerns
Gregory Schwind	Multiple system atrophy. Requested by Nancy Geyer
Joyce	Health concerns. Sister of Nancy Geyer
Jacob Gasiewski	Serving our country. 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 just returned to Kuwait for 6 months. Grandson of Marge Freeman

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Thanks for the prayers for Joe Casper. He is on the mend.

Son-in-law of Nancy Geyer



Thank you, Rockport Church Family for the support and donations we have been receiving for over a year and a half. We are grateful, and we feel lucky to have you in our corner!

XOXO The Children & Youth of Rockport UMC

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## In Sympathy

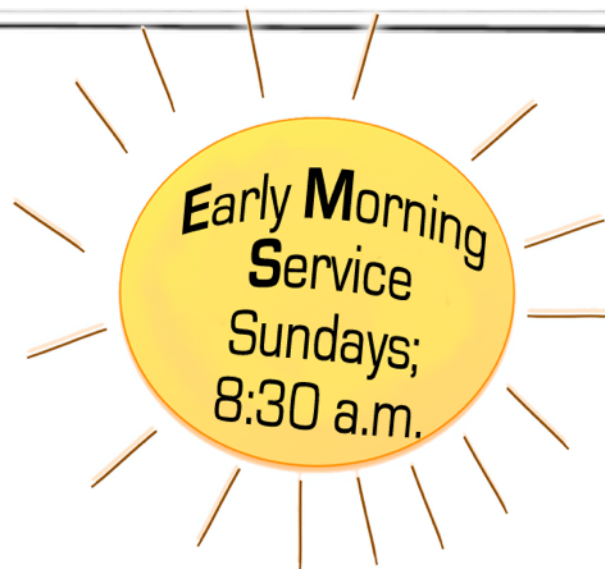
Gloria Fountain and family on the loss of **Jack Fountain**, who passed into life eternal on Oct. 18th. Uncle of Julia Welsh

Family and friends of **Mary Hart**, who passed into life eternal on Oct. 11th. Member of Rockport

Family and friends of **Mike Thomas**, who passed away peacefully on Oct. 10th. Former member of Rockport and brother of Craig & Dave Thomas



**Saturday**  
Evening  
**Worship** Saturdays  
@5:30 p.m.



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

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Return Service Requested  
Dated Material Do Not Delay

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