

*Nursery Available*

Parents are encouraged to bring children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old to the nursery before or during the worship service. The nursery is located through the hallway door to the left of the lobby, across from Fellowship Hall, and is the first door on the right once you round the curve of the hallway. Ushers can assist you with directions as well.



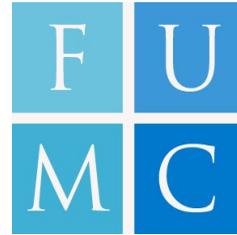
First United Methodist Church of Elgin celebrates the diversity of the human community and affirms the sacred worth of each person. We seek to follow the Way of Jesus, extending love to others, as we would want to be loved. We welcome into full inclusion in the life and ministries of the church people of all sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, and bisexual) and gender identities (transgender), ages, races and national origins, physical or mental abilities, and economic conditions. We especially proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain or exclusion or discrimination in the church. As a Reconciling Congregation, we believe that we are being reconciled to God and to one another.

*Church Staff*

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Directors, Youth Education  
Director of Music  
Associate Director of Music  
Organist  
Music Leader, Saturday Service  
Radio  
Multi Media  
Office Administrator  
Child Care Provider  
Facilities Engineer

Rev. Richard T. Carlson  
Cindy Palm  
Keith Duncan and Mark Johnson  
Matthew Weber  
Jonathan Besancon  
Ralph Pugh  
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Steve Muchow and Justin Potts  
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*October 28, 2018*

**Welcome**

When Prince Charles was vacationing on the English seacoast he stopped in a fish shop where he saw a particularly nice mackerel. "How much for this beauty?" he asked the shopkeeper. "Fifty pounds," came the reply. "Fifty pounds? Are mackerels rare in this area?" "Mackerels aren't," said the fishmonger, "princes are."



Whether you're regal or regular, you've come to the right place and I'm happy you are here.

Rick Carlson,  
Pastor



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Prelude "Te Deum Prelude" Charpentier

Greetings and Announcements

The Call to Worship

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! Look to him and be radiant; let your joyful face declare the glory of the Lord.

*The Lord has heard our prayers and has delivered us from all our fears; the poor soul was saved from every trouble.*

An angel of the Lord encamps around those who honor him; he lifts them up in times of trouble.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him.*

from Psalm 34

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110

Opening Prayer

*O God, our God, hear our prayers. With grateful hearts we come to you seeking courage and wisdom. Through the abundance of your love, give us the confidence to be a faithful people, never shying away from the tasks you set before us. Heal us, teach us, empower us to share the truth of Christ's redeeming love in all that we say and do. Amen.*

New Testament Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Note: Today's New Testament passage is being read from the paraphrase version of the Bible called *The Message* in remembrance of Rev. Eugene Peterson, author of the popular translation, who died on Monday last week.

Choral Anthem "Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord" Althouse

A Word About Stewardship Jim Herbison/Doug McDaniel

Prayer

Offertory "Antiphon V" Dupre

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Response This is the good news of Jesus Christ.  
*Thanks be to God!*

Message "Blind Spot" R. Carlson

Hymn "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" UMH 262

Sending Forth

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" Purcell

Note: Some worshipers leave after the benediction (sending forth). Others observe a local tradition of remaining seated through the playing of the postlude. Please feel free to do as you wish. Everyone is invited to have coffee and light refreshments in the fellowship hall immediately after the service.

## Weekly Classes & Groups

### Prayer Shawl Ministry - Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Wesley Room

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Wednesday morning in the Wesley Room from 9:30 – 11:30. In addition to working on shawls, we are also knitting hats for needy children in our U-46 schools. We have many hat patterns from very simple to more challenging. Pick your skill level! Even though it's hard to think of winter when the temperature is in the 80's, winter will be coming! Enjoy the companionship of your church friends and bring a neighbor. Everyone is welcome!

### Celebration Ringers - Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Choir Room

FUMC's hand bell choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45. Celebrations Ringers provide service music one Sunday per month, September through May. Ringers can be as young as middle school age. If you can read music and are interested in joining Celebration Ringers, please contact Jonathan Besancon.

### Guys Stuff Men's Group - Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room

The ghouls from the Guys Stuff group will be out trick-or-treating this Wednesday, October 31. They will be back to their regularly scheduled programming on Wednesday, November 7.

### Women's Wednesday Night Group - 6:30 pm in the Wesley Room

The Women's Wednesday Night Group has ended for the season. The group will resume in January. Look for an announcement regarding their upcoming study in late December.

### Cathedral Choir - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room

FUMC's adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45. The Cathedral Choir provides service music every Sunday, September through May. All singers are welcome to be a part of the Cathedral Choir. To join the choir or for more information, please contact Matthew Weber, FUMC Music Director.

### Reflections Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:00am at Big Apple Bagels

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study meets at Big Apple Bagels, 561 N. McLean Blvd., in Elgin at 9:00 am. Come receive the study book, *Transformed Women in the Bible*, by Julie-Allyson Ieron. You will meet several women of the Bible who spent time with Jesus and were never the same. Your everyday life will sparkle with fresh hope and overflowing joy!

## Today's Ministry Support

Acolytes: Jenna Fox

Greeters: Dave Brown and Ed Kalsbeek

Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Deanna Young in loving memory of her husband, Darwin.

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Pat and Terry Dunning.

<b>SUN</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>UMW Chili Cook-Off</b>
	1:00 pm	ETC Rehearsal		
<b>MON</b>	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>CWF Classes</b>	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle
	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers		
<b>TUES</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>FVFL Classes</b>	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices practice		
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers practice
	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir practice		
<b>THURS</b>	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study		
<b>FRI</b>				
<b>SAT</b>	4:00 pm	<b>Boy Scout Troop #10 Spaghetti Dinner</b>		

## Announcements

### United Methodist Women...*A Sisterhood of Grace*

♥ **2018 CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.** Sample 20 different kinds of chili. Get a bowl of chili and salad for \$5. Homemade pies for sale. Vote for your favorite chili with \$1.00 tickets. All proceeds will support Allison Duncan's ministry to the children of Thailand. Bring your friends!

♥ **BREAKFAST FOR THE HUNGRY AT VINEYARD CHURCH - Wednesday, November 7.** The new sign-up sheet is on the UMW bulletin Board for Breakfast for the Hungry at Vineyard. If you can provide part of a hot breakfast for about 60 guests, please sign-up. Bring your food to Vineyard Church, right behind FUMC, at 6:45 am.

Week #44

Year to Date Budget \$363,852

Year to Date Received \$317,651

Last 4 Weeks Income	Sep. 30 (40)	Oct. 07 (41)	Oct. 14 (42)	Oct. 21 (43)
Giving Income	\$4,277	\$8,626	\$3,560	\$4,231
Miscellaneous Income	\$60	\$1,125	\$3,560	\$375
UMCOR Offering	\$0	\$25	\$889	\$100
Totals	\$4,337	\$9,776	\$8,009	\$4,706

\*Needed Weekly Income

\$8,550

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### Adult Sunday School - 10:30am in the Wesley Room

There will be **NO Sunday School today**, October 28, due to the UMW Chili Cook-Off. The Adult Sunday school class will resume next week with a new study!

### Adult Sunday School - 10:30am in the Wesley Room

**Starting Sunday, November 4** - New study *What Makes You Happy*. For many, happiness is measured in moments and experiences. It's elusive, unsustainable. What makes you happy? Not sure? In this six week study, Andy Stanley reveals what makes you happy. He explores what three things happy people have in common and reveals how these three things can be realities to you as well.

### Deep Blue Kids Sunday School - 10:15am in the Creation Room (West Wing)

A new kids Sunday school program has begun for children ages 4 through 6th grade. Lynda Fox will lead a class on the "Creation" that will include activities, music, and a different lesson each week.

### Youth Sunday School - 10:15am in the East Conference Room

Keith Duncan and Mark Johnson lead classes for youth in grades 7th through 12th in the East Conference Room each Sunday morning. Gather with fellow youth and discuss the week's sermons and issues that are relevant to your lives.

### Monday Morning Coffee Ministry - Mondays at 9:00am at Blue Box Caf e

The Monday morning coffee group meets at Blue Box Cafe located at 176 E. Chicago Street. Come for some great coffee, conversation and fellowship. What a great way to start your week!

### Monday Morning Quilters Ministry - Mondays at 9:00am in the Choir Room

The Quilters meet on Mondays from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm with a break at 11:30 am for a sack lunch. Not only do they have fun, but over the years they have formed some wonderful friendships. All are welcome!