

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.

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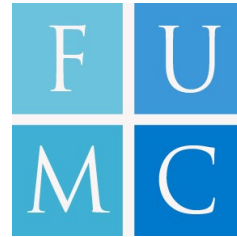
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Welcome

A defense attorney told his client, "I've got good news and bad news. The bad news is your blood test came back and your DNA is an exact match with the sample found at the robbery. They've got you dead to rights." "That really is bad news," said his client, "I'm finished. So what's the good news?" "Your cholesterol is down to 140!"

We've got nothing but good news for everybody this morning, news expressed in words and songs and thankful prayers. I'm happy to be here and I'm glad that you are here too.

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



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Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" J. S. Bach

Greeting and Announcements

The Call to Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like we were in a dream;
we laughed, we sang, we shouted joyfully!

*Restore our fortunes now, O Lord. May those who sow in tears reap with
gladness, saying, "The Lord has done great things for us!"*

from Psalm 26

Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH 694

Opening Prayer

*O Giver of life, we thank you for the blessing of your presence. For the abundance
of your love, for inward peace and spiritual vigor, for relief from worry and fear, for
making us in your own image we are truly thankful. Shelter us from evil and reas-
sure us that what you provide for us is enough. It is enough. It is enough. Amen.*

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Choral Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Monk

Prayer

Offertory Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

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

Message "The Good Stuff" R. Carlson

Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH 147

Sending Forth

Postlude "Now Thank We All" S. Karg-Elert

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

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

The Guys Stuff group is on Holiday Break. We are taking off for the North Pole to help Santa build toys. We will return in January!

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. We have begun our Advent Study, *Embodied Light*, by Melissa Tidwell. Reflections will meet **November 15 and 29** and **December 6 and 13**. Join us at Big Apple Bagel for this four-week study filled with scripture, stories, prayers, and ways to let our bodies guide us deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation.

Week #48

Year to Date Budget \$398,052

Year to Date Received \$346,501

Last 4 Weeks Income	Oct. 28 (44)	Nov. 4 (45)	Nov. 11 (46)	Nov. 18 (47)
Giving Income	\$5,168	\$4,501	\$7,999	\$6,525
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$300	\$825	\$1,830
Thanksgiving Offering	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$25
UMCOR Offering	\$0	\$25	\$125	\$527
Totals	\$5,168	\$4,826	\$9,949	\$8,907

*Needed Weekly Income \$8,550

Today's Ministry Support

Acolytes: Eric Fox

Greeters: Brian, Lynda, Kara, Eric, and Jenna Fox

Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Coffee and tea are sponsored by Nancy Beth. Treats are provided by Carolyn Barclay.

Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Jim and Janet Krambeer in Thanksgiving for their countless blessings and their church family.

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Dave Brown in loving memory of his wife, Judy.

SUN	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	DEEP BLUE Kids Sunday School	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	6:00 pm	Chamber Music on the Fox Dress Rehearsal		
MON	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	7:00 pm	Chamber Music on the Fox Performance
TUES	9:30 am	FVFL Classes	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
WED	9:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	2:00 pm	Lifetouch Photo Sessions
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
THURS	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm	Lifetouch Photo Sessions
	7:00 pm	All Church Conference		
FRI	1:00 pm	Lifetouch Photo Sessions		
SAT	10:00 am	Lifetouch Photo Sessions	1:00 pm	Live Nativity/Winter Wonderland

Announcements

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

♥ **Breakfast for the Hungry at Vineyard Church - Wednesday, December 5** we will serve a hot breakfast to 60 guests. Sign-up on the UMW bulletin board if you would like to help provide food for these people in need of our good food and loving attention. Please have your gift of food at the Vineyard Church, right behind FUMC on Division Street, by 6:45 am.

♥ **Giving Tree for the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin.** Come to the tree in the Narthex, select a tag from the tree, and purchase any amount of the items listed. Return your UNWRAPPED gifts to the basket by Sunday, December 16.

♥ **Caroling and Cookies - Saturday, December 15.** Bring the joy of Christmas to the residents of The Greens of Elgin. Meet at FUMC on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 am to carpool to the Greens. All voices are welcome and needed to sing. Sign-up on the UMW bulletin board and join the fun!



2018 All Church Conference - Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm

The 2018 All Church Conference will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in Rogers Hall.

Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath will lead the meeting. Items to be discussed include Pastor Rick's compensation for 2019, new committees and committee members, and several verses of Scripture. Please make plans to attend.

2018 Elgin DNA Winter Wonderland

On **Saturday, December 1 from 2:00 to 6:00pm**, FUMC will once again present the story of Christmas with a live nativity, petting zoo, Christmas carols, hot cocoa and cookies. ALL are encouraged to attend and to be a part of this wonderful event! Bake some cookies & bring them to share, be a part of the choir and sing Christmas carols with the crowd, come early and stay late to help set-up and tear down the amazing backdrop that FUMC has put together. What a wonderful way to start the Advent season with your church family and the greater Elgin community!



Weekly Classes & Groups

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

No Adult Class Today

Due to Live Nativity rehearsal, there is no adult class today. Please join us next Sunday for the start of our Advent study, *The Redemption Of Scrooge*. See you next week!

Adult Sunday School Advent Study - *The Redemption of Scrooge*

Starting Sunday, December 2nd

In this four week study, based on Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, we will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits, with an eye to the Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with, and for, others in a world blessed by Jesus. This study will have you honor Christmas in your heart, and keep it all the year.

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 Café

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!

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. Everyone is welcome!