

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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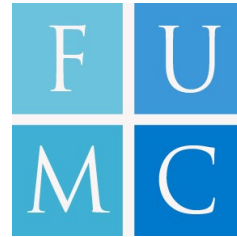
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Welcome

A preschool teacher struggled to get the last of her young charges ready to go out to play in the snow. She pulled on a snowsuit, fought with an unwilling zipper, wrestled with boots and finished off with mittens, scarf and hat. The little girl then informed the teacher, "This isn't my snowsuit." Exhausted, the teacher removed the hat, mittens and scarf, pulled off the boots and finally the snowsuit. When she realized the one she had just taken off was the only snowsuit left, the weary teacher asked, "If this snowsuit isn't yours, whose is it?" The preschooler said, "It's my sister's, but she's too big for it now and Mom said I could wear it!"

Thanks for coming. Take off your coat – or your snowsuit – and stay awhile. I'm very glad you are here.

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



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Prelude "Pastorale from Sonata No. 1 in D minor" A. Guilmant

Greeting and Announcements

The Call to Worship

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I trust in you; do not let my enemies
exult over me and protect me from the treacheries of evildoers.

*Show us your ways, O Lord; teach us and lead us, for you are the God
of our salvation, the God we seek to serve.*

Be merciful, O Lord; do not remember the sins of my youth or my
frequent transgressions.

*The way of the Lord is steadfast love and faithfulness, a pathway
for those who keep his covenant and honor his decrees.*

from Psalm 25

Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

Lighting the Advent Candle "Hope"

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Choral Anthem "O Come to Us, Emmanuel" J. Martin

Prayer

Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" G. W. Cassler

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

Message "The Redemption of a Grinch" R. Carlson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

Prayer after receiving

Hymn "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" UMH 730

Sending Forth

Postlude "Advent" E. Titcomb

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.

Music Ministry Groups

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.

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.



Week #49

Year to Date Budget \$406,602

Year to Date Received \$348,776

Last 4 Weeks Income	Nov. 4 (45)	Nov. 11 (46)	Nov. 18 (47)	Nov. 25 (48)
Giving Income	\$4,501	\$7,999	\$6,525	\$2,275
Miscellaneous Income	\$300	\$825	\$1,830	\$0
Thanksgiving Offering	\$0	\$1,000	\$25	\$0
UMCOR Offering	\$25	\$125	\$527	\$0
Totals	\$4,826	\$9,949	\$8,907	\$2,275

*Needed Weekly Income \$8,550

Today's Ministry Support

Acolytes: Jenna Fox

Greeters: Rob and Connie Kramer

Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. This week's coffee, tea, and treats are sponsored by Alan and Kathy Walters.

Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Jerry and Kathie Ligon in loving memory of their son, Chris. The poinsettia in the Narthex is given by Jean Wolff in loving memory of her mother, Beverly Jordan.

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by the UMW with proceeds from the 2017 Chili Cook-off.

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
	10:30 am	The Redemption of Scrooge Adult Class		
MON	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices Board Meeting
TUES	9:30 am	FVFL Classes	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal		
WED	7:00 AM	UMW Breakfast @ Vineyard Church	9:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
THURS	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study		
FRI				
SAT	4:00 pm	AA District # 22 Christmas Party		

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!

Christmas at First United Methodist

December Taizé Service

Our monthly Taizé service will be held on *Friday, December 14th* at 7:00 pm. Step away from the stress of the season, and quietly join your neighbors in seeking peace and comfort through prayer, music and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 9 during the 9:00AM worship service

The Cathedral Choir will present its annual musical program. Invite friends to come and enjoy the true Spirit of Christmas!

Christmas Eve Family Service

Monday, December 24 at 4:00PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24 at 7:30PM

This traditional candlelight service will feature the Cathedral Choir and Celebration Ringers as well as many traditional Christmas carols. This is always a meaningful, inspirational, awe-inspiring service and all are welcome to attend.

Weekly Classes & Groups

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

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

In this four week study, based on Charles Dickens' *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.

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!

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 **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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people and we have not done your will. We have broken your law and rebelled against your love. Forgive us, we pray, free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear this good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! (All) Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Bread and Cup

Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.