

### *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*

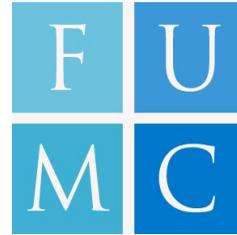
Pastor  
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Music Leader, Saturday Service  
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*December 16, 2018*

## Welcome

A woman brought her grandson to the mall where they waited in line to talk to Santa. When he finally got to St. Nick's lap, the boy shouted, "I want a dirt bike and a stomp rocket and a monster truck and..." "Whoa," said the man in the red suit, "you don't have to shout. Santa can hear just fine." "I know *you* can hear," said the boy, "but Grandma can't."

Welcome everyone! Knowing who needs to hear your heart's desire is a good first step and you've come to the right place. The Spirit of the Lord is here; speak and you will be heard.

Rick Carlson,  
Pastor



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Prelude "The Christ Child" R. G. Hailing

Greeting and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Surely the Lord is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.

*For the Lord is our strength and our might; God is our salvation!*

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation and you will say  
in that day, "Give thanks to the Lord call upon his name!

*Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people, for great in our midst is the  
Holy One of Israel!*

from Isaiah 12

Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

Opening Prayer

*With eager hearts and earnest longing we come to you, O God. With tired souls  
and withered dreams, we come. We come in gladness and in sorrow, in despair and  
hope. We come. Renew us with your love that we may be filled with joyous antici-  
pation in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Lighting the Third Advent Candle "Joy"

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Anthem "Comfort, Comfort"  
Celebration Ringers C. Moglebust

Prayer

Offertory "The Holy Child Will Come"  
Cathedral Choir arr. Liebergen

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel Luke 3:7-18

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

Message "Somewhere the News is Good" R. Carlson

Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

Sending Forth

Postlude "In Dulci Jubilo" J. S. Bach

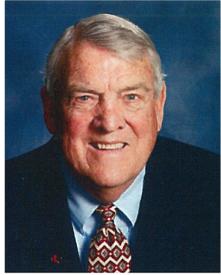
Liturgist: Elizabeth Zuniga

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.

## Announcements

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

♥ **Giving Tree for the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin.** TODAY is the last day to bring gifts for the Giving Tree. Please leave your **UNWRAPPED** gifts by the tree in the Narthex. The UMW will deliver the gifts tomorrow, Monday, December 17.



### A Birthday Celebration for Ray Haley

The Haley family invites the congregation to a celebration for Ray Haley's 90th birthday on Sunday, December 23. Cake and refreshments will be served in the Parlor immediately following the worship service.



### Bach Around the Clock

**March 9, 2019**, the Concerts for a Cause committee will host FUMC's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 12-hour **Bach Around the Clock** musical extravaganza. Please mark this date on your calendar and, as the time gets closer, volunteer to work and/or plan on being in the audience to enjoy the extraordinary talents of area musicians. The proceeds from concert will support the life-changing, life-saving work of the [Ecker Center for Mental Health](#). If you are a musician and would be willing to perform, please visit the [church website](#) to learn more and to [register](#). Posters and informational cards are available to distribute to friends and area businesses. Encourage musically talented friends, children, grandchildren, music teachers, musical amateurs and professionals to participate. Thank you to the Concerts for a Cause committee for the work they have done and the work they will do to lead our church in this community effort.

## 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 are taking a winter break. The group will gather again in mid-January. Look for an announcement in the bulletin.

**Reflections Women's Bible Study**

The Reflections group is taking a few weeks off for the Christmas holiday. The group will begin meeting again in January. Look for an announcement in the bulletin.

## 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 #51

Year to Date Budget \$423,702

Year to Date Received \$366,377

Last 4 Weeks Income	Nov. 18 (47)	Nov. 25 (48)	Dec. 02 (49)	Dec. 09 (50)
Giving Income	\$6,525	\$2,275	\$8,192	\$7,506
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,830	\$0	\$475	\$400
Christmas Offering	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$5
UMCOR Offering	\$527	\$0	\$0	\$523
Totals	\$8,907	\$2,275	\$9,167	\$8,434

\*Needed Weekly Income \$8,550

## Today's Ministry Support

Acolytes: Kevin Johnson

Greeters: E. Clifton "Bud" Wilson and Wendy Wilson

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

Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Dave Brown in loving memory of his wife, Judy.

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Jean Ihrke in honor of all the wonderful music in our church.

<b>SUN</b>	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		
<b>MON</b>	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle
	7:00 pm	ETC Read-through		
<b>TUES</b>	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting	12:30 pm	CERL Meeting
<b>WED</b>	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers	7:00 pm	ETC Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Practice		
<b>THURS</b>				
<b>FRI</b>				
<b>SAT</b>				

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Sunday, December 30

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We are collecting **NEW UNWRAPPED**  
Toys \* Games \* Household Cleaning Products  
Paper Good \* All Non-perishable Foods

Please see Frank Scheid with any questions