

Welcome Guests and Visitors

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today. To know more about First United Methodist Church, its ministries, activities and growth opportunities, please pick up a Newsletter at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Thank you!

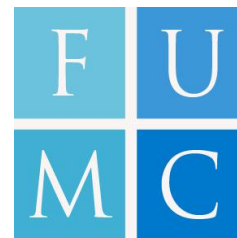
Nursery Available

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.

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Richard T. Carlson
Pastor, Youth/Education	Rev. Barbara A. Ross
Liturgist	Cindy Palm
Music Director	Matthew Weber
Assistant Choir Director	Earl Rigsby
Bell Choir Director	Jonathan Besancon
Organist	Ryan Krause
Radio	Steve Muchow and Justin Potts
Multi Media	Glenn Lambert and Frank Scheid
Office Administrator	Amy Didricksen
Child Care Provider	Shelby Didricksen
Building Maintenance	George Rowe Ron Rabe

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Welcome

A soldier sitting outside his quarters saw another soldier nearby and asked, “Hey, Buddy, have you got the time?” When the other obligingly turned and looked at his watch, the soldier discovered his “buddy” was a Colonel. “I’m sorry sir,” the soldier said, “I meant no disrespect.” “That’s all right, soldier,” said the Colonel, “just be thankful I wasn’t a Second Lieutenant.”

Humility is a virtue most evident in those who are entitled to be proud. Thank you for taking your part in this service of worship.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick".

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



Announcements

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - Faith, Hope and Love in Action

♥ Join in the **Silent Vigil** at Chicago's Daley Plaza at noon on **Friday, February 2**. We walk in unity with other United Methodist clergy and lay persons to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking. We will carpool from Elgin at 10:00 am and return about 3:00 pm. Sign up on the UMW bulletin board if you would like to be part of this important day. If you have questions, please contact Jane Duffy or Kathy Long

♥ **The Long Red Line** - Program at ECC Wednesday, February 14 from 10:00 - 11:30. Come to support "**One Billion Rising**," a global movement aimed at raising awareness about and resistance to rape culture, sexual assault and harassment of children, women, and men. Come to ECC building G Spartan Auditorium. **All women and men are invited to attend.** See Kathy Long or Jane Duffy for more details.

Welcome Team Meeting – Today at 10:00 am

The Welcome Team will be meeting today from 10:00 am until 10:30 am in room 227 (the 5th/6th grade classroom) on the second floor of the west wing.

Youth “Big Game” Sub Sale

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, beginning at 10:00 am, until sold out, the youth will hold their first fundraiser, the "Big Game Sub" Sale. This event is open to the entire community. Subs of all kind will be available: turkey, ham, veggie, etc. The \$12 meal deal includes a sub, a bag of chips and a soda. The sub only is \$8. Baked goods, made by members of the church, will also be available for sale. All proceeds will be used to support youth events and activities. Volunteers are needed at 7:00 am and 10:00 am. Thank you so much for your support!

Youth Butter Braid Fundraiser

Sunday, February 11 the youth will begin their second fundraiser, selling Butter Braids. Samples of the butter braids will be available during the potluck luncheon after the worship service. Please support the youth as you have always done in the past. Thanks so much. Funds will go to support the youth activities and events.

Today's Ministry Support

Acolytes: Kara Fox
Greeters: Jim and Joyce Herbison
Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Treats are provided by Taylor Brunner.
Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Jim and Joyce Herbison in loving memory of Frank and Cese Gannon.

Anchor Kids Sunday school –

Sundays 10:15 to 11:00 am

We are very excited to bring you good news! We are organizing a new children's Sunday school and we would love to have your children to attend. Class will be held in the Kindergarten Room. We have lots of fun stuff lined up for the children!

Classes will start as soon as we have volunteers in place. Are you a teacher or former teacher who wants to put your gifts to work for the church? Your help and input would be greatly appreciated. Are you available to teach every Sunday, once a month, or even once a quarter? Can you help with kitchen activities, crafts, and special projects? Everyone is welcome and encouraged to volunteer! We ask for your prayers as we embark upon this New Year and new opportunity to reach the children of Jesus. Jesus charged us with teaching children and families—to help them become fully devoted followers of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20). If you would like to help, please contact Reverend Barbara at revbross@fumcelgin.org or Pastor Rick at rcarlson@fumcelgin.org.



Weekly Classes

Adult Sunday School Study – *Sundays at 10:15 am in the Wesley Room*
The adult Sunday school class is currently studying *Before Amen: The Power of Simple Prayer*. Author Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and his discovery that having a conversation with God is for everyone. This study will teach us how everyone can build a prayer life that is stronger and how connecting with Him each day can make all the difference in your life and how you experience God.

Anchor Youth Sunday School – *10:10 am in the D.C. Cook Room*
Rev. Barbara Ross and Keith Duncan will be leading discussions on matters that are pertinent in the lives of young Christians. The youth will meet in the lower level D.C. Cook room on Sundays from 10:10 am until 11:00.



Guys Stuff - *Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room*
The Trouble with the Truth - Beneath our differences about the values that should define our culture is a real disagreement about what is true. Those who hold to the traditional beliefs of the Christian faith find themselves at odds with a culture that no longer believes there are universal spiritual or moral truths that apply to everyone. This six week study explores the truth - why it's in trouble, what the culture tells us about it, and why the church is so confused about it.

Wednesday Night Women's Group –*6:30pm in the Wesley Room*
The current study is *Quieting Your Heart, a Study of the Book of Luke*, by Darlene Schacht. This is an opportunity to meet with other women in an informal, open environment to learn, grow, and share together. The study guide will be provided so there is no book or materials to purchase.

Anchor Youth Wednesday Nights – *6:30 pm in the D. C. Cook Room*
The youth have resumed their Wednesday night meetings from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm in the D. C. Cook room. Rev. Barbara is having a great time getting to know the youth and is looking forward to learning all about them in the coming months.

Reflections Women's Bible Study Group - *Thursdays at 9:00am at Big Apple*
Reflections has chosen *31 Proverbs to Light Your Path* by Liz Curtis Higgs as their new study. Come for bible study, conversation, bagels and coffee. If you would like to join the Thursday morning Reflections group, please contact Kathy Long at krlong@sbcglobal.net or Jane Duffy at pjduffy@comcast.net.

The Week Ahead...

SUN	9:00 am	Traditional Service	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:00 am	Welcome Team Meeting	10:10 am	
	10:15am	<i>Before Amen</i> Adult Sunday School	1:00 pm	ETC Rehearsal
MON	9:00 am	Quilters Group	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers Rehearsal
TUES	10:00 am	Office Staff Meeting	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
WED	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30 pm	Guys Stuff
	6:30 pm		6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Women's Group
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
THURS	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
FRI	6:00 pm	UMCNIC Meeting		
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Week #5

Year to Date Budget \$44,100

Year to Date Received \$60,638

Last 4 Weeks Income	January 1	January 7	January 14	January 21
Giving Income	\$0	\$8,871	\$5,786	\$13,204
Prepaid Giving Income	\$31,903			
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$0	\$2,250	\$0
Second Sunday Offering			\$874	
Totals	\$31,903	\$8,871	\$8,910	\$13,204

*Needed Weekly Income

\$8,820

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2018 Lenten Study

You are *cordially* invited to an unusual but *tasty* series of discussions on five consecutive Sundays, February 18 thru March 18, at 3:00 in the afternoon at the church (room location to be announced)

“Grace and *Chocolat*”

The 2000 Lasse Hallstrom film *Chocolat* is the basis of an examination of personal piety, legalism, grace, self-righteousness, redemption and several more topics appropriate for the season of introspection and repentance.

Each week participants will view a portion of the film, be presented with biblical substance, and be encouraged to share thoughts and ideas...

...and then there will be chocolate!

...lots and lots of chocolate! This is not a good year to abstain from chocolate during the season, but if you do, keep in mind that Sundays are not counted in the forty days.

Please come. This is intended to be an enjoyable but quite serious spiritual adventure.



The Long Red Line

SAVE THE DATE!
ONE BILLION RISING
The Long Red Line: Rise. Resist. Revolt

Join the global movement to stop rape and violence

February 14, 2018 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Elgin Community College, Building B, Jobe Lounge

For more information on how to get involved, contact:
Megan Highland, ECC Student Life, at mhighland@elgin.edu or 847-214-7659