



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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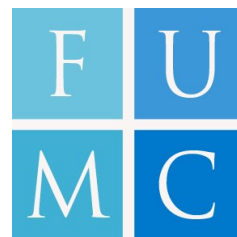
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Welcome!

Joe confides in his friend Danny that he thinks he has a gambling problem. Danny says, "Aw, lots of guys lose money on the Super Bowl. I wouldn't worry about it." "Yeah," says Joe, "but I lost eight out of ten bets on the playoffs, all six of the NBA games that I bet on, and eleven out of twelve bets at the race track." "What about hockey," Danny asks, "how did you do there?" "Hockey?" screams Joe, "I don't know anything about hockey!"

A little assumed knowledge can be dangerous! Welcome to a safe place where we all come seeking truth. I'm glad you are here.

Rick

Rick Carlson,
 Pastor



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Prelude "Suite Gothique" L. Boellmann

Greeting and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Bless me, O God, for in you I take refuge. You are my Lord; your wisdom sustains me.

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice, for the Lord has shown us the path of life!

from Psalm 16

Hymn "Rejoice in God's Saints" UMH 708

Opening Prayer

All-knowing God, our hearts are open to you; fill us with your love. We come seeking your blessing; make us wise, make us sensitive, make us holy. Bless us, enable us to walk humbly with you, seeking justice and loving kindness every day of our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8

Choral Anthem "Nearer, Still Nearer" arr. L. Larson

Prayer

Offertory "Arioso in A" A. Corelli

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Response This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Message "Just Us" R. Carlson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion see insert

Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" UMH 163

Sending Forth

Postlude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" T. Birchwood

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

- ♥ Breakfast at the Vineyard: **Wednesday, February 5**. Sign up on the UMW bulletin board.
- ♥ **UMW COOKS FOR SOUP KETTLE - Monday, February 10** from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Sign-up on the UMW bulletin board.
- ♥ **GREEN BAGS FOR GOD** - Don't forget to mark on the map by the UMW bulletin board to indicate where your **GREEN BAG** is at work in the world.



A **HUGE** thank you from United Methodist Women for supporting the 2020 Chili Cook-Off. Over 80 people attended the event and generously donated to the mission work of Allison Duncan. Thanks to all 19 of the Chili Cooks, set-up and clean-up crews, bakers, servers, those who donated prizes, church staff and helpful volunteers – this truly was an ALL CHURCH effort! **Together, over \$1,500 was raised!** As Allison shared in her video from Thailand (shown at the event), she is grateful for the love, prayers and support of her FUMC family.

2020 Week #5 (33/333)

Year to Date Budget \$46,407

Year to Date Received \$59,052

	Jan. 05 (1)	Jan. 12 (2)	Jan. 19 (3)	Jan. 26 (4)
Giving Income	\$2,852	\$7,187	\$8,719	\$3,688
The River Income	\$137		\$87	\$144
Miscellaneous Income	\$535	\$10	\$6,228	\$325
UMCOR Offering		\$315	\$25	
Totals	\$3,524	\$7,512	\$15,059	\$4,157

*2020 Budget \$511,899

Needed Weekly Income \$9,844

Today's Ministry Support

Acolyte: Jenna Fox

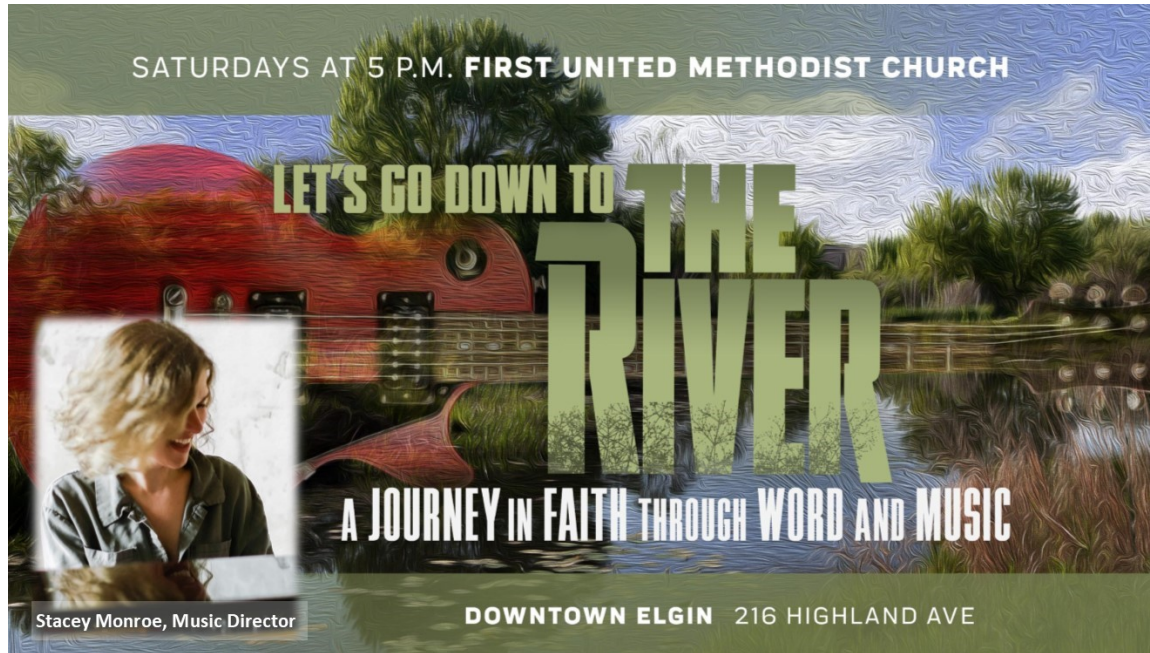
Greeters: Mike Janusz and Theresa Nollette

Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Coffee and tea are sponsored by Karen Fletcher.

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for altar flowers, coffee and tea, treats and radio for many dates throughout 2020. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the hallway near the Parlor and Fellowship Hall and sign-up today. Thank you!

SUN	9:00 am	Worship	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	10:30 am	Adult Sunday School
MON	9:00 am	Quilters Group	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle		
TUES	10:00 am	Home School Co-op	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
WED	7:00 am	UMW Breakfast @ Vineyard Church	8:50 am	Missions Team Volunteer @ NIFB
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	5:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Guys Stuff Men's Group
	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal		
THURS	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study	5:00 pm	The River Band Practice
FRI				
SAT	11:00 am	"Have a Heart" Community Dinner	5:00 pm	The River Worship Service



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

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

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



Monday Morning Coffee - Mondays at 9:00am at Blue Box Café
The Monday morning coffee group meets at Blue Box Cafe located at 176 E. Chicago Street.

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

Celebration Ringers - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Cathedral Choir - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm