

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!

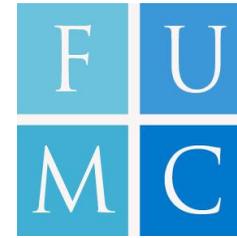
Nursery Available

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	Todd Fletcher
	George Rowe
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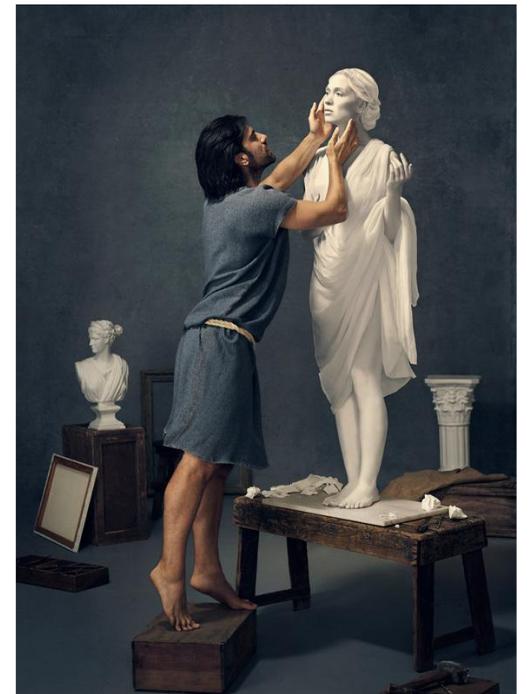
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Welcome

Pygmalion was a gifted sculptor who made a statue of a beautiful woman. So smitten was he with his own creation that he fell hopelessly in love and lavished affection on her. But the statue could not reciprocate and the artist was pitifully unhappy. He ultimately approached Venus, the goddess of love, to express his sadness. She was touched by the poor man's sincerity. When Pygmalion returned home the statue he called Galatea had come to life and gladly returned his love and affection.

The gift of love comes in many forms, all of them worthy of festive celebration. I am glad you are here to bask in the love of God and to share the bounty of it with others.



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

Rick Carlson,
Pastor

Announcements

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - Faith, Hope and **Love** in Action

♥ **The Long Red Line** - Program at ECC **Wednesday, February 14 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. 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. The gathering will take place in the Jobe Lounge in Building B. **All women and men are invited to attend**. See Kathy Long or Jane Duffy for more details.

♥ **UMW Sewing Day – Tuesday, February 13**. Join the fun as we prepare more **Green Bags for God**. Come to the quilting/choir room on **Tuesday, February 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. We need many hands to sew, measure, cut fabric, iron or trim threads. There’s a task for everyone. All are welcome! Any questions, please call Bonnie Thompson at 847.695.3612.



♥ The **Chili Cook-Off** has been temporarily postponed! The UMW will issue a new announcement when a new date has been chosen.

Today, **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, at 10:00 AM, the AYESM (Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry) will begin their second fundraiser, the "**Butter Braid Fundraiser**." There will be free hot freshly baked delicious samples of the Butter Braids available during the potluck today. We are asking all members to help us make this a great fundraiser by taking an order form and asking family members outside of the church, people at your job, neighbors, and community business people to support our youth. Funds will go to support the youth activities and events.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is a traditional community acknowledgement of human mortality, a reminder that life is a progression from dust to dust. It is an occasion to recommit ourselves to spending the entirety of our lives in sync with the will of God, sharing the love of Christ with a sense of urgency the ticking clock implores. A service of ashes will be observed this Wednesday at 7:00. The imposition of ashes is offered but always an optional element of the service.

Today’s Ministry Support

- Acolytes: Noreen McGough
 Greeters: Jerry and Judy Hutson
 Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Coffee and tea are sponsored by the Smith family. Treats are provided by Cheryl Hayes.
 Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are sponsored by David and Linda Muchow in loving memory of David Muchow.
 Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410.

The Week Ahead...

SUN	9:00 am	Traditional Service	10:00 am	Thankful Hearts Potluck Luncheon
MON	9:00 am	Quilters Group	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers Rehearsal
TUES	9:00 am	UMW Sewing Day	10:00 am	Office Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
WED	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
THURS	9:00 am	Reflections Women’s Bible Study	6:30 pm	SPRC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal		
FRI				
SAT	8:00 am	Man Up! Men’s Group		

Weekly Classes

Adult Sunday School Study – *Sundays at 10:30 am in the Wesley Room*
Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World is a six week study in which we will examine Philippians 4:4–8 and see how we can be anxious for nothing and learn how to discover true peace that surpasses human understanding, from God. Sunday school meets at 10:30 in the Wesley Room.

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.

Grace and Chocolat Lenten Study – *3:00 pm in Rogers Hall*
 Grace and “*Chocolat*,” a Lenten series, starts next Sunday, February 18, at 3:00 in the afternoon. After viewing a portion of the movie *Chocolat*, participants will discuss apropos themes while enjoying delicious treats. As a special celebration of the start of the series, homemade **chocolate** creations will be provided by Annette Schramm. Please come and feel free to bring friends! The series will be offered on five consecutive Sundays from February 18 through March 18.

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.

ANCHOR KIDS Sunday School

Sundays 10:15 to 11:00 am in the Kindergarten Room

We are organizing a new children's Sunday school and we would love to have your children to attend. We have lots of fun stuff lined up for the children! **We would like to start classes soon, can you help?** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to volunteer! Please contact Reverend Barbara at revbross@fumcelgin.org or Pastor Rick at rcarlson@fumcelgin.org.



Thank you! To all the youth, parents, volunteers and supporters: Thank You! The Big Game Sub Fundraiser went extremely well! God bless each one of you!
 - The AYESM (Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry) and Pastor Barbara

Week #6

Year to Date Budget \$52,920

Year to Date Received \$81,789

Last 4 Weeks Income	January 14 (3)	January 21 (4)	January 28 (5)	February 4 (6)
Giving Income	\$5,786	\$13,204	\$5,963	\$15,043
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,250	\$0	\$25	\$120
Second Sunday Offering	\$874			
Totals	\$8,910	\$13,204	\$5,988	\$15,163

*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.



Bach Around The Clock

[A Concert for a Cause](#) at First United Methodist Church

March 3, 2018

*proceeds to benefit the [Ecker Center for Mental Health](#)

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

This endeavor cannot be accomplished by a few people – it will take **many volunteers** from our church. For Bach Around the Clock to be a success and perhaps even become an annual event, but we need YOU.

Could you volunteer to:

Welcome guests in the Narthex

Make and serve coffee/ hot chocolate and cake in the Fellowship Room

Help Jim Krambeer in the kitchen with lunch/dinner

Pass out programs the day of the concert

Give assistance to performers as needed

Help set up (Friday)

Help clean up

Please see Sue Broxham, Rita Corbett, or Karen Fletcher to volunteer TODAY!