

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!

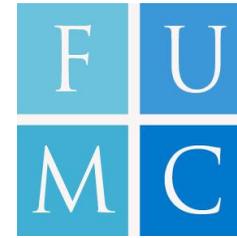
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Church Staff

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
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Welcome

On a trip to California Monty and his wife Ramona found themselves on swanky Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. They passed a shop with a sign in the window that advertised Shirts \$10, Trousers \$20, Suits \$50. Monty had an idea. "Those prices aren't bad," he said, "we could buy this guy's line and go back to Boston and make a fortune!" They went in and placed an order for 50 suits, 50 pair of pants and 100 shirts. Befuddled, the owner of the shop said, "You folks aren't from around here are you?" "No, we're not," Monty admitted, "but how could you tell? Was it my accent?" "No," the owner said, "this is a dry cleaners."



The world is full of surprises! There might even be one in store today for you! Thanks for being here.

Rick Carlson,
Pastor

Announcements

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

♥ Next **Breakfast for the Hungry** at the Vineyard Church will be **Wednesday, March 7**. Help serve a hot breakfast to 60 guests at the Vineyard Church, right behind FUMC. If you can provide part of the meal, sign-up on the UMW bulletin board near Fellowship Hall. **Please have your food at the Vineyard by 6:45 am.**

♥ The next **UMW Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, April 7, 2018** from **10:00 am to 11:00 am**. Cindy Palm will present the “Sacredness of Simplifying.” All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

♥ The second **Elizabeth’s House Parent Café** will be held on **Thursday, April 12**. The UMW will host a potluck dinner and provide childcare during parenting workshops for U-46 teen parents. The UMW needs 20 willing workers to set-up, bring food, serve, clean-up and provide childcare. Please sign-up on the UMW bulletin board near Fellowship Hall if you are able to help.



Butter Braid Fundraiser Reminder

Sunday, March 11, 2018, at church — **TURN IN ALL MONEY AND COMPLETED ORDER FORMS**

Sunday, March 18, 2018, at church — **PICK UP ORDERS** immediately following the Worship Service

Time to Start Thinking About Baseball!

Our annual outing to the Kane County Cougars baseball game will on July 21, 2018 versus the South Bend Cubs. The game starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$15.00 and include box seats close to the field, our name on the jumbo-tron, a pre-game concert by American English, and post game fireworks. Christ Palm will be collecting money for tickets until March 25. This is always a highlight for our church family. Please see or contact Chris Palm with ticket money or any questions.



Baseball is Back!

Fifty tickets have been purchased for the Thursday, July 26, Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona Diamondbacks game at Wrigley Field. The game starts at 1:20. A luxury coach will leave FUMC at 10:00 am. Tickets (includes game and transportation) are \$85.00, each and are available until they run out. Please contact Amy or Pastor Rick to reserve yours.

Today’s Ministry Support

Acolytes: Kara Fox

Greeters: Marcy Gloede and Sue Broxham

Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Coffee and tea are sponsored by Mike and Ruth Summers. Treats are being provided by the Guys Stuff because they’re cool like that!

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given by Cindy Palm in loving memory of Ellen Pittman, “You’re forever in my heart.”

Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week’s broadcast is sponsored by Steve and Linda Muchow in loving memory of Ralph and Carole Muchow.

The Week Ahead...

<i>SUN</i>	9:00 am	Traditional Service	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:30 am	Anxious for Nothing Adult Sunday School	3:00 pm	Chocolat Lenten series
<i>MON</i>	9:00 am	Quilters Group	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers Rehearsal
<i>TUES</i>	10:00 am	Office Staff Meeting	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
<i>WED</i>	7:00 am	UMW Breakfast @ Vineyard Church	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Anchor Youth Wednesday Nights	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers practice
	6:30 pm	Guys Stuff	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Women’s Group
	7:00 pm	Cathedral Choir practice		
<i>THURS</i>	9:00 am	Reflections Women’s Bible Study	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
<i>FRI</i>	7:00 pm	Taizé Service		
<i>SAT</i>	10:00 am	Dave Covey Funeral & Luncheon		

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.

Grace and *Chocolat* Lenten Study – *3:00 pm in Rogers Hall*

The series continues. Vianne's healing efforts further awaken the necrotic village. But when more trouble arrives by way of the river, the mayor's anger has a new target. How do we see ourselves in the motives of the film's characters? How could it be that defending what's so *right* turn out to be so *wrong*? Watch the movie, join the conversation, and, by all means, have some chocolate!

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.



FUMC Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry (AYESM)

Anchor Youth Sunday Mornings currently meets at 10:10 am in the D.C. Cook Room under the leadership of Youth Pastor, Rev. Barbara A. Ross. She has already begun to use a new and exciting curriculum. The youth are very excited about this very engaging and exciting new curriculum.

Anchor Youth Wednesday Nights currently meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the D. C. Cook Room under the leadership of Youth Pastor, Rev. Barbara A. Ross. They are having a great time getting to know each other while they are learning, playing games, and having fun.

Anchor Kids Sunday Mornings- ages 6 weeks to 3 years old - currently meets in the nursery – before and/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.

We are still in the process of organizing:

Anchor Kids Sunday Mornings- ages 4 to 5 years old - which will meet Sundays at 10:10 am in the Kindergarten Room.

Anchor Pre-Teens Sunday Mornings - ages 6 to 11 years old - which will meet Sundays at 10:10 am in the classrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors.