

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "The Haven of Rest" arr. G. Moore

The Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord give thanks, for he has gathered us from near and far: the lost, the broken, the hungry and thirsty have come together.

God has brought us out of the desert and formed us into a holy community. In gratitude we offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his deeds in songs of joy.

Whoever is wise, let them give heed to these things; let all people consider the steadfast love of the Lord!

from Psalm 107

Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" UMH 292

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we are gathered in your name in an act of faith, confident that your spirit is among us and within us to inspire us to greater heights. Enable us to recognize your love, to glorify in your mercy and to adhere to your will. Prevent us from making complicated that which you intend to be simple and from overlooking that which you intend to make sacred. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Second Sunday Special Offering

Choral Anthem "Where Are the Shepherds Now?" Williams/Stevens
Debbie Potts, flute

Prayer

Offertory "Abide With Me" W. Monk

Doxology UMH 95

The Gospel John 3:14-21

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

Message "In The Light of Day" R. Carlson

Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH 185

Sending Forth

Postlude "Here I Am to Worship/O Worship the King" arr. C. Tornquist

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.

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!

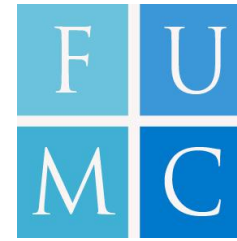
Nursery Available

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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
Building Maintenance	Todd Fletcher George Rowe

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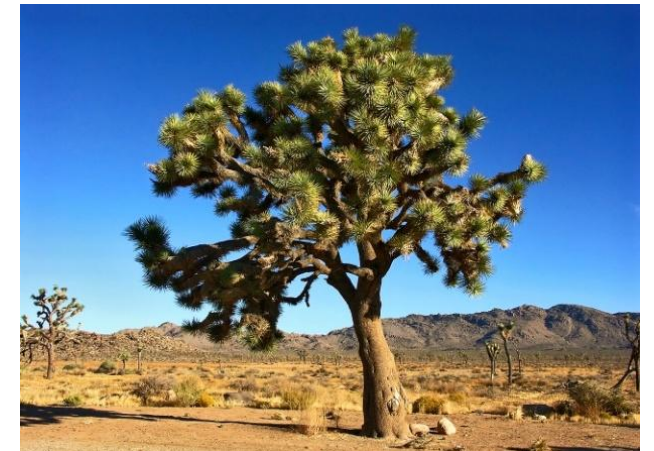
Welcome

In the Mojave Desert "Joshua Trees" grow gaunt, twisted and ghostlike. There are many, but there is no forest; each one is a lone wolf. Botanically a Yucca Palm, it is a species of the lovely, highly cultured lily family. In its greenest stage its branches are covered with pompons that appear from a distance to be velvety soft. But on close inspection the needles are stiletto-edged leaf blades which guard white flowers and seeds.

Among the many wonders of nature are the magnificent ways species have of protecting their own futures. Welcome to the place where the source of all creation is honored and praised.

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

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



Announcements

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

♥ **Elizabeth's House - Saturday, March 17** from **10:30 - 12:30**. We will welcome teen parents from Larkin, Elgin and South Elgin High Schools to a “play-date” in our nursery and kindergarten rooms. We will play with the toddlers and rock the babies while the parents receive parenting information from their instructors. If you would like to help with childcare for just 2 hours, please sign-up on the UMW bulletin board.

♥ 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.

Time to Start Thinking About Baseball!

Our annual outing to the Kane County Cougars baseball game will be 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. Chris 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: Kevin Johnson
 Greeters: John and Lamar Blum
 Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Treats are provided by Michelle O'Connor.
 Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given by Barbara Toren and Matthew Toren in loving memory of Dennis Toren.
 Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410.

The Week Ahead...

<i>SUN</i>	9:00 am	Traditional Service	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:10 am	Anchor Youth Sunday School	10:30 am	Anxious for Nothing Adult Sunday School
	3:00 pm	<i>Chocolat</i> Lenten series		
<i>MON</i>	9:00 am	Quilters Group	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers Rehearsal
<i>TUES</i>	10:00 am	Office Staff Meeting	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal		
<i>WED</i>	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30 pm	Anchor Youth Wednesday Nights
	6:30 pm	Guys Stuff	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Women's Group
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers practice	7:00 pm	Cathedral Choir practice
<i>THURS</i>	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study		
<i>FRI</i>				
<i>SAT</i>	8:00 am	Man Up! Men's Group	10:30 am	UMW Elizabeth's House
	10:00 am	"Irish You Were Here" Dinner		

Bach Around the Clock Thank You

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Bach Around the Clock a reality! **With your help, we were able to raise \$4,000 for the Ecker Center for Mental Health.**



Without the help of so many, this would not have been possible!

A heartfelt thank you to the members of the Outreach Committee, the Bach Around the Clock committee, and our Amazing Amy in the office, Matt Weber and the Cathedral Choir; Jonathan Besancon and the Celebration Ringers; all of the talented members of our church family who

generously volunteered to be part of the program; the group who helped mail out over 250 invitations to churches, musical groups, and music teachers in the area; Rita Corbett and Sue Broxham who are the wizards of publicity and creative thinking; Marcy Gloede and Jonathan who acted as hosts and presented interesting information about Bach and the Ecker Center throughout the day

A huge thank you to Jerry Hutson and Steve Hansen for “becoming” Bach and welcoming our guests throughout the day!

Our deepest thanks to all of our guest musicians who have spent hours and years of studying, learning, and practicing...practicing...practicing to perfect their talent. We celebrate their gifts and their generosity as Bach always noted, “To the Glory of God”.

Week #10

Year to Date Budget \$88,200

Year to Date Received \$109,357

Last 4 Weeks Income	February 11 (7)	February 18 (8)	February 25 (9)	March 4 (10)
Giving Income	\$8,520	\$5,165	\$5,801	\$5,035
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$1,750	\$600	\$90
UMCOR Offering	\$342	\$80		\$75
Lent Offering				\$110
Totals	\$8,862	\$6,995	\$6,401	\$5,310

*Needed Weekly Income \$8,820

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 Lenten discussion series continues at 3:00 this afternoon. Armande's party almost becomes an opportunity for reconciliation...with an emphasis on "almost." Important questions have been raised in the film and in the conversation that follows: What are the characteristics of the righteous? Who is "in" and who is "out?" Is there room at the table of Christ for everyone? Are all invited to the "party?" Come, see, hear, share – and enjoy 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.

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.

FUMC ANCHOR YOUTH ELGIN STUDENT MINISTRY (AYESM)



THANKS!!! To all the youth, parents, volunteers and supporters: Thank You! **The Anchor Youth Ski/Tubing Winter Retreat** went extremely well! God bless each one of you! - The AYESM (Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry) and Pastor Barbara

Anchor Youth Butter Braid Fundraiser

Today, 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



Anchor Youth Movie Night

The Anchor Youth will have a fun night of watching a movie on the big screen at FUMC from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. During the intermission at 6:30 pm there will be games, prizes and popcorn. Invite your friends to a fun night of watching a movie on the big screen. Every teen who brings a friend will receive a \$10 gift card (and so will their friend!)



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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.