

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "It Is Well with My Soul" P. Bliss

The Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and  
riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey!

Zechariah 9:9

Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

Opening Prayer

*With the waving of palms and the singing of hosannas we welcome you into our midst, Holy One. Your steadfast love endures forever. Lift us up on the strength of our own prayers to the heights of glory. Grant us faith to anticipate triumph even in hardship and resurrection even in the face of death. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Scripture Reading Zechariah 9: 9-17

Choral Anthem "Let the People Shout Hosanna" arr. Gartner

Prayer

Offertory

Doxology UMH 95

The Gospel Luke 19: 28-39

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

Message "Only Jesus" Rev. Barbara Ross

Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" UMH 280

Sending Forth

Postlude "As the Deer" M. Nystrom

ECO-Palms for Palm Sunday:

The FUMC UMW has purchased "Fair Trade" ECO-Palms to promote climate and economic justice. These are real palms, sustainably grown and harvested by workers who are paid a living wage for their labor. Please take your ECO-Palm home and pray for the communities that provide this resource for our Processional.

*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!

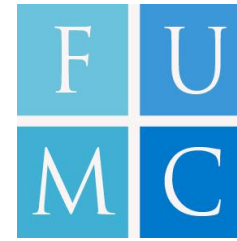
*Nursery Available*

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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## Welcome

Cubs great Mark Grace tells a story about manager Don Zimmer. In a bad outing in Cincinnati, Pitcher Rick Rueschel couldn't find his groove. The first batter knocked a fastball completely out of the park. Cannons and fireworks went off, boom-boom-boom. The second man hit Rueschel's next pitch over the fence. More cannons, more fireworks, more boom-boom-boom.

Grace went to the mound as soon as he saw Zimmer headed that way. But before old Popeye could say a word, Rueschel said, "Skip, go back to the dugout. I've figured out what I'm doing wrong and I'm staying in." Zimmer looked shocked. "I wasn't going to take you out, Red. I'm just giving 'em enough time to re-load the cannons."



As a new baseball season opens this week, we are reminded of the gift of redemption: what is past is past, the slate is clean; we start over with fresh hopes and in high spirits! Welcome to new life! I am very happy to be here with you.

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

Rick Carlson,  
Pastor

## Announcements

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

♥ 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.



### 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.

Week #12

Year to Date Budget \$105,840

Year to Date Received \$130,319

Last 4 Weeks Income	February 25 (9)	March 4 (10)	March 11 (11)	March 18 (12)
Giving Income	\$5,801	\$5,035	\$15,114	\$2,851
Miscellaneous Income	\$600	\$90	\$1,750	\$0
UMCOR Offering		\$75	\$897	
Lent Offering		\$110		
Easter Offering				\$350
Totals	\$6,401	\$5,310	\$17,761	\$3,201

\*Needed Weekly Income \$8,820

## Today’s Ministry Support

Acolytes: Eric Fox

Greeters: Doug and Lena Scheflow

Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Treats are provided by Roberto and Elizabeth Zuniga – Happy Spring! 🌸

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are provided by John and Lamar Blum in loving memory Lamar’s sister, Carol Clow, and father, Sam Deahl.

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
	10:30 am	Adult Sunday School	6:00 pm	ETC Read-thru
<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	7:00 pm	Heartland Voices Rehearsal
<i>WED</i>	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers practice	7:00 pm	ETC rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir practice		
<i>THURS</i>	7:00 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Seder Passover Meal</b>		
<i>FRI</i>	7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>		
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## 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.

### **Guys Stuff** - *Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the East Conference Room*

New study *You'll Get Through This* continues today. You fear you won't make it through. We all do. We fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, or the pain will never leave. In the pits, surrounded by steep walls and aching reminders, we wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten? In this six-session study, Max Lucado offers refreshing assurance. He reminds participants God doesn't promise that getting through trials will be quick or painless. It wasn't for Joseph, but his Old Testament story is in the Bible for this reason: to teach us to trust God to trump evil. Guys Stuff meets every Wednesday at 6:30. If you've ever thought of joining, now would be a perfect time. We are always looking for new faces!

### **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 will finish their study of *31 Proverbs to Light Your Path* by Liz Curtis Higgs this week. 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](mailto:krlong@sbcglobal.net) or Jane Duffy at [pjduffy@comcast.net](mailto:pjduffy@comcast.net).

### **Reflections Women's Bible Study Group** - *Thursdays at 9:00am at Big Apple*

**Beginning Thursday, April 5** our text will be *An Attitude of Prayer* by Cindy Palm. Bring your copy as we read Scriptures and examine and enrich our prayer lives. Come for the bible study and conversation and, of course, for the bagels and coffee.

## **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 Youth Parent Meeting**

The AYESM will have its first Parents Meeting on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 10:10 AM in the D. C. Cook Room. This includes parents of all children (from 1 day old to college age). Please email Pastor Barbara to let her know if you will or will not be in attendance at [revbross@fumcelgin.org](mailto:revbross@fumcelgin.org)

## Maundy Thursday, March 29

It was at a gathering in an upper room at the start of Passover that Jesus instituted a new ritual involving bread and wine.

The symbolic meal of Passover, the Seder, will be offered in Rogers Hall in the lower level starting at 7:00 in the evening this Thursday, March 29.

Through the sense of taste, participants commemorate the Israelites' escape from Egypt: the bitterness of slavery and the sweetness of God's providence. Also included are reminders of the lamb that gave its blood to save God's chosen, the unleavened bread that enabled households to leave at a moment's notice, and wine – the promise of a rich land and a good life to come.



Everyone is invited. Reservations are not necessary.

## Good Friday, March 30

Commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus enables us to reconsider the notions of sacrifice, obedience, suffering and atonement and what those elements represent to each of us.

The senses of sight and sound are witness to both the ugliness and the sacredness of the cross of Christ; "bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified."



As told in the gospel of John, through profound expressions of hymns and inspired choral works, the message will address the question posed to Jesus by Pontius Pilate: "What is Truth?"

The service starts at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.