

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude "And Can It Be?" T. Campbell

The Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

The Lord has made known his victory and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the waters clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord.

from Psalm 98

Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH 126

Opening Prayer

Faithful, loving God, grant us the blessing of your presence. Speak and we will listen. In our hearts we desire to love as you have taught us to love, but words are easy and putting them into practice is not. Enable us to be less discerning and more reckless in what we give: love, kindness, friendship, time, hope, joy – all that you've given us for the purpose of sharing. Set our hearts at peace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Choral Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Hopson
Jonathan Besancon and Karen Fletcher, hand bells

Prayer

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

Doxology UMH 94

The Gospel John 15:9-17

Response This is the good news of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Message "Friends: The One Where Jesus Elevates His Disciples" R. Carlson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

Hymn "Hope of the World" UMH 178

Sending Forth

Postlude "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" arr. 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!

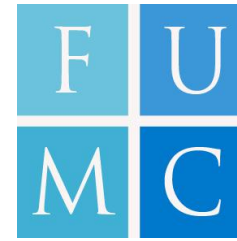
Nursery Available

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
Facilities Engineer	Todd Fletcher

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Welcome

As he prepared to take a swing at the first hole of a swanky golf course, a man heard a loudspeaker announcement from the clubhouse. "Would the gentleman on hole number one please place his ball back at the tee markers." The man continued his pre-shot routine and ignored the instruction. The same announcement was repeated and ignored. Then the voice came on the loudspeaker saying, "would someone please inform the gentleman on hole number one to place his ball back at the tee markers!" Irate, the man said, "Will someone please tell the Mr. Loudmouth that I am hitting my *second* shot!"

It's always good to get the whole story! Thank you for taking part in today's worship. I'm glad you are here.

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



Announcements

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – We Need Your Help!

♥ UMW “Good Things Sale” is coming soon, **May 31 - June 2**. It’s time to start cleaning out those closets and sorting through our abundance for this mission fundraiser. Donations for the sale can be brought to the Church starting on **Saturday, May 19**. If you need items picked-up, help is available. Contact the church office or see Carol Phillips or Cheryl Johnson for more information.



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.



**2018 All Church Mission Trip
Planning Meeting**
Sunday, May 20
 Immediately following the worship service
in the Sanctuary
See Rev. Barbara with questions

Today’s Ministry Support

- Acolytes: Jenna Fox
- Greeters: Lorraine Allerton and Cheryl Hayes
- Fellowship: Coffee, tea and treats are offered in Fellowship Hall at the close of the worship service. Coffee and tea are sponsored by Keith and Lynda Duncan. Treats are provided in celebration of George Rowe’s retirement.
- Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week’s broadcast is sponsored by Jim and Joyce Herbison.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has supported the altar flower sponsorship. For the past 12 years, Jonathan Besancon and Karen Fletcher were able to buy flowers through a floral wholesaler and put arrangements together. Unfortunately, that wholesaler went out of business in February. Designs by Debi in South Elgin is now providing the altar flowers. *For many years we have worked with a budget of \$40, but with this change we need to increase that amount to \$50 beginning May 6th*. If you have signed up to sponsor altar flowers, you can still request a special color or particular flower for your Sunday, or you can provide your own arrangement, just let Karen know at 847.707.0678.

Scholarships Available

The Russ & Marilyn Damisch, Melvin J. Ihrke, and Lee & Lydia Robertson scholarships are available to all college students at FUMC, including adult students. Applications are located in the plastic magazine rack near the Parlor and Fellowship Hall or in the church office. Please make sure that applications are completed and returned to the church office by **Tuesday, May 15**. Applications that are not completed in full will not be considered for scholarships. Applications will be reviewed and scholarships awarded in June. Please contact Amy in the church office with any questions.

Week #19

Year to Date Budget \$158,760

Year to Date Received \$178,272

Last 4 Weeks Income	April 08 (15)	April 15 (16)	April 22 (17)	April 29 (18)
Giving Income	\$10,000	\$3,319	\$4,594	\$3,338
Miscellaneous Income	\$120	\$1,750	\$1,304	\$1,175
UMCOR Offering	\$483		\$5	
Easter Offering	\$250	\$5		
Totals	\$10,853	\$5,074	\$5,903	\$4,513

*Needed Weekly Income

\$8,820

Weekly Classes

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

The adult Sunday school class is currently studying *Simply Enough*. In this six week study, Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne discuss the foundations of Christian life and voluntary simplicity. We will explore such topics as food, stuff, money and justice. Adult Sunday school meets at 10:30 am in the Wesley Room. All are welcome!

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

Guys Stuff is currently studying *You'll Get Through This*. 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 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. 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 is currently studying *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.

(*copies are available in the church office for \$10)

The Week Ahead

SUN	8:40 am	Anchor Youth Led Prayer	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	10:00 am	Fellowship	10:00 am	Anchor Youth Pancake Breakfast
	10:30 am	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am	Outreach Committee Meeting
	4:00 pm	Reconciling Ministries Meeting	6:00 pm	ETC Rehearsal
MON	9:00 am	Blue Box Coffee Group	9:00 am	Quilters
	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	6:30 pm	Heartland Voices Board Meeting	7:30 pm	Barbershoppers
TUES	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
WED	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:30 pm	Guys Stuff
	6:30 pm	Celebration Ringers	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Women's Group
	7:00 pm	ETC Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Cathedral Choir
THUR	9:00 am	Reflections Women's Bible Study		
FRI	7:00 pm	Taizé Service		
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ANCHOR YOUTH ELGIN STUDENT MINISTRY

Under the leadership of the Rev. Barbara A. Ross, Youth Pastor

Please visit us on [Facebook](#) (Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry) and [Instagram](#) (Anchor Youth Elgin)

SUNDAYS

- 8:40 AM ANCHOR YOUTH LED PRAYER**
(Pierce Chapel—ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend!)
- 10:10AM ANCHOR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**
(Every Sunday morning in the D.C. Cook Room)
- 11:30AM ANCHOR YOUTH GROUP**
(Every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the D. C. Cook Room)

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THANK YOU!

Thanks to the anonymous donor for donating Anchor Youth T-Shirts to the Anchor Youth Elgin Student Ministry. The T-Shirts will be worn at the Youth Mission Trip on June 5-11, 2018.



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all those who supported and volunteered in the Anchor Youth Car Wash Fundraiser that took place early on last Sunday at 7:30 AM before the Worship Service and continued throughout the Worship Service. With your support and participation, we raised \$1,088.00. ALL proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Mission Trip and Youth Activities.



ANCHOR YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST (FUNDRAISER)

The Anchor Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will begin immediately after the Worship Service today. Volunteers are needed for this event. ALL proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Mission Trip and Youth Activities. Please support this effort with your GOODWILL OFFERING.

EVENTS

ANCHOR YOUTH WILLOW CREEK SPRING CLEANUP, COMMUNITY EVENT

Date & Time: Saturday, May 19, 2018 From 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

Location: [899 Jay Street Elgin, IL](#)

Category: ANCHOR YOUTH Community Cleanup

Details: This is a walking stream/stream bank cleanup due to low water and/or narrow stream. Meet at the Izaak Walton League lodge about 8:30 to sign in, get supplies (gloves, bags & some tools) and find out where to go. Please wear clothes that you can get wet and dirty. Dress for the weather. Free lunch will provided after the cleanup at the lodge. Parents, please drop the youth off at the Lodge by 8:30 AM. You may pick the youth up at 12:00 NOON.



SHIPWRECKED, Rescued by Jesus Vacation Bible School is open to children of all ages! Register TODAY by visiting the FUMC website & clicking on the [SHIPWRECKED](#) page under groups & classes!

First 10 children to register (with a friend!) will receive a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant for them & their friend!