

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, his voice is full of majesty and power.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire, shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood, enthroned as a king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people and bless his people with peace!

from Psalm 29

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH 64

Opening Prayer

We stand in your temple, O sovereign God, proclaiming your splendor and majesty. You speak and the universe stands still. We tremble at the sound of your mighty voice, only to hear you speak of your great love for the world you have created and for all its inhabitants. Reassure us, O God, and grant us peace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Special Music

Mark Johnson

Prayer

Offertory

Doxology

UMH 94

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

Message

“Sent”

R. Carlson

Hymn

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH 717

Sending Forth

Postlude

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!

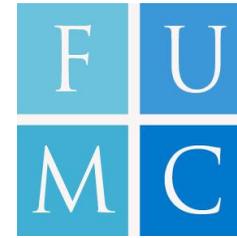
Nursery Available

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
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

A sailor was only days away from the end of his last tour of duty. He had signed up to see the world but had seen only water, water and more water. When a fellow sailor asked what he was planning to do when he got out the man replied, "I'm going to put an oar over my shoulder and start walking inland. I'm going to keep walking and walking until someone stops me and asks, 'What's that strange thing you've got over your shoulder?' Then I'm going to settle right down there and stay until I die."

Too much of a good thing is a common malady. I pray this morning that you will get just the amount of spiritual nourishment you will need for whatever a day might bring.

Rick Carlson,
Pastor



Announcements

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

♥ **UMW “Good Things Sale” is THIS WEEKEND May 31 - June 2.**

Donations for the sale can be brought to the Church through Wednesday of this week. If you need items picked-up, help is available. Please speak with Cheryl Johnson or Carol Phillips today to arrange pick-ups.



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 Fox Trot

We Did It Again! Thank you to everyone who signed up to be a part of the 2018 Elgin Fox Trot. FUMC will receive \$6.00 of every registration plus a \$500 bonus at the end of the year for having over 50 participants. Thank you to everyone for being a member of the First United Methodist Support Team!



This is the last Sunday before members of our Mission Trip Delegation begin traveling to Houston, Texas. Most of them will be flying but a few others will drive. The FUMC Mission Trip Delegation will be helping with the rebuilding of homes that were destroyed in Hurricane Harvey. They will be there from June 5-12, 2018. Please pray God's blessing upon them as they travel and while they are on the mission field. Please see Pastor Barbara for more info.

Week #22

Year to Date Budget \$190,617

Year to Date Received \$201,191

Last 4 Weeks Income	April 29 (18)	May 6 (19)	May 13 (20)	May 20 (21)
Giving Income	\$3,338	\$10,499	\$6,510	\$2,871
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,175	\$450	\$2,080	\$0
UMCOR Offering			\$509	
Totals	\$4,513	\$10,949	\$9,099	\$2,871

*Needed Weekly Income

\$9,077

Today's Ministry Support

- Acolytes: Noreen McGough
 Greeters: Bob and Lea Brooks
 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 by Carolyn Barclay in celebration of Ron's birthday.
 Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Rob and Connie Kramer in celebration of Drew Kramer's 6th birthday.
 Radio: The Sunday worship service is delay-broadcast from 11:00 am to noon on WRMN 1410. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Ron and Carolyn Barclay in celebration of Ron's birthday.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day. We will return to the office on Tuesday, May 29. For any emergencies, please contact Amy via email at adidricksen@fumcelgin.org. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

SUN	8:40 am	Anchor Youth Led Prayer	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	10:30 am	“Sacredness of Simplicity” Presentation		
MON	Memorial Day	Office CLOSED	5:30 pm	Soup Kettle
TUES	10:00 am	Church Staff Meeting	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
WED	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry		
THUR	5:00 pm	UMW Good Things Sale		
FRI	10:00 am	UMW Good Things Sale		
SAT	9:00 am	UMW Good Things Sale		

Weekly Classes

Back By Popular Demand! “The Sacredness of Simplicity” with Cindy Palm - 10:30 am in the Wesley Room

Is clutter cluttering your life? Do you have too much stuff? Cindy Palm will be giving an encore presentation of "The Sacredness of Simplicity" today, at 10:30am in the Wesley Room. Come hear Cindy share her personal story of how she looks at her stuff differently after embracing Minimalism - The Value of Less. Also hear tips on how to become clutter free.

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

Please join us beginning June 6 as we begin our new study Christianity and World Religions. In this six week DVD based study, Adam Hamilton deals openly and honestly with other religions including Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam and answers many of the questions we all have asked about other faiths. If you have never been to Guys Stuff, now is the perfect time to start. We are always looking for fresh faces and opinions.

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 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)



VBS

Registration is currently open online for our 2018 VBS that will be held June 25-29, 2018. Each day, Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 12 NOON, will be packed with lots of excitement, fun, and snacks. Please go online and register your children, grandchildren, and their friends. The \$20 fee can be waived if needed. Please see Pastor Barbara for more info.