

Recent Offerings:

November 26 \$ 4,146.00
December 3 \$ 6,765.00
December 10 \$ 10,319.53
December 17 \$ 16,777.00

All bills and apportionments are current
Thank you for your generosity!
If you would like to give electronically or by credit card,
please visit the church website:
www.fumcelgin.com and click on the **GIVING** tab.

USHERS

11:00

Doug Diebel
Ray Worsham
Lisa Schultz
MaKenna Schultz

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Samuel Blanco
Director of Christian Education, Brenda Brittain
Office Administrator, Melissa Ramsay
Finance Manager, Cheryl Courtney
Accompanist, John Gibson
Facility Manager, Ronnie Hardi
Nursery Director, Alma Blanco

Vision Summary

The vision of the First United Methodist Church, Elgin is to help people begin the journey with Jesus, grow in relationship with Him, connect with each other and serve the world.

Church Calendar

December

12/24	Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:15 am Breakfast 11:00 Worship Service 5:30, 7, & 11 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
12/25	Christmas Day Church Office Closed
12/26	6:30 pm Al-anon
12/27	1:00 pm Chair Exercise 7:30 Choir & Praise Practice
12/28	9:00 am Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Coming Up:

12/31 United Worship Service @ 11 a.m.
1/1 New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

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December 24, 2017 11am Worship Service

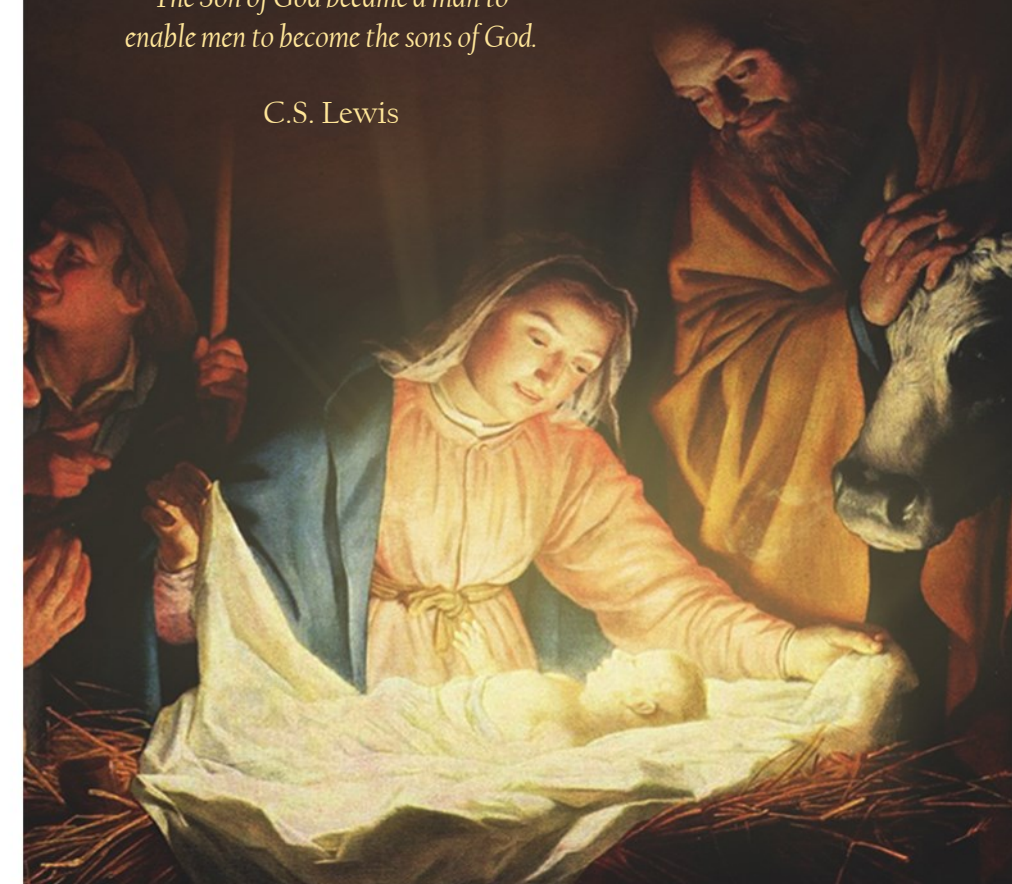
Merry Christmas

LUKE 2:13-15

Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday of Advent

*The Son of God became a man to
enable men to become the sons of God.*

C.S. Lewis



Welcome To First United Methodist Church of Elgin

We are so glad that you chose to join us for worship! If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers, the pastor or anyone around you. We want you to feel welcome!

Sunday Services

- ♦ **Worship Services** — we offer two worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month, we have a united worship service at 11 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday School** — we have classes for all ages from kids to adults starting at 10a.m. in various rooms around the church.
- ♦ **Nursery** — nursery is available for babies and kids ages 0-5 during worship and Sunday School hours.
- ♦ **Youth Group** — meets every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall for food, fun, and fellowship.

Church Announcements & Activities

- ♦ **Wednesday Bible Study**— Postponed until January 10th.
- ♦ **Christmas Mail**— Christmas Mail will be up until Sunday, December 31st, so pick up your mail by Sunday!
- ♦ **Church Office Closed**— The office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.
- ♦ **Newsletter Folding Fellowship**— We will fold the newsletter on Thursday, December 28th at 9 a.m. Come join us for some food, fellowship and folding!
- ♦ **United Worship Service**— We will have one United Service on Sunday, December 31st at 11 a.m.
- ♦ **Backpack Blessings**— Our church is accepting food donations for the Backpack Ministry. We are helping to feed 9 homeless kids in Elgin. Non-perishable food items such as canned soup, chili, tuna pouches, sandwich crackers et... are welcome. Please drop off your donations to the church office Monday-Thurs. 8-3 or Friday 8-12. For more information, please contact Janel Sowell or Jana Nance.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

- ♦ No upcoming meetings!

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	John Gibson
Welcome and Announcements	
Ringing of the Bell	
Greeting	The Lord be with you. And also with you!
*Call to Worship	Luke 1:47-55 (UMH # 199)
*Hymn of Praise	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (UMH # 234)
*Pastoral Prayer	
*Gloria Patri	
	Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee, Thou in essence only one; Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Claudia & Ishshah Blanco
Carols	
Nicene Creed	(UMH # 880)
Old Testament Reading	2 Samuel 7:8-11
Dulcimer Medley	Audrey Puryear
New Testament Reading	Luke 2:34-38
Special Music	“Christmas Fantasia” John Gibson
Sermon	“Hannah” Samuel Blanco III
Tithes & Offerings	“Away in a Manger” John Gibson & Glynda Schroeder (UMH # 95)
*Offertory Response	“Joy to the World” (UMH # 246)
*Closing Hymn	
*Affirmation & Benediction	
	We believe in the foreknowledge of God the Father, In the sanctification of the Spirit, For the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:2)
*Postlude	

*Congregation is invited to stand as they are able.

Our Recent Concerns

Rex Sandifer, heart surgery
Hyatt Family, Mickey passed away
Dumbeck Family, Robert passed away
Zita Rowell's friend, Allisa Diamore, stage 4 cancer
Justin Maynard
Michele, Bill Gilstap's caretaker
Terry, Suzanne Hayes' mom, Addison's disease
John Coleman
Jerry Abel
Ann Walker, in rehab at Legend Oaks
Junior Nash, temporarily moved to Tyler, TX
David Millican, Brian's dad, cancer
Tim, Klayton's uncle, cancer
Charles Avery, chemo
John Sharp, recovering
Charlie, cancer
Henderson Family
Dana, cancer
Ronnie Fritz, in hospital
Wm. Ed Rivers, health concerns
Duncan Bledsoe
Ardeh Cardwell
Patricia Owen
Karen Sugars

Notes
