



February 2022

Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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The month of February is known as the month of "Love". We as men, we rush out and buy flowers, Valentine cards, candy, and usually take our wives out for dinner.

February is also known as Black History Month. A time when American can reflect on the accomplishments of African Americans to our country. A time of learning and understanding of our differences, as well as, celebrating what we have in common.

Scripture tells us in 2 John 4:7-8, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

So, the month of February can be known as the month of love as we celebrate Black History, as we celebrate love of each other, and most of all our love of God. I would like to end with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *"Let us be dissatisfied until that day when nobody will shout 'White power!'*, when nobody will shout 'Black power!', but everybody will talk about God's power and human power."

With love,
Pastor Waddle
The proud Pastor of FUMC Elgin, TX

Mark Your Calendar

Feb 6th
Congregational Lunch

Feb 8th & 22nd
Senior Lunch

Feb 13th
Installation of Officers (11 a.m.)

Feb 21st
President's Day
Church Office Closed

Feb 24th
Newsletter Folding Fellowship

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our Recent Joys

We are very thankful for our many blessings

Our Recent Concerns

America

FUMC Congregation

Elgin Community

Elgin Schools

Cindy Byrd, Steve Hall's employers boss, COVID

Jennifer, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, cancer in two different parts of the body

Martha Neidig

Bob Gadberry, Melissa Ramsay's dad, leukemia

Laverne Owens

Margeurite Abel, stage 4 cancer

Lundgren Family, Sammy Jr. passed away

Carl, Fran Smith's son-in-law, healing and recovery from heart valve repair

Marion, Fran Smith's stepdaughter, strength and peace helping Carl recover

Lisa, Fran Smith friends' sister, terminal cancer

Naomi Rose McDougal (7) & Family, Fritz's friends granddaughter, needs to undergo another bone marrow transplant on 1/28

Swenson Family, Trey passed away

Orsak & Johnson Family, TK passed away

Simpson Family

Marc & Twyla Nash

Hayes Family, John has been having seizures

Jim McCutcheon

Michaela Browder, recovering from tonsillectomy

Ardeth Cardwell, health

Garrett Davis, Bill Vogt's nephew (33), terminal cancer

Sheldon Johnson, healing

Julius Schwartz, healing and recovery

Pat Teague, health

Teachers, Administrators and Educators

Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas

Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer

Ray Worsham's mom, dementia

Emma Wilkinson (15 yrs), relationship with her dad, Scott

Ardeth Cardwell

Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's

Weekly Offerings

1/2 \$5,623.08

1/9 \$7,097.96

1/16 \$2,295.66

1/23 \$3,399.85

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$18,416.55

Wherever you may be on Sunday morning, you can ensure your offerings are at church by giving electronically. It's simple and secure! Visit our website: www.fumcelgin.com

Meetings This Month

- Feb 6 - 12:00 - Leadership



Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesdays

February 8 & 22

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Monday, February 21st

Presidents day!

Church Office Closed

Methodist Children's Home Thank You

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your \$756 donation to Methodist Children's Home (MCH) this holiday season. Your gift is extra special as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with those in our care. Thank you!

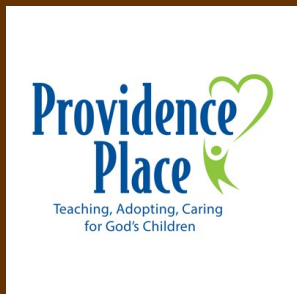


As believers, we understand no one can truly find joy, purpose and fulfillment apart from Christ. Therefore, our mission at MCH is “to equip children, youth and families to flourish by offering hope through Christ-centered relationships, services and support.” Whether it’s caring for children on our residential campuses, supporting students pursuing advanced education or serving families in our outreach communities, we do so in the context and power of the gospel.

Your support is making a difference. Through your generosity we’re able to meet real needs and transform the hearts and minds of thousands of children and families across Texas and New Mexico. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ in practical and meaningful ways during Christmas and throughout the year. We appreciate your care and friendship.

Blessings,
Lyle Mason, Vice President for Development
Trey Oakley, President/CEO

Providence Place Thank You



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$430. Your gifts help us to change lives each day. Each conversation that is held with a client is because of your support of our agency. We are always so blessed by your gifts, as are the people you help us serve. Without your donations we couldn't have the opportunity to transform lives. Your generous donation helps to provide training and material assistance to parents of young children, hope for potential adoptive or foster care families and the children they foster and adopt, and a safe place to live and heal for women and their young children who are survivors of trafficking, sexual, or domestic violence. Thank you for being an instrument of hope through your gifts to Providence Place.

Sincerely,
Regina Murphy, Chief Operating Officer

Pieces of Ourselves By: Emily Hoyt Crew

Pictures in the scrapbooks,
old records on the shelves,
toy race cars stowed away in the attic
- these are pieces of ourselves.

Pieces of a person's life,
countless ebbs & flows,
pieces that might have been lost for awhile,
and pieces that have continued to grow.

The memories fit together-
an abstract puzzle in my mind.
Some pieces are so abundantly clear,
while others are much less defined.

I remember hearing tales of their travels,
And the souvenirs from far and wide-
I remember going to visit the Oil Mill,
I remember playing football outside.

Those Western Days and Hogeye Nights,
Comic books at the top of the stairs,
Working together on that old golf tee puzzle,
sitting beside him in his favorite chair.

I remember looking at vinyl records together,
flipping thoughtfully through one by one.
And heading to Austin to visit El Rancho,
Such a treat when a long day was done.

Happy hour spent casually on the back porch,
telling tales some large and some small,
to us kids with our apple juice, he'd share silly jokes
- I just wish I could remember them all.

I'll remember his laugh, though- a mischievous
sound
And I wish I could hear it again
But I'll think of him when I have peanuts and wine,
And raise a glass to him now and then.

My hope for us all as we leave here today,
In sadness I pray we won't dwell
Take a fond memory of Sammy and tuck it away,
Make his legacy a small piece of yourself.

**In loving memory of my Granddaddy,
Edwin "Sammy" Oscar Lundgren, Jr.**



MPACT Youth Mission Trip

The MPACT Youth Mission Trip for youth in grades
7-12 is June 11-17 in Forestburg, TX. The early registration fee of
\$35 per youth is due by Sunday, February 20th.

Please contact Julie Joesel at juliejoesel@yahoo.com for more
information. To learn more about MPACT Missions visit their website at
mpactmissions.com.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of
Trey Swenson

Given by
Janel Sowell
John & Marilyn Cornelius
Keith & Helen Simpson
Michael & Lana Beecher
Deborah Cartwright
Kenneth & Kaye Kisamore
Laurey Wolf
Glynda Schroeder
Sierra Frederick
Margaret Hyde
Bruce & Martha Schanhals
Bob & Karin Barker
Paul & Judy Henry
Glenda Gebert
Matthew & Michelle Schroeder
Bonnie Machu
Paula Sini

In Memory of
Sammy Lundgren Jr.

Given by
Glynda Schroeder
Janel Sowell
Deborah Cartwright



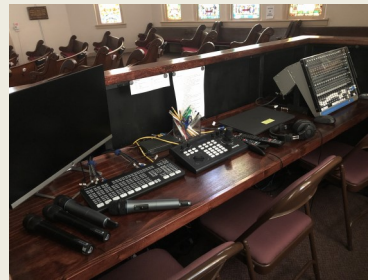
We are in need of ushers, greeters, bell ringers and those that would like to be trained to run the technical equipment on Sundays.

Please contact the Church office at 512-285-4503 or fumcelgintx@gmail.com if you would like to serve.



February is Black History Month

Each Sunday in February we will highlight someone different in honor of Black History Month.



Please be aware that with the new technical equipment the church is using for live-streaming services, that the cameras do pan around the

Sanctuary during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact the church office at 512-285-4503.



Sunday School for grades K-5th & 6th-12th are meeting every Sunday at 10 a.m. K-5th are meeting in the Fellowship Hall and grades 6th-12th are meeting in the Youth Room upstairs.

We also have an adult Sunday School class led by Ray Worsham that meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Library.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School for the Children's (K-5th) and the Youth (6th-12th) classes. If you are interested, please contact Julie Joesel at juliejoesel@yahoo.com

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM United Worship Service (S) 12:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee (L) 12:00 PM SPRC Meeting (O)	31 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH)	1 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:30 PM AI-anon (L & Virtual) 6:30 PM Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S & Facebook Live) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (YH)	2 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 5:30 PM Class Meeting (L) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)	3 10:00 AM Bazaar Workday (FH) 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (YH)	4 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH)	5 9:00 AM Cemetery Meeting (FH)
6 8:45 AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00 PM Leadership Council (L & Zoom) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH)	7 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (FH-OV)	8 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00 PM Senior Lunch (FH) 6:30 PM AI-anon (L & Virtual) 6:30 PM Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S & Facebook Live) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (YH)	9 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 5:30 PM Class Meeting (L) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)	10 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 42000 (YH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (YH)	11 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	12 2:00 PM Baby Shower setup (FH) 3:00 PM Solorio Baby Shower (FH)
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February Birthdays

February 4 Russel Hicks	February 18 Addison Douglas
February 5 Leslie Hudson	February 20 Annie Worsham
February 6 Cecil Smith	February 23 Dylan Collins
February 7 Geno Chavarria	February 25 Ronald Sowell
February 9 David Collins	February 26 Dutch Walker
February 16 Miranda Herring	February 27 Emily Turner



New Eagle Scout



**Chance Woehl of Troop 472
earned his Eagle Scout on
December 15, 2021.
Congratulations, Chance!**



Rio Texas Conference Advanced Lay Servant Class

We are excited to announce an Advanced Lay Servant Class for the Rio Texas Conference.

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

This class will be a Virtual Zoom course on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is an advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries that gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church.

Please contact the church office to register for this Conference course. This Course is a required course for those Lay Servants who wish to become certified Lay Speakers.

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Lectionary Readings

February 6

Psalm 138
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

February 13

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 17:5-10
I Corinthians 15:12-20

February 20

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Luke 6:27-38

February 27

Psalm 99
Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-36

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

Sunday:

8:45 am ~ Worship Service
10:00 ~ Sunday School for all ages
11:00 ~ Traditional Worship Service

Monday:

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise

Tuesday:

6:30 pm ~ Tuesday Words of Encouragement
(Sanctuary & Facebook)

Wednesday:

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise
5:30 ~ Class Meeting
7:00 ~ Choir Rehearsal
7:30 ~ Praise Band Rehearsal

Staff

Pastor

Rev. Robert Waddle

Office Administrator

Melissa Ramsay

Christian Education Director

(position available)

Finance Manager

Gloria Hamilton

Choir Director

Tyler Hughes

Accompanist

John Gibson

Nursery Director

Bella Kanten

Facility Manager

Ronnie Hardi

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.