Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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March 2022

See page <u>9</u> for details on Holy Week!

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life.

March is designated "March Madness Month!" (Big Dance). It is a time when every college basketball team is trying to get to the biggest basketball tournament of the year. You see, whoever wins this tournament is crowned the "National Champion!" The Best of the Best! And the only way you can attend this tournament, is by invitation only! That's right! And only 64 teams are invited! The other teams are left behind to either attend a smaller tournament or to just wait until next year! There are thousands of players who work hard for this time of year, but only a few make it!

As believers in Jesus Christ, once we accept Jesus as our Savior, we should work hard in sharing the word of God with everyone, so all who are willing, can make it to the "Final Dance", the "Big Tournament!"

There are just a few ways those who are willing can attend this Big Tournament. First, confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart. Second, witness to others! And finally, show God's love to all! It is my prayer that we all receive John 3:16 and live by it. Share it with others so that we may all go to the BIG TOURNAMENT (Big Dance) and be crowned in heaven by Jesus! I guarantee, if we ALL do this, NO ONE will be LEFT BEHIND!

> From the Desk of the Pastor With Love, R.C. Waddle

Church Events

<u>March 2</u> Ash Wednesday Bazaar Workday

<u>March 6</u> Scout Sunday Congregational Lunch Youth

March 8 & 22 Senior Adult Lunch

March 13 Daylight-Saving Time begins

March 24 Newsletter Folding Fellowship

<u>March 27</u> UMCOR Sunday Youth & Children Roundup

JOYS & CONCERNS

Recent Concerns

America **FUMC Congregation Elgin Community Elgin Schools** Nickel Family, lost home in fire James Liston (1 yr), suffering seizures from an infection Debbie Haisler, possible torn meniscus in her knee, has been in pain Mary Rhodes, has the flu Robert McDilda, Steve Hall's ex father-in-law, stroke Tammy, Sonia Browder's friend, lost her husband John Gibson, surgery John Hayes, seizure procedure Rodriguez & Nickel Family, Bobby Nickel passed away Kevin Gray, nearly lost his eye Marc & Twyla Nash Swenson Family, Trey passed away Spencer Rhodes was accepted to University of Texas Steve Hall, new great-granddaughter **Jaime Mariscal** Sandra Ramsay, Trey's mom, arm completely swollen from radiation and needs therapy twice a week Lauren Haliburton Jimmy Chavarria and wife, just had a new baby Daneisha Helen, Kevin Gray's roommate, heart surgery Sheldon Johnson, healing Julius Schwartz, healing and recovery Pat Teague, health Jennifer, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, cancer in two different parts of the body **Martha Neidig** Laverne Owens Margeurite Abel, stage 4 cancer Jim McCutcheon

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

2/6	\$7,335.80
2/13	\$7,129.81
2/20	\$3,887.33

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings \$40,160.20

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

• Mar 6 • 12:15 pm • Trustees

Mar 20 - 12:00 pm - Finance

• Mar 21 - 4:00 pm - Bazaar



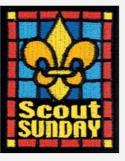
Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday, March 12!

UMCOR responds when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life. **#UMCORSunday**

Sunday, March 27



See page 7 for more information



Scout Sunday is March 6!

Join us in celebrating our Cub Scouts.

Scouts BSA Troops, and Girl Scouts.

Seníor Adult Luncheon Tuesdays March 8 & 22 Noon in the Fellowship Hall



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.



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

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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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Trey Swenson

Given by

Donna Keeling Trey & Melissa Ramsay Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg Christensen Don & Sylvia Hudson Tim & Lisa Schultz Andy & Jeanne Caulo Troy & Jeanette Watson Marjorie Matetzschk

> In Memory of Sammy Lundgren Jr.

Given by Donna Keeling Matthew & Michelle Schroeder Don & Sylvia Hudson Deborah Cartwright Bill & Chris Caudill Marjorie Matetzschk

> In Memory of Gwen Rivers

Given by Bill & Chris Caudill

Pork Loin Fundraiser



Get your fully cooked, smoked pork loin Saturday, April 16th Pickup time TBD

Pre-order sales start Sunday, March 13th! Deadline to order is Sunday. April 10th.

Easter Sunday April 17th



FUN FOR THE FAMILY 10 a.m. in the courtyard

EGG HUNT



<u>MPACT Youth</u> <u>Mission Trip</u>

The MPACT Youth Mission Trip for youth in grades 7-12 is <u>June</u> <u>11-17 in Forestburg, TX</u>.

Contact Julie Joesel at juliejoesel@yahoo.com for more information.

Mark your calendars for the MPACT Fundraiser Lunch and Cake Auction on <u>Sunday, April 3</u>! Please come out and show your support for our Youth!

God's Workforce

Youth Calendar

March 6 Youth Group 12:30-2 p.m.

March 13 Confirmation Class/VBS Prep Meeting 12:15 p.m.

> March 27 Youth & Children Roundup

April 3 MPACT Fundraiser Lunch

> **May 1** Youth Group 12:30—2 p.m.

June 11-17 MPACT Mission Trip



Sunday, March 13th 12:15 p·m· in the Library

If you have a child of Confirmation age, please come to this meeting or contact Elisa Waddle at elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com



"Youth Round-Up 2022"

Confirmation Class Meeting

Members, young and old are inviting youth to come fellowship with us. We are asking, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts, Sisters and Brothers, Neighbors and Friends to invite a youth/

youths who do not have a church home or we haven't seen in a while to be our guest!

Join us for a great time worship and fellowship on Sunday, March 27th at 11 a.m.

**Lunch will be served immediately after service, along with games and great conversation. If transportation is needed, we will provide it!

Let's make it a day to remember!

Mark your calendars now for



Vacation Bible School

July 11th — July 15th 5:30—8 p.m.

We need volunteers and donations!

There will be a VBS prep meeting on **Sunday, March** 13th at 12:15 p.m. in the Library. We need volunteers to make VBS happen, so come and find out how you can help!

If you are interested in helping this year, please contact Elisa Waddle (elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com) OR Bre'Ana Stafford (breana.stafford@gmail.com)

Welcome our new Director of Christian Education & Youth,

Elisa Hood-Waddle!



Elisa Hood-Waddle a native of Gonzales Texas, was born April 14, 1964, to the proud parents of Marvin and Clarice Hood. Elisa has three older sisters. Elisa's early footsteps with God began when she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at the tender age of 9.

Elisa believes God has called her, to partner with parents, INVEST in the next generation of young people in significant ways; INSTRUCT them in the core doctrines and disciplines of the Christian faith along with principles for living healthy, wise and productive lives; INSPIRE them by our example and challenge them to take faith-filled risks; IGNITE them with a passion for Jesus Christ, a love for the lost, a commitment to the local church, and finally, to launch them into the world prepared for life, for relationships, for service, and for leadership.

What distinguishes her from others in her field is her love and compassion for others. Elisa has a degree in Exercise Sports Science from Texas State University. Since then, she has held several positions where she planned, advised, organized, developed and coordinated programs, activities, events and staffing for youth and youth sport activities as well as, state and government agencies. She has over 30 years of experience of managing and directing daily operations of youth activities in recreational facilities, school settings, church youth groups and special events, over 11 years of teaching in a classroom setting, and over 13 years of managerial and supervisory experience with a State agency. With this experience also came the opportunity to manage a budget, develop coaching, mentoring and supervising staff, and organize/campaign fundraising events, as well as personnel development and disciplinary action.

As a lifetime educator and coach, she understands that students are not exempt from challenges and that it is vital that she implement restorative practices. She makes it her ultimate goal to mentor children/ young minds and help them to be successful in their future endeavors. She obtains this goal by removing barriers, making connections with parents, and setting goals for the youth. When she does this, she is positive that the children/youth will grow and their future will be bright. If they can Believe it, they will Achieve it! She knows she has the innate ability to bond with all diverse backgrounds and this has allowed her to interact and build lasting relationships with parents and children/youth from all ethnic and diverse communities. Elisa knew this journey would not be easy, nor would she want to do it alone. She prayed to God to bless her with a "Provider, Protector and someone to Profess his love for his wife and family." She has been married to Reverend Robert Charles Waddle, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Elgin Texas for thirteen years. They have one son, Roderick Waddle, who resides in Katy Texas with his wife Channel, their two sons, Caleb and Avery. They have a daughter, Bre'Ana Stafford, who is a graduate of Texas A&M (undergraduate) and a graduate of Texas State University (masters) and is currently attending Texas State University to complete her doctoral degree, while holding the role of an AP at Hutto Midde School. They also have a daughter, Kendall Waddle, who resides in Giddings Texas with her son Mesiah.

All in all, Elisa believes that amazing things can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit! She believes in order to accomplish her vision, God will guide her with investing, Time, Love, Prayer, Mentoring, Teaching, Equipping, Modeling, Challenging, Mobilizing, and Launching.

But most importantly, she hopes every Youth not only at Elgin First church, but all who may cross her pathway know: God loves them and so does she; They are safe when they enter a church; They are special; God has a plan for each of them; and God's way really is the best way. Trust Him!

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UMCOR Sunday

Sunday, March 27th

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." -2 Corinthians 5:20, NRSV

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. Also, UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special

Please use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, March 27 to place your offering for UMCOR Sunday offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters. Your sustaining gifts on UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere.

"Our faith in Jesus allows us to look beyond ourselves and help others. We connect with those who are in the midst of a disaster, and our response is to support them in any way possible.

Esmeralda "Missy" Gordillo, UMCOR Case Manager

STEWARDSHIP

Scriptural Definition of the Tithe

The Bible speaks of the tithe as a standard for giving. The tithe is defined as the first ten percent of our earnings, returned to God for the work of the church. This is difficult for some, and others have grown in their generosity well beyond this biblical standard.

Growing in the grace of giving is a worthy, God-honoring goal to consider each year. Your intentional decision to give in proportion to your resources will enable you to accomplish your personal, good steward goal.

Texas Ramp Project



The Elgin ramp team built ramp number 94 in February 2022 for Deborah in Elgin. It is 48 feet long. They had 7 workers and built the ramp in 6 hours.

Honor Someone Special by placing an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday or by making a donation to the church in their name.

- Fill out the form below to order your Lily or make a donation.
- Be sure to clearly print the name of the person(s) you would like to honor and indicate "in memory of" or "in honor of".
- ✓ Don't forget to include your name & phone number, as well as your payment.
- \checkmark The price of the Lilies is \$15.⁰⁰ each, but you may make a donation for any amount. Please make checks payable to FUMC and write the word "Lily" in the memo line.

The flowers will come from Down Home Ranch.

We will only be taking pre-orders until April 3RD, so order yours today!

The Lilies will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

You may pick up your Lilies after Easter.

Lily or Donation Form

Your Name: _____ Best Daytime Phone # _____

I would like to order Lilies at \$15 each.

And / Or

I would like to make a gift to the church in the amount of \$. . .

My check/cash is enclosed in the amount of \$

(Make checks payable to FUMC with the word "Lily" or "Gift" on the memo line)

Lily placed or Gift made in Honor of / Memory of

(circle one)

Lily placed or Gift made in Honor of / Memory of _____

(circle one)

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(circle one)

The Passion of Christ Lent 2022

Lent season is a time we reflect on what God has done for us through Jesus. This year, we will be looking at the seven last words from the cross each Sunday and I will have a message on one of his words. As you can see, we have Lent season all mapped out and I would love to see you and your family at each service as we walk through Lent and Holy Week together as a Church Family. With Love, Pastor Waddle

<u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>March 2, 2022</u> Imposition of Ashes 12 pm & 6:30 pm

<u>First Sunday in Lent</u> <u>March 6, 2022</u> "Forgiveness" Matthew 27:47

<u>Second Sunday in Lent</u> <u>March 13, 2022</u> "Never Too Late" Luke 23:34

<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> <u>March 20, 2022</u> "God's Glory" Luke 23:43 <u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> <u>March 27, 2022</u> "Separation" John 19:28

<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> <u>April 3, 2022</u> "I Thirst" John 19:28

HOLY WEEK

<u>Palm Sunday, April 10</u> "A Fake Parade" Matthew 21:1-11

<u>Maundy Thursday, April 14</u> "A Humble Servant" John 13:1-11 6:30 p.m.

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<u>Good Friday, April 15</u> The Last Two Sayings from the Cross "It is Finished" John 19:30 & Luke 33:46 6:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

<u>April 17, 2022</u> "Our Savior Lives" John 20:1-18

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at FUMC 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Easter Service *No Sunday School

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45 AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (S)	28 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (FH-L-OV)	1 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:30 PM Al-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 Bazaar Workday (FH) 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 12:00 PM Imposition of Ashes (S) 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 5:30 PM Class Meeting (L) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 6:30 PM Imposition of Ashes (S) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)	3 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (YH)	4 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH)	5 4:30 PM Hicks Wedding
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March 3 Irma Welch Judy Wilke-Vogt

March 5 Ash Bledsoe Linn Bledsoe

March 7 Josh Simpson

March 14 Nila Stricker

March 16 Bill Vogt March 18 William Caudill

March 21 Rex Sandifer

March 24 Nancy Hutchison

March 25 Carrie Worsham

March 26 Keith Simpson

March 28 Leslie Graves



Rio Texas Scholarships



The Rio Texas Scholarships Award Program is now open and accepting applications until April 1, 2022.

Please ensure that all forms requested are fully completed prior to

sending in the Scholarship Nomination Application packet and post-dated by April 1st. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Contact the office for more information.

Scholarship fund resources are available and considered annually for distribution to undergraduate students within the Rio Texas conference. The Craven–Wilson Scholarship is specifically awarded to students attending Texas Wesleyan University, (Ft. Worth, Texas) and The Albert & Nancy Wilson Scholarship for students in other colleges or universities in Texas. Both scholarships are to benefit the Rio Texas Conference. There is a limited number of scholarships available, so the process is highly competitive.

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March 2022 Faithnews

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Lectionary Readings

<u>March 6</u> Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Matthew 27:47

March 13

Psalm 27 Genesis 15:1-12 Luke 23:34

March 20

Psalm 63:1-8 Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 23:43

<u>March 27</u> Psalm 32 Joshua 5:9-12 John 19:28

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

<u>Staff</u>

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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.