

May 2022

Faithnews

Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

Romans 11:33-36

People enjoy feeling in control of their own schedule, and it can be frustrating when things don't go according to plan. Yet whoever truly desires to walk in obedience to God must cooperate with His time frame.

Consider how you pray about situations in your life. Without realizing it, you may be demanding that the Lord follow the schedule you've constructed based on your very limited human wisdom. Yet if we believe God is who He says He is, how can surrendering to His way not be to our benefit?

Unlike us, the Lord has complete knowledge about our world and the details of every individual life—past, present, and future. He understands every motive, whereas we can't accurately judge even our own intentions. God also acts out of love for His people, and He's sufficient to meet every need at just the right time.

Submitting to God's timetable requires faith and courage. Believe in the goodness of His heart and His plans, and determine to wait until He moves you forward. Then, as you follow His schedule, you will experience the joy of seeing a display of His great glory.

May is known as a time when flowers are blooming. Nothing they do special, it just happens in God's timing. If we can learn from the flowers to trust God and let go of our controlling nature, then we can blossom and be all God calls us to be with less worry, more praise, more prayer time and finally more faith. The greatest of all more Love.

With love Pastor Waddle

P.S We all are on a journey together to get to the Kingdom of God. Let's always pray for each other!!!!

Church Events

May 1

Communion Sunday
Lunch
Youth

May 5

National Day of Prayer

May 8

Mother's Day

May 10 & 24

Senior Adult Lunch

May 15

Family Movie Day

May 21

Church History Tours

May 22

VBS Meeting
Finance Meeting

May 26

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

May 30

Church Office Closed
Memorial Day

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our Recent Concerns

America
FUMC Congregation
Elgin Community
Elgin Schools
Ukraine & Russia conflict
Rev. Waddle, surgery on 5/10
John Gibson, recovering from hip surgery
Jennifer, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, started chemo and not doing well
Adam Tabor & Family, Christy Evans passed away on 4/17
Hunter Hayes, tried to save 2 men from drowning
Fritzi Simon, her sister passed away
Bob McDilda, Steve Hall's ex father-in-law
Ed & Nita, Janel's sister and husband, Ed is recovering from heart surgery
Dottie, Mary Rhodes cousin
Families involved in shooting in Elgin
Swenson Family
Ramsay family, Trey's mom passed away
Nicole Etheridge, property damage in the tornado
Nick & Jamie Klem, Jan Wilkinson's nephew and wife, pre-mature baby
Ricky Rodriguez, recovering from brain surgery
Martinez Family, EHS band director, mother is on hospice
Naomi Rose McDougal (7), Fritzi's friends granddaughter, virus showed up again and struggling to breathe after a bone marrow transplant
Julius Schwartz, healing and recovery
Pat Teague, health
Garrett Davis & Family, Bill Vogt's nephew (33), terminal cancer, on hospice
Cindy Powell's Aunt, Lewy Body Dementia, on hospice
Marguerite Abel, stage 4 cancer

Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas
Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer
Ray Worsham's mom, dementia
Ardeth Cardwell
Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's

Welcome
to our
New Members

Please welcome
new members to
FUMC Elgin

Charles Middleton Patina Middleton
Malia Middleton Omari Middleton
Natacha Barbosa Jaydon Barbosa

April Offerings

4/3 \$12,040.08
4/10 \$7,916.96
4/17 \$8,139.24
4/24 \$2,974.31

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$97,276.85

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

- May 22 - 12:00 - Finance
- May 22 - 12:15 - VBS

MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Jim McCutcheon

Given by

Glynda Schroeder

Janel Sowell

Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg

Christensen

Kimberly Attallah

William Vogt

Danny Graves

In Memory of

Sandra Ramsay

Given by

Janel Sowell

Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, May 1st

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” —2 Corinthians 9:11, NIV

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church. On this Special Sunday, an offering is taken and is used to develop and strengthen Native American

ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference

to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh

students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Please use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, May 1 to place your offering for UMCOR Sunday

Native American seminarians, annual conferences' Committee on Native Ministries (CONAM) and local churches are grateful to you each year for your dedicated gifts to Native American ministries. Thank you for partnering in ministry with the Native American community. May you and your congregation be blessed abundantly.



Mark your calendars now for
Vacation Bible School
July 11th — July 15th
5:30—8:30 p.m.

There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to make VBS happen, so come and find out how you can help!

We need volunteers and donations!

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

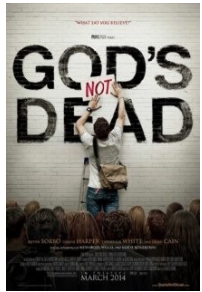


Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesdays

May 10 & May 24

12:00 noon ~ Fellowship Hall



Join us for a family movie day featuring "God's Not Dead" on Sunday, May 15th! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. Popcorn will be available as well as a lunch of pulled pork sandwich, chips and a drink for \$5 each.

Thursday, May 5

National DAY OF PRAYER

ONE NATION  UNDER GOD

The Sanctuary will be open from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 6-7 p.m.



MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, May 30, 2022** In observance of **Memorial Day**



Nursery

The Church Nursery is now open during the 11 a.m. Worship Service! The Nursery is available for kids ages 6 and under.



Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study is cancelled until further notice.

How Goes It with Your Soul?



Reclaiming a Forgotten
(and Essential)
Small Group Experience

KEVIN M. WATSON

INCLUDES AN EIGHT-WEEK CLASS MEETING CURRICULUM

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, designed, as the heart of spiritual growth, a method of small groups called the Class Meeting. These groups met to give an account of their personal spiritual progress to one another from week to week. John Wesley believed that the Class Meeting helped to recapture principles of New Testament Christianity.

Here at FUMC, our Class Meeting consists of a small group of folks who meet weekly. We are committed to Bible reading daily and attending the group regularly. Some of us are also reading a short devotion(s) daily. Each meeting we ask each other “How goes it with your soul?” Answers may be sharing part of a devotion that had meaning, or sharing that God was present, perhaps in a time of conflict, giving peace to a very troubled soul, or finding how to forgive something that seemed unforgivable. Sometimes it is a very specific answer to prayers in one way or another, or confessing falling short on our reading. Our discussion can be very broad, or much more personal – it is up to the individual. Whatever is said, we are committed to keeping what is said in the group confidential.

All of us agree, that each of us has become much more aware of how God has worked in us in the past week and over time. We have learned from each other and value the support and prayers of the group.

We invite you to join us and see where the Holy Spirit leads you. The group meets Wednesdays at 4 PM in the Library.

Elgin Sesquicentennial



Elgin is 150 years old this year! The City Council appointed a Sesquicentennial committee to develop a plan for celebrating the 150th anniversary which includes projects, and events in partnership with organizations and businesses throughout the community.

FUMC will be participating in the **church tours on Saturday, May 21st** during the Explore Elgin Arts & Culture Day. There will also be public art tours, walking tours, and art shows throughout Elgin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School

Sunday School for grades K-5th & 6th -12th are meeting every Sunday at 10 a.m. 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

SERVANTS
NEEDED!



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.



FUMC Choir

The FUMC Choir meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for rehearsals.

If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Tyler Hughes at tylerjustinhughes@yahoo.com or just join them in the Choir Loft.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a great way to honor or memorialize loved ones. If you would like to provide altar flowers on Sundays, please email or call the office. The Waddle Family will provide the flowers every 1st Sunday and the Worsham Family every 4th Sunday.

1st Sundays—Waddle Family (except for June)

4th Sundays—Worsham Family

May 15—Fran Smith

May 29—Sheldon Johnson

June 5—Fran Smith

June 19—Sheldon Johnson



Pastor Waddle would like to encourage you to pray everyday at **NOON**. Pray for America, FUMC Elgin, and anything else that's on your heart.



United Methodists vow to participate through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Coming up next month...

Graduate Sunday

we honor you

June 5, 2022

We plan to honor our Graduates at the 11 am Worship Service and at the luncheon following that service.



Therefore
encourage
one
another

and build each other up.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

Scouts BSA Troop 472 would like to thank everyone that came out to support them at the pancake and waffle breakfast! Thank you!



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>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 Lunch (FH) 12:30 PM Youth (FH) 4:00 PM Elgin Community Choir (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (FH-OV)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00 PM AI-anon (L) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00 PM Class Meeting (L) 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 11:00 AM National Day of Prayer 6:00 PM National Day of Prayer (S) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (SH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00 PM Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day 8:45 AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (S) 4:00 PM Elgin Community Choir (S)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (FH-L-OV)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00 PM Senior Lunch (FH) 6:00 PM AI-anon (L) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00 PM Class Meeting (L) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 42000 (YH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (SH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:30 PM Troop 472 Court of Honor (S & FH)</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:30 PM Fellowship Movie 4:00 PM Elgin Community Choir (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00 PM AI-anon (L) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00 PM Class Meeting (L) 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop (SH) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (SH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 PM Church History Tour (S)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>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 Finance Committee Meeting (L) 12:15 PM VBS Meeting (FH) 2:00 PM Cub Scout Graduation (FH) 4:00 PM Elgin Community Choir (S)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00 PM Senior Lunch (FH) 6:00 PM AI-anon (L) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00 PM Class Meeting (L) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Newsletter Folding Fellowship (O) 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (SH)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH)</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 10:00 AM Sunday School (var.) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (S) 4:00 PM Elgin Community Choir (S)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Church Office Closed Memorial Day 10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00 PM Chair Exercise (FH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00 AM QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00 PM AI-anon (L) 7:00 PM Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 4:00 PM Class Meeting (L) 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 42002 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30 PM Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00 PM Troop 472 (SH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00 PM Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Cemetery Meeting (FH)</p>



MAY

Birthdays

May 1
Lauren Haliburton

May 3
Marguerite Abel

May 7
Avis Cureton

May 10
Brady Douglas
Candra Huston
Ehrikka Hodge

May 17
Larry Nance
Audrey Puryear

May 20
Muffet Harden

May 21
Molly Collins
Nancy Collins

May 22
Andy Jacobsen

May 23
Melissa Swenson

May 25
Sarah Herring

May 28
Marilyn Cornelius
Jeff Walker

May 30
Emma Collins
Julie Joesel
Glynda Schroeder

Texas Ramp Project



It took two half days, and a total of eight workers (two of the workers were first timers) to build a 40 foot ramp for Curtis this month. The site was a mobile home on the side of a rocky and sandy hill, but with all the workers, we completed a safe ramp.

Thanks to all the FUMC Elgin workers: Kevin Robertson, Kevin Gray, Danny Graves, Garland Burton, Chuck Wilkinson and the financial support from many members.

We will be working just mornings for the summer ramps, until the weather cools down. We need to stay safe!

Thanks,
Greg Silkenon

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Lectionary Readings

May 1

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14

May 8

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
John 10:22-30

May 15

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
John 13:31-35

May 22

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
John 14:23-29

May 29

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
John 17:20-26

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
4:00 ~ Class Meeting
7:00 ~ Choir Rehearsal
7:30 ~ Praise Band Rehearsal

Staff

Pastor

Rev. Robert Waddle

Office Administrator

Melissa Ramsay

Director of Christian Education & Youth

Elisa Waddle

Finance Manager

Gloria Hamilton

Choir Director

Tyler Hughes

Accompanist

John Gibson

Nursery Director

Bella Kanten

Facility Manager

Ronnie Hardi

MISSION STATEMENT

When we reach out to help others, we become his hands. When we seek others, we become his feet. By showing God's Agape LOVE, lives can be changed; and only God's Agape LOVE can change lives.