

**June 2022**

# Faithnews

**Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church**

The struggle you have today is real and you have to fight. Everybody you meet is struggling in one way or another. You may feel like society is looking and judging you and most don't understand what you are going through.

It may seem like everyone is present, but no one will come forward to help...everyone just keeps looking at you while you struggle. God may come and help you, but some people from society, family and friends will just keep staring from outside but won't come forward.

**So remember**, it's your struggle and only yours. Keep moving forward...**Hustle | Fight | Grind but don't give up!** In the end, all of a sudden you will realize God is with you and help you in some way or another...

**KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!!**

Matthew 11:28-30

New International Version

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Sometimes our struggles make it seem as if we are alone but spiritually we are not, God has us. So the word for June is **KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!!**

With love Pastor Waddle

## **Church Events**

**June 5**

**Pentecost Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
Senior Sunday  
Seniors Recognition Lunch  
VBS Meeting  
Family Pictures**

**June 8-11**

**Annual Conference**

**June 11-17**

**MPACT**

**June 12**

**Peace with Justice Sunday**

**June 14 & 28**

**Senior Adult Lunch**

**June 19**

**Father's Day  
Texas Ramp Project Offering**

**June 30**

**Newsletter Folding Fellowship**

# ***JOYS & CONCERNS***

## **Our Recent Concerns**

**America**

**FUMC Congregation**

**Elgin Community**

**Elgin Schools**

**Ukraine & Russia conflict**

**Uvalde, TX**

**Doris & Ricky Rodriguez**, Ricky has started treatment

**Valerie Moss**, Glynda Schroeder's niece, in hospital

**Dottie**, Mary, Maggie, and Ella's cousin passed away

**Twyla Nash**

**Swenson Family**

**Marguerite Abel**, stage 4 cancer, on hospice

**Margaret Johnson**, Elizabeth Johnson's daughter, stroke

**Kevin Joesel & Family**, Keith Joesel's brother, going through a hard time

**Lexington High School**, placed 3rd at State Competition

**Marvin Morgenroth**, fell and broke hip

**Ed & Kim**, friends of Ella Carter, Ed had a stroke

**Marian**, Fran Smith's step-daughter, foot surgery

**John Gibson**, recovering from hip surgery

**Jennifer**, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, started chemo and not doing well

**Martinez Family**, EHS band director, mother is on hospice

**Naomi Rose McDougal (7)**, Fritz'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

## **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

## **June Offerings**

5/1 \$5,564.66

5/8 \$6,900.66

5/15 \$4,338.66

5/22 \$3,446.77

## **2022 Year-To-Date Offerings**

\$117,527.60

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](http://www.fumcelgin.com)

## **Meetings This Month**

•June 5 - 10:00 - VBS Meeting

•June 5 - 12:15 - Leadership Council

•June 12 - 12:15 - Trustees

## ***MEMORIALS***

In Memory of

**Amie Marie Strong-Young**

Given by

**Janel Sowell**

In Memory of

**Jim McCutcheon**

Given by

**Ivan & Kay Wilson**

In Memory of

**Trey Swenson**

Given by

**Bruce & Brinda Staton**



# Peace with Justice Sunday

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

"Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed."  
Isaiah 56:1, NRSV

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society. Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible.

It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. We will celebrate Peace with Justice when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support, and clean water. We will further celebrate when there is no more economic exploitation, war, political

oppression, and cultural domination.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to support this ministry.

Please use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to place your offering for PWJ Sunday

Your gift, joined with the gifts of others makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities.

We achieve peace with justice efforts by working with the World Council of Churches, interfaith and ecumenical bodies, and secular organizations for social-justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of shalom for all of God's people.



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

Online and paper registration forms are now available. Use the link in the Friday email to register online. Paper forms will be available at the church.

Our next VBS meeting is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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 (elisahoddwaddle@yahoo.com)**  
or **Bre'Ana Stafford (breana.stafford@gmail.com)**





## Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesdays

June 14 & June 28

12:00 noon ~ Fellowship Hall



*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.*

Happy  
**FATHER'S**  
DAY

God Bless Our Dads!

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>



## Directory Pictures

Sonia Browder has offered to take pictures for the families that missed the previous picture days for our pictorial directory. She will be taking pictures on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

## 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.

## 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 Worsham Family will provide flowers every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. June is full, but July 10 & 31 and August 14 & 21 are available.

4<sup>th</sup> Sundays—Worsham Family

June 5—Fran Smith

June 12—Lorie Schroeder

June 19—Sheldon Johnson

July 3—Lorie Schroeder

July 17—Fran Smith



Altar Flowers



THE TEXAS RAMP PROJECT  
*Building Freedom for the Homebound*

In honor of Father's Day, we will have a special offering for The Texas Ramp Project on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please use the envelope in your bulletin to make your donation and note Texas Ramp Project on your check.



## How Goes It with Your Soul?



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 unforgiveable. 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.



## Scholarships

We have four College Students and one High School Graduate that have been awarded FUMC Scholarships! Congratulations to all!

We will recognize the Scholarship Awardees on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** at the 11 a.m. Worship Service.

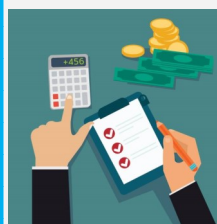


### Sunday School

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](mailto:juliejoesel@yahoo.com)



The Finance Committee is looking for those that would be able to count the offerings after church one or two Sundays each month. You do not need to be a member of the Finance Committee to count.

Please contact the Church office at 512-285-4503 or [fumcelgintx@gmail.com](mailto:fumcelgintx@gmail.com) if you would like to help.



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



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.



*Together we will succeed, apart we can't.*



Join Pastor Waddle every week for Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study from 6:30 -7 p.m. in the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live.



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





Presents  
**ANNUAL**  
One Day Bus Trip  
Thursday, October 6, 2022  
Dallas, TX



**STATE FAIR**  
**OF**  
**TEXAS**

**"Senior Day"**

All Seniors 55 and Over are **FREE!!!**



**ADMISSION to the Fair is FREE!!!**

**October 6, 2022**

Departure Time: 6:30 AM

Elgin's Wal-Mart

Leave the Fair at 4:00PM

Return Time: 8:00 PM

Bus Cost: **\$50.00** Round Trip  
Includes snacks

Contact: Call Ivory Thomas, Event Planner,  
at 512-281-3153 to reserve your seat

All sales are final and due August 27, 2022.

If the trip is cancelled, all fares  
will be refunded. Payments should be made in cash;  
Come and join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

NO GLASS OR STYROFOAM  
CONTAINERS  
WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS!  
**MASK ARE**  
**RECOMMENDED....**

# JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 10:00am Coffee Talk 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:15pm SPRC Meeting (L) 4:00pm Elgin Community Choir (S)	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed <b>Memorial Day</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)	<b>31</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L) <b>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> 7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)	<b>1</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	<b>2</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (SH)	<b>3</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	<b>4</b> 9:00am Cemetery Meeting (FH)
<b>5</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Senior Sunday</b> 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 10:00am VBS Meeting (FH) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Seniors Recognition Lunch (FH) 12:15pm Leadership Council (L) 12:30pm Youth (FH) 4:00pm Elgin Community Choir (S)	<b>6</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)	<b>7</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L) <b>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> 7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)	<b>8</b> <b>Annual Conference</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	<b>9</b> <b>Annual Conference</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (YH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (SH)	<b>10</b> <b>Annual Conference</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	<b>11</b> <b>Annual Conference IMPACT</b>
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<b>19</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Texas Ramp Project Offering</b> 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 4:00pm Elgin Community Choir (S)	<b>20</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)	<b>21</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L) <b>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> 7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)	<b>22</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	<b>23</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (SH)	<b>24</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	<b>25</b> <b>Western Days</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 4:00pm Elgin Community Choir (S) 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 471 - Rain Gutter Regatta (Church Yard)	<b>27</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)	<b>28</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) <b>12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH)</b> 6:00pm Al-anon (L) <b>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> 7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)	<b>29</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	<b>30</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (SH)	<b>1</b> 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	<b>2</b>



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2  
Ivan Wilson

June 4  
Lisa Schultz

June 5  
Richard Harden II  
Marc Nash

June 8  
Tom Boyle  
John Sharp

June 12  
Hailey Hayes

June 13  
Duncan Bledsoe

June 14  
Hillary Powell

June 21  
Jack Ramsay

June 23  
Melissa Ramsay

June 25  
Chuck Wilkinson

June 28  
Danny Graves

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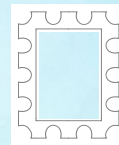
## Meet our Intern!



**Hello all! My name is Isaac Chinedum Okigweh. I was born and raised in Austin, TX and I am the oldest of four children. Currently I classify as an undergraduate sophomore at Huston-Tillotson University where I major in both Pre-Engineering and Mathematics and represent the school in the horizontal jumps. Every week, three of my brethren in Christ and I lead a men's Bible fellowship in the dorms and take turns preaching during chapel on**

**Thursday. Although I was raised in the church, I hadn't truly begun to find Christ for myself until my sophomore year of high school. Ever since I decided to live for His glory, God has continuously elevated me in all aspects of my life. Under Rev. Waddle's tutelage, I aim to become more equipped to spread the gospel and walk in the fullness of my God-given potential. Please do not hesitate to ask me for any help as I am grateful for the opportunity to serve!**

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***Check out our website!  
[www.fumcelgin.com](http://www.fumcelgin.com)***

**Contact us at:  
**512.285.4503**  
[fumcelgintx@gmail.com](mailto:fumcelgintx@gmail.com)**

### Lectionary Readings

#### June 5

Romans 8:14-17  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

#### June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
John 16:12-15

#### June 19

1 Kings 19:1-15  
Psalm 42  
Luke 8:26-39

#### June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

### 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 Hood-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.*