

*July 2022*

# Faithnews

**Monthly Newsletter of First  
United Methodist Church**

During this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we recognize the independence of our country, where men fought for unity against the oppressive forces that attempted to keep us from being the United States of America. As we celebrate this holiday, we can't help but to look at the current condition of our country. The very issues that once united us and we fought hard to have the independent country that we are- political issues, racial disparities, sexuality, identity crisis, marriage and family structure, and division in the church- are the issues that now separate us.

I would like for us to sit and think about how divided we have become. It is my prayer that as we celebrate the independence, yes, we should celebrate with family and friends, that we remember there are more things that unite us than those that separate us.

The one thing I am sure of is this- the Agape love of Jesus Christ, He who has not judged us, He who has forgiven us, and He who has reconciled us back to the kingdom of God is still the same. I ask you to be in prayer for our country, for our leadership, our church, and our families. That we remain free from the tyranny of our oppressors (sin), so that we may celebrate our unity no matter our differences. We are still "one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

I leave you with Isaiah 43:16-21, "This is what the Lord says- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and the reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and the streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and the streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

With love - Ps. Waddle

## Church Events

Sunday, July 3

Communion Sunday

Monday, July 4

Independence Day  
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

VBS Workday  
1:30—4 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

VBS Workday  
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 11-15

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 16

Church Workday

Monday, July 18

Floor Cleaning in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 28

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Sunday, July 31

United Worship Service

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

### **June Offerings**

6/5 \$12,194.49  
6/12 \$4,360.21  
6/19 \$6,871.94  
6/26 \$2,778.07

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

\$147,818.97

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**

- July 17 - 12:00 pm - Finance



The Elgin Texas Ramp Project team would like to send out a **BIG THANK YOU**

for your generosity. You donated over \$1,000 which will be matched by the St. David's Foundation. We plan to build many more ramps and would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us.

For more information, contact Greg Silkenson ([silkvw@yahoo.com](mailto:silkvw@yahoo.com) or 512-281-6713)

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **Our Recent Joys**

Pastor Waddle, starting 18<sup>th</sup> year in ministry  
Shelbi Swenson & Sam Gallimore, engaged  
Bre Stafford, going into ministry

### **Our Recent Concerns**

America  
FUMC Congregation  
Elgin Community  
Elgin Schools  
Uvalde victims  
Ukraine & Russia conflict  
Mary Rhodes, hip surgery  
Cindy Powell's niece, eye surgery  
Mark Fisher Family, Mark passed away  
Kaitlyn Nelson, auto accident  
Cindy Bird's father, friend of Steve Hall, health concerns  
Tom & Tracy Smith, Fran Smith's stepson, stroke  
Terry Douglas, Cody Douglas' sister-in-law's mother, placed in assisted living  
Shiela Aldrick, Jan Wilkinson's friend, ovarian cancer  
Lisa & Family, Fran Smith's friend, sister died of cancer  
Doris & Ricky Rodriguez, Ricky started cancer treatment  
Kevin Joesel & Family, Keith Joesel's brother, going through a hard time  
Julius Schwartz, healing and recovery  
Pat Teague, health  
Orley Olson Rich, passed away  
Twyla Nash  
Swenson Family  
Marguerite Abel, on hospice  
Marvin Morgenroth, fell and broke hip  
Ed & Kim, friends of Ella Carter, Ed has a stroke

### **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

## **MEMORIALS**

*In Memory of*  
**Margaret Johnson**  
*Given by*  
**Glynda Schroeder**



# Vacation Bible School

July 11 — July 15

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Take a step back in time to where  
Jesus walked to the Cross!

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

## WORKDAYS ARE SCHEDULED:

Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Every Thursday, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Sunday, July 10, 12 p.m. till done



## WE ARE IN NEED OF ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping this year, please register as a volunteer and let Elisa Waddle know how you would like to help at [elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com](mailto:elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com).

- Tribe leaders (Group leaders)
- Check-in/registration
- Sorting t-shirts
- Decorating
- Station leaders or assist station leaders
- Technology team

## We need some supplies:

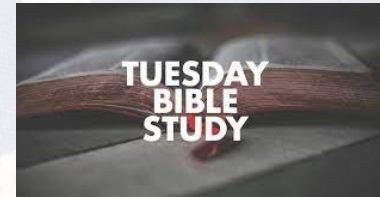
If you have any of these items that can be donated to VBS this year, please bring them to the office M-Th. 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. or on Sundays.

- Costume jewelry that might help give the feel of Bible times
- Spices (open jars are welcome)
- Yarn—4 oz bulky (any color)
- Large cardboard (refrigerator box)
- Large pieces of cardboard

DON'T MISS THE  
**CLOSING CELEBRATION**  
FRIDAY, JULY 15  
in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

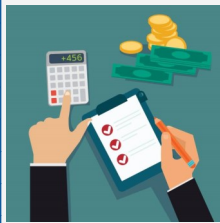


Pastor Waddle would like to encourage you to pray everyday at **NOON**. Pray for America, FUMC Elgin, and anything else that's on your heart.



The Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study will begin a series on the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) starting July 19 and ending September 13.

We will not have Bible Study until July 19.



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.



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



The Choir will be taking July off, so the congregation will be picking the hymns on July 3, 17 & 31! Just raise your hand during service and if called on, you may pick a hymn from the hymnal. You must be present in service to pick a hymn and it must from the hymnal in the Sanctuary!

If anyone would like to join or rejoin the choir, you can email Tyler Hughes at [tylerjustinhughes@yahoo.com](mailto:tylerjustinhughes@yahoo.com) or just join them in the choir loft.

# THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED

## NO MEALS in July

- ✓ no breakfasts of any kind
- ✓ no lunches

### The ONLY EXCEPTION:

- ✓ Lunch served on July 10<sup>th</sup>  
(so that the VBS volunteers  
will have lunch)



**The Church Office will be  
CLOSED  
Monday, July 4, 2022**

*One  
in Worship*

**Sunday, July 31**  
One Worship Service at 11am

## ***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. July 10 & 31 and August 14 & 21 are still available.

4<sup>th</sup> Sundays—Worsham Family  
July 3— Lorie Schroeder  
July 17— Fran Smith  
August 7— Lorie Schroeder



**Did you know you can make your contributions to the church online? It is convenient for you and provides the church with consistent cash flow.**

**It is safe and easy to set up. Just go to the website and click on "Online Giving" for more information. Stay connected and up-to-date with what is going on at church through our website ([www.fumcelgin.com](http://www.fumcelgin.com)).**

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 4:00pm Crossroad Lay Servant Team Meet. (FH) 4:00pm Elgin Community Choir (S) 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 471 - Rain Gutter Regatta (Church Yard)	27 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)	28 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH) 1:30pm VBS Workday (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L) 7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)	29 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)	30 9:00am VBS Workday (FH) 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (SH)	1 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	2
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# July Birthdays

July 9  
Fran Nemeth

July 11  
Marisa Chavarria

July 14  
Traci Boyle

July 15  
Shelley Buchman  
Mark Neidig

July 16  
Russell Abel

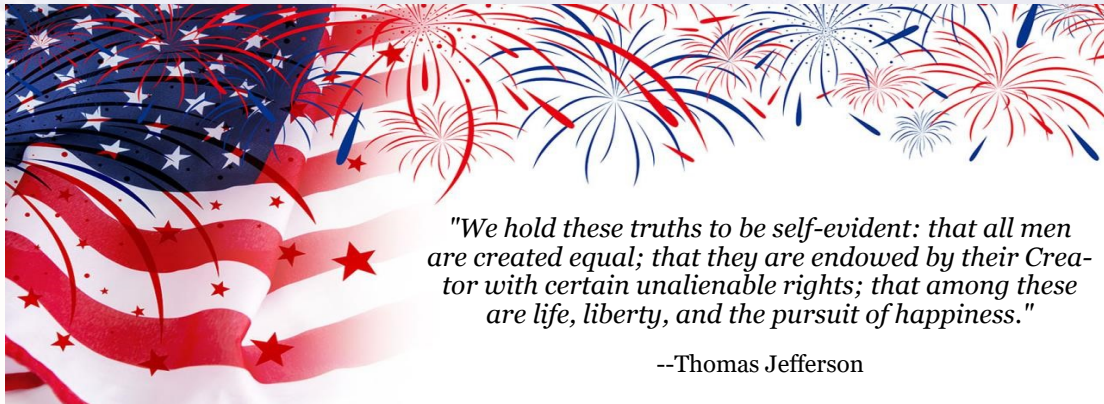
July 26  
Ben Powell

July 27  
Brenda Cardwell  
Brinda Staton

July 28  
Linda Chavarria  
Anita Wicke

July 29  
Leah Douglas  
George Ramsay IV

July 30  
Mary Rhodes



*"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."*

--Thomas Jefferson

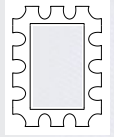


## Texas Ramp Project



Last month, the Elgin Texas Ramp Project team built a 16 foot ramp for a young man who is in a wheel chair. This was the first time they built a ramp inside a garage since the front yard was very small and steep going down to the street. They enjoyed working most of the time in the shade and had 6 workers, the usual FUMC workers: Chuck Wilkinson, Danny Graves, and Kevin Roberts.

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### Scripture Readings

#### July 3

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### July 10

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Luke 10:25-37

#### July 17

Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Luke 10:38-42

#### July 24

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Luke 11:1-13

#### July 31

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9  
Luke 12:13-21

### 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.*