

September 2022

# Faithnews

Monthly newsletter of  
First United Methodist Church

Focusing on Jesus is the key to joy, even during times of distress.

Philippians 1:1-8

The apostle Paul demonstrated that spiritual joy is possible even during times of adversity. In fact, his epistle to the Philippians, written during a time of imprisonment, is known for its repeated references to rejoicing. But have you ever felt as if you've lost your joy? This can happen for several reasons:

- Wrong focus. By centering on Jesus, Paul was able to praise God despite harsh trials. Concentrating on difficulties can cause delight to vanish. Refocus through praise to bring it back.
- Disobedience. Sin steals our joy because it disrupts our fellowship with God (Ps. 66:18). As we receive His forgiveness and obey Him, joy returns.
- Regret. We crowd out gladness when we dwell on past mistakes. The Lord has forgiven us (1 John 1:9). He wants us to choose to live in His grace and move ahead.
- Fear. Joy and fear cannot coexist. We are called to live by faith, asking God to meet today's needs and trusting Him with the future.
- Others' suffering. How can we rejoice when others hurt? Romans 12:15 says we're to weep with them, but we are also to offer the hope of God's presence, power, and provision.

A consistently downcast spirit is a poor witness for hope (Ps. 42:11). Fix your gaze on the Savior and let His joy become yours. Then it can overflow to those around you.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, no circumstance or situation greater than God; and I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it in Jesus' name. Amen!

Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy!

As we enter the fall of the year, hopefully the weather will be cooler (lol) and we get lots of rain. Let's focus on the joys of life. Let us not worry about things we can't change and focus on Christ who can change all things. Watch our stress level decrease and our spiritual life increase.

With Love Pastor Waddle

## Church Events

Sunday, September 4

Communion Sunday  
Congregational Lunch  
Youth

Monday, September 5

Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 11

VBS Meeting

Saturday, September 24

Community BBQ  
Elgin Memorial Park

Thursday, September 29

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

## Nursery Attendant

We are currently looking for a Nursery Attendant for the Church nursery every Sunday morning and other times as needed. Please contact the office by phone or email if you are interested.

512-285-4503  
fumcelgintx@gmail.com

## July/August Offerings

7/31 \$3,770.85  
8/7 \$7,673.40  
8/14 \$5,049.14  
8/21 \$3,905.09

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings  
\$198,841.65

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)

## MEMORIALS

*In Memory of*  
**Marguerite Abel**

*Given by*  
*Ivan & Kay Wilson*  
*Carl & Debbie Herring*  
*Bill & Laurie Satterfield*  
*Molly Seggern*  
*John & Nina Parr*  
*Pat & Vicki Teague*  
*Andy & Roxanne Wolf*

*In Memory of*  
**Emily Berggren**

*Given by*  
*Andy & Roxanne Wolf*

**The Church Office will be  
closed for**



**on Monday, September 5, 2022**

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### Recent Concerns

America  
FUMC Congregation  
Elgin Community  
Elgin Schools  
Uvalde victims  
Ukraine & Russia conflict  
Jennifer Cole, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, suffering with cancer treatments  
Browder family, has had several deaths in the family  
Skeye Sullivan, COVID-19  
Saul Ross, Julie Joesel's uncle, fainted  
Joan Caldwell, Carolyn Burton's sister, cancer of the pancreas  
Scott Mogonye, seriously ill  
Kathy Lang, not well  
Brenda, Mike Welch's daughter, early Alzheimer's  
Justin Maynard's grandmother, broke pelvis bone, at rehab  
Jeanne, Sonia Browder's cousin, son died of heart attack  
Skeye Sullivan's friends' sister, cancer  
Darwin Williams, lost his brother and his job  
Charlie Wheeler, Nancy Hutchison's neighbor, in hospital  
Peggy Shauteet  
Teachers, administrators, staff and students going back to school  
Audrey, Jaxon Larson's girlfriend, going through a lot  
John Sharp, knee replacement surgery  
Steve Hall's daughter, starting a new job  
Jose Hernandez & family, cancer  
Jaime Mariscal, cancer treatment  
Donna Savelle, friend of John Gibson, open heart surgery  
Twyla Nash  
Swenson Family  
Abel Family, Marguerite passed away  
Kaitlyn Nelson, auto accident  
Julius Schwartz, healing and recovery  
Pat Teague, health  
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

### Meetings This Month

- Sep. 11 - 12:15 - VBS
- Sep. 18 - 12:15 - Finance



# FALL FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
216 W. 3RD ST. ELGIN, TX 78621

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Chicken Fried Steak Dinner: 11 am - 6 pm**  
\$15 - to go plates available 11 am - 4pm only  
**Bounce House & Kids Activities: 2 - 6 pm**  
**Silent Auction & Country Store: 4 - 6 pm**  
**Live Auction: 6 pm**

 **Bake Sale**       **Face Painting**       **Music**  
 **Bounce House**       **Games**       **& More!**

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**Tickets: \$1 per activity**

**Rio Texas Annual Conference**  
**June 8-11, 2022**  
**Lay Delegate to Annual Conference Report**

The Eighth Session of the Rio Texas Conference was convened by Bishop Robert Schnase on June 9, 2022. Following a Service of Worship, the First Plenary Session was called to order, the organization of the conference was explained, the bar was established, and the Agenda, the Consent Agenda and the Consent Agenda II was adopted.

In lieu of learning sessions, this year's Annual Conference featured Learn & Serve opportunities which highlighted many of the local ministries supported by the United Methodist Church.

During the plenary sessions, the following action items were approved:

Standing Rules - No major changes were made.

Finance Table Reports I-IV – The Finance Table was given authority to adjust the budget during the coming year; the minimum salary for clergy was increased slightly; the 2023 Proposed Budget represents a .045% increase from the 2022 Approved Budget.

Finance Table Report VI – Equitable Compensation Policies which were adopted in 2014 were updated to keep the salaries of those previously serving in the Southwest Texas Conference and the Rio Grande Conference in alignment.

Finance Table Report VII – The use of Hispanic Ministries Funds was modified to clarify that grant funds are to be awarded to employers and not employees.

Board of Pensions Reports I and II – 3% increase in Past Service rate and changing references to “2021” to “2022”. Report II clarified the tax status relating to housing allowances.

Harvest Sunday – Harvest Sunday has been set for November 6, 2022.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries - 2022-2023 Board Members were approved.

Board of Trustees, Report II – Disaffiliation of Jefferson UMC was approved.

The Board of Trustees has created a section of the Rio Texas Conference's website to provide information concerning disaffiliation. That area may be found at: <https://riotexas.org/forms-and-reports>.

Fritzi Simon  
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference



**Sunday,  
September 4<sup>th</sup> is  
Communion  
Sunday at the  
8:45 & 11 a.m.  
Worship Services.**

Communion will be offered as the traditional bread and juice and an individual juice and wafer set. Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is Communion Sunday.

**All are welcome at the Lord's  
Table!**



We will have our **congregational lunch** on **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some food and fellowship!



**Senior Adult  
Luncheon**

*Tuesdays, September 13 & 27  
12:00 noon ~ Fellowship Hall*

# Youth News

## Calendar September—October 2022

### Sep 3

Youth BBQ Chicken Halves Fundraiser  
10 am—12 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Sep 4

Youth, 12:30-1:30 pm

### Sep 11

VBS Meeting  
12:15 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Sep 25

Youth Sunday  
11 am Worship Service

### Oct 1

Church Bazaar

### Oct 2

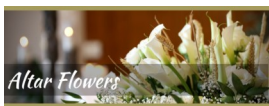
Confirmation Class, 9-11 am  
Youth, 12:30-1:30 pm

### Oct 22

Hogeye Festival  
\*We may do a fundraiser during this celebration

***Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Youth Sunday  
at the 11 a.m. Worship 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 Waddle Family will provide the flowers every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the Worsham Family 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. September 18 is still available as well as October 9 & 30!

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays—Waddle Family  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays—Worsham Family  
September 11—Randy & Melissa Swenson  
October 16—Fran Smith



The Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study is doing a series on the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26). Join Pastor Waddle every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live.

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>8:00am Troop 472 Breakfast (FH)</p> <p>8:45am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</p> <p>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12:15pm Leadership Council (L)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</p> <p>3:00pm Nurture Committee Meeting (L)</p> <p>6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</p> <p>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</p> <p>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</p> <p>7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</p> <p>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</p> <p>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Youth Chicken Sale</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</p> <p>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12:00pm Lunch (FH)</p> <p>12:30pm Youth (FH)</p> <p>3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</p> <p>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</p> <p>6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</p> <p>7:00pm Troop 473 (SH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p> <p>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</p> <p>5:00pm Girl Scout Troop</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</p> <p>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</p> <p>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</p>	<p>10</p>
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# September Birthdays

September 1  
Janel Sowell  
Randy Swenson

September 7  
Twyla Nash  
Sylvia Hudson

September 8  
Bella Kanten

September 12  
Vicki Teague

September 13  
Jan Wilkinson

September 16  
Susan Bledsoe

September 17  
Lacey Nash

September 25  
John Cornelius

September 26  
Debbie Sandifer

September 29  
Roxanne Wolf

*“But anyone who  
does not **LOVE** does  
not know God. For  
God is **LOVE**.”*

*1 John 4:8*



On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Elgin Ministerial Alliance (EMA) along with FUMC went to each school in Elgin and prayed over the campuses and all the students, teachers, staff and families.

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### Lectionary Readings

#### September 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Luke 14:25-33

#### September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

Luke 15:1-10

#### September 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 4

Luke 16:1-13

#### September 25

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

Mark 9:38-50

### 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

#### **Finance Manager**

Gloria Hamilton

#### **Choir Director**

Tyler Hughes

#### **Accompanist**

John Gibson

#### **Nursery Director**

(position available)

#### **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.*