



October 2022

Faithnews

*Monthly newsletter of
First United Methodist Church*



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

October is known as the scariest month of the year with ghosts and goblins and things that go bump in the night. Life can be full of scary things—political unrest, economic recession, racial tension, border crisis, school violence, etc. So, fear can take control of our lives if we allow our minds to focus on the worldly view of the issues of today.

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self control." Yes, life can be scary, but God is with us. Yes, life is full of challenges, but God is with us.

I'd like to end with a quote from Martin Luther King. "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

My church family (FUMC), I love you.
Let's keep moving in love.

Pastor Waddle

Church Events

Sunday, October 2
Communion Sunday
Congregational Lunch

Monday, October 10
Columbus Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesdays, October 11 & 25
Senior Lunch

Sunday, October 16
Denominational Information
Meeting

Thursday, October 27
Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Sunday, October 30
United Worship Service

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.

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September Offerings

9/4 \$7,113.61

9/11 \$11,054.95

9/18 \$3,726.54

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$229,289.82

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

- Oct. 2 - 12:15 - Leadership Council
- Oct. 9 - 12:15 - SPRC
- Oct. 16 - 12:00 - Denominational Information
- Oct. 23 - 12:15 - Finance



Senior Adult Luncheon

*Tuesdays, October 11 & 25
12:00 noon ~ Fellowship Hall*

Welcome
to our
New Members

Please welcome new members to FUMC Elgin!

Tommy Wright	Kimberley Wright
Patina Middleton	Charles Middleton
Omari Middleton	Malia Middleton

JOYS & CONCERNS

Recent Concerns

America
FUMC Congregation
Elgin Community
Elgin Schools
Uvalde victims
Ukraine & Russia conflict
Cardwell Family, Ardeth passed away
LaVerne Owens, moved to a nursing facility
Kathy Lang, not well
Franz Family, Gene passed away
Keith Simpson, upcoming surgery
Jim McKean & Family, Tricia (Patricia) passed away from cancer complications on 9/5
Jackson, Mississippi, water crisis
John Hayes, seizures
Saul Ross, Julie Joesel's uncle, had a infection and is doing better
Justin Maynard, broken blood vessel
Mariscal Family, Jaime passed away
Jennifer Cole, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, suffering with cancer treatments
Browder family, has had several deaths in the family
Joan Caldwell, Carolyn Burton's sister, cancer of the pancreas
Scott Mogonye, seriously ill
Brenda, Mike Welch's daughter, early Alzheimer's
Justin Maynard's grandmother, broke pelvis bone, at rehab
Peggy Shauteet
Jose Hernandez & family, cancer
Donna Savelle, friend of John Gibson, open heart surgery
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 had a stroke

Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas
Marc & Twyla Nash
Swenson Family
Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer
Ray Worsham's mom, dementia
Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's

Nursing Home Visit

Pastor Waddle will be visiting the **Elgin Nursing & Rehab Center** every 1st Sunday (starting Sunday, October 2nd) at 1:30 p.m. to give a message and Communion.

All are welcome to join!

World Communion Sunday

*Raising up new leaders to transform the world
Sunday, October 2nd*

Ofelia Duldalao, from the Philippines, considers herself a scholar of the church and society, thanks to funds received through the United Methodist World Communion Sunday special offering to help her complete graduate school.

World Communion Sunday began in 1936 as a way to recognize our ecumenical oneness in Christ and to bring Christians together in a spirit of unity and peace. In The United Methodist Church, congregations throughout the denomination will also receive a Special Sunday offering that helps students from around the world reach their full potential through scholarships and mentoring.

For example, the scholarship helped Annie Solis Escalante, who is from Peru, complete a master's degree in social management. After graduation, she put her education to use by developing projects with the Health and Healing Program of the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

As we prepare for World Communion Sunday this year, we pray we will allow the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the global nature of the church. Please be in prayer with the scholars who are recipients of the education made possible through this special offering. Thank you for your generosity.

When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be. Please give online: UMC.org/SSGive or use the Special Sunday envelope to place your offering in the offering plate on Sunday, October 2nd. Make sure to note "World Communion Sunday" in the memo line on your check.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon
you can use to change the world."*

Nelson Mandela

Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month with the second Sunday designated as Pastor Appreciation Day. It is a time to say "thank you" to the people who may be most visible as preachers and teachers, but who, in reality, are on-call 24/7 standing with congregants and others to offer spiritual and other support in times of confusion and transition, times of heart-wrenching sorrow and times of overwhelming joy. They laugh, cry, and pray with those whom they shepherd and serve. The call to honor the contributions of pastoral leaders can be traced back to Paul, who advised congregations to give "double honor" to the elders who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17, NIV).

Some ways to show your appreciation is to encourage, thank and pray for Pastor Waddle.

Wednesday Bible Study

Tuesday Bible Study has moved to Wednesdays! Join Pastor Waddle every **Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live. There will be a question-and-answer time after the live stream ends.

The Class Meeting

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. 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. 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. 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 Tuesdays at 4 PM in the Library.



FALL FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

Games
Food
Fun
Friends

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st

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

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 4th Sunday. October 9 & 30 are still available as well as November 13!

1st Sundays—Waddle Family
4th Sundays—Worsham Family
October 16— Fran Smith
November 20— Jeff & Lorie Schroeder

New Sunday School Class



We have a new Young Adult Sunday School Class starting **Sunday, October 2nd** at 10 a.m. in the Blue Room (down the hallway from the Sanctuary). They will be studying *The Case for Christ*. Starting Sunday, October 9th, they will meet in the overflow room (back of the Fellowship Hall).



Sunday, October 2nd 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 1st Sunday is Communion Sunday.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table!



We will have our **congregational lunch** on **Sunday, October 2nd** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some food and fellowship!

ONE WORSHIP Service

Sunday, October 30
at 11 a.m.

Youth News

Calendar October-December 2022

Oct 1

Church Bazaar
(arrive at 12 p.m.)

Oct 2

Confirmation Class, 9-11 am

Oct 9

Youth Group, 12-1:30 pm

Oct 22

Hogeye Festival

*We may do a fundraiser during this celebration

Oct 23

Youth Sunday, 11 am
Youth Group, 12-1:30 pm

Nov 6

Confirmation Class, 9-11 am

Nov 13

Youth Group, 12:30-1:30 pm

Nov 19

Youth Outing, TBA

Dec 4

Confirmation Class, 9-11 am

Dec 10

Youth Group, 12:30-1:30 pm

Dec 11

Youth Outing, TBA

Dec 18

Christmas Pageant, 11 am
Christmas Caroling, TBA

Dec 25

Christmas Day
Worship Service, 11 am

***Every 4th Sunday is Youth Sunday at the
11 a.m. Worship Service!***

New Eagle Scouts



Chance Woehl, Jeremiah Johnson, & Bryce Flores of Troop 472 all earned their Eagle Scout rank! An Eagle Court of Honor for all three was held on September 10, 2022.



Scouts BSA Troop 472 is hosting two Breakfast Fundraisers in October!

Sunday, October 9th & Sunday, October 23rd!

October 9th, you can make your own breakfast tacos and October 23rd will be pancakes. They are raising funds to go to camp, so come out and support the Troop!



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Denominational Information Mtg. (S)	26 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 3:00pm Nurture Committee Meeting (L) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH) 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (FH-L-OV) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	27 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L) 6:30pm Tuesday Words of Encouragement Bible Study (S & Facebook Live)	28 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	29 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	30 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	1 9:00am Cemetery Meeting (FH) 4:00pm Bazaar (FH)
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October Birthdays

October 1
Leila James

October 7
Kathryn Brown

October 9
Fritzi Simon

October 10
Kay Wilson

October 15
Allyson Hicks

October 17
Mercathea Hughes

October 20
Doug Keeling


October 22
Cody Douglas
Donna Keeling

October 23
Keith Joesel
Fran Sharp

October 29
Suzanne Hayes

October 30
Benjamin Kanten

October 31
Greg Silkenson



Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.
1 Chronicles 16:8

Electronic Giving

We will be transitioning to solely using Faith Teams for electronic giving. If you are currently setup to give through Vanco, you will need to switch to Faith Teams. You will need to setup an account to be able to give. You can setup recurring giving using your credit/debit card or through your bank account. You can also choose to cover the processing fees. Please call the office at 512-285-4503 if you have any questions. Here are the ways you can give through Faith Teams:

1. Free Mobile App – You can download the free Faith Teams app, create an account and give directly from the app.
2. Text-to-give - You can text 833-466-2140 with Give \$0 (enter any dollar amount). You must have an account setup to use text-to-give or it will prompt you to create an account. If you use a credit or debit card, fees may apply.
3. On our website at fumcelgin.com – Under the Giving tab, click the link that says, "Give Now".

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Lectionary Readings

October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 19
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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:

2:00 pm ~ Chair Yoga
4:00 ~ Class Meeting

Wednesday:

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise
6:30 ~ Wednesday Bible Study
(Sanctuary & Facebook)
7:00 ~ Choir Rehearsal
7:30 ~ Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday:

2:00 pm ~ Chair Yoga

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.