



Faithnews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—ELGIN
DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas

From the FUMC staff

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John Gibson *Gloria Hamilton*
Bre'Ana Stafford
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Church Events

Dec 4th

Communion Sunday
Congregational Lunch
Birthday Party for Jesus

Dec 13th

Senior Lunch

Dec 24th

Christmas Candlelight Service &
Reception

Dec 25th

United Worship Service

Dec 26th

Church Office Closed

Dec 29th

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Jan 2nd

Church Office Closed

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our Recent Joys

We are very thankful for our many blessings

Our Recent Concerns

America

FUMC Congregation

Elgin Community

Elgin Schools

Uvalde victims

Ukraine & Russia conflict

Monty Moke, open heart surgery

Those involved in the airshow crash

Michaela Browder, sick

LaVerne Arbuckle

John Hayes' friend, son killed in car accident

Joanna Hicks

Betty Robertson, fell and broke hip

Nash Family, Twyla passed away

Vickie Waddle Smith's cousin

Haliburton Family, Jacob broke his leg and Lauren's symptoms are back

LaVerne Owens

Swenson Family

Ryan & Tanya (Eustace) Campen, she delivered her baby on Saturday 10/22 and baby will be cared for in the NICU

Pat Teague, back surgery on 11/15

Keeling/Schultz Families, Donna Keeling passed away

Jacobsen/Lang Families, Kathy Lang passed away

Brashar Family, Sue with MS and John with abdomen

Lilly Wright's dad, going through chemo and had eye surgery

Kendall & Messiah, Pastor's daughter and grandson, Messiah had surgery on Tuesday 10/18

Chase and family, lost his father and a friend

Stricker Family, lost 5 family members in the last 7 months due to COVID and cancer

Steve, Chuck Wilkinson's brother, in the hospital due to a fall

Peggy Shauteet

Jennifer Cole, Debbie Sandifer's sister-in-law, suffering with cancer treatments

Joan Caldwell, Carolyn Burton's sister, cancer of the pancreas

Scott Mogonye, seriously ill

Brenda, Mike Welch's daughter, early Alzheimer's

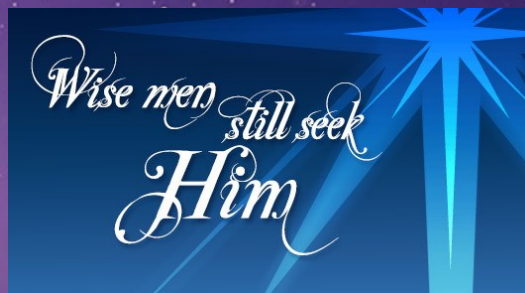
Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas

Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer

Ray Worsham's mom, dementia

Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

October & November Offerings

10/30 \$4,901.51

11/6 \$6,648.41

11/13 \$8,533.41

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$269,894.12

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



Monday, December 26, 2022

Monday, January 2, 2023

Christmas Day
United Worship Service

Sunday, December 25th
at 11 a.m.

*No Sunday School



*Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, December 13
Noon in the Fellowship Hall*

**No Senior Lunch on the 4th Tuesday
in December!*



**Eva Jacobsen Circle
Women's Bible Study**

Meets the 1st Monday each month for a POT LUCK Luncheon in the Library at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is Monday, December 5th.

They are studying "Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts." by Lisa Harper.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!



Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class will meet on **Sunday, December 4th** at 9 a.m. in the church office. Please contact Elisa Waddle (elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



Sunday, December 4th 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!

Thank You

FUMC Family,
Thank you for supporting Mom's beautiful funeral and reception. We greatly appreciate everyone's hard work on this and all your love and prayers.

The Schultz, Doggett, Bujnoch & Keeling families



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

Have you heard of CHRISTMAS MAIL?



"Christmas Mail" will give you the opportunity to wish anyone in the Church a Merry Christmas or let them know that they are in your prayers or any other message you might have for them. It can be on a Christmas card (either store-bought or hand-made) or it can be on a plain piece of paper. There will be "envelopes" decorated with Christmas wrapping paper hanging in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. There should be an envelope for each family currently attending Church. (If there is not an envelope for your family, please let the Church office know so that we can get an envelope up for you immediately.) There will also be a numbered list of families which will be available Sunday, December 4th.

Time to Order Your Poinsettias!

We are ordering poinsettias this year.

This is an excellent way to honor someone important to you. It also helps to make our Sanctuary beautiful throughout Advent.

You may use the order form below to place your order. The price of the poinsettias is \$12 each. Checks should be made payable to FUMC and the word poinsettia in the memo line.

Be sure to note on the order form whom you wish to honor or memorialize.



Poinsettias Order Form

Your Name: _____ Best Daytime Phone # _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias (please indicate below whose honor or memory)
(How many @ \$12 each)

My check/cash is enclosed in the amount of \$_____
(Make checks payable to FUMC with Poinsettias on the memo line)

To be placed in Honor of / Memory of _____
(circle one)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

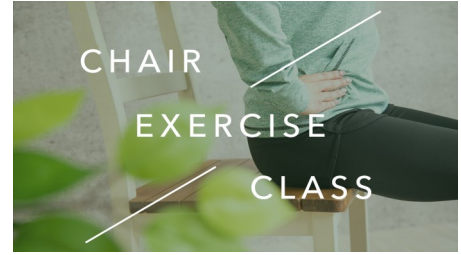


Sunday School
for grades K-5th
& 6th-12th are
meeting every
Sunday at 10

a.m. K-5th are meeting in Room 301 (next to the Nursery) and grades 6th-12th are meeting 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



We currently have two exercise classes that meet in the Fellowship Hall throughout the week. The **Chair Exercise Class** meets every Monday & Wednesday at 1 p.m. The **Chair Yoga Class** meets every Tuesday & Thursday at 2 p.m.

Youth News

Calendar November-December 2022

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!

MEMORIALS

In Memory of
Marguerite Abel

Given by
Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg
Christensen

In Memory of
Ardeth Cardwell

Given by
Don & Sylvia Hudson

In Memory of
Donna Keeling

Given by
Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg
Christensen
Janel Sowell
Ehrikka Hodge Messer
Avis Cureton
Carl & Debbie Herring

In Memory of
Twyla Nash

Given by
Chuck & Jan Wilkinson
Janel Sowell
Ehrikka Hodge Messer
Danny & Leslie Graves

December Special Offerings

We will have a special offering for The Methodist Children's Home, Providence Place & Greater Mt. Vernon Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church this month. There will be an envelope in your bulletin to place your offering. Please note on your check what your offering is for.

December 4—Methodist Children's Home

December 11—Providence Place

December 18—Greater Mt. Vernon Zion AME Church



Methodist Children's Home (MCH) offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community. Founded in 1890, MCH is a nationally accredited, nonprofit childcare ministry affiliated with the six United Methodist Annual Conferences of Texas and New Mexico.

Providence Place is a professional adoption agency fully licensed by the state of Texas and recognized as a pioneer in open adoption with a reputation for integrity.



Greater Mt. Vernon Zion AME Church is in need of building and window repairs. Please consider giving to help them repair their Sanctuary building.

Wednesday Advent Services



The Elgin Ministerial Alliance is hosting Wednesday Advent Services at different churches each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

November 30th - St. Peter's Luther Church

December 7th - FUMC Elgin

December 14th - Faith Lutheran Church, McDade

December 21st - Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Elgin

*No Wednesday Service or Bible Study on December 28th or January 4th.



First Sunday of Advent, November 27

11:00 am — United Worship Service & Hanging of the Greens

*Each family is invited to bring an ornament
to hang on our Christmas Tree.*

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

8:45 am — Worship Service

11:00 am — Worship Service

1:00 pm — Birthday Party for Jesus

*Join us after lunch to celebrate Jesus' Birthday with cake and activities.
Bring a gift of new socks (men's or women's) and men's flannel shirts to be
gifted to Elgin Cares.*

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

8:45 am — Worship Service

11:00 am — Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18

8:45 am — Worship Service

11 am — Worship Service

Christmas Eve, December 24

7:00 pm - Christmas Candlelight Service

8:00 pm - Christmas Reception

Sunday, December 25

11 am — Worship Service

**No Sunday School*

Hope
Love



Joy
Peace

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 First Sunday of Advent United Methodist Student Day Offering 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am United Worship Service & Hanging of the Greens (S) 12:15pm VBS Meeting (FH)	28 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (FH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	29 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	30 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 7:00pm Advent Service (St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Elgin) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	1 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	2 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	3
4 Methodist Children's Home Offering Second Sunday of Advent 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Lunch (FH) 1:30pm Birthday Party for Jesus (FH-K) 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)	5 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 1:00pm Eva Jacobsen Circle (L) 6:30pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (FH-OV) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	6 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	7 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00pm Advent Service (FUMC, Elgin) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	8 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	9 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	10
11 Providence Place Offering Third Sunday of Advent 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Youth Group (FH)	12 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH) 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (FH-L-OV) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	13 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	14 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH) 7:00pm Advent Service (Faith Lutheran Church, McDade) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	15 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	16 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Greater Mt. Vernon Zion AME Church Offering 8:45am Worship Service (S) 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)	19 Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (FH) 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	20 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	21 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH) 7:00pm Advent Service (Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Elgin) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	22 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH)	23 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	24 Christmas Eve 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S) 8:00pm Christmas Reception (FH)
25 Christmas Day 11:00am Worship Service (S)	26 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	27 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV) 4:00pm Class Meeting (L) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	28 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	29 9:00am Newsletter Folding Fellowship (O) 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	30 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	31



December

Birthdays

December 1
Jason Chavarria

December 17
Matthew Turner

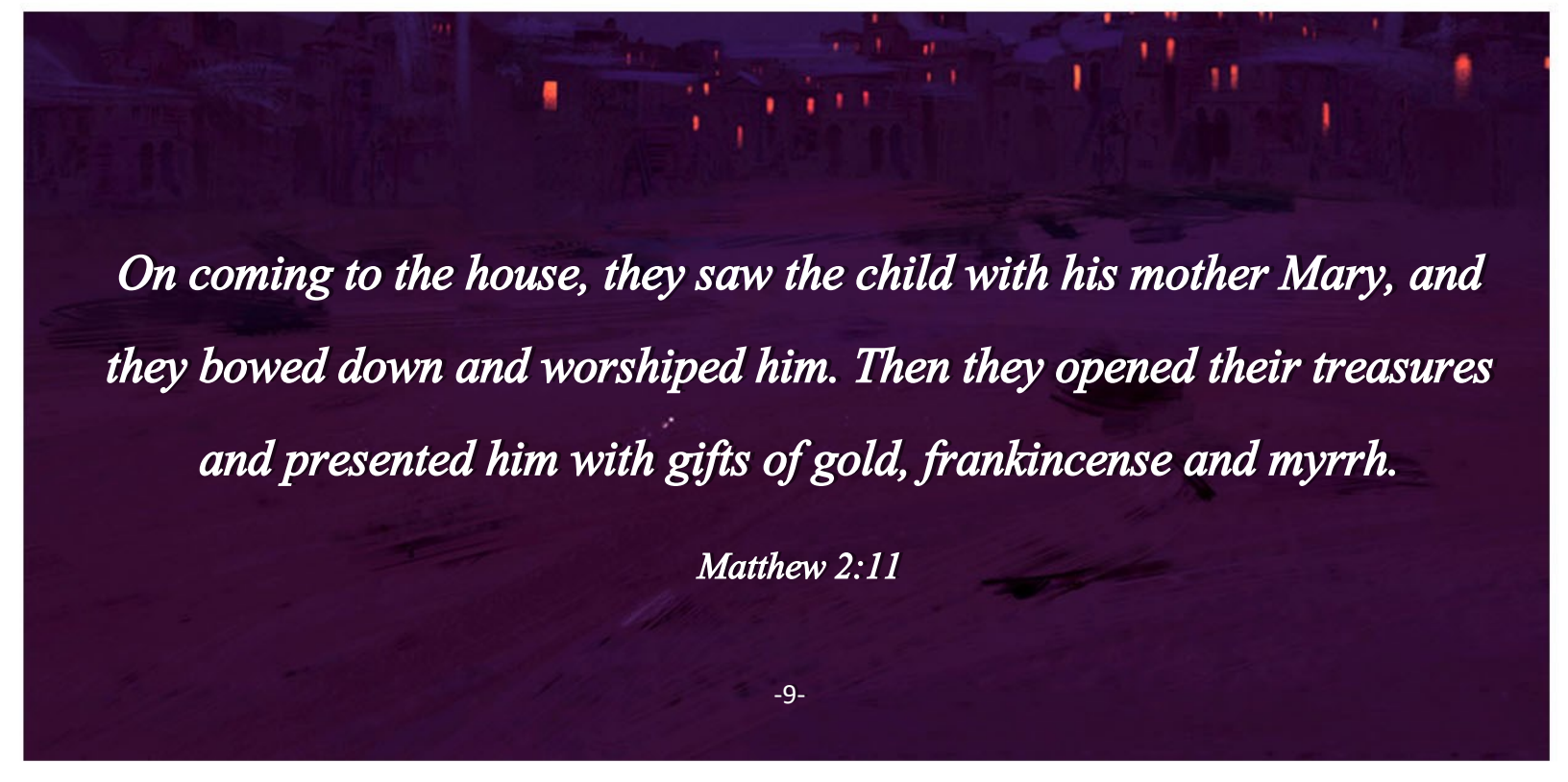
December 5
John-Anthony Borsi

December 18
Jimmie Lee Christensen

December 8
Jerry Powell

December 21
L.B. Harden

December 16
Trey Ramsay



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

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Lectionary Readings

December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46-55
James 5:7-10

December 18

Isaiah 35:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

Titus 3:4-7
Psalm 96
2 Corinthians 4:5-6

December 25

Ephesians 1:3-14
Psalm 98
John 1:1-9

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

Director of Christian Education & Youth

Elisa Hood-Waddle

Finance Manager

Gloria Hamilton

Choir Director

Tyler Hughes

Accompanist

John Gibson

Nursery Director

(position open)

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.