



## Your weekly news & updates

### November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Church Services



This **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** is our in-person **United Worship Service & Hanging of the Greens** at 11 a.m. We invite each family to bring a tree ornament to the service to hang on our Christmas Tree.

Handmade ornaments are welcome!

You can help us decorate the Sanctuary in preparation for Hanging of the Greens on **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9 a.m.

The 11 a.m. service will go live on our Facebook page and our website. You can now watch our 11 a.m. Worship Service and Tuesday Bible Study right on our website at **fumcelgin.com** and click the "Live Stream" menu option!

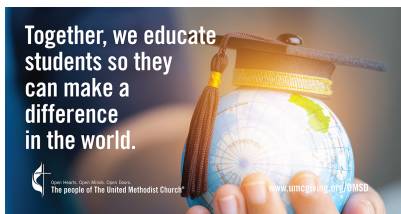
If you watch the Sunday service on Facebook, please like, comment, or share to be counted as an engagement. This is how we are reporting our online attendance for each service.

Check our website, Facebook page and your email for more updates!

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#### Special Sunday Offering

We will have a special offering for **United Methodist Student Day** this **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. When you give generously to United Methodist Student Day, you are supporting students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

Please use the Special Sunday envelope in your bulletin to place your offering in the offering plate on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure to note "UM Student Day" in the memo line on your check.

## Meetings

There will be a **VBS & Birthday Party for Jesus meeting** this **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Financial Support

Thank you, Church for your response to our financial needs. Please continue to use online giving or come by Sunday worship with your tithes and offerings.

You can give online at our website ([fumcelgin.com/online-giving/](http://fumcelgin.com/online-giving/)) or mail a check to the office.

## Weekly Offerings

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
10/2 \$5,123.41	11/6 \$6,648.41
10/9 \$6,595.41	11/13 \$8,533.41
10/16 \$4,187.41	11/20 \$4,320.84
10/23 \$4,614.74	
10/30 \$4,901.51	

### 2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$274,214.96

## Our Joys and Concerns

### America

**FUMC Congregation**

**Elgin Community**

**Elgin Schools**

**Uvalde victims**

**Ukraine & Russia conflict**

**Families and friends of the football players that were killed**

**Rod Denslow**, friend of the Wilkinson's, irregular heartbeat after heart attack

**Police Academy participants, SUV ran into them**

**Sue Brashar's nephew's brother**, stage 3 lung cancer

**Betty Robertson**, bad fall, nothing broken

**Irma Welch**

**Those involved in the airshow crash**

**LaVerne Arbuckle**

**John Hayes' friend**, son killed in car accident

**Joanna Hicks**

**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**

**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

**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

All prayer petitions will be put on a 4 week term in order to keep the list current. You are invited to present those names again as necessary. If you have any prayers you would like to add, please call or email the office.

## **Advent Schedule**

### **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**



## Faith Walk

**Build & Grow your relationship with God. Stay connected!**

Talk with God Daily:

**Praise and Acknowledge Him as your Father. Give thanks!**

**Repent - Humbly confess your sins & turn from sinful ways.**

**Ask God's care for others, guidance with problems, and forgiveness.**

**Yield, surrender all to God and accept his perfect way.**



## Wednesdays in Advent

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

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** - St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Elgin

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - FUMC, Elgin

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Faith Lutheran Church, McDade

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Elgin



## Daily Prayer

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.

## Youth

Youth Group will now meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall starting in November. Lunch will be provided! Please see the updated schedule below.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Youth Sunday at the 11 a.m. Worship Service!*

**Poinsettias**

**It's time to Order Your Poinsettias!**

We are ordering poinsettias this year from Down Home Ranch. This is an excellent way to honor someone special to you. It also helps to make our Sanctuary beautiful throughout Advent.



You may use the order form available at each entrance to the Sanctuary or call the office to place your order. The poinsettias are \$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.

An insert in the Christmas Eve bulletins will be available to name those special persons.

**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 in December. 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

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



**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.

### **Food Pantry Giving**

We will be collecting canned goods, rice, beans, flour and sugar for the **Elgin Community Cupboard** from November 27<sup>th</sup>—December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be drop off boxes located in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the Church office. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### **The Class Meeting**

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 p.m. in the Library.**



### **Nursing Home Visit**

Pastor Waddle will be visiting the **Elgin Nursing & Rehab Center** every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1:30 p.m. to give a message and Communion. All are welcome to join!



### **FUMC Choir**

The **FUMC Choir** meets **every Wednesday at 7 p.m.** in the Choir Room for rehearsals. If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Tyler Hughes at [tylerjustinhughes@yahoo.com](mailto:tylerjustinhughes@yahoo.com) or just join them in the Choir Loft.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School for all ages and grades are meeting every Sunday at 10 a.m.

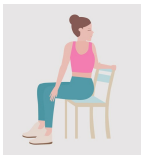


Age 3 - Kinder - Preschool Room (next to the nursery)  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades - Upstairs

We have a Adult Sunday School Class that meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the overflow room (back of the Fellowship Hall). They will be studying The Case for Christ.

We have another adult Sunday School class led by Ray Worsham that meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Library.

We are looking for servants to help with the Children's Sunday School classes. If you are interested, please contact Elisa Waddle at [elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com](mailto:elisahoodwaddle@yahoo.com)



### **New Exercise Class**

We have a new exercise class! The **Chair Yoga Class** meets in the Fellowship Hall **every Tuesday & Thursday at 2 p.m.** Please contact Glynda Schroeder for more information.

### **Christmas Mail**

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup>**.



### **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 and then use [this link](#) to setup your giving. You can setup recurring giving using your credit/debit card or through your bank account. You can also choose to cover the processing fees. (See bottom right picture).

Currently, there are four ways to 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. Giving Form – You can use the online giving form [here](#) using your credit or debit card. Fees may apply.
4. On our website at [fumcelgin.com](http://fumcelgin.com) – Under the Giving tab, click the link that says, "Give Now".

### **Nursery Position Available**

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.



### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday November 20<sup>th</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup>!

**Joan Rose**  
**Kenneth Joesel**  
**Helen Simpson**  
**Dawn Sheets**  
**Jason Chavarria**

### **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.**





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

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