

JANUARY 2023

Faithnews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH—ELGIN

**If God calls us to a task, He will then qualify us for the job.
Happy New Year!**

No matter the size of the problem you are facing or if the situation seems impossible to solve, if you keep your faith intact, God will help you overcome everything. Congratulations on this New Year once again. True faith means holding nothing back. It means putting every hope in God's fidelity to His Promises.

True happiness is obtained through acts of kindness filled with love that we have with our loved ones, our friends and our neighbors. Have a happy New Year filled with many blessings. A New Year is God's way of letting you know that there is still a chance for you to change for the better.

If, when you think about the year that is ending, you find that your faith has grown, then you are on the right track. Do not stop doing good deeds and God will bless you abundantly in this 2023.

P.S. Do not be afraid to face life. This New Year has a lot of promises for us. Trust God and everything will be fine.

Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

With love, Pastor Waddle and Family

Church Events

**For a complete calendar,
visit our website at
fumcelgin.com, under NEWS
AND EVENTS at the top of
the HOME page.**

Jan 1st

Communion Sunday
Congregational Lunch

Jan 2nd

Eva Jacobsen Circle

Jan 8th

Epiphany Sunday
Confirmation Class

Jan 10th & 24th

Senior Lunch

Jan 15th

Human Relations Sunday

Jan 16th

MLK Day
Church Office Closed

Jan 26th

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Jan 29th

United Worship Service

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

Joan Rose, recovering at Elgin Nursing & Rehab

Pattie Moke's step-granddaughter, released from emergency mental health facility, will continue treatment on outpatient basis

Fran Sharp, needs sleep

Kevin Gray, recovering from knee surgery

Jerry Abel, recovering from foot surgery, at Heart Hospital

Andy Jacobsen

Dottie, Mary, Maggie & Ella's cousin, first Christmas without her husband and has Covid

Jack Ramsay, recovering from asthma attack

Susan Bledsoe's aunt passed away

Sue, started dialysis and has covid

Cindy Powell's friends' daughter, passed away

Joan Rose, recovering

Julius & Norma Schwartz, Julius is now on hospice care

Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg Christensen, Jimmie Lee &

Mary Gregg are recovering from an illness at home

Kendra Foster, Tony & Karen Laurenzi's daughter, leukemia and bone marrow transplant

Pat Teague, back surgery rescheduled for January 24

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

Doris & Ricky Rodriguez, Ricky's brain cancer has returned

Cynthia Joseph and family, lost her sister recently

Charlotte King, friend of Cynthia Joseph, grandson rushed to Children's Hospital on 12/11

Brenda Ford, friend of Cynthia Joseph, husband place on hospice

Ana & Jaycob, expecting a baby

Courtney Errington, family friend lost their baby

Ray Worsham's cousin, Carl Maxwell, had a heart attack

Irma Welch

Joanna Hicks

Nash Family, Twyla passed away

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

Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas

LaVerne Owens

LaVerne Arbuckle

Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer

Ray Worsham's mom, dementia

Emma Wilkinson (15 yrs), relationship with her dad, Scott

Ardeeth Cardwell

Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's

Weekly Offerings

11/20 \$4,320.84

11/27 \$2,326.41

12/4 \$7,589.06

12/11 \$8,433.41

12/18 \$4,830.41

12/24 \$1,516.20

12/25 \$1,148.74

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$300,059.19

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

- January 8 - 12:15 pm - Leadership Council
- January 15 - 12:15 pm - Finance
- January 15 - 12:15 pm - Trustees



Eva Jacobsen Circle Women's Bible Study

Meets the 1st Monday each month for a potluck lunch in the Library at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is Monday, January 2nd.

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

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Youth News

Calendar January 2023

Jan 8

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

Jan 22

Youth Group, 12:30-1:30 pm
Youth Led Worship Service, 11 am

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

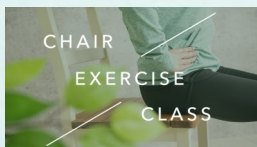
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 have an **adult Sunday School class** that meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Overflow Room (back of the Fellowship Hall). They are 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 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.



Sunday, January 1st is a United Worship Service at 11 a.m. & **Communion Sunday**. 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, January 1st** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some food and fellowship!



Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesdays, January 10 & 24
Noon in the Fellowship Hall



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 2nd** and **Monday, January 16th**.

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. January 8th is still available!

1st Sundays—Waddle Family
4th Sundays—Worsham Family
January 15—Fran Smith
January 29—Lorie Schroeder

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45am Breakfast (FH) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Lunch (FH) 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)	2 Church Office Closed 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Eva Jacobsen Circle (L) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	3 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)	4 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH) 7:30pm Praise Band (S)	5 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	6 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)	7
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January Birthdays

January 1
Pat Teague

January 2
Betty Robertson

January 4
Gloria Hamilton

January 5
Maggie Smith

January 10
Royanne Lopez

January 14
Klayton Joesel

January 15
Don Hudson

January 16
Joel Norvell

January 17
Kevin Gray
Robyn Herring



January 20
Steve Hall

January 24
Landry Nash

January 27
Mary Gregg Christensen

January 28
Margaret Gassenmayer
Zeth Nash

January 30
Dolores Johnson
Kevin Roberts
Louisa Soriano

Human Relations Day

Sunday, January 15th

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."

On Human Relations Day, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Our gifts work together for the common good, building community and sharing God's love. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope that can guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ.

Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world. United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice.

Please use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, January 15 to place your offering for Human Relations Day

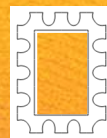
Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

We know how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people.

When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to resources, as a denomination, our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

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Lectionary Readings

January 1

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7
Matthew 2:1-12

January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-34

January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Matthew 5:13-16

January 29

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
I Corinthians 1:18-31

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

Christian Education Director

Elisa Hood-Waddle

Finance Manager

Gloria Hamilton

Choir Director

Tyler Hughes

Accompanist

John Gibson

Nursery Director

(position available)

Facility Manager

Ronnie Hardi

VISION SUMMARY

The vision of the First United Methodist Church, Elgin is to help people begin the journey with Jesus, grow in relationship with Him, connect with each other and serve the world.