

February 2023

# Faith *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ELGIN

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See p. 5 for  
details on Lent &  
Holy Week!

Wow! We are already in the second month of 2023! February is known as the Love month because of Valentine's Day, a time when we celebrate the people in our lives that we love. As believers in Christ, we know about love. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Yes, we should celebrate Love and the people in our lives that we love. God celebrated Love of the world and gave us the gift of eternal life to all who will receive his son. So, we should celebrate not just February, but everyday the LOVE of Christ, family, friends, CHURCH, and life because Love is of God and God is Love.

February is also known as Black History Month as we celebrate the accomplishments of Black men and women in American history. I am so proud to be a Black American and all that my ancestors have contributed to this country from slavery to being inventors, scholars, and politicians. Did you know that in every major war that our country was in there were Black people from the Air force, Army, and Marines? Most of that time they were fighting racism in our country and with the men they fought beside. Yes, I am proud to be a God-fearing Child of God. I am proud to be American, proud of the accomplishments that all Black men and women gave to our country. I am proud to be the Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Elgin.

I am so excited to see what God will do through all his people in 2023!!!

*With love,*  
Pastor Waddle

## Church Events

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Class  
Communion Sunday  
Congregational Lunch

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

Eva Jacobsen Circle

Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Church Workday

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

Wear your football jersey!  
Youth Superbowl Party

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Senior Lunch

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Scout Sunday

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

Presidents' Day  
Church Office Closed

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Newsletter Folding Fellowship

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
(12 & 6:30 pm)



# 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

Leila James, her dad's friend passed away

Cindy Powell & Christina Faith's Aunt, passed away

Davis Family, Jane passed away

College and graduate students, starting new semester

Pat Teague, back surgery postponed, starting physical therapy

Schwartz Family, Julius passed away on 1/17

Arbuckle Family, LaVerne passed away

Carla Gilmore, having thyroid removed on 1/23

Avis Cureton, thyroid surgery on 1/23

Cynthia Joseph, brother passed away and sister passed away 3 weeks ago

Steven Joseph, death in the family

Betty Glover's family, Cynthia Joseph's friend, on hospice

Theresa, Cynthia Joseph's friend, lost her husband

Samantha, Jan Wilkinson's niece, depression

Sheldon Johnson, new appointment at The Church at the Conservatory

Kevin Roberts' ex-wife, father is dying

Lorie Schroeder's college friend, has cancer on her spine and liver, recovered from breast cancer 2 years ago

Jerry Abel, recovering at home

Jimmie Lee & Mary Gregg Christensen

Mark Neidig & Family, Mark is recovering from brain surgery

that removed a tumor, needs to make treatment decisions

Gerald Koontz, stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Tracy Miller, having knee replacement on 1/6

Lauren Haliburton, very sick

Cindy Powell's friends' daughter, passed away

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

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

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

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

Irma Welch

Joanna Hicks

## Ongoing Concerns

All those serving overseas

Butch, Irma Welch's brother, cancer

Ray Worsham's mom, dementia

Emma Wilkinson (19 yrs), relationship with her dad, Scott

Patti Moke's Father, Alzheimer's

## Weekly Offerings

1/1 \$8,178.81

1/8 \$4,716.41

1/15 \$4,577.61

1/22 \$4,902.94

## 2023 Year-To-Date Offerings

\$22,375.37

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)

## Meetings This Month

- Feb 19 - 12:15 - Worship
- Feb 19 - 12:15 - Finance
- Feb 26 - 12:15 - Leadership Council



## Senior Adult Luncheon

*Tuesdays*

*February 14 & 28*

*Noon in the Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

*Lend a Helping Hand*  
**Church  
WORK DAY**

Starting at 8 a.m.

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

*Presidents day!*



*Church Office Closed*



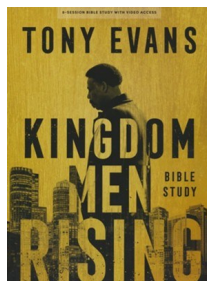


## **Eva Jacobsen Circle Women's Bible Study**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month for a potluck lunch in the Library at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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

***ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.***



The **Men's Bible Study** will be starting back up soon! All men are invited to join Pastor Waddle to study Kingdom Men Rising by Tony Evans. Pastor

Waddle is looking at meeting **Thursday's at 7 p.m.** Please let the office know if you have suggestions for other days/times and if you would like to join this study.

## **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 every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. February 19<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup> are still available!

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays—Waddle Family  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays—Worsham Family  
February 12—Lorie Schroeder  
March 19—Lorie Schroeder



## **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is Communion Sunday.**

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, February 5<sup>th</sup>** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some food and fellowship!

## **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!



## **February is Black History Month**

Each Sunday in February we will have a Black History Moment that will highlight someone different in honor of Black History Month.

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, Ivory Thomas along with our Praise Team will present gospel music at the 11 a.m. Worship Service!

# Youth News

## Calendar February-March 2023

**Feb 5**

Confirmation Class, 9 am

**Feb 12**

Youth Superbowl Party, 12:30-2:30 pm

**Feb 26**

Youth Led Worship Service, 11 am  
Youth Group, 12:30-2 pm

**March 5**

Confirmation Class, 9 am  
Youth Group, 12:30-2 pm

**March 12-18**  
Spring Break!

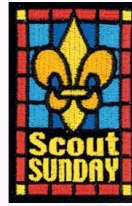
**March 26**

Youth Led Worship Service, 11 am

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



Pastor Waddle invites  
you to wear your  
football jersey on  
Superbowl Sunday,  
February 12<sup>th</sup>!



**Scout  
Sunday is  
February 19<sup>th</sup>!**



**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.



## MPACT Youth Mission Trip

The MPACT Youth Mission Trip for youth in grades  
7-12 is June 10-16. The early registration fee of \$50 per youth is  
due by Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Julie Joesel at [juliejoesel@yahoo.com](mailto:juliejoesel@yahoo.com) for more  
information. To learn more about MPACT Missions visit their website at  
[mpactmissions.com](http://mpactmissions.com).





## The Passion of Christ Lent 2023

Lent season is a time when we reflect on what God has done for us through Jesus. This year, we will travel through Jesus' journey to the Cross. Jesus' obedience to God gives us all the right to everlasting life.

I would love to see you and your family at each service as we walk through Lent and Holy Week together as a Church Family.

With Love, Pastor Waddle

### Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

*Imposition of Ashes*

12 pm & 6:30 pm

### First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

*"When we think we know  
more than God!"*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

### Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

*"Being Obedient"*

*Romans 5:12-19*

### Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

*"A Suffering Faith"*

*Romans 5:1-11*

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

*"Light of Christ"*

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

*"Christ in You!"*

*Romans 8:6-11*

### HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

*"Your Choice"*

*Luke 23:1-23*

### Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

*"To Serve"*

*John 13:1-11*

6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday, April 7, 2023

*"It Is Finished"*

*Luke 23:44-46*

6:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

*"Completion"*

*John 20:1-8*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
at FUMC

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Easter Service

\*No Sunday School

## He Is Risen



# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>Installation of Officers</b> <b>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</b> <b>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</b> <b>11:00am United Worship Service (S)</b> <b>12:15pm VBS Meeting (FH)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)</b>	<b>31</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</b> <b>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>5:00pm Girl Scout Troop</b> <b>6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> <b>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b> <b>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:30am Cemetery Meeting (FH)</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>8:45am Worship Service (S)</b> <b>9:00am Confirmation Class (O)</b> <b>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</b> <b>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</b> <b>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</b> <b>12:00pm Lunch (FH)</b> <b>3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>1:00pm Eva Jacobsen Circle (L)</b> <b>6:30pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (FH-OV)</b> <b>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b> <b>7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</b> <b>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH)</b> <b>6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> <b>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b> <b>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>8:00am Church Workday</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Wear your football jersey to service!</b> <b>8:45am Worship Service (S)</b> <b>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</b> <b>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</b> <b>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</b> <b>12:30pm Youth Superbowl Party (FH)</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH)</b> <b>6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b> <b>12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</b> <b>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b> <b>6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b> <b>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b> <b>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> <b>8:45am Worship Service (S)</b> <b>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</b> <b>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</b> <b>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</b> <b>12:15pm Finance Committee Meeting (FH)</b> <b>12:15pm Worship Committee Meeting (O)</b> <b>3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>President's Day</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b> <b>7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</b> <b>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>12:00pm Imposition of Ashes (S)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study &amp; Imposition of Ashes (S)</b> <b>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b> <b>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00am Newsletter Folding Fellowship (O)</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH)</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>8:45am Worship Service (S)</b> <b>9:45am Breakfast (FH)</b> <b>10:00am Sunday School (var.)</b> <b>11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S)</b> <b>12:15pm Leadership Council (S)</b> <b>12:30pm Youth Group (FH)</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH)</b> <b>6:30pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b> <b>12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b> <b>4:00pm Class Meeting (L)</b> <b>6:00pm Al-anon (L)</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH)</b> <b>5:00pm Girl Scout Troop</b> <b>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b> <b>7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)</b> <b>7:30pm Praise Band (S)</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)</b> <b>2:00pm Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</b>	<b>4</b>



# February Birthdays

February 4

Russel Hicks

February 15

Fran Smith

February 25

Ronald Sowell

February 5

Leslie Hudson

February 16

Miranda Herring

February 26

Dutch Walker

February 7

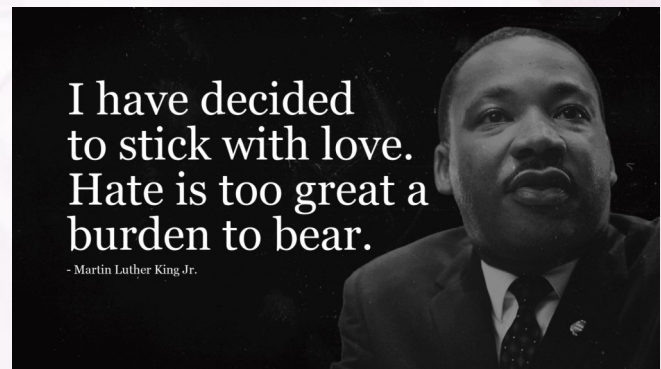
Geno Chavarria

February 18

Addison Douglas

February 27

Emily Turner



## Discernment Team Formed



At the last Leadership Council meeting held on January 8, 2023 the formation of a Discernment Team was approved. The purpose of this team is not to debate, but to complete the actions required by the Rio Texas Conference in order to conduct a vote to decide the future of our church with regards to changes being made to the United Methodist Book of Discipline. The team currently consists of 12 volunteer members based on expertise in certain areas such as legal, finance and theological doctrine specialties. The team has already started having regular meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Waddle, Cody Douglas (SPRC Chair), or Chuck Wilkinson (Lay Leader).

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### Lectionary Readings

#### February 5

Isaiah 58:1-9  
Psalm 112:1-9  
Matthew 14:22-34

#### February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Mark 5:25-34

#### February 19

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21

#### February 26

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Matthew 4:1-11

### 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.**