

**April 2023**

# Faithnews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

See page 3 for details of  
Holy Week!

Revelation 21:5

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

We serve an AWESOME GOD! While sitting on my front porch, I began to see God's greatness. Birds are chirping, the trees are beginning to blossom, flowers are blooming, and the grass is turning green. Our neighbors are in their yards, cleaning their flower beds, pulling up unwanted grass so that they may plant new flowers. What an amazing sight!

As seasons change our spiritual life changes as well. God is always doing new things we don't understand, in different seasons of life. But we should always trust God's word and know God is doing a new thing for our good. Keep praying and trusting, God will reveal himself to us.

With Love  
Pastor Waddle

## Church Events

April 2

**Palm Sunday**

(United Worship Service at 11)

**Communion Sunday**

**Congregational Lunch**

April 6

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 7

**Good Friday Service**

April 8

**Pork Loin Pickup**

April 9

**Easter Sunday**

April 10

**Church Office Closed**

April 11 & 25

**Senior Adult Lunch**

April 16

**MPACT Lunch & Cake Auction**

April 30

**United Worship Service  
Fellowship Movie**

## March Offerings

3/5 \$5,556.23  
3/12 \$11,795.66  
3/19 \$4,492.74

**UMCOR Offering—\$230**

2022 Year-To-Date Offerings  
\$69,037.20

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

•April 23 - 12:15 - Leadership Council

## Senior Adult Luncheon



*Tuesdays*  
*April 11 & 25*

*Noon in the Fellowship Hall*

*Welcome*  
to our  
**New Members**

Please welcome  
new members to  
FUMC Elgin

Daniel, Lola & Mason Errington

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

# JOYS & CONCERNS

## Recent Concerns

### America

#### FUMC Congregation

#### Elgin Community

#### Elgin Schools

#### Ukraine & Russia conflict

**Mary Gregg & Jimmie Lee Christensen**, Mary Gregg is in Elgin Nursing & Rehab

**Bill Martin**, Leah Douglas' dad, showing improvement

**Jacob**, Karen Flanagan's friend, recovering at home from a head injury

#### Pastor Waddle & Family

**Dr. Celina Estrada Thomas**, Superintendent of Hutto ISD

**Charlie Rodriguez**, Principal of Hutto Middle School

**Misty Davis**, AP of Hutto Middle School

**Kristi Wellborne**, AP of Hutto Middle School

**Bre'Ana Stafford**, AP of Hutto Middle School

**Teresa & Jacob Grace**, co-workers of Elisa Waddle

**Christian** (student at Hutto) and his mom

**Leslie Graves**, symptoms of Parkinson's

**Robert**, John Sharp's brother, not well

**Steve Hall's brother**, cancer, in hospital recovering from surgery

**Jerry Hodon**, Steve Hall's boss' father, cancer

**Charlie**, Bubba's friend, suffering liver cancer

**Cynthia Joseph**, prayers for her family

#### Irma Welch

**Ann Franz**, sister-in-law has stage 4 cancer

**Mark Neidig**, continued healing from brain surgery and starting chemo treatments

**Adam Tabor**, friend of Lisa Schultz, major accident at home and Compartment syndrome

**Chris**, Kim Wright's sister, that all 4 of her children become Christians

**Gerald Koontz**, stage 4 pancreatic cancer

**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  
**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



## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday, April 2

11 a.m. only

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday, April 7

A Tenebrae Service

6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service at FUMC—7 a.m.

Easter Breakfast—8 a.m.

Easter Service—11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt— 12 p.m.

He Is Risen



**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</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, April 2<sup>nd</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!



All men are invited to join Pastor Waddle every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to study Kingdom Men Rising by Tony Evans.



**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.



## **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, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.**

# Pork Loin Fundraiser

Get your fully cooked, smoked pork loin

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pickup 3-5 p.m. in the FUMC  
Fellowship Hall parking lot on Avenue A  
**\$25/half loin or \$45 for 2 halves**

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
so use the form to pre-order yours **TODAY!**

## Pork Loin Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_, 1/2 Pork Loin  
(How many @ \$25.00 each)

My check/cash is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to FUMC with Pork Loin on the memo line)



## Elgin Artwalk & Church Tours

FUMC will be participating in the **church tours on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4 p.m. during the Explore Elgin Arts & Culture Day. We need at least two volunteers who know the history of the church to be available during the tours. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

There will also be public art tours, walking tours, and art shows throughout Elgin.

**Mark your calendars now for**

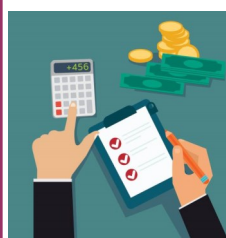


## Vacation Bible School

July 10th –  
July 14th  
5–8:30 p.m.

We need volunteers!

If you are interested in helping this year, please contact Audrey Puryear at [apuryear@austin.rr.com](mailto:apuryear@austin.rr.com) or 512-658-6025



The Finance Committee is looking for those that would be able to help count the offerings after church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

*Thank You!*

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$659.58 to Methodist Children's Home (MCH). The support from First UMC Elgin helps equip children, youth and families to flourish by offering hope through Christ-centered relationships, services and support.

You are making an important investment in this ministry. When you support MCH, 100 percent of your donation helps children realize their full potential, leads families to a brighter tomorrow and provides opportunities for our young adults as they begin living independently.

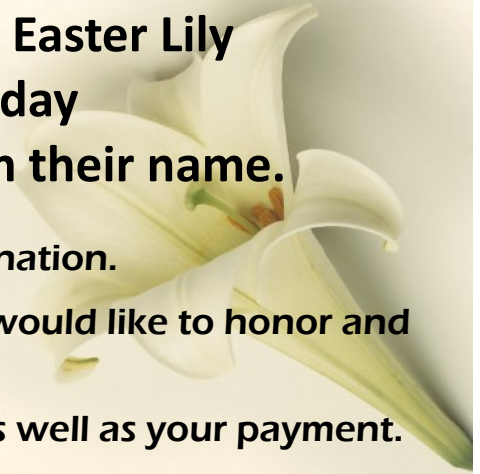
Since MCH does not receive church apportionments, we depend on voluntary gifts and offerings from friends like you. The impact of your generosity is felt all across Texas and New Mexico. Thank you again for showing God's love to those we serve.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of \$221.69. Your gifts help us to change lives each day. Each conversation that is held with a client is because of your support of our agency. We are always so blessed by your gifts, as are the people you help us serve. Without your donations we wouldn't have the opportunity to transform lives.

Your generous donation helps to provide training and material assistance to parents of young children, hope for potential adoptive or foster care families and the children they foster and adopt, and a safe place to live and heal for women and their children who are survivors of trafficking, sexual, or domestic violence. Thank you for being an instrument of hope through your gifts to Providence Place.

**Honor Someone Special by placing an Easter Lily  
in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday  
or by making a donation to the church in their name.**



- ✓ Fill out the form below to order your Lily or make a donation.
- ✓ Be sure to clearly print the name of the person(s) you would like to honor and indicate "in memory of" or "in honor of".
- ✓ Don't forget to include your name & phone number, as well as your payment.
- ✓ The price of the Lilies is \$15.<sup>00</sup> each, but you may make a donation for any amount. Please make checks payable to FUMC and write the word "Lily" in the memo line.

The flowers will come from Down Home Ranch.

**We will only be taking pre-orders until April 2<sup>nd</sup>, so order yours today!**

The Lilies will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

You may pick up your Lilies after Easter.

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## Lily or Donation Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies at \$15 each.

And / Or

I would like to make a gift to the church in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My check/cash is enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to FUMC with the word "Lily" or "Gift" on the memo line)

Lily placed or Gift made in Honor of / Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

Lily placed or Gift made in Honor of / Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

Lily placed or Gift made in Honor of / Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)



## Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

*"For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen,' to the glory of God."* —2 Corinthians 1:20, NRSVUE

The Native American Ministries Sunday celebration is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. On this Special Sunday, we gather to celebrate the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to The United Methodist Church and to our society. Please place the date on your schedule and plan to participate in this service. This is an exciting time to celebrate our commitment to God and God's people! If you know a Native American person, invite them to attend the service with you.

Your gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering strengthen Native American ministries in annual conferences; Native American rural, urban, and reservation ministries and communities and provide scholarships for Native American seminarians.

Let's celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday and be part of God's promise of restoration.

Partner with Native American Ministries Sunday and be part of God's promise of restoration on April 23.

You may use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, April 23 to place your offering for Native American Ministries Sunday.



## MPACT Youth Mission Trip

The MPACT Youth Mission Trip for youth in grades 7-12 is June 10-16 in Jacksboro, TX.

Contact Julie Joesel at [juliejoesel@yahoo.com](mailto:juliejoesel@yahoo.com) for more information.

Mark your calendars for the MPACT Fundraiser Lunch and Cake Auction on Sunday, April 16! Please come out and show your support for our Youth!

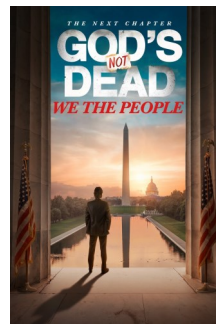
## ***ALTAR FLOWERS***



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



Join us for a family movie day featuring "God's Not Dead 4, We the People" on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>!**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. Popcorn will be available as well as a sack lunch of pulled pork sandwich and a drink for \$5 each.



# HELLO April 2023

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| 26<br><b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b><br>8:45am <b>Worship Service (S)</b><br>9:45am <b>Breakfast (FH)</b><br>10:00am <b>Sunday School (var.)</b><br>11:00am <b>Traditional Worship Service (S)</b><br>12:00pm <b>March Madness Youth Chili Dog Fundraiser Lunch (FH)</b><br>12:30pm <b>VBS Meeting (L)</b> | 27<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>5:00pm <b>Listening Session #2 (S)</b><br>5:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Troop 473 (SH)</b>   | 28<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>10:00am <b>QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Senior Lunch (FH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>4:00pm <b>Class Meeting (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Al-anon (L)</b> | 29<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Troop 472 (FH)</b>  | 30<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Men's Bible Study (FH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Discernment Team Mtg. (O)</b>     | 31<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Rehearsal for Good Friday Service (S)</b>   | 1   |
| 2<br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>8:45am <b>Worship Service (S)</b><br>9:00am <b>Confirmation Class (O)</b><br>9:45am <b>Breakfast (FH)</b><br>10:00am <b>Sunday School (var.)</b><br>11:00am <b>Traditional Worship Service (S)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Lunch (FH)</b><br>3:00pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)</b>   | 3<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Eva Jacobsen Circle (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (FH-OV)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Troop 473 (FH)</b> | 4<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>10:00am <b>QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>4:00pm <b>Class Meeting (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Al-anon (L)</b>                                      | 5<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>5:00pm <b>Girl Scout Troop</b><br>6:30pm <b>Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Troop 472 (FH)</b>             | 6<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Maundy Thursday Service (S)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Discernment Team Mtg. (O)</b> | 7<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Cooking for Soup Kitchen (K)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Good Friday (A Tenebrae Service) (S)</b> | 8<br>10:00am <b>Rehearsal for Easter Sunday Service (S)</b> |
| 9<br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>7:00am <b>Sunrise Service (S)</b><br>8:00am <b>Easter Breakfast (FH)</b><br>11:00am <b>Easter Service (S)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>  | 10<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>5:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Troop 473 (FH)</b>   | 11<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>10:00am <b>QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Senior Lunch (FH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>4:00pm <b>Class Meeting (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Al-anon (L)</b> | 12<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Troop 472 (FH)</b> | 13<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Men's Bible Study (FH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Discernment Team Mtg. (O)</b>     | 14<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>  | 15  |
| 16<br>8:45am <b>Worship Service (S)</b><br>9:45am <b>Breakfast (FH)</b><br>10:00am <b>Sunday School (var.)</b><br>11:00am <b>Traditional Worship Service (S)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Youth MPACT Fundraiser Lunch (FH)</b><br>3:00pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 424 (SH)</b>   | 17<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Troop 473 (FH)</b>   | 18<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>10:00am <b>QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>4:00pm <b>Class Meeting (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Al-anon (L)</b>                                     | 19<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42002 (SH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Troop 472 (FH)</b> | 20<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Men's Bible Study (FH)</b>  | 21<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>  | 22  |
| 23<br>8:45am <b>Worship Service (S)</b><br>9:45am <b>Breakfast (FH)</b><br>10:00am <b>Sunday School (var.)</b><br>11:00am <b>Traditional Worship Service (S)</b><br>12:15pm <b>Leadership Council (S)</b><br>12:30pm <b>Youth Group (FH)</b>  | 24<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>5:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42001 (SH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Cub Scouts Den Meeting (FH)</b><br>7:30pm <b>Troop 473 (FH)</b>  | 25<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>10:00am <b>QiGong Exercise Class (FH)</b><br>12:00pm <b>Senior Lunch (FH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>4:00pm <b>Class Meeting (L)</b><br>6:00pm <b>Al-anon (L)</b> | 26<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>1:00pm <b>Chair Exercise (FH)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Wednesday Bible Study (S &amp; Facebook Live)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Choir Rehearsal (CR)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Troop 472 (FH)</b>  | 27<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b><br>2:00pm <b>Chair Yoga (OV)</b><br>6:30pm <b>Girl Scout Troop 42000 (SH)</b><br>7:00pm <b>Men's Bible Study (FH)</b>   | 28<br>10:00am <b>Down Home Ranch (SH)</b>  | 29  |
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# April Birthdays

April 2

Jacob Haliburton  
Tony Laurenzi

April 23

Michele Collins

April 14

Mia Douglas

April 25

Scott Herring

April 16

Carson Bledsoe

April 26

Rick Harden

## Discernment Team Update

On Monday, March 27 the Rio Texas District superintendent Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman facilitated our required second Listening Session. A total of 54 attendees. Several people spoke: FUMCE Leadership Council chair Cindy Powell, Lay Leader Chuck Wilkinson, Keith Joesel, UMC Director of Creating/Vitalizing Congregations & Developing Leaders Karan Horan. Followed by a question-and-answer session. The video of this session will be posted onto the FUMC-Elgin website.

The Discernment Team continues gathering the documents and information the Rio Texas Conference requires— in the event the First UMC of Elgin votes to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The scanning into electronic format (PDF) of our original membership records (1889-1986) is almost complete. The Articles of Incorporation, the Directors and Officers of the corporation, the 501(c)3 status, and the church insurance coverage, have been reviewed. The impact leaving the UMC would have on FUMC-Elgin, the Elgin community, and the Rio Texas Conference are being evaluated. Affiliating with another denomination is also being researched. Presentations regarding the history of the issue, the legal/property deeds, and financial aspects that would need to be handled, have been presented during the 11 am worship in the Information Moment. Handouts with the same information are available at each entry of the Sanctuary or the church office.

The team meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Waddle, Cody Douglas (SPRC Chair), or Chuck Wilkinson (Lay Leader).

The Leadership Council approved the formation of the Discernment Team in January. The Team is charged to research, review, discern, and most importantly perform steps set out by United Methodist governing body necessary to arrive at a point where a vote can be conducted to determine if disaffiliation is chosen or not.

## Discernment Team Members

Jerry Abel  
Cody & Leah Douglas  
Keith Simpson  
Bill & Judy Vogt

Paul Browder  
Keith & Julie Joesel  
Ron Sowell  
Chuck & Jan Wilkinson

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### Lectionary Readings

April 2

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 23:1-23

April 9

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-8

April 16

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

April 23

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4

Luke 24:13-35

April 30

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

John 21:15-17

### 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 Class

4:00 ~ Class Meeting

**Wednesday:**

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise

6:30 ~ Wednesday Bible Study  
(Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

7:00 ~ Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday:**

2:00 pm ~ Chair Yoga Class

7:00 ~ Men's Bible Study

### Staff

**Pastor**

Rev. Robert Waddle

**Office Administrator**

Melissa Ramsay

**Director of Christian  
Education & Youth**

Elisa Waddle

**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.**