

July 2023

Faithnews

**Monthly Newsletter of First
United Methodist Church**

I am looking forward to July 2, as I begin my Appointment as Interim Pastor at First United Methodist in Elgin. By way of introduction: I have been an ordained Pastor since 1964, serving in 11 communities in Southwest Texas. I am a Native of Austin and have Swedish roots in Decker Church and St. John's UM church (Georgetown).

The focus of my ministry as I come to serve in your Historic Church will center in these Three Affirmations:

One: We need each other...as pastor and people. We all bring our talents, concerns, faith and commitmentsAs a Community of faith we trust one another.

Two: As a Pastor I have always stressed pastoral care. I want to be near you when there is pain or discomfort, when there is surgery or trouble.

Three: I will always provide frequent opportunities for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion is Christ Offering. Healing and Wholeness, Grace and Peace.

Looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

Pastor BERNIE

Church Events

Sunday, July 2

Communion Sunday
Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

July 10-14

Vacation Bible School

July 16

Peace with Justice Sunday Offering



Going forward,
we will only have
one service at

11 a.m. every Sunday.



Potluck lunch on
Sunday, July 2nd at
12 p.m. in honor of
Rev. Sandberg.



**The Church
Office will be
CLOSED
Tuesday, July
4, 2023**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

June Offerings

6/4	\$4,568.13
6/11	\$6,469.41
6/18	\$1,669.41
6/25	\$565.89

2023 Year-To-Date Offerings
\$126,009.00

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



The Elgin Texas Ramp Project team would like to send out a **BIG THANK**

YOU for your generosity. You donated \$814 which will be matched by the St. David's Foundation. We plan to build many more ramps and would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us. For more information, contact Greg Silkenson (silkwv@yahoo.com or 512-281-6713)

FUMC Finance Manager Position Available

Finance Manager/Bookkeeper NEEDED for FUMC Elgin. HS diploma required, experience with QuickBooks preferred, proficiency in computer skills including MS Word and Excel, previous bookkeeping experience preferred. PART TIME. See website for more details (fumcelgin.com). Send resume via email to fumcelgintx@gmail.com.

FUMC Office Administrator Position Available

Church Office Administrator NEEDED for FUMC Elgin. Should have working knowledge of MS Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Excel. Must possess high school diploma or equivalent. Full time. Hourly rate to be determined. See website for more details (fumcelgin.com). Send resume via email to fumcelgintx@gmail.com.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our Recent Joys

Cleon & Caroline Flanagan, Mark's parents, celebrating 70th anniversary
Laura Stough & Jorge Arroyo's 34th anniversary

Our Recent Concerns

America

Elgin Community

Rev. Joe Clay, Jorge Arroyo's extended family, on hospice
Cheryl, Bubba Boyd's sister, fell and broke her hip
Mrs. Staggs, Jacksboro, TX, house damaged from hurricane, lost her husband and her daughter from brain aneurysm in the last 2 years

LuAnn James, hospitalized last week with a leg infection, home now

Jane, Daniel Errington's best friend's mom, in the hospital with MS

Debbie Sandifer's mom and all in Northeast Texas, damage from tornados and bad weather

Those without a roof or air conditioning or working out in this heat

Mary Rhodes, fell in the kitchen

Keith Simpson, 5 surgeries on his left hand, infection keeps coming back

Pastor Waddle's sister, having a hard time with son's death

Serenity, in a Juvenile facility until age 18, prayers for her and those that care for her

Courtney Errington's friend, having bypass surgery on her throat, her husband is having foot surgery

Bubba Boyd's neighbor, struggling with alcoholism

All men and women who have died in service to our country

Duncan Bledsoe, had a bicycle accident, in pain

Ann Franz's former secretary, stage 4 cancer throughout her body and in pain and another friend has stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Mark Neidig, continued prayers

Leslie Graves, symptoms of Parkinson's

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

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



Vacation Bible School

July 10 — July 14

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Online and paper registration forms are now available. Use the link in the Friday email or visit our website (fumcelgin.com) to register online. Paper forms are available at the church.

SCHEDULED WORKDAY:

Sunday, July 9, 12 p.m. till done

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping this year, please register as a volunteer and let Audrey Puryear know how you would like to help at r5126586025@gmail.com .

We need some supplies:

If you have any of these items that can be donated to VBS this year, please bring them to the office M-Th. 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. or on Sundays to the Fellowship Hall.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper rolls | <input type="checkbox"/> Hero costumes | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towel rolls | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 ping pong balls | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 baby dolls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large cardboard boxes (appliance size) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 baseballs | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 hula hoops |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 waffle balls | |



Sunday, July 2nd is 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!



The kitchen will be **CLOSED** during the month of July. There will be no breakfasts or lunches except for VBS.

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 Finance Committee is looking for those that would be able to count the offerings after church on the 1st & 4th Sundays each month. You do not need to be a member of the Finance Committee to count.

Please contact the Church office at 512-285-4503 or fumcelgintx@gmail.com if you would like to help.

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00am Sunday School (var.) 11:00am Traditional Worship Service (S) 12:15pm VBS Meeting (FH)	26 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 7:30pm Troop 473 (FH)	27 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 10:00am QiGong Exercise Class (FH) 12:00pm Senior Lunch (FH) 6:00pm Al-anon (L)	28 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 1:00pm Chair Exercise (FH) 7:00pm Troop 472 (FH)	29 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH) 2:00pm Chair Yoga (OV)	30 10:00am Down Home Ranch (SH)	1
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July Birthdays

July 9
Fran Nemeth

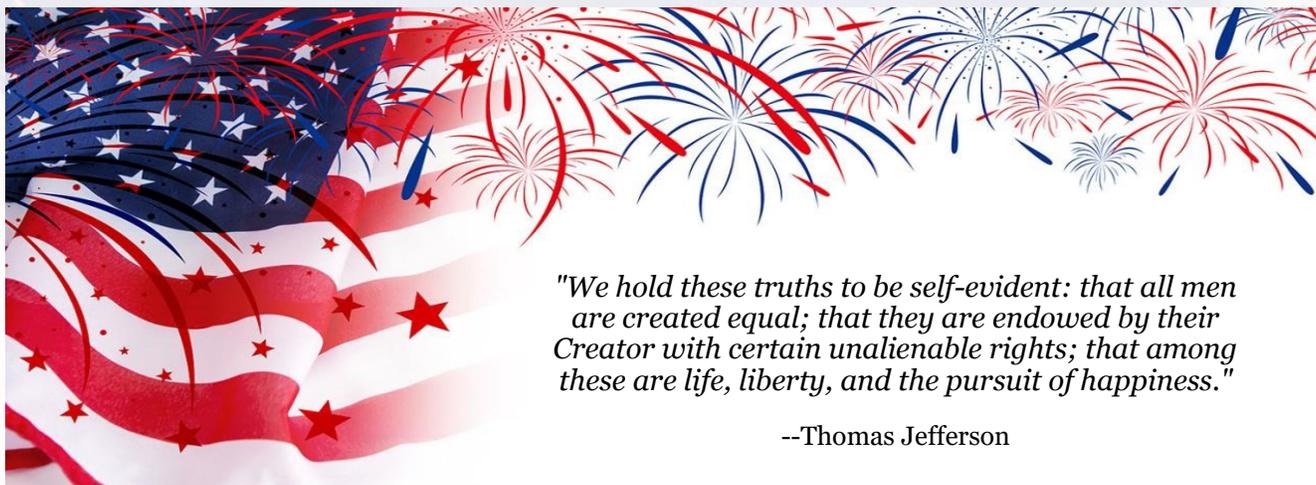
July 11
Marisa Chavarria

July 15
Shelley Buchman
Mark Neidig

July 28
Linda Chavarria

July 29
Leah Douglas
George Ramsay IV

July 30
Mary Rhodes



"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

--Thomas Jefferson



Peace with Justice Sunday

Sunday, July 16th

"Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed."

Isaiah 56:1, NRSV

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society.

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and

communities by setting people free from bondage.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to support this ministry.

Your gift, joined with the gifts of others makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities.

Please use the envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, July 16th to place your offering for PWJ Sunday

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Scripture Readings

July 2

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67
Psalm 72:1-8
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 25
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

Sunday:

10:00 ~ Sunday School for all ages
11:00 ~ Traditional Worship Service

Monday:

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise

Tuesday:

2:00 pm ~ Chair Yoga

Wednesday:

1:00 pm ~ Chair Exercise

Staff

Pastor

Rev. Bernie Sandberg

Office Administrator
(position open)

**Director of Christian
Education & Youth**
(position open)

Finance Manager
(position open)

Choir Director
(position open)

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.