

First United Methodist Church

April 7, 2019



Worship: 5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

Services online at: www.fumcdixon.org - Facebook: First United Methodist Church in Dixon IL

*Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ*

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Family Sunday

Prelude

Men's Quartet *"Majesty with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Welcome and Greeting

* Call To Worship

L: We come to this place because we want to know God,

P: who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.

L: We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,

P: who anoints us with the resurrection, who shares our lives with us.

L: We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,

P: who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!

***Opening Hymn:** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* #117 UMH

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

***Gloria Patri** *"Glory Be to the Father"* #70 UMH

Choir Anthem *"Alone in the Garden He Prays"*

Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Holy Communion

Call to Reconciliation

As we offer our prayers of confession, remember that God chooses to forget about our past, forgiving us so we may embrace the new life and new hope offered to us in grace. I invite you to join me, as we pray together,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we see a perceived golden past, and so close our eyes to the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus.

Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of all new things be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer our hearts to the One who restores us to new life.

**May we empty them of all that holds us back,
so God may fill the emptiness with grace.**

May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

May joy and laughter resound in our words and lives.

You made a path through the emptiness of chaos, God of every imagination

So with those who long to know you, with those who run to be with you, we offer our songs of thanksgiving:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of new things.
All creation honors you with praise and joy.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to take hold of us.

Hosanna in the highest!

Though you are holy, God of restoration, you were willing to set aside all we had done, so that Jesus might anoint us with new life. . . .

As we long to want to know Jesus more, as we seek to be restored to life by you, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ lost his life so we might find ours;

Christ was raised, his resurrection life springing forth in us;

Christ will come, that we might gain eternity with God.

We pray that you would anoint this Table and its gifts of the bread and cup

And when the past is finally behind us and we are gathered in the new Jerusalem with our sisters and brothers of every time and place, we will join our hands around your feast, and sing your praises from the depths of our hearts, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn of Response:

"When I survey the Wondrous Cross"

#298 UMH

Congregational Prayers *Please finish filling out your connect cards and place them in the offering plates when we receive the offering.*

Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom...."

#95 UMH

*Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

Giving Digitally? - use our QR Code



Tale of the Trees

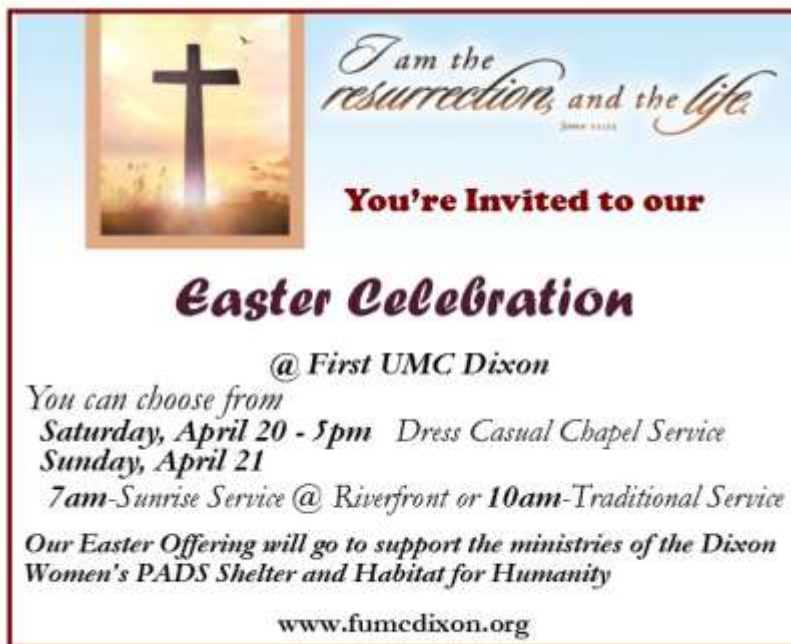
Youth Easter Presentation

*God's Blessing

*Postlude

Credits for Liturgy: Agape Youth, Pastor Tim, Thom Shuman and Nancy Burnett

Facebook Live: Each week we broadcast our Sunday Service on Facebook live. If you are uncomfortable with being seen on the broadcast you can sit toward the back or sides of the Sanctuary.



The graphic features a central image of a wooden cross against a bright, sunlit sky with a bird in flight. To the right of the cross, the text "I am the resurrection, and the life." is written in a cursive font, with "JOHN 11:25" in smaller text below it. Below this, the text "You're Invited to our" is written in a bold, dark red font. The main title "Easter Celebration" is in a large, dark red, serif font. Below the title, the location "@ First UMC Dixon" is written in a dark red font. The text "You can choose from" is in a smaller, dark red font. The service options are listed in a dark red font: "Saturday, April 20 - 5pm Dress Casual Chapel Service" and "Sunday, April 21 7am-Sunrise Service @ Riverfront or 10am-Traditional Service". The purpose of the offering is stated in a dark red font: "Our Easter Offering will go to support the ministries of the Dixon Women's PADS Shelter and Habitat for Humanity". The website "www.fumcdixon.org" is at the bottom in a dark red font.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers Katie Kromeke (Willey), Dalton Smith, Glen & George Kersten, Gary Pierce

The Mission Team is beginning to plan for the Maundy Thursday soup/bread supper. This year, the date for this dinner is April 18th. We will put sign-up sheets both downstairs outside of the Chapel and upstairs in the Narthex near the end of March. Please sign up!! We, the committee will combine the lists. A donation jar will be available. The mission/Social Concerns Committee has decided that these collected funds will be sent to a church in Alabama in the area where tornadoes recently caused much devastation. Please join us for a good supper and fellowship! Please help our committee by signing up! Support our church by showing up! I am sure we will have soup, some bread and a dessert for you.

What Does A Sign-Up Sheet Do??

1. Tells the committee planning the event that they need to get on the phone and recruit for supper needs in food and drink.
2. Gives an estimate of how many are planning on attending
3. Helps Pastors plan on handouts if applicable
4. Tells members signing up what foods are being planned, save your best salad for another meal.

Trustee's Work Day... Mark your calendar for our annual Church Spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 13. We want the church to look its best for the Easter Weekend. We will begin at 8:00am.

Agape Youth Group is collecting items to send to the Philippines. We will collect items until May 1 and then send a box to Bible Witness Camp, so they can send it to the Philippines. Item Ideas: Small Individually packed treats (cookies, crackers, chips...no chocolate), boxes of Macaroni and Cheese, toiletries (hair brushes, combs, travel shampoo, soap, conditioner, hair barrettes), Small Toys, Books, School Supplies (pencils, colored pencils, erasers, scissors, pens), anything else small that you think others might like (if they aren't able to be sent to the Philippines, Bible Witness Camp will be able to use them)

Items can be dropped off in the Youth Room or by the Welcome Desk in the narthex

We encourage you to send cards to our shut-ins., we will list a few each week. William Weed, 2088 IL Route 26, Dixon 61021; Beth Bennett, Franklin Grove Nursing Home, 502 N State St, Franklin Grove 61031; Nancy Bollman, Heritage Square, 620 N Ottawa Ave, Dixon 61021 and Carrie Cartwright, Heritage Square, 620 N Ottawa Ave, Dixon 61021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to welcome our new District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert. He will begin his new appointment on July 1, 2019. Brian currently serves at Princeton UMC. We are grateful for the 6 years of faithful service from our current D.S. Rev. Young-Mee Park. Her new appointment will be Hinsdale UMC.

Faith Development would like to present current 3rd graders with a Bible. Please let the church office (dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com) know if you have a child currently in 3rd grade. Or if you have a child older than 3rd grade who has not received a Bible from the church, please let the church office know. Please include their first and last name and if not currently in 3rd grade, the grade they are in. The Bible will be presented during a Sunday Service (exact date not yet determined).

Faith Development Committee would like to celebrate our graduates! Please let the church office (dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com) know if you have a family member who will be graduating Preschool, 8th Grade, High School or College (or other higher education) this spring. Please include their first and last name, grade completing, school completing and for high school/higher education their future plans. Please also include a picture. We will recognize the graduates during a Sunday Service (exact date not yet determined).

Help Grace Mitchell go on a Volunteers in Mission, Youth mission trip to China

In the Summer of 2018, I went on a school language exchange to China. Now, I have the opportunity to do this again and the chance to involve myself in the culture and language of the place I fell in love with at first landing. This summer, 2019, I have the chance to go on a mission trip to China with the United Methodist Church, however, this time it's not the same price tag as the school trip I went on. I'm looking to raise about 3,200 dollars to cover airfare, the mission trip, food, and other expenses on the way there. Thank you so much for being interested in my cause and if you are so inclined, any money would help benefit me in my travels! I am willing to speak about my trip once I return, so please feel free to contact me! You can send the gift to Grace Mitchell, 905 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon, IL 61021 or give it to Jody or Pastor Tim Mitchell

Congratulations to Rachel Gehlbach, Rev. Rachel Cocar and Melissa Gates on their being elected to the Dixon school board.

Those Serving us this week:

Inside Greeters: 5:00

10:00 Agape Youth

Head Ushers: 10:00 Reed Nelson

Outside greeters: 10:00 Agape Youth

Scripture: 10:00 Agape Youth

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THIS WEEK:

Mon 7:00, Priscilla Circle

Tues 4:00, Prayer team

Tues 6:00, G2

Tues 6:30, Trustees

Wed 10:00, G2

Wed 5:30, Missions/Social Concerns

Wed 6:00, Ladies Ensemble

Wed 6:30, Bell Choir

Wed 7:30, Chancel Choir

Thurs 9:30, Bazaar

Thurs 6:30, Finance

Thurs 7:00, Matters Circle

Fri 7am, Men's Emmaus

Sat 8am, Church Work Day

Sat 5:00, Worship

Sun 8:30, Bible Study, Conf. Room

Sun 10:00, Worship/Family Sunday/Palm Sunday

Sun 2:00, AGAPE Youth

Community Lenten Services 2019

Join the Dixon Community during Lent this year as we gather to worship, learn and grow together.

Services begin at 8:00 pm

March 10 *First UMC of Dixon*
The Testimony of the Tanner

March 17 *Grace UMC*
The Testimony of the Basket Maker

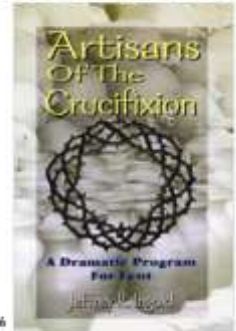
March 24 *First Presbyterian*
The Testimony of the Blacksmith

March 31 *First Baptist Church*
The Testimony of the Carpenter

April 7 *First UMC of Dixon*
The Testimony of the Stone Mason

April 29 @ 7:00pm Good Friday Service
Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church

Sponsored by the Dixon Area Christian Ministerial Association



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Pastor Heewon Kim 847-912-2808

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Tommy Whitcombe, music, 815-440-9623

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Jessie Marie Dir, Sec. of Records 815-288-1326

Sharon Welker, Treasurer 815-652-4384

Keith Gabany, Custodian 815-288-5001

Weekly Bible Reading—Bible Overview Reading Plan

We will complete the last 2 books of the Major Prophets and begin the first 3 books of the Minor Prophets. These books provide messages containing promise, assurances and warnings for disobedience to God and set the stage for the New Covenant that will be ushered in when Jesus Christ comes to atone for our sins.

4/08/2019	Ezekiel	18	God Deals Justly with People
4/09/2019	Daniel	7	Daniel's Vision
4/10/2019	Hosea	1	Hosea's Family
4/11/2019	Joel	1	The Devastation of Locusts
4/12/2019	Amos	5	Seek God for Life