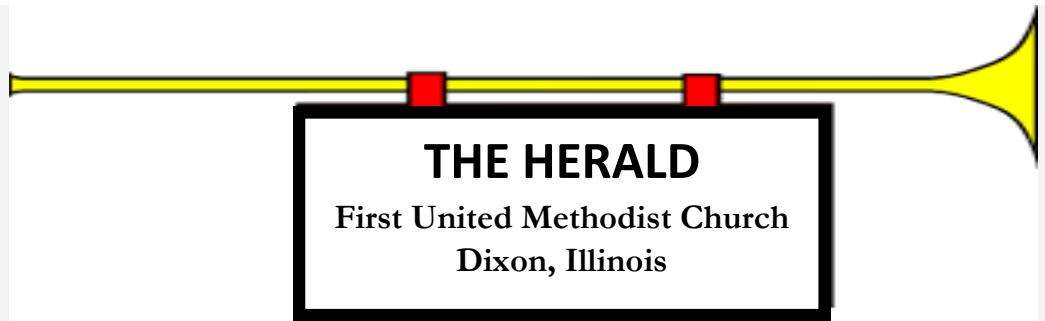


June 2019



Upcoming Events:

- June 1, 8:00 UMM
- June 2, Dixon Graduation
- June 3-7, Meals on Wheels
- June 5, 9:00 UMW
- June 6, 7:00 Special Charge Conference
- June 9, 2:00 Farwell for D.S.
- June 10, 7:00 Priscilla Circle
- June 11, 4:00 Prayer Team
- June 11, 6:30 Trustees
- June 13, 6:30 Finance
- June 13, 7:00 Matters Circle
- June 18, **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- June 18, 7:00 Leadership
- June 20, 9:00 Anna Circle
- June 20, 6:30 Worship Comm.
- June 25, 5:00 Faith Develp.
- June 25, 6:00 Staff-Parish
- June 27, 6:00 Green Team

Worship Services:

Saturdays:

5:00 pm in the Chapel

Sundays:

10:00 am in the Sanctuary

2nd Sunday of month, family day

8:30 Bible Study, Ruth Room

8:30 Adult Sunday School

9:45 Powerhouse Kids

(Except 2nd Sunday of month)

2:00 AGAPE Youth

Greetings to the faithful at Dixon First,

I want to begin by celebrating who we believe God is calling our faith community to be. Our mission statement says: **FUMC where:** *Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by Faithfully Uplifting the Message of Christ.* **FUMC** is a place that wants to be known as the “Go-To” church in our community. A place where all are welcome regardless of the strength or commitment of their faith. In our people they will find a welcoming and generous group who are committed to Gathering, Growing and Going in their relationship with Jesus Christ. By Faithfully Uplifting the Message of Christ we are joining with God to make the biggest Kingdom impact possible. The purpose of the “Church” is to share the Good News of Jesus with one person at a time so that all people in our community have the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I want to celebrate who we are trying to live into as a church for a couple of reasons.

The first is that we again are hosting the Dixon High School Baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm. Due to the remodeling at the High School we are hosting this wonderful event celebrating our community graduates, blessing them and sending them into the next leg of their journey with God’s blessings. Because this is our second year in a row to host Baccalaureate, the Dixon Area Christian Ministerial Association (DACMA) considers this a new tradition that we can carry into the future! YEAH!! So, we can put this on our yearly calendar. I was told by our leadership that if we can help the community then by all means let us help! Thank you church for your wonderful generosity and showing of your Christian love.

The second event I want to celebrate is our Confirmation class of 2019. What a great group of young adults. They worked hard during the past year under the guidance of Pastor Heewon and Kendra Wadsworth. I was so impressed how they participated in the life of the church. They showed up to help clean the church. They showed up and helped during our Maundy Thursday Supper. They helped with Power House Kids. They showed what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They are carrying on the legacy of being a “Go-To” church!

Another way we are being a “Go-To” church is through our Easter Offering. So far we have received approximately \$4800.00 to help two wonderful ministries in our community: The PADS Women’s Shelter and Dixon Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for being such a generous church!

We are currently deep into our latest worship series: **Journeying with Jesus**. We are exploring the path to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. Not just a disciple but a mature disciple of Jesus Christ. I hope that you have looked at and read the Discipleship Roadmap banners that are outside the Sanctuary and the Chapel. This chart is the foundational piece of our discipleship system

that we are implementing in our church. The Roadmap has many purposes. Two of them are: First, each individual can assess where they are in their growth in the five attributes of a disciple. Secondly, after we do our church wide assessment we will be able to develop new strategies, strengthen our current programs like PHK, G2-Growth Groups and adult bible studies to provide you with more focused and comprehensive content to enable you to grow deeper in love with God through your relationship with Jesus Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to work on your heart, mind and soul. I look forward to our growing deeper in love with God and becoming the "Go-To" church that God envisions us to be.

Blessings,

Pastor Linn



Addison Elaine Morley



Karis Alyse Kathleen Erb



Katie Anita Shafer

2019
Confirmation
Class



Alex Franklin Delashmit



Cade Henry Hey



*Jacob James
Delashmit*



Call to be Faithful

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Earth spins on its axis once in every 24-hour day. Do you know how fast our earth is spinning? Approximately 1050 miles per hour at the equator. I drive on highway 88 at the speed of 70 mph. It's 15 times faster than driving on a highway. Can you feel the speed? No, we don't feel it. Because you and everything else – including earth's atmosphere and oceans – are spinning along with the earth at the same constant speed. Earth never stops spinning since its beginning. Because of its 24-hour rotation rate, we have been given the day and night with a comfortable temperature and a nice weather. Our earth has never missed a day of spinning in the past 4.5 billion years. NEVER.

Me? I usually wake up at 5:30 am and make a sack lunch for my sons and get them ready for school. But today, I confess that I woke up a little bit late so I was in a hurry and I couldn't bring my sons to the bus stop. So I had to drop them off at school this morning. Amid the hectic morning, I forgot to get their water bottle in their backpack. "Sorry, my sons." That was my morning which was not the way it is supposed to be. In short, my morning that I make is not always the same. However, this morning, sunshine, sunset, and night that I receive is still the same.

What if the earth stopped spinning? In an article I read, it says that if the earth suddenly stopped rotating, the atmosphere would still continue moving at 1050 miles per hour, and anything not attached to bedrock would be ripped off the surface of the planet. This includes rocks, trees, buildings, and people – all thrown sideways at a speed of 1050 mph. Could you imagine the oceans being pushed inland with that speed? Oceans would travel approximately 17 miles inland in just 60 seconds. It will be like the massive tsunami in the movie "Deep Impact". If the earth stopped, most people on earth would die. Truly, today that we live in now should not be taken for granted.

Today is not just another day. This day and night have been made and given to us by the enormous power and energy that sustains and enables the earth to rotate at the speed of 1050 miles per hour so that we may have the day and night. Scientists say the earth's rotation is from the mechanism of the solar system. But I as a Christian and a pastor, I would like say that it is because our faithful God controls the universe. God who created the heaven and the earth made this day as a gift for us. God has been giving us these days as a gift every single day since we were born. And finally God gave God's one and only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins and death, so that we can have eternal and blessed life. The Bible says, ***"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"*** (Romans 8:32). God is the most faithful and generous giver. Our call to live a faithful and generous life is based on the generous God who gives us all.

Few weeks ago on Sunday, our church celebrated a confirmation Sunday. Six confirmands were confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ and became official church members. Last Saturday, I drove to downtown Chicago as a confirmation field trip for our five confirmands. Though it was a rainy day, we had a good time. We went to a good restaurant for lunch. We visited First United Methodist Church of Chicago. We went to Millennium Park and took group pictures. At the end of our confirmation class, I heard a story from a parent. Her child had a depression problem. During the confirmation class, however, the depression was eased and got better to the point where the counselor said the child doesn't need counseling anymore. I

thanked God not only for the transformed child but also for reminding me of the call of our church to be faithful. Sometimes I was overwhelmed and exhausted. But God was at work when I tried to be faithful.

Our church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ. This is the reason why we are here and what we are doing. What do you think the message of Christ is? To faithfully uplift the message of Jesus may entail different things and meanings. But simply it can be the Jesus' calling for us to be disciples of Jesus Christ so that we can make another disciple. As long as we keep faithful to grow up into Christ, God will work through our weakness and sometimes our strength, and God will transform lives in all that we do and all that we are. Sometimes, God works in ways we cannot see. Just as our faithful God keeps us alive and sustains us by spinning the earth but we don't feel it, know that your generosity and faithfulness to God will touch and make someone alive and lead them into Jesus as long as we continue to commit ourselves to be disciples of Jesus. Let us be thankful for every single day which has been made and given to us by our faithful God and let us share and reflect the faithful and generous God through our lives.

Blessings,

Pastor Heewon



Bazaar Workshop is looking for people who could sew some items or embroider some dish towels for our Holiday Bazaar. Contact Jessie Marie Dir at 815-288-1326 if you are able to help with these projects. Thank you!

I would like to thank the Missions Committee members, the Confirmands and all who made food and/or attended the Maundy Thursday supper. We had a wonderful variety of soups this year which is always fun! The service following the supper was special. Thank you Pastor Tim and Pastor Heewon. Donations in the amount of \$168.05 were made. This will be sent to Alabama to help tornado victims. Cathy Seagren & Christine Hoyle—co chairs of Missions & Social Concerns.

June 23-25 Sandy Burris and Laura Brooks will be joining a group from Grace UMC at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL, to assemble Personal Dignity Kits. Churches in the Northern IL Conference were challenged to collect bath hand towels and washcloths. There is a box in the parlor for those items. If you would like, you can contribute all or some of the items needed for a personal dignity kit which Laura and Sandy will take with them. There will be a tote provided in the narthex for those items. Thank you!

Farewell Celebration for DS, Rev. Young Mee Park will be held on Sunday, June 9th from 2pm-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Matters of the Heart Circle eat out is at Arthur's Deli in Dixon on Thursday, June 13th at 5:45pm.

SPRC is pleased to announce we have hired Laura Anderson as our Children and Youth Ministries Director. She will be joining the FUMC family this week. Welcome Laura!!!

PRAYER TEAM MINISTRIES

Prayer Team

The Bible Overview Reading will be coming to an end on June 3. Reading one chapter from each of the books of the Bible has been a good way to overview the entire Bible in a short time. Congrats to everyone who had spent time reading your Bibles.

Starting June 4 we will begin reading Proverbs. And we will again be reading 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

Three Reasons to Study the Book of Proverbs

1. In Order to Gain Wisdom
2. In Order to Learn Prudence
3. In Order to Receive Knowledge

In addition we will have a weekly discussion time each Monday at 10:00 in the parlor for anyone who wishes to talk about what we are reading. This will begin June 10.

The Prayer Team would like to thank the congregation for:

-signing the Military appreciation cards for our local National Guard people returning from maneuvers in Korean

-signing the congratulation cards for our six confirmands – they are the future of our church

Continue to pray for our church, community and country.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” Psalm 33:12

Prayer Team – Dodie Fetterolf, Sue Stach, JoAnn Sanford, Phyllis Doan, Jeannie Lewis, Grace Wadsworth, Kendra Wadsworth, Susan Mattes

APRIL INCOME	\$ 28,197.61
MARCH EXPENSES	<u>\$ 31,403.92</u>
MARCH DEFICIT	\$ (3,206.31)
2018 CARRYOVER	\$ 13,073.40
BAL IN GENERAL FUND AS OF 4/30/2019	\$ 6,540.19



Financial Notes for APRIL 2019

YTD Income is \$6,017.35 (+4.8%) less than 2018. YTD expenses are \$-7,996.47 (-5.5%) more than 2018. Apportionments were paid thru APRIL.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Pastor Tim Gone	27	28	29	30	31	1 8am - UMM, R/E 5pm - Worship, C
2 Dixon H.S. 8:30am - Bible 10am - Worship 2pm - Youth	3 Meals on Wheels	4	5	6	7	8 8am - Abby Klein 5pm - Worship, C
9 8:30am - Bible 10am - Family 10am - Worship 2pm - Farewell	10 7pm - Priscilla Circle	11 4pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Trustees,	12 9am - UMW 10am - G2	13 9:30am - Bazaar 7pm - Special	14 7am - Mens Emmaus	15 7am - Mens Emmaus 5pm - Worship, C
16 8:30am - Bible 10am - Worship	17 NEWSLETTER 7pm - Leadership	18	19	20 9am - Anna Circle 6:30pm - Worship	21 7am - Mens Emmaus	22 7am - Mens Emmaus 5pm - Worship, C
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June 2019

Watching Services online If you want to watch the Sunday worship services that we are recording live, they are available to view on the church Facebook page at First United Methodist Church in Dixon IL. You have the option to see them live or anytime during the week! If you are still confused, please talk to the pastors.



Newsletter deadline Articles for the next Herald are due in the church office no later than June 18th. Email, bring copy or call me to get your article in! Thanks!

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