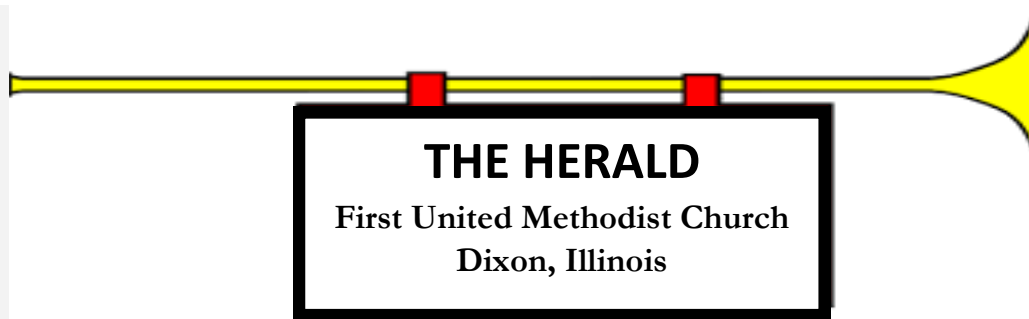


July 2019



Upcoming Events:

- July 3, 9:00 UMW
- July 4, **OFFICE CLOSED**
- July 6, 8:00 UMM
- July 9, 4:00 Prayer Team
- July 9, 6:30 Trustees
- July 11, 6:30 Finance
- July 13 –20, Mission Trip
- July 16, 7:00 Leadership
- July 23, 5:00 Faith Develop
- July 25, 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

THE HERALD

First United Methodist Church
Dixon, Illinois

Greetings to the faithful at Dixon First,

It is Monday morning and I am racing to finish my letter for this month's Herald. Melissa needs it to start printing this afternoon. It has been one of those months! Historically, June is one of my busiest months and this year was no exception. It was even busier than normal because Grace graduated from High school. I began the month attending and celebrating with Grace and Jody a milestone in Grace's life. Then I attended Annual Conference that was a day longer so we could elect delegates to our 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Finally, I directed my 21st year of JOY camp at Camp Reynoldswood. JOY Camp involved a lot of preparation to coordinate all the camp activities for a week long experience for 75 campers and 20 plus counselors. I'm tired just writing about what happened in June! I know that if I am that busy that many of you too are overly busy in your lives.

As I look back over my month there isn't anything that I could have done to make it easier. There was nothing that I could give up doing that would have created some free time in my schedule. We need to remember there are times in our lives where we just have to put one foot in front of the other and stay focused on what needs to be done today just so we can survive. In those times it is so important to have a deep and abiding relationship with God. During times that can be overwhelming it is important to remember Philippians 4:13. ***"I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me."*** This summer we as a church have been reading through the book of Proverbs. One of the Proverbs that has been a good reminder for me to lean on God in the busy times is Proverbs 16:3 ***"Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established."*** Our lives begin, end and are sustained through our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us that we are able to accomplish much more than we would ever think possible. Other parts of our lives may need to take a back seat at times but our relationship with God should always be a priority. In living life in the presence of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we will be able to see our way through the overloaded days of our lives.

At JOY Camp this year our theme was YOU. We used the Prodigal Son story from the Gospel of Luke and the song **Prodigal** from Sidewalk Prophet to teach the youth that "God Loves You! And there is nothing you can do about it!" You cannot earn God's love! God loves you no matter what. God's love is undeserved, unmerited and unchanging. What we can do is respond to God's love by accepting it and sharing it. Holding on to this understanding of God's

love will also help us navigate life when it becomes overloaded.

I want to leave you with a blessing that I heard my co-director Rev. Wesley Dickson share with JOY Camp at the end of worship each evening. It goes something like this, “May God be below you to give you strength. Beside you to be your friend. Behind you to give you encouragement. In front of you to lead you. Above you as your Lord and Savior. And finally, inside you to remind you daily of the love of God that dwells in you. Go in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.” I look forward to worshipping God with you throughout the summer.

Blessings,

Pastor Lin



*Welcome to
our
Church!!*

**Pack a lunch
and have some fun
after Sunday Worship on these dates**

No drop offs. Children must be supervised by their adult to attend.

Sunday June 23

Favorite Bible Story Face Painting
All ages take a ticket system
Fellowship Hall

Sunday July 7th

Bubble Show 30 minutes following lunch
All ages **Fellowship Hall**

Sunday July 14th

No-Ah (15-minute story time and craft)
12 and under (all are welcome)
Fellowship Hall

Sunday July 28th

Game Show runs in 4 age categories
Goofy physical challenges **Fellowship Hall**

Sunday August 4th

Big Bubbles **Haymarket Square** and sand art
Bring your own lawn chair and sack lunch
Small park on the next street over
Rain plan downstairs no bubbles

Sunday August 11th

Veggie Tales Party
Upstairs in Agape Youth Room

Sunday August 25th

Bible Story Face Painting and Balloon Art
Fellowship Hall

Sunday September 1st

Science Fun **Fellowship Hall**

All youth services will resume Sunday September 8, 2019 earliest drop off 9:40 A.M.-
pick up no later than 15 minutes after Sunday worship service. Thank you.



Greetings to you in the unchanging love of God!

Well like other clergy, I wasn't sure I'd still be in Dixon as a pastor until the 2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference was over. Finally, Bishop Sally Dyck and the Cabinet made it official that I would be reappointed to the First United Methodist Church of Dixon for the 6th year. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to continue serving these amazing people at Dixon First United Methodist Church!

To Jay and me, being in the community of Dixon for six years really seems like we came here a short time ago. My children have grown from one and two to now seven and eight years old. When summer comes, we really look forward to having the Petunia Festival around the Fourth of July. Jay and I have made good friends, and it is a huge blessing to us.

In the meantime, I have been involved with community engagements in different ways. I had an opportunity to become a chaplain in two different places —one in the Dixon Police Department and another in Jack Mabley Development Center. Every Monday, I go to the Mabley Center to meet the people there and worship God with them. During the service, I lead them in singing praise songs and share a short Bible story. Even though many of them have different mental episodes and physical limitations in communicating, I can feel that their spirits responded to God with joy and peace when we worship God together.



In the Police Department, I serve as a chaplain, along with the other four volunteer chaplains. We gather every month to be trained and educated to be well-prepared chaplains. Every month, I have to ride in a police car with a police officer to patrol the community for a couple of hours. During the ride, it's surprising to me some of the places the officers take me that I've never been to in Dixon, even though our town is not very big. Not only the unfamiliar areas, but they take me to meet people who have different troubles and crisis which I don't often encounter. It helps me to understand a little bit more about the job our police officers deal with every day (we should pray for our officers) and also the people who are marginalized in our community.

With that being said, it shaped me and became a routine that I live and serve in the community. And I have

been learning how to walk with God in a more routinely based life versus in an event-oriented life. When Elijah listened and experienced God, not in the earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the gentle whisper, we should also be able to hear God's voice in the quietness of our daily routine. This summer is most likely to practice this spiritual discipline. May your routine be a new way of recognizing God so that you may be renewed and strengthened by God who is persistent in loving us and encouraging us to live as God's people. May your routine be a witness to those around you that God is good all the time. God bless,
Pastor Heewon



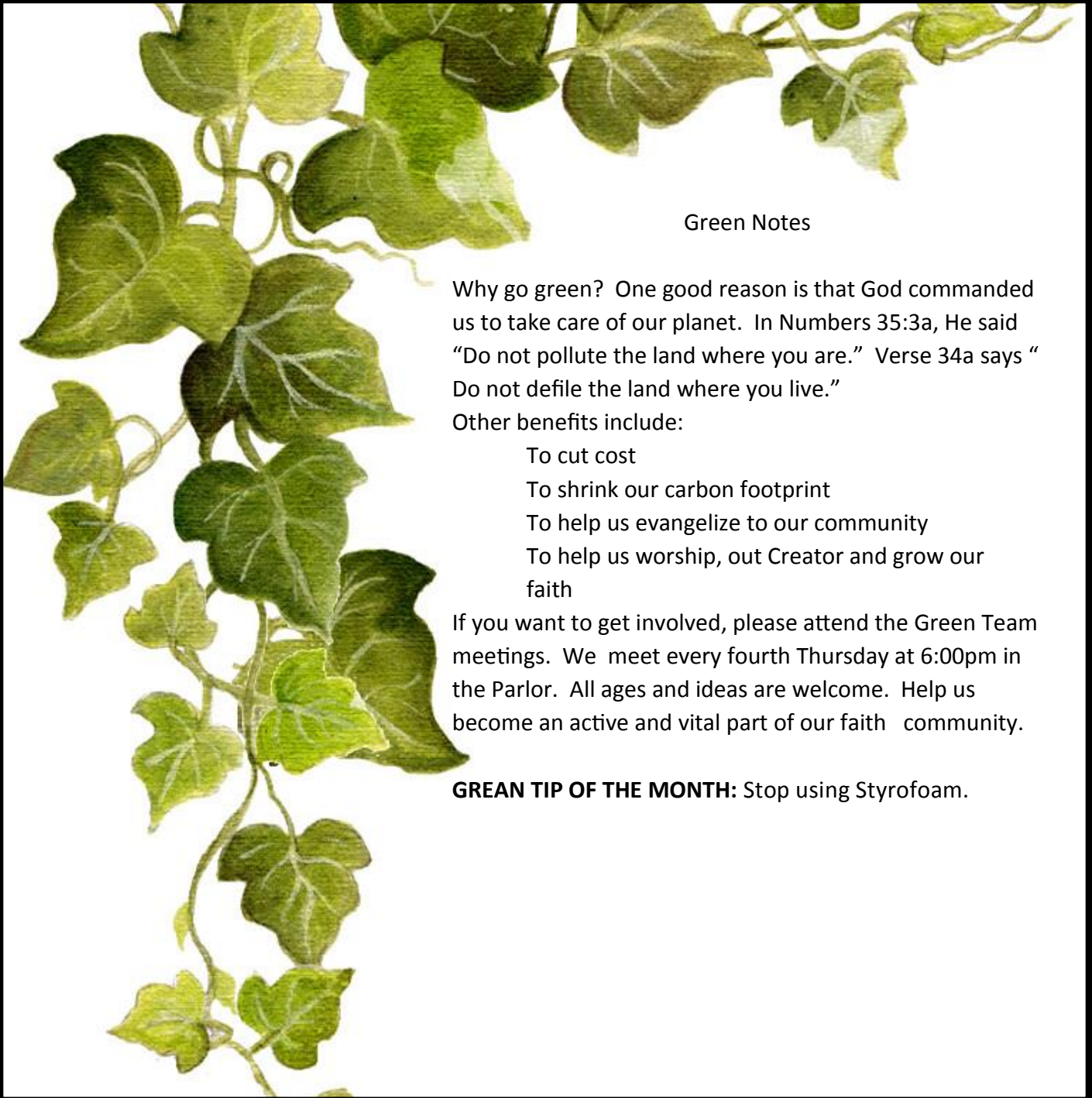
Thank you for all the donations for the Philippines. Jon delivered 8 boxes of donations to BWC last weekend. Tita Mary and the camp staff say thank you for the cards written by the PHK children and the donations from the church. The BWC campers will stuff stockings this summer, then send to the Philippines. Thank you for supporting us in this outreach. -Agape Youth



It is once again time for Christmas in July, when we support the Food Pantry with our donations of groceries and/or financial support. Please take a bag and fill with some of the requested items of non-perishable food items. We ask that you return this bag either to the church or the Food Pantry (2001 W 4th St) by July 31st. You can drop it off at the pantry on Mondays 8:30– 10 am or M-W-F from 1-3pm or items can be left in the cart at the parking lot entrance at the church weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm. The list is on the bag but Toilet Paper, Pork & Beans and Cereal are especially needed. The mission Committee appreciates your support!

In Sympathy to the family of Eleanor Thrasher, who passed away on June 12th.

THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER SENT OUT FOR AUGUST.



Green Notes

Why go green? One good reason is that God commanded us to take care of our planet. In Numbers 35:3a, He said "Do not pollute the land where you are." Verse 34a says "Do not defile the land where you live."

Other benefits include:

To cut cost

To shrink our carbon footprint

To help us evangelize to our community

To help us worship, our Creator and grow our faith

If you want to get involved, please attend the Green Team meetings. We meet every fourth Thursday at 6:00pm in the Parlor. All ages and ideas are welcome. Help us become an active and vital part of our faith community.

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH: Stop using Styrofoam.

MAY INCOME	\$ 31,424.05
MAY EXPENSES	<u>\$ 33,005.80</u>
MAY DEFICIT	\$ (1,581.75)
2018 CARRYOVER	\$ 13,073.40
BAL IN GENERAL FUND AS OF 5/31/2019	\$ 4,958.44



Financial Notes for MAY 2019

YTD Income is -\$13,970.10 (-7.9%) less than 2018. YTD expenses are -\$6,206.75 (-3.5%) more than 2018. Apportionments were paid thru MAY.

Jul 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10am - Bible		9am - UMW	OFFICE CLOSED	7am - Mens Emmaus	8am - UMM, R/E 5pm - Worship, C
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30am - Bible 10am - Worship	10am - Bible	4pm - Prayer Team 6:30pm - Trustees,		9:30am - Bazaar 6:30pm - Finance, cr	7am - Mens Emmaus	Summer Mission 5pm - Worship, C
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:30am - Bible 10am - Worship	10am - Bible		5:30pm - Missions -		JULY	

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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 **August 27th**. Email, bring copy or call me to get your article in! Thanks!

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