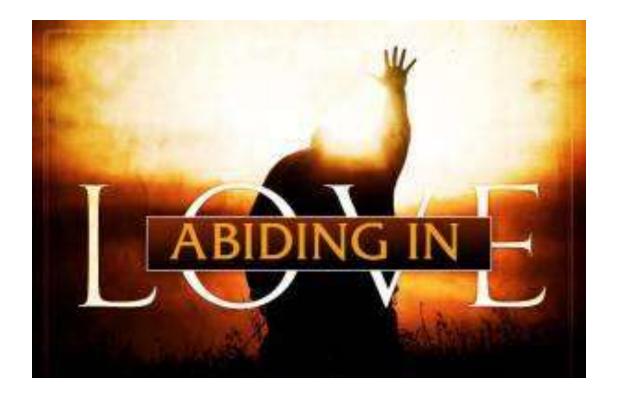
First United Methodist Church May 8th & 9th, 2021



Worship: 5:00 pm on Saturdays in the Chapel 10:00 am on Sundays in the Sanctuary

> 202 S Peoria Ave Dixon, IL 61021

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

Blanket Sunday - Mother's Day

Prelude

Special Music: "Swinging with the Saints" Men's Trio

Video: Church World Service – Blanket for Mission

Greeting

Call to Worship

L: Sing to God a new song,

P: for God has done marvelous things!

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

P: for God is still doing marvelous things!

L: Break into joyful song!

P: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

L: Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

P: For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

L: God is coming to judge the world with equity.

P: Sing to God a new song!

Opening Hymn: "The Summons" #2130 TFWS

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all

people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

Scripture: John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Video: "Tools Change Lives"

Message: Abiding in Love Pastor Tim Mitchell

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing joys and concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are your friends and our brothers and sisters. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526 UMH

Blessing and Sending

L: Jesus speaks again today:

P: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

L: Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you, the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in Jesus' love and bear the gift of this love to the world. Amen.

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Ministry Matters, and Nancy Burnett







Barn Quilt Painting Class

Saturday, May 22, 2021 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Lunch and drinks not included)







Option 2



Option 3

Fee is \$45. all materials, paints & supplies are included. To sign up, please contact Sue Pascarella 815-973-4522 (be sure to select which option you will be painting) Maximum of 25 people in the class, deadline is May 15 Must pay in advance.

Door Prizes & Special afternoon dessert!

Held at First United Methodist Church 202 S. Peoria Ave. Dixon JL Hosted by Susan Palmer: come have a fun day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Gary Pierce, Farrell Wright, Irma DeLashmet, Ben Bryson (grandson of Jessie Marie and Dick Dir), Corinne Hunsberger, Norm Krug, Nancy Moore, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Marilyn Millin (Pat Fox's sister), Glenn Kersten, Russell Johnson

Deepest sympathy: to Dennis Voohries and family on the passing of his sister, Debra Wilstead, who passed away on Monday.

Heartfelt thank you to caring, faithful members delivering meals on wheels these past two weeks. Our next opportunity will be in September....Carolyn.

THE CHURCH IS NOT accepting any recycling items until further notice!!!!

Women of Joy 2021

Women of Joy! Yes!! This is a time-out and away with other women to savor our relationship with God. Music, worship and personal testimonies from women on the frontline in an overnight experience. Friday, August 13 - Saturday, August 14 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Conference only—\$109. Conference with lodging prices—go to womenofjoy.org or call 256/355-1554 for registration and pricing. Let's caravan together:)

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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

Week 5/10-5/14: Amos 4-8

Monday: Amos Chapter 4

Tuesday: Amos Chapter 5

Wednesday: Amos Chapter 6

Thursday: Amos Chapter 7

Friday: Amos Chapter 8

Saturday: Preparing for worship—Acts 1:1-11

