

NOVEMBER 2022

THE HERALD

First United Methodist Church
Dixon, Illinois

80TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
202 South Peoria Ave, Dixon IL

For more details about the Bazaar, see inside!



For more great pictures of our Mission Trip Team at work, See our Facebook page at FUMCDixon.

Greetings from Dawson Springs Kentucky,

I am sitting in the Gymnasium/Fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs. What a wonderful facility and what gracious people! They built this facility with the dream of being able to host mission trips as they moved throughout the area. Little did they know that the first opportunity to use the facility would be for a mission trip serving their own hometown.

We have everything we need to revive ourselves after a hard day's work, helping people rebuild their lives after the devastating loss of a tornado ripping through their community. We have comfortable beds, warm showers, laundry facilities, and a big beautiful kitchen well stocked with pots, pans, and kitchen utensils. And most importantly we have the prayers of the church and community undergirding every moment of each day.

This was all that I wrote during our time in Dawson Springs. I had made plans to write my monthly Herald message in the midst of our mission field. It didn't happen. My concentration every morning was to prepare for the work of the day and I just didn't have the focus I needed to write. Soooooo -

Greetings from Dixon! Blessings to all who faithfully call Dixon First UMC home. To those who are checking us out to see if we are a place to plant and grow in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

I am grateful that God kept me focused on being present in Dawson Springs. If I would have concentrated on the work that needed to be done back in Dixon, then I would have missed so much. Each night we came back to the church, fixed our dinner, ate, took our showers and then relaxed. During our relaxing time, we found ourselves reflecting on the day. It was encouraging and wonderful to see God at work during the day. There were many God moments every day and being present in the moment allowed us to experience them and share them with each other. We saw the power of a tornado and how, even after months had passed, there was clear evidence of its destructive force. There were also stories from those who survived the destruction and still proclaimed "God is good". The hurt, pain, and loss caused by the tornado were real. God didn't spare them from that. God redeemed their hurt, pain, and loss just as he promises in scripture. **Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."**

One example from our trip was a rose bush that was thought to be destroyed during the tornado. Even though it was dug up and thrown in along with all the other debris, it started growing again when spring came. The family replanted it next to their temporary home, and now that their new home is in place, they look forward to replanting it in the front yard to remind them that there can be new life out of such a destructive experience. God is good!

Mark your calendar for the 2nd weekend of November when members of the mission team will share their experience of the mission trip.

Have a blessed November! As we move toward Thanksgiving, take a moment to count your blessings and give God thanks. That was one very important lesson I learned from our Mission Trip.

Blessings,





Green Notes

Leviticus 7:30 “All from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the trees, are the Lord’s, they are holy to God.”

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are fast approaching. Many of us will be sending cards to family and friends to celebrate the season. This year, why not be eco-friendly and send cards and envelopes made of recycled or post-consumer waste materials? One company providing such products is Tree-Free Greetings (www.tree-free.com) based in New Hampshire. They sell greeting cards for many occasions, holiday cards and card sets (including seasonal sets). At least some of their cards include seedpaper with wildflower seeds and planting instructions. Other greeting card companies also use recycled materials. That information is usually found on the back of the card. Not only will you brighten someone’s day, but you will help our environment as well.

Many people feed the birds and other wildlife during winter. If you are one of them, have you ever considered coating pinecones in peanut butter or suet and rolling them in birdseed? Be sure to use string, not wire, to attach the pinecones. Wire can injure or kill unsuspecting creatures. You also might string popcorn or cranberries on thread. Birds and squirrels will enjoy this treat. The garlands are decorative as well as food for our wildlife. You also might consider a living Christmas tree this year. It can be planted after Christmas to help our environment.

Let’s do our part to treat our planet as kindly as possible this year. After all, it’s the only one we have!

Remember: The world is in our hands. Go green!

Green Tip of the Month: Send greeting cards made of recycle or post-consumer waste materials.

Greetings to the loving community of Dixon First UMC!

For the last few weeks, I have been experiencing many joyful and thankful moments of God's gracious presence and power of love, which allow us to rejoice with God for the faithful ministries of "Just saying Yes to Jesus" that our brothers and sisters in Christ of Dixon First UMC are serving in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

One example of these moments of joy and gratitude for God's presence and love that I like to share with you is the loving and compassionate hearts of our sisters in Christ who have been preparing for the 80th Annual Holiday Bazaar that we are planning to have on Saturday, November 19. We are all grateful that we are able to have this mini bazaar again after almost three years' discontinuance of this meaningful and joyful event because of the pandemic COVID situation. So, with excitement and gratitude for having this bazaar again, for a good opportunity to share the love of God with the people in need throughout the community, and to support local and UMW (United Methodist Women) mission projects, our bazaar team have been gathering every Thursday morning and working on the craft of many kinds of Christmas ornaments to be sold at the bazaar.

Most of the people joining this project are physically older women over 60, but spiritually brighter and younger than their current physical age with their faith and love of God. As we can imagine, the crafting of small Christmas ornaments needs a lot of attention and focus for the size, color, shape, and many other skills to make each item as it is designed. So, most of the work would require them to stay sitting and concentrating on small items to be made into the shape as they intend. Surely it should be so hard. But, every Thursday when I was visiting them in the middle of their work, I could see them working joyfully, which allows me to feel God's presence among their faithful and joyful hearts in their bright smile and happy talk about their work even with some hardship they could experience from the project.

The moments of joy and gratitude that I was experiencing from what these beautiful sisters in Christ are doing in their hearty work with joy to serve God through their participation in the project of bazaar as their faithful ministry of just saying "Yes" to Jesus, remind me of what the Apostle Paul says in Colossians 3:23-24,

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

As Paul says in this text, I believe that as we are working at whatever we do with all our heart to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by saying "Yes" to Jesus, we will receive the moments of joy and gratitude to witness God's presence and power of love in our lives as Jesus' disciples.

Through these moments of joy and gratitude, we can also witness God's work for us as one family in Christ to make efforts for the progress to move on toward the fulfillment of our Beyond the Horizon Vision in which we identify ourselves as "a community of faith that provides a caring place to thrive and flourish... a loving and caring place to call home... [with] a strong faith-based foundation that is unshakeable... [to] be the compass for guiding hundreds of families into a loving and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ... seeking [together] to make Christ our cornerstone, the anchor in the storms of our chaotic world...to see our community, nation, and the world grow together into a loving relationship with God and our neighbor."

May we all experience every day the moments of joy and gratitude for God's gracious presence and power of love, through our faithful ministries that we are called to do in our daily living, by just saying "Yes" to Jesus with our love of God and love of neighbors, throughout this fall and the rest of the year! Amen.

Blessings,
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As ONE Community Praise Presents

Up From the Ashes

**Community Praise Night. Sunday, 11/13/22, 6:30pm.
Dixon High School Auditorium, Dixon, Illinois.**

AGAPE YOUTH

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:30am

3rd floor Youth lounge

(5th grade-high school)



Children of all ages are invited to come. Parents drop their children off in the second floor Arena (Sunday School) Room prior to church & then pick them up after the service.

Pastor Tim or Pastor Young Sun and our loving “Shepherds” will be presenting the lessons each Sunday guiding the children into a loving and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Volunteers will be helping each Sunday with activities, snacks and crafts. **If you are interested in helping the children in our congregation build their Faith Foundation and would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Mattes at tsmattes@centurytel.net or call 1-815-440-1815. Volunteers are asked to assist only once every 4 to 6 weeks.** The activities, snacks and crafts are all prepared in advance so volunteers are only needed to assist during the Power House Kids sessions.

Get
your Christmas
Shopping done early!!!

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Delicious Cookies

Christmas items

Baked Goodies

Candy

**Individual Ham Loaf & Salad Buffet
Luncheon Served at 11:00 am & Noon**

\$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for 10 yr. olds & under
Tickets may be purchased at the Church office or at the door

Gourmet Nuts



**Stitchery
& Crafts**

For more information, call 815-284-2849

(Handicapped Accessible off Peoria Avenue)

Facebook - FUMCDixon
Website - www.fumcdixon.org



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, DIXON, IL

Lunch is Served at 11:00 AM and 12:15 PM. Tickets are available from any UMW member or at the Church Office. Tickets will also be sold after Worship Services on November 5-6 & 12-13. Prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children 10 & under.

To All Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

Once again, we are counting on all of you to support this project, which enables us to meet our pledge to missions. We need your help! Your cash, donated craft items, candy and baked goods help to support missionaries locally as well as abroad.

Special emphasis is again on the Baked Goods & Candy Booth. Many items are needed to fill the booths and make them attractive for the bazaar visitors. The Bazaar Committee would appreciate your generous donations of homemade Christmas cookies, as you have done in the past. Please bring your items on Friday, November 18th, so that we can price them.

We also need help with the luncheon, especially kitchen volunteers for Thursday and Friday, November 17th & 18th, to help prepare food and set tables. We will certainly appreciate any help from the MEN of our congregation on Saturday, November 19th.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE BAZAAR:

Wednesday, Nov. 16: 9:00 AM Bazaar set-up, pricing & organizing.

Thursday, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM Preparation of Food

Friday, Nov. 18: 9:00 AM Preparation of Food

Bring all items for the bazaar, including baked goods, candy, cookies, to the Fellowship Hall between 9:30-4:00 pm.

Saturday, Nov 19: 9:00 AM Come and Enjoy the 80th Annual Bazaar

PLEASE CHECK WHERE YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, DETACH AND LEAVE AT CHURCH OFFICE!

I will donate a craft _____ candy _____ sewing project _____ baked goods _____

Christmas cookies _____ cash for the Luncheon foods _____

I will help in the kitchen on Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

I will make coffee on Saturday _____

I will help with dishwashing on Saturday _____

I will help with cleaning up on Saturday _____

NAME _____ Phone _____



Secret Advent Angels

The Prayer Team is organizing Secret Advent Angels. Secret Advent Angels will commit to praying for a person throughout the month of December. You will be praying for their spiritual growth so they will experience the peace, hope, joy and faith of the season. And another person will be praying the same for you.

If you wish to participate, please respond with your name, email, and mailing address by November 27. You may use the signup sheet in the Narthex; call our Office Manager in the church office at 815-284-2849; or email dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com.

The last week of November you will be notified with the name of the person you will be praying for. We believe that knowing someone is praying especially for you through this Advent and Christmas season will be a blessing!

We recommend that during the week of Christmas you send a note or card revealing that you are the person who has been praying for them and wish them a blessed new year.

May being a Secret Advent Angel enhance your prayer life! Thank you!

**First United Methodist Church Prayer Team
Phyllis Doan, Dodie Fetterolf, JoAnn Sanford and Susan Mattes**

Christmas Prayers and Blessings for Shut-ins, those in Care Facilities and the Military

Once again the Prayer Team will be collecting and delivering cards for the shut-ins and military of our congregation. Boxes to collect the cards will be placed on the table in the Narthex along with bags of Christmas cards. A list with names and addresses of these people will be available in the Narthex. Please write the name and full address on the envelope and put your return address on it also.

Last day to participate will be December 11, 2022 so cards can be delivered well before Christmas.

Cards for the military and shut-ins will be mailed or delivered by the Prayer Team on December 13 so please turn in any you wish to distribute before that date.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



All Saints' Day

Observed Sat & Sun
November 5th & 6th



Christmas Candlelight Service Celebrating the Beginning of Advent

Saturday, December 4th
at 4:00 PM
in the Sanctuary



"HEIRBORN" CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Heirborn" will bless our community by performing a Christmas concert at
Dixon First United Methodist Church
on December 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm.



FINANCIAL NOTES for September 2022

September Income	\$ 24,180.26
September Expenses	<u>\$ 32,682.10</u>
September Net	\$ (8,501.74)

Copies of the full financial report are available upon request.



NOVEMBER

R – Ruth Room
C-Chapel
RE – Rivers Edge
BS – Bakers Str.

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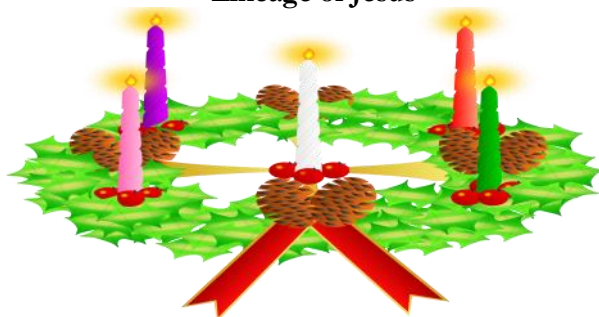
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Advent Sermon Series:
“Roots– Studying the
Lineage of Jesus”



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