

First United Methodist Church October 8th & 9th, 2022

Conversations with Jesus:



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

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

Monthly Mission Moment

Cathy Seagren

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (unison)

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow. The gifts we offer this day are only a small token of affirmation that we accept that call. If we embraced the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to the offering. In many cases, we've allowed ourselves to believe that a few dollars and an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Help us to stop fooling ourselves, and consider the full cost of a discipleship that means something, that is capable of transforming the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Luke 14:25-33)

Chancel Choir

"Beyond Ourselves"

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word:

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#600 UMH

(We will sing this song throughout the month of October)

Scripture Readings: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Conversations with Jesus: Counting the Cost

Rev. Tim Mitchell

*Hymn of Response:

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

#382 UMH

Congregational Prayers

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.

*Hymn of Going Forth:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#2129 TFWS

*God's Blessing

*Postlude

Credit for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Ministry Matters, Discipleship Ministries and Nancy Burnett

Going Deeper – *Questions for deeper reflection*

Read Luke 14:25-33.

- Do you find Jesus' words in verse 26 surprising?(Hint: Remember the fifth commandment Exodus 20:12.) Why or why not?
- What does Jesus' analogy about building a tower have to do with discipleship (vs. 27-28)?
- What do we learn about what needs to be sacrificed to be a disciple (or apprentice) to Jesus from this passage (v. 33)?
- How are sacrifice and generosity essential characteristics of the life of discipleship?

- How does Jesus' message about the cost of discipleship connect with how disciples approach to profit?
- What might we learn from this passage about how we relate to others? Friends? Family?
- What do you continue to struggle with from this passage?

Prayer - God, who lifts up the humble, we confess that we have contributed to and enabled systems that have harmed the earth and others made in your image. Give us guidance to see how we might be part of your mission of the redemption of the world. Give us the hands of compassion to extend your love and grace. Amen.



You can help us send relief to those affected by Hurricane Ian.

After sending relief to 14 US disasters this year, including the most recent flooding in Kentucky and St. Louis, the Midwest Mission is in desperate need of cleaning supplies to send to hurricane areas. The Mission Team is asking for a special "5th Sunday" offering on the "2nd Sunday", which is NOW! We want to send them funds as soon as possible"! Please designate on offering envelope **“for Midwest Missions”**.

Help extend the Hand of Christ to those in need! Asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago and the Northern Illinois Conference is collecting donations and asking for volunteers. For more info, pick up the **HELP IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING FROM TEXAS** flyer on the welcome tables.

G2-GROWTH GROUPS FALL SEMESTER starting up this month with the sermon series “Conversations with Jesus”. There are currently 5 groups to choose from but if those dates and times do not work for you, contact the church about starting up a new group. **See the handouts and sign up sheet on the Welcome tables.**



Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Corinne Hunsberger, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Kendra Wadsworth, Hiram Ludwig.

AGAPE YOUTH will meet on October 9th & 23rd at 11:30AM on the 3rd floor of the Education wing. Includes 5th grade through high school.

POWERHOUSE KIDS meet every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 3rd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim or Pastor Young Sun for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts. Ages toddler through 4th grade.



DIXON SCARECROW FESTIVAL Dixon FUMC will have a booth at the town-wide Dixon Scarecrow Festival on October 22. Come visit us and look for our Scarecrows, take a picture with them and send them to the church.

DON'T FORGET: You won't want to miss this informational meeting.

Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson will meet with church leadership, and those interested in leadership, on **Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am to noon** to discuss a new church leadership model. We will meet in the sanctuary.

"Mini" United Methodist Women's Bazaar

Join us on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Ham Loaf and Salad luncheon will offer two separate seatings at 11:00am and noon. This event will enable us to support local and UMW mission projects.

LADIES AND MEN NEEDED DAY OF BAZAAR!!!

We meet in the Church Parlor every Thursday from 9:30am to 2:00pm to work on Bazaar projects. Bring a sack lunch or we also order out. It's a wonderful time for Fellowship!

Thank you ,
The Bazaar Committee



Come “make a joyful noise unto the Lord”!

Come worship with your voice! Join the Chancel Choir every Sunday at the 10:00AM Worship service. Practices are Wednesday nights 7:30-8:30PM, Sept through May.

Can’t commit to a whole season of choir? More voices are needed just for the Vesper Candlelight service on Dec. 4th. Practices begin Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30PM.



Please Pray for Pastor Tim and our Mission Team as they travel to northern KY to help the Kentucky Conference with Tornado Relief, rebuilding homes in Hopkins county. They will leave Sun., Oct. 16th and return Sat., Oct. 22nd.



DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR *CONNECT* CARD AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!



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