

First United Methodist Church November 12th & 13th, 2022

UMW Thank Offering Weekend



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www.fumcdixon.org

Facebook: FUMC Dixon

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*

“*” Indicates to stand as you are able or so inclined

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Welcome and Greeting

Special Music

“Because He Lives”

Ladies’ Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

L: Who do you say Christ is by the way you live?

P: Who do “we” say Christ is by the way we live?

L: Is there an alleluia deep inside you growing rusty?

P: Awake and stand in the light.

L: Praise God’s name with singing and dancing!

ALL: May they say of us: They are drunk on new wine...the new wine of the Spirit!

Opening Litany:

L: We trust in God.

P: We are called to be the church:

L: to celebrate God’s presence

P: to live with respect in creation,

L: to love and serve others,

P: to seek justice and resist evil,

L: to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

P: our judge and our hope.

L: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

P: We are not alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#92 UMH

Mission Moment - Reflections on Dawson Springs, KY Mission Trip

UMW Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: God of all new beginnings, God of our past and of our future,
we give you thanks for all who have walked together to bring peace,
to bring comfort, to bring healing, to bring challenge, to bring your love
to a desperate and hungry world.
We thank you for reminding us that we do not go alone,
but we go together and always with you.

ALL: For 150 amazing years past, and many more yet to come, we give thanks and praise your name. Amen.

Chancel Choir

“Order My Steps”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God’s Word:

“Spirit Song”

#347 UMH

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

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33:11

¹¹Give thanks to the Lord of Hosts, for the Lord is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. NRSV

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Him ²⁸ and asked Him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to Him all of them are alive.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

UMW Videos

“United Women in Faith Name Announcement”

“United Women in Faith”

Giving of Ourselves and our Offerings (unison)

God, we are grateful for the opportunity to give. We join with women, children, youth and men around the world who give toward this special cause. We know that our gifts, big or small, act as torches that illuminate the goodness in the world. Thank you for the opportunity to be torchbearers, who spread the goodness of God through giving. Amen.

Message: *Face to Face with Jesus: Band of Puzzlers* Pastor Young Sun Lee

Prayer of Forgiveness (unison)

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you--only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive us, renew us, send us out as usable instruments, that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Hymn of Response: *"This Is My Father's World"* #144 UMH

Congregational Prayers

L: Creator God, the source of light and love, we have come to you to linger in the stillness, to hear you speak to our hearts.

P: We rise to meet you in the eyes of our brothers and sisters.

L: We have come to you in all our frailty, knowing that you will bless us and all that we joyfully give for the work of your kingdom.

P: We rise to meet you in the places that need healing and we are healed.

L: We have come to you trusting in your goodness and will continue to work to bring about the beloved kingdom that we see possible through your grace.

P: We rise with open hearts and open hands to give and receive the blessings that are ours to share with our sisters and brothers.

L: We go into the world knowing we will be blessed as we are a blessing through the web of your love.

ALL: We know you are always with us, always available to us. May our abundance touch lives across the world as we pray the prayer you taught us...

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: *"We Gather Together"*

#131 UMH

God's Blessing:

L: May the God of hope go with us everyday,

P: filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

L: May the God of justice speed us on our way,

P: bringing light and hope to every land and race.

L: Praying, let us work for peace;

P: singing, share our joy with all;

ALL: working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. Amen

Credits: Linda Frana, UMW program books, Discipleship Ministries, uwfaith.org



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Going Deeper – *Questions for deeper reflection*

Read: Luke 20:27-38.

What do you already know about the Sadducees?

Why is the Sadducees' question to Jesus a trick question?

How would you summarize Jesus' answer to the Sadducees' trick question?

Why would it be important for Jesus to quote from Moses to the Sadducees?

What might we learn from Jesus when it comes to dealing with those who seem to be on opposite sides of an issue?

How might you respond the next time someone is hostile? How might you respond to someone who is open to hearing about your faith?

Closing Prayer - God of resurrection and new life, we give you praise for how you continue to abide with us and empower us to be more than we can imagine. Give us the courage to trust that you can and will use us to invite others into your kingdom. May we walk both with humility and boldness in your Spirit this week. Amen.





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!

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**

Coming Soon!

80TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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

First United Methodist Church
202 South Peoria Ave, Dixon IL

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)

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Website - www.fumcdixon.org

MEN AND WOMEN NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR!

More help will be needed on Thursday, Nov. 17th and Friday, Nov. 18th, (two days before the Bazaar) as well as Saturday, Nov. 19th—the day of the Bazaar.

See next page & The November Herald for more details for HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Thank you! The Bazaar Committee

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE A HELPING HAND!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 80TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 19, 2022

**We Could Use Your Help!!
Could You? - Would You?**

Bake 3 doz or more homemade decorated cookies? _____

Make candy for the Candy Booth? _____

Make baked goods for the Bakery Booth? _____

Donate one or more finished craft items? _____

Donate money for luncheon supplies? _____

I will help:

Kitchen: _____ Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat

_____ Clean-up (2:00 pm Sat)

_____ Dining Room (Sat)

_____ Stitchery (Sat)

_____ Bake Goods & Candy

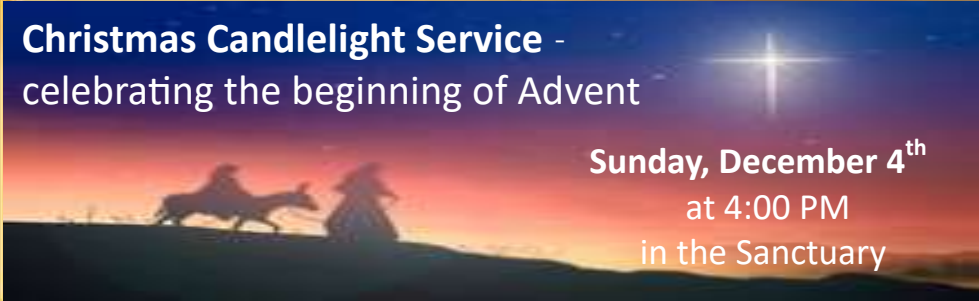
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE# _____

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND DROP IN THE BIN WITH COLLECT CARD OR BRING TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANKS!**

Upcoming Advent & Christmas Events at FUMCDixon:



Christmas Candlelight Service -
celebrating the beginning of Advent

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



“HEIRBORN” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**“Heirborn” will be performing a community-wide Christmas concert
at Dixon First United Methodist Church
on December 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm.**



Christmas Eve Services - December 24th at 5, 7 & 9:00pm
Christmas Morning Service - December 25th at 10am
(no Powerhouse Kids or Agape Youth)



Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Travis Malston, Elsie Macklin (Todd's mother), Harriet Moore and the family of Corinne Hunsberger.

AGAPE YOUTH will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month at 11:30AM in the youth lounge on the 3rd floor. They typically share lunch together. Includes 5th grade through high school. See you the 13th!!!

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



"Sprucing Up" for the Bazaar



Don't forget:

**This Sunday night
at 6:30 pm.**

**Dixon High School
Auditorium**



Another great fellowship opportunity!



The movie "5000 Blankets" is playing at the AMC Rockford Theater on December 12th at 7:00PM. The tickets are \$15. Becky Macklin has graciously offered to arrange purchasing group tickets so we can all sit together. Phone/text Becky at 815-973-7177 or email her at rebeccal1957@yahoo.com to have her purchase your tickets **and** to make arrangements to reimburse her for your tickets. **VERY IMPORTANT!!** We will be dining together at Portillo's before the movie!




Advent Sermon
Series
December 2022

ROOTS -
Advent and the Family Story
of



Sign-up sheet for
Roots
Devotional Book
is on the Welcome table.
Suggested donation is
\$13.



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