

**First United Methodist Church
November 19th & 20th, 2022**

Face to Face with Jesus:



First United Methodist Church

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 inclined

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

***Call To Worship**

L: We gather in the beautiful space

P: To worship an amazing God.

L: Surrounded by art and craft made by hands like ours

P: To give praise to the source of all our gifts

L: We are blessed to have this space to call our church home.

P: We are more blessed to be disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Let us worship in this place, giving praise to God

P: We will worship in joy and in truth. Amen.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God’s love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God’s love and power. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn:**

“Stand By Me”

#512 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (unison)

Holy God who calls us to the journey: it is so easy for us to become distracted so that we wander off the path you have put before us. The chaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that keeps us closer to you. As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to you, may you draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that you put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us to kingdom presence! In Christ, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 21:5-19](#))

Chancel Choir

"As the Deer"

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: Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

P: **Thanks be to God**

Message: *Face to Face with Jesus: Open-Mouthed Tourists*

Pastor Young Sun Lee

***Hymn of Response:** *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

#377 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:** *"Soon and Very Soon"*

#706 UMH

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun, Discipleship Ministries, Ministry Matters, and Nancy Burnett



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



Going Deeper – Questions for deeper reflection

Read: Luke 21:5-19

It is hard for us to enter the disciples' shoes to grasp just how shocking Jesus' declaration about the Temple's destruction (which did occur roughly fifty years later) would have been. This Temple, built mostly by King Herod the Great, would have been a wonder of the world due to its architecture and size. It was also the central hub for Jewish religious life. Jesus gives neither a timeline of when such destruction might occur nor a promise of physical protection (verse 18 can't mean physical protection because Stephen is martyred in the book of Acts; see also Luke 12:4-7). Rather, he gives examples of events that continue to occur even today.

How does Jesus use the disciples' question at the Temple as a teaching moment?

What is not as hard for us to grasp is the thought of false prophets proclaiming, "I'm the Messiah" or "The end is near!" We, too, continue to live in a period of turmoil and wars.

What do Jesus' instructions in verses 13-15; 18-19 teach us about the nature and shape of our discipleship?

We are all likely to encounter difficult and dark times. How has your faith helped you to hold on during these times?

Have you ever felt the presence of God abiding with you during such dark times?

What do we learn about God from this passage?

What do we learn about humanity from this passage?

How might we be called to engage our community after reading this passage?

Closing Prayer: Lord, in ways that we do not understand, your grace is working within us and remaking us into your image. Guide us as we journey from home to work to leisure to friends and family, that we would be mindful of the ways we might be witnesses to your ways. Amen.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias will be placed in the Chapel & Sanctuary the week before Christmas. Each plant costs \$12.50. The deadline for orders is December 5th.

If you would like to purchase a plant in Honor of or in Memory of your Loved Ones, please fill out the information below:

Please Print:

Donor: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please return this form with your payment to the Church. Checks may be made out to the First United Methodist Church. We will list all of the names in the Christmas Eve Bulletin and Jan. Herald.

We ask that you leave the plants on the Altar until after Christmas Eve Services.





**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**



Psalms 95:1,2,6

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.



Thank you to everyone who delivered Meals on Wheels
November 7-18. Our next two week assignment is
March 27 - April 7, 2023.

Sue Stach

For the "kiddies" and the "young at heart"!



Gobble Gobble Unscramble Fun

How many words can you unscramble before you eat?

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| CICUNOORPA _____ | NRCO _____ |
| RYACEBNRR _____ | ETHASRV _____ |
| NFTAUKLH _____ | AVYGR _____ |
| CACOWRSER _____ | MNSUPPIK _____ |
| ITFFSGUN _____ | SPEALP _____ |
| OTEPTAOS _____ | GBELBO _____ |
| TINVNGHKASIG _____ | |
| EKYUTR _____ | |
| ASYM _____ | |



Upcoming Advent & Christmas Events at FUMCDixon:



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), and Harriet Moore.

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 27th!!!

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.





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!

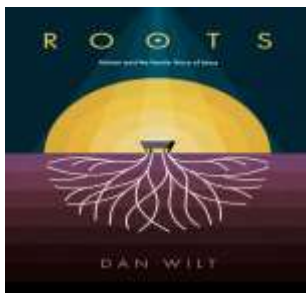


Martha Circle and Matters of the Heart Circle will meet together in the Parlor on December 6th at 11:30am for a Potluck lunch. The program will be a Memorial Service and Christmas Celebration.



Advent Sermon Series
December 2022

ROOTS -
Advent and the Family Story
of
Jesus



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

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