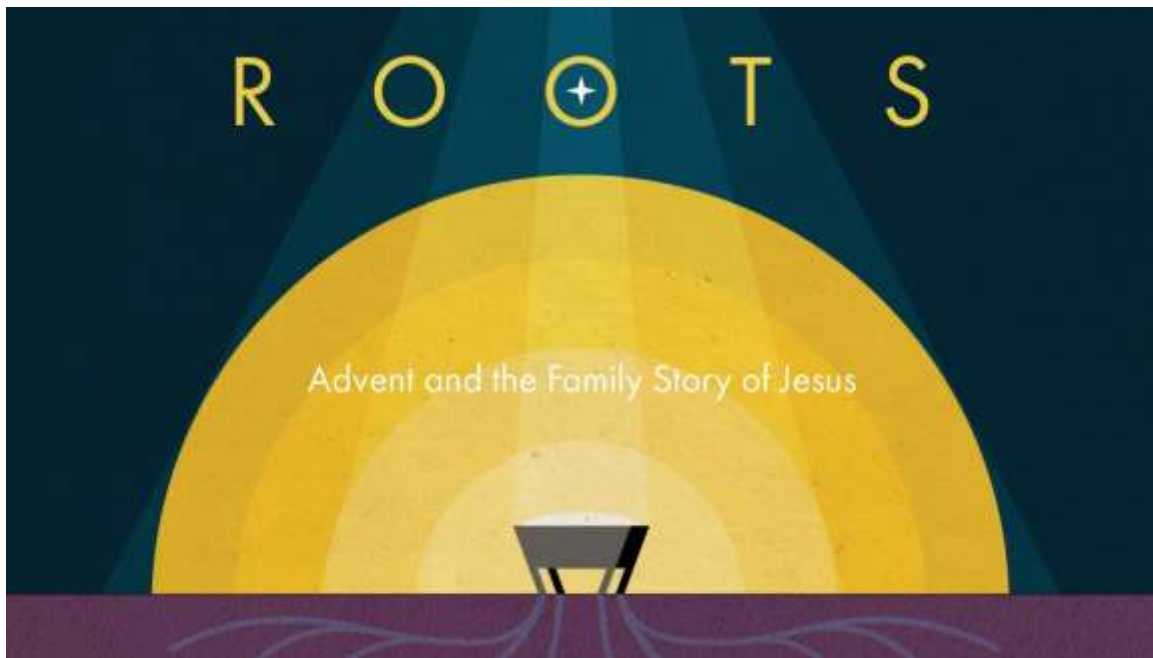


First United Methodist Church
November 26th & 27th, 2022



JOIN US FOR "HANGING OF THE GREENS" AFTER CHURCH
TODAY!!

First United Methodist Church

www.fumcdixon.org

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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*

Baptismal Song : *"God Claims You"* #2249 TFWS

Axton, Axton God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Axton, Axton God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.

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Chancel Choir *"Thank You, Lord"*

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Focusing on God's Call to Us

Preparing to Hear God's Word: *"Here I Am to Worship" (without the bridge)*
(We will sing this song throughout Advent)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-3a

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Message: Roots: Advent the Family Story of Jesus **Pastor Tim Mitchell**

Responding to the Call of God

* Hymn of Response: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* #216 UMH

Congregational Prayers

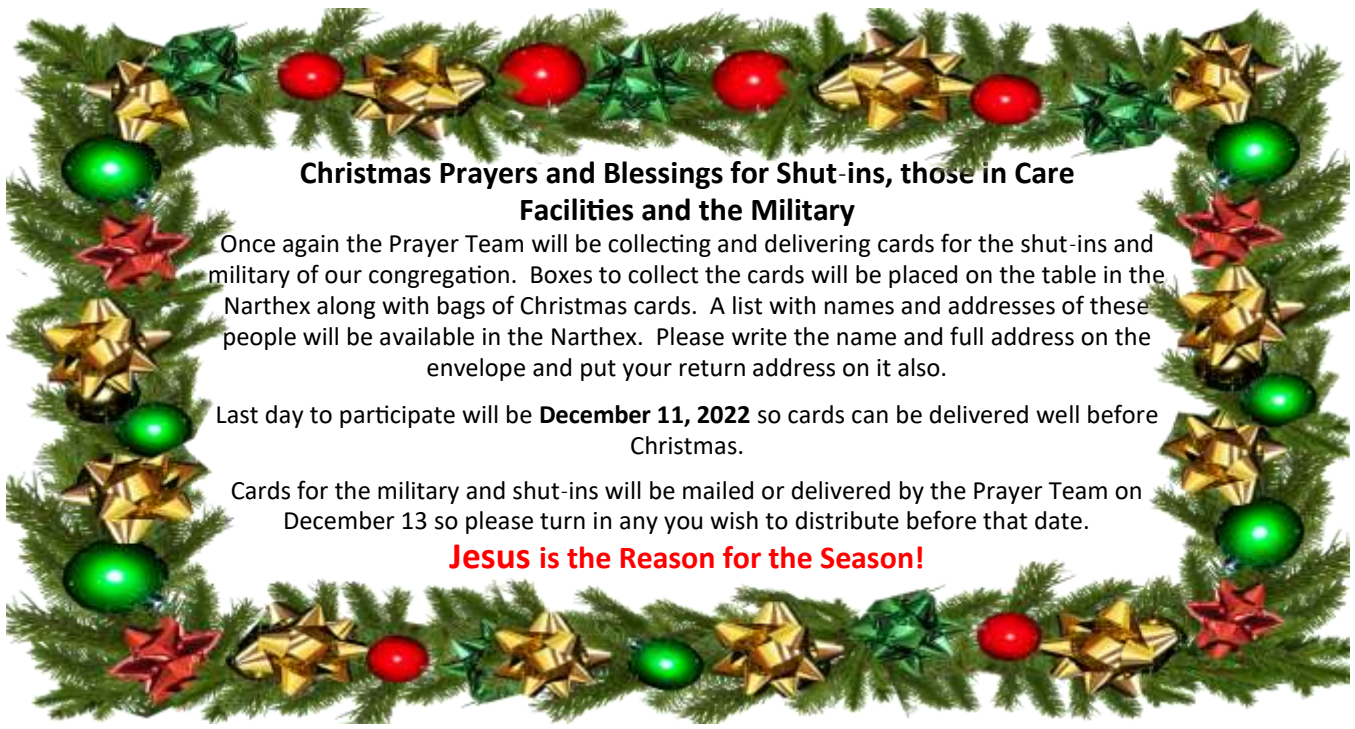
Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.



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!

LET’S HELP RESIDENTS OF LEE COUNTY NURSING HOME EXPERIENCE A “WHITE CHRISTMAS” WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Please put unwrapped gifts in the bags under the tree in the sanctuary starting on December 3rd. We will deliver them to Lee County Nursing home in time for the social director to tag them for the proper residents, before their annual Christmas party. Some suggestions for gifts follow (or you can use your own ideas): deodorant, lotion, soap, writing tablet, pens and pencils, puzzle books (crossword, word search, etc.), crayons, colored pencils, markers, coloring books, candy, chocolates, nuts, perfume, shaving sets, jewelry, lap robe, snow globe, hard sole slippers and books (fiction, inspirational, funny, etc.). They appreciate all the gifts we have provided in past years! It helps brighten Christmas for all. Call the church office at 815-284-2849 with any questions.

Our deadline for “White Christmas Gifts” for the residents is December 18, 2022.

Christmas Angels...let’s join with **Goodfellows of Dixon** by providing Christmas Angel gifts again this year. The 24 gifts tags with information **for children in need** were made available on Sat., Nov. 19th and Sun., Nov. 20th. There are still a few tags left! Bags for returning gifts to the church will be available. Please notify Cathy Seagren at (seagrenc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THESE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH IS DECEMBER 1ST!

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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Mark Saturday, January 14, 2023 down on your calendar. That will be the day our church leadership and anyone who wants to be a part of fulfilling our Beyond the Horizon Vision will gather. We will spend the first 2 hours talking about the process of discerning and moving toward implementing the One Board model of church leadership. The rest of the time will be spent developing our Ministry Plan to bring our Beyond the Horizon Vision to reality. Having a Ministry Plan in place ensures that we have tangible goals to achieve so that in five years we will be able to have a wonderful celebration as we fulfill our Beyond the Horizon Vision.

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT Saturday, January 21 we will host the **Prairie South District Training Event**. We will have more information on the classes being taught as soon as it becomes available. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other churches and people from across our district to worship and learn together. **Volunteers will be needed to help host this event.**



Sunday is the last day to sign up for **Secret Advent Angels**.

Secret Advent Angels commit to praying for a person throughout the month of December . If you wish to participate, please respond with your name, email, & mailing address by Nov 27. You may use the signup sheet in the Narthex; call the church office at 815-284-2849; or email dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com.




CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE IS SUN., DEC. 11 AT 11:30AM. DO YOU HAVE ALL YOUR FORMS TURNED IN?






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!

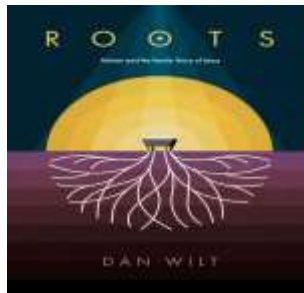


Martha Circle and Matters of the Heart Circle will meet together in the Parlor on December 6th at 11:30am for a Potluck lunch. The program will be a Memorial Service and Christmas Celebration.



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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