

# First United Methodist Church

## January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### ***First United Methodist Church***

[www.fumcdixon.org](http://www.fumcdixon.org)

Facebook: FUMC Dixon

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

*Our mission is making new 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: Happy are we

**P: when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

L: Happy are we

**P: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

L: Happy are we

**P: when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

L: Happy are we

**P: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

### **Opening Prayer – (unison)**

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** *“Christ for the World We Sing”*

**#568 UMH**

## **Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings**

God of all blessings, your beloved Son teaches all we need to know to claim the life you’ve hoped for us. In spite of that, we live like the rest of the world that is eager to accumulate and reluctant to give, showering adoration on the rich and powerful and pushing the poor and powerless. And we bring to you our gifts, which are the result of your blessings, help us to remember who Jesus called truly blessed! We pray in the name of our teacher and savior. Amen. ([Matthew 5:1-12](#))

**Chancel Choir** *Blessed Are They*

## **Passing the Peace from a Distance**

**Preparing to Hear God’s Word:** *“Lord I Want to Be a Christian” 402 UMH (vs 1 & 4)*  
*(We are going to sing this song as the choir rejoins the congregation)*

**Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12**

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after He sat down, His disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And He began to speak and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Message:** *Blessed Are* **Pastor Young Sun Lee**

**\*Hymn of Response:** *"What Gift Can We Bring?"* **#87 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:** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* **#431 UMH**

**\*God's Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Credits for Liturgy:* Pastor Young Sun, Discipleship Ministries, Ministry Matters & Nancy Burnett

### **Our Beyond Horizon Vision (BTHV)**

Dixon First United Methodist Church is a community of faith that provides a caring place to thrive and flourish. Being a part of Dixon FUMC is being part of a family, not perfect, but a loving and caring place to call home.

Faith is a building block for life that is essential to flourish. If anything robs you of that foundation, you will discover the loss of faith will be devastating. You will realize this reality in moments of terror as tragedy overwhelms your life. Most of the time we live life on autopilot, but when struggles happen, we need a strong faith-based foundation that is unshakable.

Over the next 5 years, our community of faith will be the compass for guiding hundreds of families into a loving and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. Through our discipleship pathway, we will help them grow Jesus-Shaped lives that reflect Christ's values and not those of the world.

We want you, your family, and everyone in our community and the surrounding area to flourish. Come and join us as we journey together, seeking to make Christ our cornerstone, the anchor in the storms of our chaotic world. Our vision is to see our community, nation, and the world grow together into a loving relationship with God and our neighbor.

### **District Training Event**

**The Prairie South District Training Event was held on January 21 here at Dixon FUMC. We welcomed over 100 clergy and laity with coffee and donuts and then worshipped and shared communion together after a greeting video from Bishop Schwerin. Rev. Brian Gilbert, our DS shared a good word with all and then we were dismissed to any one of 7 informational training classes. It was a great day in the Prairie South Conference. Thank you to all those from Dixon FUMC who served in the spirit of hospitality and Christian unity.**





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[Please join Bishop Dan Schwerin for a day of introduction, reflection, and conversation on your district on Wednesday, February 15 at Sycamore UMC.](#)

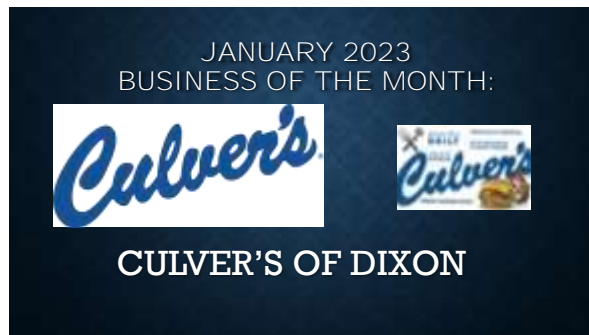
**Clergy** will gather for fellowship at 9:30 am with the program beginning at 10AM for a time of worship, bible study, and dialogue together, concluding with lunch.

**Laity** will gather for an evening conversation from 7 to 8:30 pm.

**DON'T MISS THIS MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY STARTING IN 2023!**

Supporting local businesses is a part of our mission and vision statement. We can all be a part of guiding ourselves, our families and everyone in our community and the surrounding area *"into a loving and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ"* by building relationships with others and with our local business owners.

**So...in the new year**, please continue to fill out the Connect Card to help us stay connected and build relationships. As an added incentive to filling out the card and turning it in every service, each card will be entered in a monthly drawing for a **gift card/certificate** to a local business. What better way get to know and support our local businesses and help others flourish too!



### Announcements

**Prayers:** Katie Kromeke (Willey), Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Travis Malston, Glenn Kersten, Carla Anderson, John Cramer, Jean Reed, Margaret Wilson, Dolores Renne, Karlie Cox, Becky Hundrieser, Harriet Moore, Joel, Jonathan, Ian & Zach.

**AGAPE YOUTH** will meet in 2023 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge.

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, the "Jesus Seekers"**, meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 in Room 210.

**G2 GROUP BIBLE STUDY** led by Laura Brooks meets Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Conference room. Call the church office to inquire about other Adult G2 groups and when they meet.

The **United Women in Faith Board** will meet on Wed., Feb 1 at 9:30 am in the Parlor.



United  
Women  
in Faith



**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will be holding a **Men's Movie Night** on Thursday, February 9th at 5:00PM in Room 210 with the new 80" TV screen with Surround Sound! Don't forget about the **UMM breakfast** on Saturday, Feb. 4th at 8:00 am at Fresco on 1st, downtown Dixon.

*A big **thank you** to those who helped prepare the Herald for mailing. We put together 351 pieces of bulk mail to take to the post office. Thank you again for your willingness to serve!*

Are you a member of Dixon FUMC and or do you attend Dixon FUMC regularly? Do you have a financial need? The Acts II Team has funds that may be available to help you! Contact either of the pastors for more information.

# Laity Convocation 2023



## Thinking Outside the Church

Making Community Ministry Happen

**Saturday,  
February 11, 2023**  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Cost: \$15**

### ONLINE & 3 IN-PERSON OPTIONS

**Barrington UMC** - 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL

**Disciples UMC** - 102 Maple Avenue, Mount Morris, IL

**Faith UMC** - 15101 South 80th Avenue, Orland Park, IL



#### Guest Speaker: David Teel

*Director of Laity & Leadership at Discipleship Ministries*

**Also highlighting 3 churches in Active Community Ministry**

During breakout sessions, participants will share stories of community ministries and discuss ways to become involved beyond the church.

[umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023](http://umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023)



#### Staff Phone Numbers

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Pastor Tim Mitchell, 815-440-0278  
Pastor Young Sun Lee, 217-778-7898  
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