

First United Methodist Church
December 25th, 2022



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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*

Welcome and Greeting

Ladies' Ensemble: *"Were you There on That Christmas Night?"*

The Christmas Light

L: The Advent lights have gone and are now replaced by brilliant Christmas Lights. Each light, offering its own color, is a brilliant reminder of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. We have kept our Christ Candle at the center so that you may understand the power of the One who came to us to teach us anew of God's love and to draw us to God once more.

L: The true light is shining in the world. It is the Light of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. We light this Christ candle and remember how much Jesus loves us.

Congregation singing: "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!"

***Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

P: **Happy Christmas to you also!**

L: Christ our Savior is born.

P: **God's Light is poured into the world.**

L: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

P: **Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!**

Opening Prayer (unison)

The celebration of Christmas has just begun. Even though many of us have gone through the gift giving and receiving, have feasted with family and friends, there is yet another gift which has been given. You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son Jesus Christ around our lives. The light of your love through him is shining brightly. It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us. Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of your holy scriptures, and the beautiful music. Bring us to you with such joy that it will seem as though our feet aren't even touching ground. AMEN.

Hymn: *"Joy to the World"*

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Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom...."*

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Chancel Choir:

"Great is Our Joy!"

Passing of the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word:

"The Family of God"

William Gaither

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

The Morning Message

The Light Has Come!

Hymn of Response:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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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:**

"There's a Song in the Air"

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***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Hymnal, Dan Wilt, Nancy Burnett and "The Family of God", CCLI Song #17023 © 1970 William J. Gaither, Inc.

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

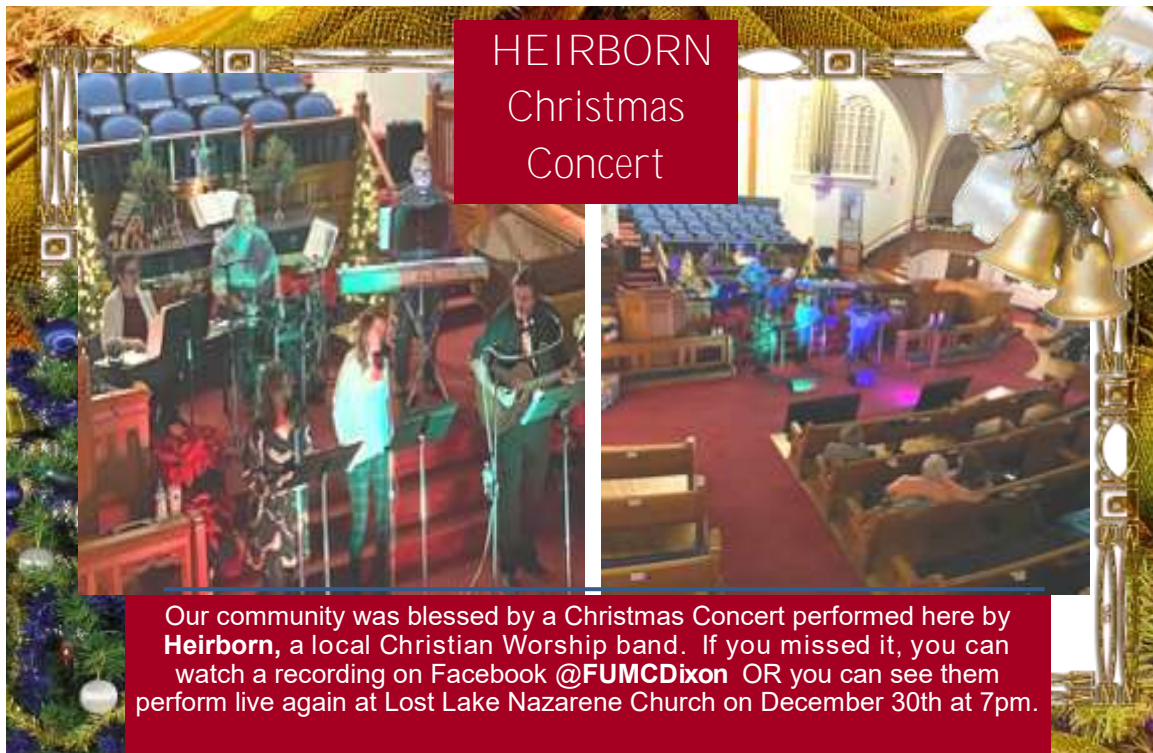
*******Connect Card update!!*******

Dixon FUMC's **Beyond the Horizon Vision** statement for the next five years says:

"We want you, your family and everyone in our community and the surrounding are to flourish....Our vision is to see our community, nation, and the world grow together into a loving relationship with God and our neighbor."

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, you will still receive a Connect Card with your bulletin at every service you attend. 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 certificate** to a local business. What better way get to know and support our local businesses and help others flourish too!





FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, Diana Wise, & Karlie Cox.

AGAPE YOUTH met on December 18th, the last meeting of the year. They celebrated Christmas with good food, games and stories. See you next year 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.

Please lift up Kevin and Sue Stach in your prayers as their family mourns the passing of Kevin's mother, Dorothy Yarger.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Mark Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 8:30 to 2:30 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. There will be a potluck lunch!

****CHECK THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES.****
THEY ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering for 2022 is designated for the Food Pantry and the Lee County Council on Aging Senior Center specifically for helping out with the cost of prescription medications.

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT - Saturday, January 21 we will host the **Prairie South District Training Event** from 8:30 to Noon. **Volunteers will be needed to help host!**



PRAIRIE SOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

January 21, 2023 9:00 am - Noon
First UMC in Dixon 202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL
Cost \$10 each Up to \$30 per church

Schedule: 8:30 am: Registration
 9:00 am: Worship (with communion)
 9:45 am: Break
 10:00 am: Classes
 12:00 pm noon: Dismissal

Classes: Pick 1 Class

- **SPRC** - led by Rev. Arlene Christopherson
- **Intentional Discipleship**
 - led by Rev. Caleb Hong and Karen Bonnell
- **One Board Model** - led by Rev. Timothy Mitchell
- **Anti-Racism**
 - led by Rev. Jeremiah Thompson & Rev. Luis Reyes
- **Congregational Care Ministry**
 - led by Buzz Wheeler and Pastor Marcia Peddicord
- **Blessing Your City** - led by Pastor Jim Miller
- **Creating a Culture of Call** - led by Rev. Jim Bell

Registration: www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-south-leadership-training

Questions? Contact Marcia Peddicord
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Staff Phone Numbers

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