First United Methodist Church
February 11th & 12th, 2023

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202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

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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

Men's Trio ***"Processional Alleluia"***

***Call To Worship**

Are you awake? Are you alert?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Are you watching the signs?
Are you interpreting what is happening today?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Do you see opportunities for ministry?
Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
Christ has extended the invitation:
let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

Opening Prayer – (unison)

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

Hymn:** ***"I Want a Principle Within" **#410 UMH**

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Holy God, as we offer to you gifts from the abundance you have provided us, we recognize that the offering that concerns you is more than what is in our wallets and purses, but in our hearts. You desire from us hearts that are a fit place for you to live and dwell. Help us to clear out long-held anger, resentments, prejudice, and hate. Help us to furnish our hearts with love, mercy, justice, compassion, and forgiveness so they might be a place where you feel welcome and at home. Help us present this offering as well. In Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Matthew 5:21-37)

Chancel Choir ***"I Love You, Lord"***

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word: *"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"* **UMH #402 (vs 1 & 4)**
(We will sing this song each Sunday as the choir rejoins the congregation)

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

[21] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,'
and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' [22] But I say to you that if you are
angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a
brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will
be liable to the hell of fire. [23] So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you
remember that your brother or sister has something against you, [24] leave your gift
there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then
come and offer your gift. [25] Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are
on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and
the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. [26] Truly I tell you, you will
never get out until you have paid the last penny.
[27] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' [28] But I say to
you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery
with her in his heart. [29] If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it
away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to
be thrown into hell. [30] And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it
away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to
go into hell.
[31] "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of
divorce.' [32] But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground
of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a
divorced woman commits adultery.
[33] "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not
swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' [34] But I say to you:
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, [35] or by the earth,
for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. [36] And do not
swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. [37] Let your word
be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Message ***But I Say*** **Pastor Young Sun Lee**

***Hymn of Response:** *"Freely, Freely"* **#389 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:** *"Trust and Obey"* **#467 UMH**

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

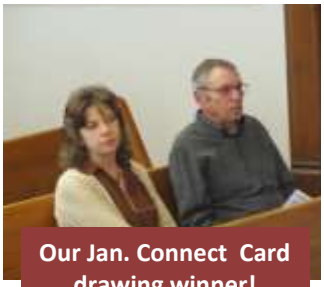
Our Beyond Horizon Vision (BTHV)

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.

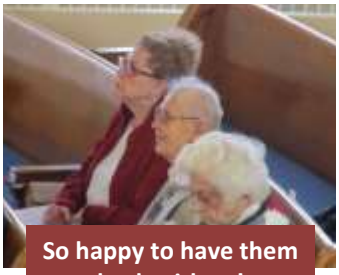
Faith is a building block for life that is essential to flourish. If anything robs you of that foundation, you will discover the loss of faith will be devastating. You will realize this reality in moments of terror as tragedy overwhelms your life. Most of the time we live life on autopilot, but when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



Our Jan. Connect Card drawing winner!



So happy to have them back with us!

Communion Sunday

Powerhouse Kids

Agape Youth

Bright Beginnings Story Time

United Women in Faith is offering a program called "Prayer and Self-Denial" presented by Becky Macklin on February 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Parlor. RSVP to the church office - 815-284-2849.

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

Please continue to fill out the Connect Card and help us stay connected as a church and to help build relationships within our community by supporting local businesses as a part of our mission and vision statement. As an added incentive to filling out the card and turning it in every service you attend, 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!

JANUARY 2023
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Culver's

CONGRATS, RUSSELL JOHNSON!
Winner of Jan. Connect Card drawing

February 2023
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

MAMA CIMINO
No One Cooks Like Mama

Announcements

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

AGAPE YOUTH will meet in 2023 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge. See you Feb 12th!

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 to inquire about other Adult G2 groups being held.

MARTHA CIRCLE meets on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:30AM in the Parlor for Becky Macklin's program "Prayer & Self-Denial". **Please RSVP to the church at 815-284-2849.**

The 2023 Lenten season will begin with the
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 6:30PM
on Wed., February 22nd. We will start the new sermon series:
"Jesus in the Wild" (devotional reading begins Feb. 20th)

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 FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR *CONNECT CARD* AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!

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