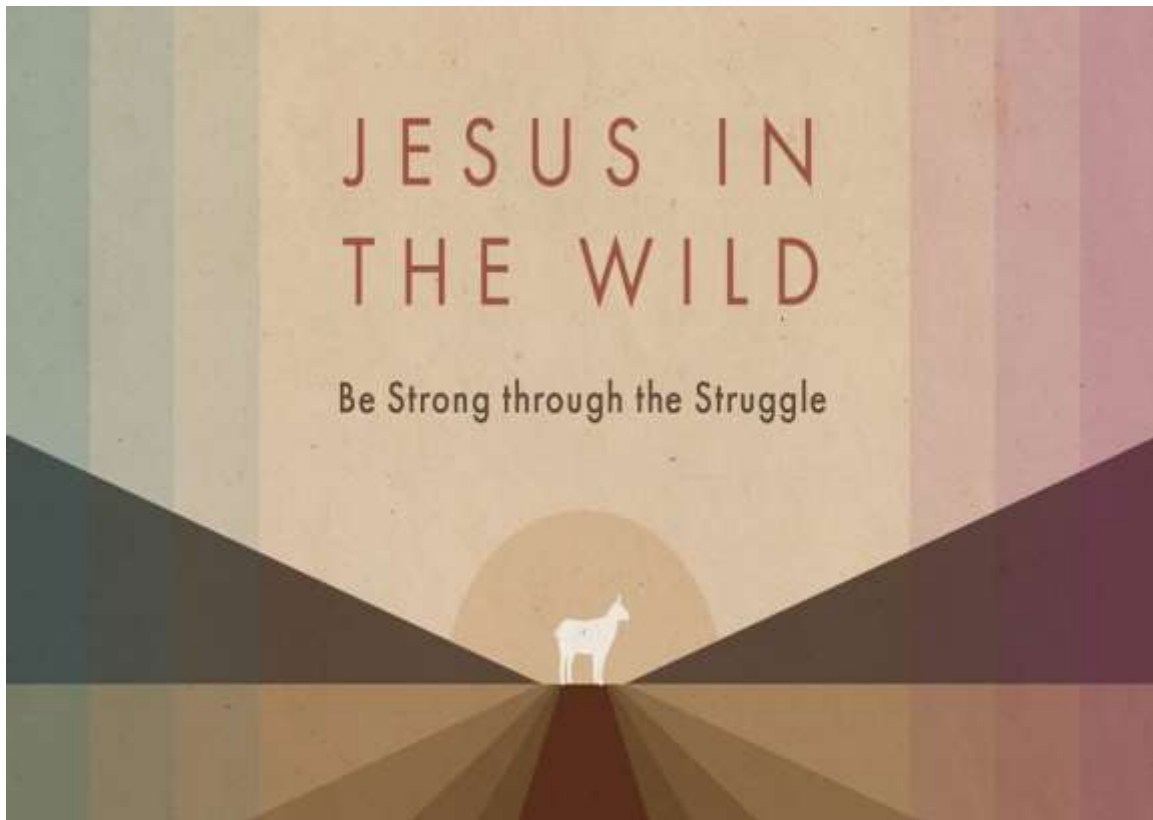


First United Methodist Church
March 18th & 19th, 2023



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202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

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 so inclined

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

***Call To Worship**

L: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

P: We are learning to follow Jesus.

L: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God’s presence among us?

P: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

L: On this Lenten journey, how does God’s presence work among us?

P: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

L: On this Lenten journey, what does God’s presence do in our midst?

P One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

P: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Opening Prayer – (unison)

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

#514 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (Based on Psalm 23) (unison)

God of light and love and peace, we praise your name for leading us in paths of righteousness, that we may come into your presence, forgiven and free. We give you thanks for guiding us to this place: where we may rest beside the still waters of your grace, where we are filled with the good gifts of your goodness and mercy. We worship you with all that we are, and we bless your name for all that we will be as we continue on our journey— a journey that leads us to your kingdom, where we will dwell with you forever. We offer you these gifts, that you might bless them and send them out into the valley of the shadow of death, and everywhere in need of your light. Amen.

Chancel Choir

“Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word: *"Take Time to be Holy"* **#395 UMH vs. 1 & 4**
(We will sing this song each Sunday as the choir rejoins the congregation)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: Jesus in the Wild: *Be Strong Through The Struggle* **Pastor Young Sun Lee**

***Hymn of Response:** *"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"* **#128 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:** *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"* **#575 UMH**

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

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 & support our local businesses & help others flourish too! **SUPPORT DIXON ACE HARDWARE!**

March 2023 - Business of the Month

ACE
Hardware



MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org

Mission Opportunity for 2023!

SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

education • health • micro business • disaster relief

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!!!

FUMC will be taking a Mission Trip to MMDC on June 26-30th!

Next informational meeting is April 4th at 6:00PM

Ready for Spring Cleaning.....?

Are you looking for a way to dispose of unwanted items? The June Mission Trip team can help! We will hold a fundraising rummage sale in the Fellowship hall on Friday & Saturday, May 5th & 6th. The proceeds from your unwanted items will help fund those making the trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to do your spring cleaning. **NO clothing please!**

Please bring your donations to the former daycare rooms on the first floor any time. Set-up will start after Easter. Please call Sandy Burris at 815-284-7112 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

For MAY 13th, 2023 Cookout at
Oliver's Corner Market
to raise funds for the mission trip
to
Midwest Mission Distribution Center
JUNE 26-30th.



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SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH

HEIRBORN

COME JOIN US—ALL ARE WELCOME!

The **Dixon Music Club** will hold its March gathering in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church in Dixon on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00pm. The club currently has vocalists, pianists, organists, flutists, saxophonists, an accordion and even a bag-piper. **Each of you is invited to come and listen to the musical numbers.**

The Dixon Music Club began in 1935 with local area musicians and is still going after more than 85 years. Long before iPods, wi-fi and CDs, music was performed and enjoyed monthly by the club musicians at each other's house or church. That hasn't changed. The club meets monthly September through June. The members are from Dixon, Mt. Morris, Freeport, Franklin Grove, Amboy, Oregon and Monroe, WI.

Please feel free to join us on March 28. Additionally, the club is open to any musician interested in getting together monthly and sharing their talent and fellowship(refreshments always follow). Contact club president, Tracey Hulbert at 815-632-8414 or hulbertnt@gmail.com with interest or questions.



Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Glenn Kersten, Margaret Wilson, Kerry and Marcy Hughes, Karin Schoaf, Jason Kersten, Russell Johnson, and Ian.

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AGAPE YOUTH will meet in 2023 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge. See you March 26! 5th grade through High school are welcome.

***There will be a lock-in for AGAPE YOUTH after the Heirborn
Concert on
Good Friday, April 7th.***

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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.

Please call the church to inquire about other Adult G2 groups being held.

**** MARTHA CIRLCE** will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 9:30AM in the Parlor. ******

Looking for musicians and worship assistants to help, with worship services at Heritage Square in Dixon. Services start at 2:00pm on Sunday afternoons and last approximately one hour.
If interested in serving with Lynne, only once every 6 weeks, call the church office at 815-284-2849.

REMINDER:

****Wednesday's will remain Pastor Tim's writing day, so he will not be in his office.**

Community Christian Conversations

Loveland Community House
513 W 2nd St, Dixon, IL

Listen and respond as three area pastors engage in stimulating conversations:

Dixon Area Christian Ministers Association

Contact: Tom Wadsworth (panel moderator) at tomwadsworth@gmail.com or 815-285-3861

**MONDAYS AT 6PM
MARCH 2023**

March 6: What About Lent?
Panelists
BUNYAN COCAR, FIRST BAPTIST
ANDY MINCH, SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
KAREN TEWS, ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

March 13: What about Lenten Disciplines?
Panelists
JOHN EVANS, ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
TIM MITCHELL, FIRST UNITED METHODIST
MIKE SUTCLIFFE, THREE TREES MINISTRY

March 20: What About the Cross?
Panelists
DAN BENTZ, NORTHSIDE BAPTIST
CARL CALLISON, HOPE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
JON MARK, FAITH ASSEMBLY

March 27: What About the Resurrection?
Panelists
DAVID MENNIS, BETHEL CHURCH
MIKE WORRELL, GRACE POINT
STEVE YOUNG, GREATER LIFE CHURCH



Powerhouse Kids showing off their new "Just Say Yes to Jesus" T-shirts.



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

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Tim Mitchell, 815-440-0278
Pastor Young Sun Lee, 217-778-7898
Jody Mitchell, Office, 815-284-2849
Tommy Whitcombe, music, 815-440-9623
Carla Anderson, organist, 815-590-6698
Jessie Marie Dir, records, 815-288-1326
Sharon Welker, treasurer, 815-652-4384
Keith Gabany, custodian, 815-288-5001

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