

First United Methodist Church
April 15th & 16th, 2023

**Living IN the Real World:
The Foundation of Faith**



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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 so inclined

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Special Music

“We Are Called”

Ladies Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

L: My heart is glad!

P: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

L: For you do not abandon me.

P: You give me counsel.

L: You are at my right hand.

P: You show me the path of life.

L: Your presence is sheer joy.

P: You are my God; apart from you, I have no good.

ALL: Blessed is your name!

Opening Prayer – (unison)

Stand among us once again, Risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

#304 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Holy and loving God, you treat us not like the stern disciplinarian but like the forgiving parent who runs to embrace us when we've rebelled or disappointed. Your mercy gives us the opportunities to try again, to return into your grace, to pick ourselves up and brush ourselves off. You forget how many strikes we have against us but invite us back into the inheritance you desire for us. May our offering this day reflect our gratitude. In Christ, we pray. ([1 Peter 1:3-9](#))

Chancel Choir

“Look to the Rose”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Hymn of Preparation for the Word: “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#454 UMH

(We will sing a song each Sunday as the choir rejoins in the congregation)

Scripture: 1Peter 1:1-12

1Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithyia, ² who
have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be
obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace intended for you made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings intended for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look!

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: Living in the Real World: *The Foundation of Faith* Pastor Young Sun Lee

***Hymn of Response:** *"How Firm a Foundation"* #529 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:"To God Be the Glory"***#98 UMH*****God's Blessing*****Postlude**

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

Meet Us at the River!



Thursday, May 4th @ 6:00 pm

National Day of Prayer Event**Sponsored by Dixon Area Christian Ministerial Association.**

The **Dixon First United Methodist Women in Faith** are supporting the Midwest Mission Distribution Center by preparing Women's Health kits and asking for supplies to create the kits. The following items are needed:

Start with a one gallon resealable bag: (tip: put large items in first)

One pack of flushable wipes	One bar of soap
One travel pack of Wet-Ones	2- 2 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
Three 4 gallon bathroom trash bags	10 tampons
10- sanitary napkins	One pack of sink-size laundry detergent packets



*Bring your "sweet tooth" and your wallet to church for the **Bake Sales** on May 7th & 8th and June 3rd & 4th. Funds support the Youth and Adults going on the Mission Trip down to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.*

Nursery Update Yes, that is correct we have a nursery update. During our March Leadership Council meeting, it was decided it is time to reopen our nursery during Sunday morning worship. We wish we could just say it is open and being staffed but it is not that easy. First, we decided to move the nursery from the 3rd-floor Powerhouse Kids area down to Room 205. That is the first room when you come out the powered door from the center of the Sanctuary into the hallway leading to the bathrooms and parlor. Instead of turning left, you go straight down the hallway like you are going to Pastor Young Sun's or my office. It is the first door on your right.

Leadership determined that we need to remodel the room to make it comfortable and inviting for our young children and families that would be using the nursery. It needs to be repainted. The room needs to have new carpeting and lighting. We are getting new toys. We have asked the parents that would be using the nursery what they wanted.

Our hope is to staff the nursery with volunteer servants. So, pray and see if God wants you to be a part of this essential ministry in our church.

Also, if you would like to help with the remodeling reach out to Mike Welker, Chair of the Trustees, or one of the Pastors. What an exciting time! God is moving in our church!



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 can 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!

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Cindy Gabany, Denny Arjes, Karen Hundrieser, Sharon Kersten, Kerry and Marcy Hughes, Karin Schoaf, Irma Delashmit and Ian.

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AGAPE YOUTH meet 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 Preschool through 4th grade.

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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.

LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP will meet weekly after church in the parlor from 11:15am - 12:15pm. Each week the group will discuss real life issues based on a passage of scripture - starting with First Thessalonians. This group is open to all and is led by Tom Wadsworth.

We will be preparing the Herald newsletter and the Blanket Sunday Offering letter for mailing on Tuesday April 18th. All are welcome to join the fun!

*******Martha's Circle meets April 18th at 9:30 am in the Parlor*******

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. Each card will be entered in a monthly drawing for a **gift card/certificate** to a local business. For April, please support:

ANNE'S GARDEN CENTER!

**April 2023 -
Business of the Month**

**April showers bring
May flowers!!**

**Anne's
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FUMC will be taking a Mission Trip to MMDC on June 26-30th!
Next informational meeting is May 16th at 6:00PM.
Don't forget about the bake sales, rummage sale and Oliver's cookout!!!

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.**



Please continue to recycle your unwanted bulletins & inserts in
the marked bin by the exit. Thank you!



<p>DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR <i>CONNECT</i> CARD AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!</p>	<p>Staff Phone Numbers</p> <p>Pastor Tim Mitchell, 815-440-0278</p> <p>Pastor Young Sun Lee, 217-778-7898</p> <p>Jody Mitchell, Office, 815-284-2849</p> <p>Tommy Whitcombe, music, 815-440-9623</p> <p>Carla Anderson, organist, 815-590-6698</p> <p>Jessie Marie Dir, records, 815-288-1326</p> <p>Sharon Welker, treasurer, 815-652-4384</p>	<p>DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR <i>CONNECT</i> CARD AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!</p>
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