

First United Methodist Church
May 20th & 21st, 2023

Living IN the Real World:
“Focus, Focus, Focus”



First United Methodist Church

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

Bell Choir *"My Country 'Tis of Thee"*

***Call to Worship:**

L: We await God's instructions for our lives.

P: We eagerly look forward to learning more about ways to serve God.

L: The time is coming when our service will be needed here.

P: Let God's love flood through our service to others

L: Wait! Listen! Focus! The time is near!

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to hear your word for us today. AMEN.

Opening Prayer – (unison)

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of the Advocate, The Holy Spirit. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***Hymn:** *"Stand By Me"* #512 UMH

Celebration of the Baptism of Nina Katherine Grove

Parents: Daniel and Rachel Grove

Godparents: Bill and Jane Haws

Baptismal Song *"God Claims You"* TFWS # 2249

Nina, Nina
God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you, too. *repeat*

We this day
do all agree
a child of God
you'll always be.

Nina, Nina
God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you, too. *repeat*

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (Unison)

God of wisdom and guidance, steer us, we pray, through our anxious times. The gifts we bring on this day are a small part of all we have received. We push back our inclination to be more generous because of our anxiety about the economy. We hold back on sharing our faith and advocating for compassion and justice out of anxiety about the division in our world and in our neighborhood. We hold back on inviting neighbors to church out of anxiety about how they might view the church right now. Remind us that it is Jesus we offer to the world, not us. Help us to cast the anxiety on Jesus, for the one the tomb could not hold can carry our anxiety with ease. In the name of Jesus, who broke the hold of death once and for all. Amen. [\(1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11\)](#)

Chancel Choir

"Litany For America"

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 the congregation)

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-13, 5:6-11 The Message

4:12-13 Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

5:6-7 So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; he'll promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you.

8-11 Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ—eternal and glorious plans they are!—will have you put together and on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, he does.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: Living in the Real World: Focus, Focus, Focus

Pastor Tim Mitchell

***Hymn of Response:**

"Cares Chorus"

#2215 TFWS

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 and ever. Amen.

***Hymn of Going Forth:**

"The Trees of the Field"

#2279 TFWS

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

Church Rummage
Sale donations
totalled \$2700!!



Loading up for Leydig Center

The Oliver's Cook-
out Fundraiser
netted \$1364!!



Oliver's Cookout fundraiser

COLLECTING UNTIL THE END OF MAY!

The **Dixon First United Methodist Women in Faith** are supporting **Church World Services (CWS)** by preparing Women's Health kits and collecting supplies to create the kits. Please help by dropping the following items in the Parlor:

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

NURSERY NEWS...



Room 205 is being transformed into the Sunday morning nursery. It has been repainted by Ed Love. New carpeting has been ordered. Lighting and electrical are up next and we will have a screen set up to watch the service. A privacy screen is also being looked into. We have already received some new toys from Goodfellows, Walmart, Snyders of Dixon, & Glenn and Sharon Kersten. **We are so grateful for those who are donating to make this a reality!**

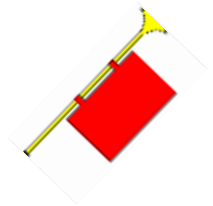
For a sneak peek, go through the powered door on the south side of the sanctuary, straight down the hallway to the first room on the right.



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.



	DHS Baccalaureate Service will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00PM in the Dixon High School Auditorium. It is open to the public. Graduation is on Sunday, May 28 at 1:00PM.	
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We will be preparing the June Herald for mailing on Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00pm in the Parlor. Come join the fun & fellowship!



Please continue bringing your donations listed below before June 6th. We've learned that their will be a truck at Annual Conference with a Conference-wide collection drive/challenge to the Districts. Our church Delegates to Annual Conference and our pastors will now be delivering items collected to Annual Conference on June 6th-8th. The donations will get to Midwest Mission Distribution Center quicker if delivered at Annual Conference. The Mission Trip team was going to deliver the donations but will not have the room in their vehicles so they will deliver anything collected after June 6th.

A container for your donations is on the Welcome table in the Narthex. Keep donation coming and thank you for your generosity!

184th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Fill the Truck

Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center 1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Times subject to change



The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with Midwest Mission to organize its annual conference collection drive for Midwest Mission's Most Needed Items.

MIDWEST MISSION CURRENTLY HAS A URGENT NEEDS FOR:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent – 100 - 105 oz.
- Liquid Household Cleaner – 54 - 80 oz. (no spray bottles)
- Liquid Dish Soap - 42 - 64 oz.
- Shampoo – 12 - 19 oz.
- Hand towels or other Personal Dignity Kit items (no kitchen towels)
- Rulers (12" long with metric) or other School Kit items
- 24 Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.) or other Tornado Kit items
- Receiving blankets – 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" or other Birthing Kit items

If you prefer to make a financial contribution or a bulk purchase, you can:

- Send a check written to the Northern Illinois Conference with the Advance #50000150 in the memo section
- Give to Midwest Mission online midwestmission.org/donate
- Send a check written to Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558
- For competitive prices on Midwest Mission's bulk supply wish-list items, check the website below for a links

Midwest Mission will be on site to accept the above Most Needed Items and any Midwest Mission kits, bleacher lumber, retired firefighting gear, treadle sewing machines, gently used hand tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

Find out more at umcnic.org/2023MissionChallenge



Northern Illinois Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Announcements

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

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.

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 approximately 11:15am - 12:00pm. Group is led by Tom Wadsworth.



Dixon FUMC congratulates the 2023 graduates & their families!!

We will be honoring local graduates during worship on JUNE 25, 2023 - GRADUATION SUNDAY. Please contact the church office ASAP with your graduate's name, a picture, the school graduating from and the year they are graduating (i.e. 8th grade, high school, college.)

MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on June 20th for lunch and will take the summer off but will start up again on September 19th.

MATTERS OF THE HEART CIRCLE will meet Thursday, June 15th at 5:45pm for dinner out at Arthur's Deli in Dixon. They will take the summer off and meet again starting September 14th.

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 May, please support:

Salamandra
MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN DIXON

**May 2023 -
Business of the Month**





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

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

Next informational meeting is Saturday, June 17th at 3:00PM.

Don't forget about the last bake sale at church on June 3rd & 4th



Mother's Day



Blanket Sunday



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



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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Sharon Welker, treasurer, 815-652-4384



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