

**First United Methodist Church**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Living IN the Real World:  
“Live Well, Live Wisely”**



***First United Methodist Church***

202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

[www.fumcdixon.org](http://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**

**Church World Service (CWS) Video**



**\*Call to Worship: Blessing the Blankets**

L: Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

**P: Who are our neighbors?**

L: A mother sheltering her children from the cold. A family looking for a new home. A homeless person living on the streets. May we recognize them as God's children.

**P: How will these blankets help?**

L: The blankets we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With the blankets we send our love and our witness to the presence of God's divine nature in our world.

**P: We bear witness.**

L: That the people who donated these blankets will provide a blessing of God's love in this world.

**P: We send our love.**

L: Acknowledging that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending these blankets that God's grace will spread far and wide.

**P: This is our prayer.**

L: Bless the givers, the blankets we provided, the work of Church World Service to deliver the blankets on our behalf and the lives of all who receive our blankets, with God's great love.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Prayer – (unison)**

**Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**

*“Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters”*

**#605 UMH**

### **Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings**

Holy God and author of our existence; our story is part of a greater story, and your hand is visible on every page and every scene. So too our stories cannot be disconnected from those in the past who have shaped the steps we take – saints and sinners, rebels and followers. They are part of our story as we are part of theirs. As we offer gifts this day, we pray they might be used to strengthen the story of faith that will be told by those who will come after we are gone. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen. (1 Peter 3:13-22)

### **Chancel Choir**

*“Thank You, Lord”*

### **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 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message: Living in the Real World:** *Live Well, Live Wisely*

**Pastor Young Sun Lee**

**\*Hymn of Response:**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**#526 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 and ever. Amen.*

\*Hymn of Going Forth:

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

#377 UMH

\*God's Blessing

\*Postlude

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



**Thank you to all who worked very hard on the Rummage Sale and to those who donated items to sell. All the hard work helped to raise \$2650. Great job!!!!**

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)

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| 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. 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 has been repainted by Ed Love. New carpeting has been ordered and lighting is up next!. 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.



**What an exciting time! God is moving in our church!**



**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 26-30<sup>th</sup>!

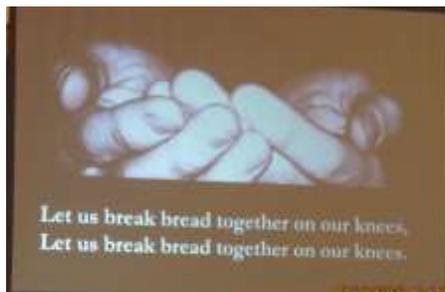
**Next informational meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.**

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

**Now accepting items listed** to resupply the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The Mission Trip team will deliver items collected on their trip to Midwest Missions on June 26-30.

A container for your donations is on the Welcome table in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

- Shampoo**  
12-19 oz bottles
- Liquid Laundry Detergent**  
32-150 oz bottles
- Liquid Dish Soap**  
16-64 oz bottles
- Liquid Household Cleaner**  
16-80 oz bottles - no spray bottles



**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, 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.

***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 office to inquiry about other G2 groups that meet.

***LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP*** will meet weekly after church in the parlor from approximately 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.

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**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, etc.).



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**\*Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30am in the parlor.\***

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**



## 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](http://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](http://umcnic.org/2023MissionChallenge)



### Staff Phone Numbers

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



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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