

Outreach

February 2018

Dixon United Methodist Church

News About People

Our prayers of comfort are with the families and friends of Shirley Parsons and Florence O'Connor who died in January. Prayers of healing for Sandy Sanders who suffered a heart attack, and then a stroke. He is improving steadily. Prayers of healing for Bruce Burr who broke his foot, as well as continued prayers for Robert Scott who has been in and out of the hospital with problems related to blood clots in his leg. Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for Clint, Nielda and Crighton Bailey upon the birth of Marwyn Andrea Bailey.



All-Church Birthday Party

The All-Church Birthday Party is on February 11th starting at 11:15 p.m. This is a celebration of all birthdays. Congregation members will join together for lunch around tables with other people of their birthday month. Cakes will be provided and everyone will join in the fun of decorating. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or salad for the potluck.

Scouting Ministries Sunday

February 11th we will be recognizing all those who are involved in Scouting Ministries in our congregation. This includes Boy Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts; Grange; 4-H members and the adult leaders. We ask all participants to come dressed in uniform.

Ross and Gladys Hanna Community 2018 Concert Series

Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet,

February 11th , 6:00 p.m.

The 2018 Concert Series will begin with a performance by the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, five extraordinary young musicians. The quintet has preformed at major jazz festivals across the country, and has toured Spain through the U.S. State Department. They won the best collegiate jazz group in 2016 from DownBeat. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for a great evening of jazz. Tickets are now available.

Adults: \$10, Children (under 11): \$5

Spring Season tickets: \$30 adults
 \$15 children

Series Tickets: \$60 adults
 \$30 children

March 11th- Tree-o, a trio of musicians from Davis who play folk Americana

April 8th- Real Magic with Magician ,Jon Lopez



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Confirmation Sunday February 25th, 10:00 a.m.

The youth of the church who have been preparing for Baptism and Confirmation will lead the 10a.m. worship service on February 25th. They will be sharing what they believe about!

God, the Creator of heaven and Earth
Jesus Christ, the Savior
The Holy Spirit, the Sustainer
The Church

There will be a celebration of the Baptismal Covenant as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism, confirm the baptismal promises made on their behalf by their parents, and are received into membership of the Dixon United Methodist Church.

Building and Grounds Report

The Board of Trustees and the Church Council have approved funding for three projects.

- 1) A new heating and air conditioning unit for the upstairs rooms.
- 2) Repairs to several windows with broken seals and other damage, primarily in the upstairs classrooms.
- 3) Hand railings for the front terrace

New Flooring for the Fellowship Hall

The Church Council has approved a funding campaign for new flooring in the fellowship hall. The floor is failing in certain places, and it is time for a new look. The Trustees are researching flooring option. They are looking into a durable wood laminate material. The campaign goal is \$25,000. Watch for more details to follow

From Start Strong to Stay Strong

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our special financial giving campaign: Start Strong. We received nearly \$10,000 in commitments making it possible for us to establish our Jubilee Initiative Fund, which has over \$8,000. With these funds, that are in an interest bearing savings account, we are able to guarantee low interest loans to those who do not have other credit options.

In addition to commitments to Start Strong, there was a general increase in pledges and offerings of approximately \$20,000 for 2017 above the 2016 level. This strong giving made it possible for us to meet all of our 2017 financial obligations, and give us a solid start to 2018. But, now it is time to Stay Strong! Please keep up the good work of supporting our ministry in 2018. We really cannot do it without you!

Wednesday Evening Services for Lent 7:00 p.m.

Starting with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, the church will offer evening worship services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. These services will provide a time for quiet contemplation, reflection, and prayer. The theme this year is

**“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of your Peace.
The Prayer of St. Francis”**

6:00 p.m. -Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

Lenten Service Schedule

February 14th, Ash Wednesday

Where there is hatred, let me sow Love

February 21st

Where there is injury, pardon

February 28th

Where there is doubt, faith

March 7th

Where there is despair, hope

March 14th

Where there is darkness, light

March 21st

Where there is sadness, joy

Abuse Prevention Guidelines

The church has reviewed its Abuse Prevention Guidelines to bring them into compliance with the Annual Conference guidelines. Copies are available in the fellowship hall. Key leaders who work with children and youth are going through a new background check and training program, Safe Gatherings. In addition to these steps, the church has applied with the State Department of Justice to Live Scan adults working with children and youth.

Ensuring the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults is a sacred responsibility that we take seriously. Thank you for supporting this effort.

If you are concerned about situations related to the safety of young people or vulnerable adults, contact Pastor Cathy Morris or Gerald Stringer, Chair of Staff Parish Relation Committee (678-8763)



Children & Youth

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Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children

10:00am Worship with Children's Story and Children's Songs in Community Singing

11:00am Fellowship Time

11:15am Sunday School: Deep Blue

11:45am Kids Choir

DIVE INTO DEEP BLUE

Deep Blue, is a Sunday School curriculum for children. Based on the award-winning Deep Blue Kids Bible, this new awe-inspiring resource for children includes adventures, exciting experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games, all combined into a living faith experience that will help discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!

Children's Sunday School Themes

Who Then Is This?

February 4-Jesus Walks on Water

February 11-The Four Friends

February 18-Jesus Calms the Storm

February 25-Jairus's Daughter

Kids Choir

The Kids Choir will be singing a great spiritual on February 11th called, **Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**. It is a fun song about following and praising God. all the way to our heavenly home! Children will need to arrive at 9:45 that morning to get in a quick rehearsal. Encourage your kids to come up and sing during community singing at the 10 o'clock services and build their confidence! Kids Choir music rehearsals are at **11:45 a.m. Sunday mornings** at the end of Sunday School.

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School: 11:15am Sunday School Class Claim the Life

Youth will explore key words (or phrases) from the Bible that help us understand the foundation of faith and how they guide us each day.

February 4-Beatitude

February 11-Prayer

February 18-Commandment

February 25-Greatest

UMYF Thursday Schedule

Thursday Meetings: February 1, 8, 15, 22

6:00 p.m.-Dinner & Devotions

7:00 p.m.-Group Activities

8:00 p.m.-Dismissal

Upcoming Events

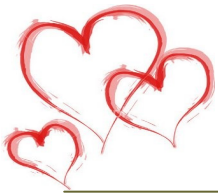
Sierra Service Project Weekend of Service

The youth of the church will be participating in the annual Weekend of service, February 16th-18th in Sacramento. This weekend experience will prepare the youth for their week-long mission trip to Spokane, Washington this summer.

Vacation Bible School

Rolling River Rampage

It's not too early to start planning for VBS. This year's theme, Rolling River Rampage, invites Rafters (children) on a white water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God Along the river, Rafters discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.



Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School

When Christians Get It Wrong January 7th-February 4th

In this intriguing study Adam Hamilton focuses on the great numbers of younger people who are opting out of Christianity. Some of them call themselves “spiritual but not religious.” They struggle with what they see as the attitude of the church to issues such as injecting religion into politics, judging people of other faiths, being condemning of homosexuals, or rejecting science. The book gives guidance on how we may start to “get it right” and be more able to be compelling and understanding witnesses to Christ for those who are put off by what they have experienced or heard about Christians. Let’s learn how to better reach out to this generation of people, who may be lost to faith entirely if we do not learn to understand them more clearly.

Vanishing Grace- What Ever Happened to the Good News February 18th-March 18th

This will be our study for Lent 2018. Author Phillip Yancy explores the desperate need of our world for grace. He grieves over the fact that many do not see good news in Christianity and stirs us with his guidance on how we may be a part of changing those perceptions by truly offering the grace that some have been missing. The session titles include: We’ve Got Problems, What Can We Do About It, Who Are the Grace Dispensers, Is It Really Good News?, and Holy Subversives.

Adult Faith Formation

The Wesleyan Way

Wesleyan Fellowship Groups of four or five people are forming. Groups members encourage one another in a life of faith. The groups will work together over a period of two years engaging in spiritual reflection and developing lives of service and generosity. These Wesleyan Fellowship Groups are for those who have completed an in-depth study and are ready for a new type of faith formation experience

DISCIPLE Bible Study Schedule

Tuesday Morning Disciple-9:30 a.m.

Location: Church

Leader: Pastor Cathy Morris

Tuesday Evening Disciple-6:30 p.m.

Location: Church

Leader: Pastor Cathy Morris

DUMM Think Tank

DUMM Think Tank is a time for the older men (actually we use the term: OLD GUYS) to gather around the coffee pot and reminisce how great we were in our younger days and to support each other in our quest to continue to be and feel relevant in the “NOW.”

When: Mondays @ 10:00am

Location: Fellowship Hall

Supper Groups Start in February

Starting in February, the new monthly supper Groups will begin. Interested congregation members will be assigned to groups, and then each group will set it’s own gathering schedule. Please contact Pam Cozzoli, Audrey Madden, or call the church office if you are interested.



Adult Choir

February means it's time to really get back into the swing of things! Grateful Hearts will start this month off with **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**, on February 4th, asking Jesus to guide us through life and to our heavenly home.

On the 18th, the adult choir will present, **Go Not Far from Me, O God**, asking God to be near throughout our lives. We are preparing for the Passion Service for Palm Sunday and would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross. We will dedicate the first part of our rehearsal to Palm Sunday so please come and experience the intense emotion of the music for that special day. We are excited to present this ministry to the congregation and if the Spirit moves you to become a regular member of the Adult Choir, we would love the addition of your voice. ALL are welcome to make a joyful noise! Our rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm** in the sanctuary.

Handbell Choir

In February, the bells will be focused on the power of God's great love! On the 11th, our ringers will be blessing the congregation with **America the Beautiful**, for Scouting Ministries Sunday!

Their second anthem will be, **Jesus Shall Reign**, a triumphal hymn of Jesus' victory over his foes. Both of these joy filled anthems will bring light and praise to our worship! If you would be interested in joining us in our ringing, our rehearsals are **Sunday afternoons from 12 pm to 2 pm**.

February Readings

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| February 4 | Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11
I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39 |
| February 11 | 2 kings 2:1-12
Psalm 119:1-8
II Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9 |
| February 18 | Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
I Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15 |
| February 25 | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 |

Dixon Family Services

Thank You

Dixon Family Services would like to give a heart felt thank you for all we do throughout the year and especially our annual Food Fight that provides them with large amounts of wonderful food to distribute to low-income families in Dixon. Parishioners of the Dixon United Methodist Church are truly making a difference for people struggling to make ends meet in our community. So on behalf of everyone at Dixon Family Services and the people we serve- Thank you so much!

Cookie Powell



UMW Spring Tea
“Circle G, Tea on the Range”
Saturday, March 24th, 2018

This year’s UMW Tea will have a western theme, Circle G (for Grace Circle!) Tea on the range. A husband and wife team will provide musical entertainment of Americana type songs. We will need lots of help to make this event a success. Sign up sheets are available to help with set up/clean up, provide door prizes, sell tickets, set tables, serve coffee/tea, etc. Tickets are available for \$25 so be sure to invite your friends!

Grace Circle, February 12th

Grace Circle & UMW will meet Monday February 12th at noon in the fellowship hall. Before the meeting we can use some help ironing and turning pillow cases for our mission project. So, if you can come early and help out! After lunch we will be working on plans for our spring tea, so come with some ideas! Hostesses are Ramona Todd & Chris Thomas Soup or salad, & dessert, provided.

Couch Corner Creations

Come join the Couch Corner Creations on Friday, February 9th and every second Friday of the month. Meet in the sofa room @ 6:00p.m.

Jubilee Circle, February 7th

Location: Proud Thai
1440 Ary Lane

The women of the church, all ages, come together to dine at a local restaurant on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30p.m.

Faith and Frappuccino

Join a lively group of women who gather once a week for tea, coffee, and conversation about daily spiritual living. Drop in as you can.

When: Wednesday@ 4:00p.m.

Location: Starbucks

Leader: Audrey Madden



Mission Presentation

February 18th, at 8:30 am & 10:00 am-

Brenda and Jason Carwile will joining us on Sunday, February 18th to present an update report on their work with Wycliff Bible Translators. The Carwiles have been serving in Papua New Guinea for the past two years, and upon their return will be focusing their work on the Ambon people who live in the Adelbert mountain range of Madang Province.

February Anniversaries

Burt & Linda Baker February 1

Ken & Ellen Grimm February 1

February Birthdays

Scott deBie	February 1	Carol Nickles	February 10	Maisy McCollister	February 19
Jeanne Kluge	February 1	Gavin Wisniewski	February 10	Ben Ernest	February 20
Bill Patterson	February 1	Hugh Kimbrough	February 12	Kevin Skaug	February 21
Patricia Navroth	February 2	Herb Cross	February 14	Dan Paxton	February 22
Alex Williams	February 2	Kendall Erwin	February 16	Clara Skaug	February 24
Linda Baker	February 3	Larry Simmons	February 17	Sean McGreevey	February 25
Tina Engel	February 3	Kathy Spridgen	February 17	Joann Lindley	February 27
Ardath Wood	February 5	Shane Taber	February 17	Gladys Hanna	February 28
Morgan McGreevey	February 9	John Glide	February 18		
Greig Van Every	February 9	Daniel Lawson	February 18		
Robert Atallah	February 10	Christine Massey-Clover	Feb 18		



Resources

Monthly Food Offering

Remember! The first Sunday of the month is Food Offering Sunday. Please bring food items, laundry detergent, paper products, and toiletries on February 4th and place them in the offering bin.

Flowers

February 4th	Pat Inderbitzen
February 11th	Gerald & Olivia Stringer
February 18th	Ed & Mary Heeney
February 25th	

Sign up for Flowers, Fellowship or Liturgist in the Fellowship hall or online at: <http://vols.pt/XcRuzr>

Fellowship

February 4th	
February 11th	All Church Birthday
February 18th	Carol Nickles
February 25th	Confirmation Sunday

Liturgist

February 4th	Dawn King
February 11th	Nancy Blankenship
February 18th	Mark Cozzoli
February 25th	Youth

Lawn Mowing Schedule

February 4th	Stuart Davidson
February 11th	Eric Warnken
February 18th	Timothy DeYoung
February 25th	Kevin Heeney

Income for December 2017

Building Use	\$521.00
Pledges & Offering	\$30,233.20
Designated Giving	\$3,413.40
Total Income	\$34,167.60

Expenses for December 2017

Administrative Expense	\$3,167.03
Ministries	\$1,247.82
Non-Budgeted Expense	\$693.00
Staff	\$10,152.81
Trustees	\$251.38
Total Expenses	\$15,512.04

Building Fund Report for December 2017

Current Amount	\$7,111.06
Original Loan Amount	\$34,300.00
Maturity Date	03/05/2025
Last Payment 12/12/2017	\$400.00

Vital Signs Recording for December 2017

	Attendance	Small Group
December 3th	143	70
December 10th	170	55
December 17th	145	58
December 24th	308	73
December 31st	67	16

Average Worship Attendance:	166.6
Average Small Group Attendance:	54.4
Average Weekly Mission Outreach:	3.75

Meeting Schedule

Finance Core Team Meeting
Sunday, February 11th at 11:00a.m.

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
Monday, February 19th at 6:30p.m.

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STAFF HOURS

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Cathy Morris
Mon, Tue, & Wed
9:00a.m - 12:00p.m.

Carrie Senecal
Secretary
Mon, Tues, & Thurs
9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

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