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The Board of Directors of First Midwest Bank announced that Chris Guethle has been named the Community Bank President for the Dexter market.

Guethle has worked for First Midwest for nearly 15 years, specializing in commercial and consumer lending. He will manage the bank's two Dexter locations while continuing to serve the residents of Dexter and the surrounding communities as a lender. Guethle steps into his new role under the mentorship of Jerry Dorton, who will continue as Executive Vice President of the bank group.

"We're very pleased to have Chris transition into a leadership role," said Jerry Dorton. "Being a Dexter native, his commitment to his hometown combined with his experience in banking will be a great asset to our customers and the community."

Chris earned both his bachelor's degree and Master of Business Administration from Missouri State University and graduated with honors from the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking. He and his wife, Maddie, live in Dexter with their three children. Chris is an active member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, serves on the Southeast Health Foundation Board, and is a proud supporter of the Dexter Bearcats.

Guethle's office is located at First Midwest Bank's main bank location on Business US 60 in Dexter.

First Midwest Bank is a family-owned community bank headquartered in Southeast Missouri. Our belief in serving customers with midwestern values has led to steady local growth, long-standing customer relationships, and the ability to make meaningful investments in the communities we call home. Since its founding in 1964, First Midwest has met the financial needs of consumers and businesses with an extensive suite of banking products and services.

Under the Midwest Bancorporation holding company, the First Midwest Bank group has assets of over \$1.2 billion and operates 19 locations throughout Missouri, including Cape Girardeau, Dexter and Springfield. For more information, visit [www.onemidwest.com](http://www.onemidwest.com). First Midwest Bank is a member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

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