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First United Methodist Church to Host Live Nativity

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Dexter, MO - The First United Methodist Church of Dexter will hold a LIVE Nativity Drive Thru on Friday, December 17th and Saturday, December 18th on the grounds of the church. the nativity will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The nativity will include events from the decree of Pontius Pilot to the visit of the Wisemen from afar and will be portrayed as part of the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus.

Live animals will at various stations, however guests will not be allowed to exit their vehicles are visit with the animals.

At the end of the stations there will be a photo opportunity for the children with stationary angels and shepherds.

Pastor Larry lawmen and the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter are excited to offer this Christmas gift to the public. Please join them. Free and open to the public.

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13th Annual Mathis Christmas Reading Set for Saturday Evening

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Dexter, MO - The 13th Annual Christmas Reading is slated for Saturday, November 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 130 W. Stoddard Street across from Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Greg Mathis began the annual Christmas Reading by reading the Second Chapter of Luke in 2009 and has now become a wonderful tradition.

June Coffey, Lisa's mother and Greg's mother-in-law read the Christmas story from Luke 2 every Christmas Eve to their two boys when they were young. It was a tradition Greg decided to share with others through the Christmas reading. Mrs. Coffey passed away in 2015.

“Too often we tend to get caught up in the rush of the holiday season,” Mathis said. “It is simply a reading by a special person in the local community who tells aloud the true story of the first Christmas.”

The event is outside and everyone is encouraged to attend. A special guest will read the story of the first Christmas, but you have to attend to find out who the secret guest will be this year.

In case of inclement weather the event will be moved indoors to the chapel at Rainey Mathis Funeral Home.

Crowley Ridge Mennonite Church Choir providing Christmas carols.

www.dexterchristmasreading.com

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Tree Board Plants New Trees in Historic Downtown Dexter

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Tree Board planted three new trees in downtown on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 as part of a beautification project. One was planted on Stoddard Street near The Bunny Patch, one was planted on Locust Street in front of the old mural beside K9 Biz, and the other tree was planted in the small park next to BA Promotions on Walnut Street.

The trees are Yoshino Dwarf Cherry Trees which will produce white blooms in the spring and red leaves in the fall.

"The trees were chosen because this is the type of tree that was originally seen lining Stoddard Street," commented Dexter Tree Board Member Wayne Jean. "Other trees including Crepe Myrtles and Bradford Pears now grow in the downtown as well."

Jean went on to say that there are two species of these Cherry Trees. The Yoshino, with the white bloom, and the Kwanzien has red or pink blooms.

The trees were paid for through the annual spring tree sale held in the back parking lot of Jean & Company. Jean said, "The tree board receives zero dollars from the city, but the members are appointed by the Board of Aldermen. The tree board has no income other than the tree sales."

Bolen Brothers Nursery out of Sikeston was on hand to assist with the planting.

If you would like to donate money to the Dexter Tree Board please contact any board member. They would appreciate any monies for future beautification projects.

Pictured are: Members of the Dexter Tree Board stand with the new Yoshino dwarf cherry tree on Stoddard Street. Pictured in front from left is Mark Snider, Wayne Jean, Judy Thurston, Herman Morse (back) and Alma Smith. Not pictured is board member Bennetta Harrellson.

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DMS 6th Grade Social Studies Classes Raising Money for Wreaths Across America

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Dexter, MO - Terry Bryeans is a 6th grade Social Studies Teachers at T.S. Hill Middle School in Dexter and he is asking that the community come together to help students raise money for wreaths to be placed on graves of service men and women.

The entire 6th grade social studies classes are fundraising to help sponsor Wreaths Across America. These wreaths will be placed on the graves at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield during the Wreaths Across America (WAA) on December 18, 2021.

If someone would like to purchase a wreath, they are \$15. They may purchase as many as they wish.

Each 6th grade social studies class is competing to see who can collect the most wreath orders. Those wanting to donate can either seek out a 6th grade student at T.S. Hill Middle School and pay by check, or if they don't know a 6th grader they can donate on our Wreaths Across America website page by clicking here: [Donation](#)

The 6th grade students will start taking donations on Thursday November 4th and will take them until November 12th.

December 18th at 11am is the wreath laying ceremony at the Missouri Veteran Cemetery in Bloomfield. The Dexter Middle School 6th grade students will be attending this event and helping to lay the wreaths.

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Dimension Church in Dexter Will Host Trunk or Treat

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Dexter, MO - Dimension Church located at 621 N. Hickory St in Dexter will host a Trunk or Treat.

The event will be Saturday, October 30th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. during the city of Dexter's Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

Anyone in the public is invited to attend.

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