

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

HE IS RISEN!

We can't wait to celebrate the Resurrection on Sunday, April 24. There will be many activities and times to worship that morning.

- 5:30 am - Reading by Rev. John G. Park of Letter From John Chrysostom on the Church Steps
- 5:45 am – Sunrise Service led by Youth of Dixboro
- 9:00 am – Contemporary Worship Service led by Joyful Noise Praise Band
- 11:00 am – Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir



Watch for future information about breakfast or snacks on this special morning.

MEETING REV. TONYA ARNESEN

Our new pastor, Tonya Arnesen, will be moving into the parsonage on June 21. John Park's last day in our worship services will be Sunday, June 26.

Tonya will worship with us on Sunday, July 3 and she will lead worship for the first time on Sunday, July 10.

As a way to meet Tonya, the Nurture Committee will be organizing small groups for dessert and coffee in the homes of some of our members. Watch for opportunities to sign up for one of these gatherings between mid-July and late August.

If you would like to host one of these gatherings, please contact Mary Berry or the church office.

BEAUTIFUL NEW DECORATIONS

Say everyone, have you noticed the beautiful custom curtains in the two rooms across from the Fellowship Hall? Our wonderfully generous and talents Marilyn Pobanz Kitze purchased the gorgeous material and made them for us. They are lovely and make a delightful difference in these rooms. Thanks so much, Marilyn.

CONCERT IN PLYMOUTH

Janet Zinn would like to invite you to a concert presented by Plymouth Oratorio Society, on Sunday, May 1st, at 4:00pm at the Plymouth First UMC, 45201 North Territorial Rd. Baritone soloist will be Chris Grapentine. The Society will perform selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in this 25th anniversary concert, conducted by Rick Ingram and accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta. A free will offering will be taken and there is a reception following the concert.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

The printed Church Directory will be updated again this spring. Please take a look at the bright red directory and let the church office know if your information has changed.

We would also like to publish email addresses and cell phone numbers. We will print those we know **unless we hear from you that you do not want us to.**

If you are a member or attend here regularly, we plan to publish your address and your phone number. ***If this is not OK, please let the church office know.***

ALL CHANGES ARE NEEDED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 17.

MISSIONS UPDATE

By Roberta King, Chair of Missions Committee

The House By the Side of the Road reopened on January 3rd at its new location-824 Phoenix Drive, Ann Arbor. The new location has 4000sq ft of space. The House provides used clothing and household items free of charge to clients from Washtenaw County. Clients need a referral from a social worker or a pastor. The House serves eight to ten families per day.

The Dixboro United Methodist Women are making a \$150 donation to support this work. Donations of clothing, towels, sheets, pots, pans, and dishes are needed. Volunteers to sort clothing and help clients are also needed. Call 734-971-2550 for more information.

DIXBORO SCHOLARSHIPS

By Barbara Scheffer, Chair of Scholarship Committee

The DUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the application process for the 2011 applicants. All high school, college, university and training program students who are members of DUMC are eligible to apply. We currently have four scholarship funds.

The current scholarships are designed as follows:

Barbara Morris Academic Achievement Award

For a beginning college student/s, based on High School GPA

Ivan & Elnor Parker Academic Achievement Award

For a continuing college student/s based on cumulative college GPA

Suzanne Smith Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning OR continuing student/s in a post-secondary educational or training school, and who has/have demonstrated an overall commitment to family, school, church, and community while maintaining highest possible grades.

Terry Wick Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning or continuing college student/s. Based on cumulative GPA and participation in activities at the Dixboro United Methodist Church, For example, by participation in the Mountain Top Mission program.



Application packets will be available to be picked up in the church office on April 3. Completed applications along with all required documentation **must be submitted by noon on May 22, 2011** to the Church Office. Only complete applications will be considered for the awards. The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and awards announced during worship service in late June.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Scheffer, chair, Scholarship Committee.

DIXBORO FAIR IS COMING!

By Peggy Moran, Chair of the Fair Committee

The Dixboro Fair has been quietly preparing for this summer's greatest day. We are currently looking for some food alternatives so if you have an idea, please contact Peggy Moran.

Sign up for workers will start in May, so get ready to sign up for the best shifts. The Fair this year is August 6 - I'm sure it's already in your calendar.

HISTORY CORNER

By Susan Engle, Dixboro Historian

At the recent Church Council meeting, I was elected Historian. My predecessors accumulated "lots of good stuff," some of which I put in file drawers. I wish we had an active History Committee that met regularly to discuss ideas, share information, and work on projects.

Over the past couple years I organized newspaper obituaries by surname and other newspaper clippings by date. There are many photographs that are not labeled with names or dates. It would be good if several people knew where to find things in the History Corner.

We could use new ideas for celebrating this church's long history. Please tell or e-mail John Park, Cathy Freeman, or me if you are interested in being a History Helper.

Recently discovered: We know that Daniel B. Newton was one of the original trustees in 1858. In 1843 his brother Jeremiah left New York and settled near Ypsilanti; Daniel came here in 1845. Both were trained singers and both taught "singing schools"! Two of their younger brothers were ordained ministers, including Newel Newton who moved here shortly before he was appointed "supply pastor" to Dixboro for one year, beginning in September 1866. (He soon became a member of the Detroit Conference.)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

By Bobby Knutilla

Many of you know me as a member of DUMC, but I am also a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 4 in Ann Arbor. For my Eagle Scout project, I am creating a small t-ball field in the northwest corner of the Village Green. The Trustees have developed long range plans to improve the area and to promote more usage of the Village Green. My proposal to install a ball diamond fits these plans and has been approved by the Trustees. With the help of volunteers, I plan to install a new backstop, landscape the field, and install base paths, bases, a home plate, benches and a pitching rubber. This project will benefit the greater Dixboro community and the church.

Thank you for your generous contributions. So far I have collected \$595, well on my way to my goal to raise \$2,246. Any amount is helpful and will go directly toward the completion of my project. Leftover funds will go to the Trustees for the Village Green renovation. If you are unable to give a donation and would like to still help with my project, I would be happy to tell you the planned workdays of my project.

Thank you all for your help. I am very excited to begin working and especially completing my project. If you have any questions or comments about my Eagle Scout project, feel free to contact me.

RUMMAGE SALE

By Sandy Bowers, Coordinator

The Women of Dixboro will be sponsoring the Spring Rummage Sale this year: **April 7, 8 and 9**

You can bring donations to the church starting on Sunday, April 3.

If you can help set up, work at the sale, or clean up on Saturday, please contact Sandy Bowers or the church office.

And don't forget to invite your friends to the sale - Thursday or Friday from 9-4 or Saturday from 9-12.

THE DIXBORO COOKS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

By Barbara Scheffer

Due to the overwhelming success of casserole sales, the Cooks are back at it. Watch the bulletin for specifics for ordering, pick up days, and use of the proceeds from this church fundraising event.

Just in case you are wondering, the meatloaf and mashed potatoes (a big hit last time!) will be one of the options.

The Cooks: Meredith Burr (Chief Cook and Bottleswasher), Shirley Koch, Pat Blom, Elaine Sanford, and Barbara Scheffer (Co-Cooks and rest of the Bottleswashers)

WOMEN OF DIXBORO SALAD AND DESSERT DINNER

By Phylis Brandon, Co-Chair

The fourth annual Salad and Dessert Dinner is on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. All women of the church are invited.

Bring a salad to share if your last name begins with A-L. Bring a dessert to share if your last name begins with M-Z.

We need hostesses who will decorate a table and provide place settings. Let Cathy Freeman know if you want to be a hostess, how big a table you need, and whether you will invite people to sit at your table or not.

This is NOT an "invitation only" event. Some women will bring friends from all over to sit at a table with them. Others of us will be "assigned" to a table. There will be more than enough room for everyone. Let Cathy Freeman or Phylis Brandon know if you want to attend.

Our speaker this year will be Susan McCoy. She is the author of Heart Root, "a memoir about her journey through grief to recreate a life filled with possibility and purpose. Using trees and music to tell her story and through the power of reading, McCoy gains the courage to draw a line in the sand of her life - making an X - where she invited change. Susan documents the moments, the 'aha' awakenings, that opened her heart to learn through the pain of grief and, instead of her past behavior of running away, she turns toward the experience determined to understand the why of her existence with the intent on embracing her purpose." (from <http://susanmccoy.blogspot.com/p/whats-new-with-susan.html>)

P. S. There will not be a regular meeting in April because of the Rummage Sale being coordinated by the Women of Dixboro on April 7-9 (see related article).

UMW NEWS

By Phebe Judson, President

The UMW will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 10:00 am (not the change in date and time). They will meet in the parlor and then car pool to visit The House By the Side of the Road. It is a new 4,000 square foot facilitate the they will tour and see they are better organized and can handle used items better and serve their clients in a more efficient way.

We will take any used clothing, pots and pand, small appliances and dishes that anyone brings to the church before April 12. Following the tour of The House, the group will stop at Bob Evans for lunch.

Cookbook Update - There are still an ample number of Dixboro Church cookbooks available for sale. The cookbook is full of delicious and yummy recipes from the people of our church. If you haven't purchased one, you can buy one for yourself or a friend for \$14.00. They can be purchased the first Sunday of each month during the coffee hour or check with Nancy Durston at 663-0671 or the church office at 665-5632.

BISHOP'S SEAT COVER PROJECT



The Order of Deacons will once again coordinate the Bishop's Seat Cover Project at this year's Annual Conference in May. NEW children's underwear (get it? seat covers?) is collected and given to appropriate non-profit agencies for their clients. This is because many agencies distribute used clothing but health departments frown on the distribution of used underwear.

A box to collect your donations is in the Parlor and Cathy Freeman will deliver these to Adrian on May 19.

ADULT RETREAT

The *Lakeshore Interlude* is a summer program designed for men and women ages 55 and older. It will be held at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, just north of Port Huron, on August 1-5. Cost is \$310 per person (2 per room) or \$265 per person (3 per room). All meals are included.

The theme this year is *Putting Your Faith Into Action* and will be led by Rev. David Freeland and Miss Kathleen Bard. There will be time for study, worship, music, crafts, fellowship and fun.

Registration information is in the church office.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NURTURE
By Madeline Kingston-Park, Nurture Committee Chair

It seems we have a lot to celebrate at Dixboro and your Nurture Committee is happy to lead the festivities. Our own dedicated Deacon, Cathy Freeman, is being duly ordained in May at this year's Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Adrian College. In light of this "delightful doing", we are planning a delectable and delicious potluck dinner to be held in her honor on Sunday, May 15, You will be hearing more of the details as time goes on. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for this most desirable event.

We also don't want to be derelict in thanking you for your donations of dozens of books for our February Book Sale. We made over \$200 and do thank you for your support. The left-over books were cheerily taken to the Kiwanis Resale Shop to be recycled one more time.

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO COLLECT FOR HAITI



There are two ways for churches to participate in the 2011 mission projects sponsored by the Annual Conference:

Purchase Medicine Boxes – A medicine box includes 18 essential drugs and will provide medicines for 1000 people for up to 3 months. Each medicine box costs \$455. The deadline to purchase medicine boxes is April 1.

Purchase Medical Supplies – Medical supplies may be purchase but **only those that are specified**.

A flyer showing the needed items is displayed on the Mission Bulletin Board by the Choir Room.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM – RE-ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

As of April 1, 2011, all participants in the Kroger Rewards Program must re-enroll in order for Dixboro Church to continue to receive donations from Kroger. We get a nice donation from Kroger each year so please take the time to re-enroll. And, if you shop at Kroger but have never enrolled in this program,, now would be a good time.

Enrollment or re-enrollment must be done on-line at www.krogercommunityrewards.com . Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll". If you don't know the email address you used to enroll, call 877-KRO-PLUS.

If you are not a computer user but you shop at Kroger (or Busch's or Hiller's or Meijer's) contact the church office and we can get you enrolled in these programs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

	February	YTD 2011	Budget	YTD 2010
REVENUE				
General Giving	15,718.35	30,872.42	205,000.00	37,736.44
Spec Collections, Designations, Other	1,403.98	1,408.37	10,000.00	5,305.11
TOTAL REVENUE	17,122.33	32,280.79	215,000.00	43,041.55
EXPENSE:				
Conference/District Related	3,876.70	7,753.40	38,767.00	7,722.00
Church Related				
Missions, special collections, etc.	1,900.00	1,900.00	2,200.00	5,218.00
Payroll	3,277.43	6,605.02	38,191.60	5,422.96
General church operations	4,166.65	8,089.23	41,048.00	7,963.96
Committee	213.94	621.92	4,000.00	320.34

Special Project:	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Total Pastor related expense	6,520.50	13,041.00	81,496.00	12,774.00
Total Parsonage Related	232.90	687.69	5,000.00	701.62
Total Schoolhouse expense	33.12	33.12	275.00	51.77
TOTAL EXPENSE:	20,221.24	38,731.38	220,977.60	40,174.65
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-3,098.91	-6,450.59	-5,977.60	2,866.90

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	April 2		Eagle Scout Project Work on Village Green
Sunday	April 3		Eagle Scout Project Work on Village Green
Monday	April 4		Rummage Sale Set Up in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	April 5		Rummage Sale Set Up in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Wednesday	April 6		Rummage Sale Set Up in Fellowship Hall
		6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	April 7	9:00 am	Rummage Sale until 4:00
		7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro - canceled
Friday	April 8	9:00 am	Rummage Sale until 4:00
Saturday			Eagle Scout Project Work on Village Green
	April 9	9:00 am	Rummage Sale until noon
Sunday	April 10		Eagle Scout Project Work on Village Green
		9:00 am	Special Music Worship Service
		10:00 am	Dixboro Cook Casseroles Available for Pick Up
		11:00 am	Special Music Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
Tuesday	April 12	10:00 am	United Methodist Women meet to visit House by the Side of the Road
Thursday	April 14	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee Meeting
Monday	April 18	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women - rescheduled
Wednesday	April 20	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
Thursday	April 21	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Sunday	April 24	5:45 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service led by Youth
Thursday	April 28	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting - rescheduled

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service
Sundays	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Mondays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Tuesdays	8:15 am	Exercise Class
	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Thursdays	8:15 am	Exercise Class
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Fridays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Saturdays	8:30 am	Course in Miracles
First Sunday		Holy Communion celebrated
Second Sunday		Shelter Meal Ministry
Third Sunday		Bring canned goods to worship
Third Monday	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
First Tuesday	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
First Wednesday	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Third Wednesday	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee

First Thursday	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro
Second Thursday	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee
Fourth Thursday	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Second Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Club in Fellowship Hall