

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010

COME, JESUS COME

We look forward to the birth of Jesus and have many events planned to help in the celebration:

November 28	First Sunday in Advent
December 4	Miss Cass Pageant (see article below for details)
December 5	Second Sunday in Advent
December 11	Park Open House (see article below for details)
December 12	Third Sunday of Advent
	Christmas Pageant and Spaghetti Dinner (see article below for details)
December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	All Music Sunday
	Cookie Walk (see article below for details)
December 21	Longest Night Service (see article below for details)
December 24	Family Worship Service at 5:00 pm
	Worship Service at 7:00 pm
	Candlelight Worship at 11:00 pm



LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday December 21, 7:00 pm – Cathy Freeman will lead a “Longest Night Service”. This service is meant to provide a quiet time during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. If you need a time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us, if your heart is heavy for any reason, or if you just need to experience quiet and peace during a busy time, please join us for this healing service. Cake and cider will be served by the Worship Committee after the service.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK *By Phylis Brandon, Women of Dixboro*

The Women of Dixboro will sponsor the "Cookie Walk" again this year on Sunday, December 19. For those of you who don't know about this time-honored DUMC tradition, here's how it works: Wonderful homemade Christmas cookies are lovingly baked by the people of Dixboro and brought to church to sell during fellowship hour on a designated Sunday in Advent. An interested customer will purchase a can to fill, and then walk through the cookie display, choosing the cookies of his/her choice along the way, until the can is full. It's great fun and a super fundraiser. Please plan to participate and join in the fun!

Any cookie donations will be gladly accepted by the Women of Dixboro! Just bring your contributions by 8:45 a.m., December 19. In the meantime, please drop off empty coffee cans in the church kitchen, if you've got them!

Please contact me or Cathy Freeman if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

MISS CASS PAGEANT

Cass Community Social Services hosts the 15th Annual Miss Cass [Pageant](#). Developmentally disabled contestants from Cass' Activity Center for Adults and Seniors will vie for the title of Miss Cass 2011. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds support field trips for adults and seniors that participate in the activity center programs. WDIV's Paula Tutman will emcee the pageant, and a panel of [celebrity](#) judges will take on the difficult task of crowning a new winner. For more information, visit www.casscommunity.org or call (313) 883-2277.

Where: [Cass Community United Methodist Church](#), 3901 Cass, Detroit

Price: \$5

When: Saturday, December 4, 4:00pm

CLOTHES FOR VETS

Hi, I am Fay Edsall, a VA hospital retiree and I'm here again to request winter clothes for the unemployed, homeless veterans, both male and female. (Did you know that Detroit has about 5,000 homeless and there are 600,000 across the US – not all vets?)

- If you have no warm clothes, we will accept monetary donations for shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc. Make a check to "General Post Fund 236" and it to me.
- We also need **NEW** boxer shorts, men's white socks, t-shirts, lip balms, lap robes, puzzles and books.
- We need warm clothes – jackets, gloves, boots, blue jeans, khakis, shoes, shirts, sweat pants and sweat shirts.
- Lastly, we need cotton material and Velcro to make "privacy bags" (covers for catheter bags). Each finished bag is 14" x 14".

Boxes for donations are under the table across from the church office. Questions – call Fay at 663-7394 or Voluntary Services at (734) 845-3467.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

From John Park and Madeline Kingston-Park



Please join us at the parsonage on Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Drop by when you can to share the spirit of the Christmas season with us and all your Dixboro friends.

PRAYER CHAIN

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

I would like to re-invent and re-energize the Prayer Chain. The purpose of this practice is to have people who will intentionally pray for people or situations that are identified by our church family as needing prayer.

Email is our most common method of communication so I would like to invite everyone to sign up to be on an email list for prayers. If you volunteer, I will send you an email whenever John or I learn of a person or situation that needs prayers.

If you would prefer to get a phone call when your prayers are needed, I will also initiate these calls. Just let me know that you want to be included.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

By Becky Horvath, Worship Committee Chair

For the Longest Night Service we need another homey spice cake (soft gingerbread) for the cozy sharing after the service on December 21 (7:00 pm).

For the Christmas Eve service we are looking for a family or families to place the luminaries outside the church and light them before the 5:00 service. Cathy Freeman and I will prepare the bags with sand and candles.

We need new members on the Worship Committee. It is an important place to generate ideas to make the worship services more engaging and fulfilling.

LIVE FROM BETHLEHEM
By Beth Little, Director of Christian Education

Christmas is coming!! How do I know? We've begun work on our Christmas program, "Live From Bethlehem". The kids will present the program on Sunday, December 12th at 5:30 pm followed by a pasta dinner. I can't wait for you to see this fun program mixed with carols and scripture. It's a great way to celebrate the season of our Savior's birth.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS
By Helen Snedeker

THANK YOU! A special thank you to all of you who so generously furnished salads or desserts for the many memorial luncheons the UMW put on these past few months. Also for the desserts and workers at our Turkey Dinner. We are blessed to have such a supportive church family who so willingly help us.

During our December 22 meeting we will be sharing our Christmas memories and having light desserts. All women are always welcome at 1:00 pm.

Remember the new Cookbooks make great Christmas gifts and are available during coffee hour for \$14.00.

We thank you for all your support!

DONATIONS FROM BUSCH'S

Many of you use a Busch's gift card and part of your purchase is donated to Dixboro Church. In order to continue this donation, you must register for the Busch's My Way program and then designate Dixboro Church under the Cash for Education program.

You can become a My Way Member at <http://myway.buschs.com>. You will receive an email after you register to ACTIVATE your account.

Then login to MyWay. Under the My Account tab, choose the "Cash for Education" option. You will see instructions to register your MyWay card for Dixboro.

Please call the church office if you have any questions on this process. There are also printed instructions on the ministry table outside the church office.

ONE SUPERIOR PLACE

A committee of Superior Township residents has been established to help foster pride, unity, and a sense of place among Superior Township residents.

The goal is simple. We want to promote the township by informing residents (current and future) about all of the wonderful things to do and see throughout the community. Superior is a township of deep-rooted history and is full of wonderful scenic features that many are unaware of.



We invite you to get involved! Residents who are interested in participating are encouraged to get involved by coming to the meetings and sharing their ideas and suggestions. Even those who have ideas, but are unable to attend the meetings, are encouraged to get involved by submitting their ideas to the group.

The group meets on the third Wednesday from 7:00 until 8:30 pm at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect (corner of Cherry Hill and Prospect) in Superior Township.

For more information, please contact the township offices at 734-482-6099, or visit www.superior-twp.org and click on "One Superior Place."

A HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALTERNATIVE

Save the date to shop your conscience this holiday season!

Join First Baptist Church and ICPJ for the
27th ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY FAIR:

Sunday, December 5th
11am to 3pm

First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor
(Free parking in the public lot across the street)

Celebrate this holiday season in an alternative way by **purchasing gifts that give back** for your loved ones. The fair features handmade goods made by artisans living in third-world countries, including unique toys, jewelry, ornaments, leather crafts, pottery, and more! You can even purchase farm animals, trees, and fish to be sent in the name of your loved ones to farmers in need throughout the world.

Live farm animals will be on site - so bring the whole family. Refreshments will be available for donation.

Sponsored by First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor. Co-sponsored by ICPJ. Participants include: SERRV, Ten Thousand Villages, Church World Service, Heifer Project International, and others.

Please contact Kat at First Baptist Church for more information: office@fbca2.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday	Dec 1	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	Dec 2	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro Meeting
Sunday	Dec 5		Pick Up Casseroles
Monday	Dec 6		Staff Parish Relations Committee
			Board of Ordained Ministry Review of Cathy Freeman's ministry
Thursday	Dec 9	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee Meeting
Saturday	Dec 11	8:00 am	Men's Club in Fellowship hall
		1:00 pm	Park Open House from 1:00-4:00
Sunday	Dec 12	12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
		5:30 pm	Live in Bethlehem Pageant and Pasta Dinner
Tuesday	Dec 14	7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Dec 15	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee Meeting
Sunday	Dec 19		All Music Sunday
		10:00 am	Annual Cookie Walk
Monday	Dec 20	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Tuesday	Dec 21	7:00 pm	Longest Night Worship Service
Thursday	Dec 23	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Saturday	Dec 24	12:00 pm	King Family Celebration in Fellowship Hall until 5:00 pm
		5:00 pm	Worship Service for Families and Children
		7:00 pm	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		11:00 pm	Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion

He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless.

Isaiah 11:3b-4

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
by Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

	October	YTD 2010	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2009
REVENUE						
General Giving	16,808.83	159,107.39	210,000.00	50,892.61	75.77%	152,805.01
Spec Collections, Designations, Other	1,924.08	44,817.64	12,000.00	-32,817.64		18,466.96
TOTAL REVENUE	18,732.91	203,925.03	222,000.00	18,074.97		171,271.97
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related						
Apportionments	3,861.00	30,888.00	38,610.00	7,722.00	80.00%	33,192.80
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	2,800.00	15,638.41	7,500.00	0.00		10,230.85
Payroll	3,200.69	27,426.38	40,241.37	12,814.99	68.15%	31,369.54
General church operations Committee	3,262.53	32,758.25	42,401.30	9,643.05	77.26%	32,356.33
Special Project:	135.37	3,728.20	4,000.00	271.80	93.21%	3,237.55
Total Pastor related expense	0.00	30,337.78	10,000.00	-20,337.78		8,296.70
Total Parsonage Related	6,387.00	64,638.75	80,644.00	16,005.25	80.15%	63,895.40
Total Schoolhouse expense	130.85	2,243.84	4,325.00	2,081.16	51.88%	3,789.90
Total Schoolhouse expense	0.00	203.90	575.00	371.10	35.46%	296.42
TOTAL EXPENSE:	19,777.44	207,863.51	228,296.67	28,571.57	91.05%	186,665.49
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-1,044.53	-3,938.48	-6,296.67			-15,393.52

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	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
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
Second 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

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, Dec 5	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Sunday, Dec 12	Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 1:47-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, Dec 19	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	Friday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20
Saturday, Dec 25 Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	Sunday, Dec 26	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Sing to the Lord, and praise him!
Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.
Proclaim his glory to the nations,
his mighty deeds to all people.
Psalms 96:1-3