

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

FROM THE EDITOR

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

Here is an abbreviated edition of The Chimes Newsletter for February 2010. The Preacher is on vacation so his "Open Letter" will resume next month. Watch the weekly announcements and Preacher Notes for on-going and current information about the people and happenings at Dixboro.

HAM DINNER

Saturday, February 27

5:00 – 7:00 pm

\$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 5-12; \$1.00 for children under 5

Contact Helen Snedeker or the church office for reservations

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR POSITION

By Dawn Anderson, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee

We are very sorry to say good-bye to Stephanie Cloutier as she resigns her Christian Education position to work full time. We have appreciated the work that Stephanie has done and wish her the very best. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be meeting soon to formalize a process for seeking a new Christian Education Director, and hope to have the position filled as quickly as possible. Anyone interested in being considered should contact Dawn Anderson (chair, SPRC) at: anderson1717@comcast.net

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By Betty DeWolfr



Several women were blessed to participate in Bible Studies that we led by Jean Oxender at the end of 2009. This group started up again on Thursday, January 14 at 9:30 am and they study the Book of John (though without Jean who is in Arizona for the winter). All women are invited to join this group.

LENT 2010

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

The Worship Committee has studied the lectionary readings for the 2010 Lenten Season and has chosen a theme of "Coming Home". In many of the scriptures for Lent, you will see references to different types of dwellings or to abiding with the Lord. The beautiful story of the Prodigal Son as he comes home in disgrace and experiences grace and mercy is also part of this series of scriptures.



We will begin Lent on Wednesday, February 17 with Ash Wednesday and a special worship service at 7pm.

Maundy Thursday will be observed, again with a special worship service, on April 1 and Easter is April 4 this year.

UPDATE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Phebe Judson, -UMW Chair

The UMW held their January meeting on Monday, January 18. We put together 21 Health Kits for the Haiti disaster. Thanks go to Roberta King for purchasing the needed supplies. The kits were put together by the women at the meeting and Roberta was reimbursed for the kit items. She then sent the kits to the proper place for shipment.

It was decided to send \$750.00 to the Ann Arbor District UMW as our pledge for 2010.

There was discussion about the Annual Ham Dinner to be held on February 27 from 5-7pm and the price will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12 years old and \$1.00 for children under 5. Helen Snedeker or the church office will be accepting reservations. Volunteers are needed to help at the dinner and/or to bake a cake or cookies.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, February 15 at 1:00 pm. We will be sorting clothes for the House by the Side of the Road. All women are invited to attend.

MISSIONS REPORT

By Roberta King, Chair of the Missions Committee

The Dixboro congregation is amazing! \$5,518 was given for Haiti on the first two Sundays donations were received. We will report the grand total later. The money is being sent the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) special fund for Haiti Emergency. 100% of the money is used for relief. Administrative costs are covered by other collections.

Dixboro missionary salary support for 2010 will go to Charissa Shawcross, missionary and director of Community and Health Services for the Joy-Southfield Health Clinic and the NOAH Project at Central UMC in Detroit. We have committed \$500 to this missionary. We hope she will speak at Dixboro sometime this year.

Dixboro UMC has pledged \$2,500 to Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley for 2010.

A Lenten Potluck Dinner is being planned to provide information on mission projects. Watch the announcements and Preacher Notes for details.

A TON IN TEN

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

Our battle cry for 2010 is "A Ton in Ten." You'll hear this often and we hope you'll respond with your usual generosity.

In 2009 we gave over 1000 pounds of food to Food Gatherers for the hungry of Washtenaw County. Food Gatherers provides 8000 meals a day, through the efforts of many social service and non-profit agencies, to those in need.

We want to do even better in 2010 as the need for food is greater and greater so our goal is to contribute ONE TON (2000 pounds) of food. Please bring canned and non-perishable food items on the third Sunday of every month and thanks, as always, for your generosity.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NURTURE

By Madeline Kingston-Park,-Chair



Put on your dancing shoes and sashay over to the church on Saturday, February 13. (note the date change) You'll need to dance off all the chili you will eat at the chili-making contest. Bring your chili for judging or just come to taste the contestants, and stay for the dancing. Marilyn Pobanz has found us a dance leader so we'll have a chance to learn from an expert.

Come if you like to eat ... come if you've never danced come if you like to dance and come if you wouldn't be caught dead dancing. You won't want to miss the fun!

WOMEN OF DIXBORO

By Phylis Brandon, Co-Chair

We had a successful 'Cookie Walk' in December, coordinated by Patti Fragner. We are committed to continuing this tradition started by the UMW many years ago. Thanks for all those who baked and all those who purchased cookies at this fun event.

In case anyone hasn't heard or wasn't in attendance, on January 14th, we opened up our meeting time to everyone in the congregation. About 40 of us listened and learned while Dr. Mansoor Qureshi, a cardiologist and member of a local Moslem sect, answered our questions and explained about his beliefs and views. It was very comforting to hear that we are more alike than we are different.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 11 at 7pm. We will discuss the rest of the year's events, including our postponed retreat and our Annual May Salad and Dessert Dinner. Mark the date on your calendar, May 6th, Thursday at 6:30pm. Rev. Faith Fowler from the Cass Community Church will be our keynote speaker.

MOVIE NIGHT

The winter nights are a good time to watch a good movie and the Men's Club is once again sponsoring this event. The movie titles aren't chosen yet but that information will be made available in the announcements and emails later. The dates, however, have been chosen so put these on your calendars: All are Sunday evenings – February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21. Plan to come for a good movie, good discussion, and even a few snacks!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

GOOD NEWS!!! That was Pastor Cathy's message this past Sunday. During the sermon she celebrated the ongoing gifts of time and talents given to our church of which we should all be appreciative. I want to share the "good news" of your generous giving. Because of you, Dixboro UMC ended the year with a very small surplus (\$122). We paid ALL of our Conference obligations as well as doing many other mission activities to support the needs of people here and around the world. This would only be possible because you have all shared your time, talents and treasure to support the power of Jesus Christ in our lives.

And... we paid down our mortgage another \$20,000. Keep using those grocery cards!!!! And a big thank you to those of you who make giving to the Sanctuary Renovation Project a regular part of your support of Dixboro United Methodist Church.

So... when you come to church next, give an even bigger smile to your fellow members for all we do together. And let us pray together that we will continue to meet the needs of our church and community in 2010.

YEAR-END 2009	December	YTD 2009	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2008
REVENUE						
General Giving	29,819.41	205,337.27	210,000.00	4,662.73	97.78%	200,393.88
Special Collections, Designations, Other	1,859.97	32,207.53	30,000.00	-2,207.53		51,387.10
TOTAL REVENUE	31,679.38	237,544.80	240,000.00	2,455.20		251,780.98
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Apportionments	4,149.10	41,491.00	41,491.00	0.00	100.00%	43,150.00
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	1,502.00	11,828.85	3,500.00	0.00		9,642.46
Payroll	3,436.40	38,292.50	39,415.05	1,122.55	97.15%	40,553.63
General church operations	2,399.94	38,720.62	45,680.35	6,959.73	84.76%	45,199.96
Committees	168.98	3,666.73	6,000.00	2,333.27	61.11%	5,510.89
Special Project:	351.39	20,384.41	26,500.00	6,115.59		39,139.38
Total Pastor related expense	7,704.79	77,974.12	79,680.00	1,705.88	97.86%	73,907.24
Total Parsonage Related	398.16	4,741.30	4,625.00	-116.30	102.51%	3,963.79
Total Schoolhouse expense	0.00	322.46	625.00	302.54	51.59%	505.03
TOTAL EXPENSE:	20,110.76	237,421.99	247,556.40	8,007.71	95.91%	261,572.38
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	11,568.62	122.81	-7,556.40			-9,791.40

2010 DIXBORO FAIR

By Peggy Moran,-Chair of the Fair Committee



It's that time of year, The Dixboro Fair is coming on August 7 and it's time to start planning!!

Add the date to your calendar and plan on coming to the Fair.

Beth Woodward and I have already started the planning, this year the Church needs to get approval from the Township to have a Fair. So the paperwork is in progress along with other details. If you are new to the Church and don't know about the Fair, please ask me or one of our ministers for more information. You will be pleasantly surprised to the wonderful day we share with the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday	Feb 1		John Park on Vacation Through February 5
		6:30 pm	Altar Guild Meeting
		6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Monday	Feb 8		Cathy Freeman at Meeting with Bishop Keaton in Lansing
Tuesday	Feb 9		Cathy Freeman at Conference Training in Flint
		7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Wednesday	Feb 10	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee (February Meeting Rescheduled)
		7:00 pm	Trustees Committee
Thursday	Feb 11	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro
Saturday	Feb 13		Cathy Freeman on Vacation Through February 19
		8:00 am	Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
		6:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off and Line Dancing
Sunday	Feb 14		Shelter Meal Ministry
Monday	Feb 15	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Wednesday	Feb 17	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service – LENT BEGINS
Sunday	Feb 21		Movie Night
Tuesday	Feb 23	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	Feb 25	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Friday	Feb 26	7:00 pm	Set up for Ham Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	Feb 27	5:00 pm	Ham Dinner Sponsored by United Methodist Women
Sunday	Feb 28		Movie Night

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Mondays	5:30 pm	Golf at Rolling Meadows Golf Course (April-Oct)
Tuesdays	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Joyful Noise Band Practice
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Wednesdays	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursdays	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Fridays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Saturdays	8:30 am	Prayer/Meditation Group
Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service

Sundays 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
 Sundays 10:00 am Sunday School Classes
 Sundays 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

First Sunday Holy Communion celebrated
 Second Sunday Shelter Meal Ministry
 Third Sunday Bring canned goods to worship
 First Monday 6:30 pm Worship Committee
 Third Monday 1:00 pm United Methodist Women
 Second Tuesday 7:00 pm Missions Committee
 Second Wednesday 7:00 pm Trustees Committee
 Third Wednesday 6:30 pm Nurture Committee
 Second Thursday 7:00 pm Women of Dixboro
 Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm Finance Committee
 Second Saturday 8:00 am Men's Club in Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

<i>Sunday, February 7</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 I Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-22	<i>Sunday, February 14</i> Boy Scout Sunday	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36
<i>Sunday, February 21</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	<i>Sunday, February 28</i>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35