

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011



RETIREMENT PARTY!

On Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate the retirement of John Gustav Park. Please join us in worship at 11:00 am and for a potluck immediately following. Meat, dessert, beverages and table settings will be provided. Bring a side dish to pass for this potluck and short program as we celebrate with John and Madeline.

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 will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. She will lead worship for the first time on Sunday, July 10.

As a way to meet Tonya, the Nurture Committee is 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.

GRIEFSHARE CLASS

Jean Oxender, a friend of Dixboro Church and a neighbor, will be leading a seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This 13-week biblically-based program will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am, beginning on June 7.

You need to register with the church office by June 1 so a workbook can be ordered for you. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook and scholarships are available.

If you want more information, please see Cathy in the church office or visit www.griefshare.org

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE *By Rebecca Horvath, Worship Committee Chair*

The Worship Committee is looking forward to meeting with Rev. Tonya Arnesen on July 6 to begin planning for the fall. We serve as a communication center for Education (youth's participation in worship services), Choir and Praise Band (music for both services and occasional combining of the two groups), Altar Guild (visuals and other sensory experiences to enhance the services). We also work with the minister and deacon to provide support for their ideas and to input our ideas. In the past we have developed themes for Advent and Lent, provided ethnic breads for World Communion Sunday, homey spice cakes for the Longest Night Service, and had Advent potluck with craft stations to make ornaments or a crèche for the children to take home.

We could use new members on our committee and would love to have you! See Becky or Cathy.

DIXBORO FAIR

By Peggy Moran, Fair Committee Chair

The fair is August 6 and is coming fast. Sign up for the work schedule will be out by June 6. Please sign up for a shift or two. There will also be sign up sheets to contribute pies and cakes. We need help in many other areas of the fair so please contact Peggy Moran at pegleg28@comast.net or 734-649-1074.

MISSIONS REPORT

By Roberta King, Missions Committee Chair

The May contribution to Food Gatherers was 82 pounds.

Report from Mali: The three Niangadou girls have passed their grade for the school year. Mohamed attended the end of year celebration for his sisters. Dixboro provides tuition support for Mohamed and his sisters.



A collection for Peace With Justice Sunday will be held on June 19th.

Volunteers are needed by the following organizations:

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| Food Gatherers - | See Ministries table for information |
| Washtenaw Literacy – Tutors - | www.washtenawliteracy.org |
| Habitat For Humanity - | See Ministries table for information |

HISTORY CORNER

by Susan Engle, Dixboro Church Historian

Recently I viewed a microfilm of the newspaper, Ann Arbor Argus, looking for something specific. During my search, I chuckled at these brief items, listed under "Dixboro." Quite a different life back then!

Nov. 1, 1889: "Anybody with a good fox hound could bag a good many foxes in this vicinity."

Nov. 22, 1889: "Ed Norton says he can catch more mink, coons, skunks and muskrats in one week than all the rest of the trappers in Dixboro put together, but he cannot get any sparrows or woodchucks."

Dec. 6, 1889: "Good tracking snow last week and the poor rabbit had to suffer for it. There ought to be a law against hunting with a ferret."

IT'S VACATION TIME – CONSIDER MAKING EFT CONTRIBUTIONS

By Robert L. Baird, Financial Secretary

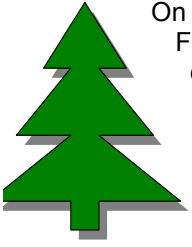
A few years ago, my wife and I went on a winter vacation. In preparation for the trip, we took care to make an additional payment on our utilities, telephone and credit cards. Obviously, we did not wish to receive a "shut-off notice" from the utilities or to risk an adverse rating with our credit cards. What we had neglected was our financial commitment to the Church.

As your Financial Secretary, I have learned that donations tend to drop off during the summer months, when people are on vacation. This puts an additional strain on the Church's expenses. Later in the year, we usually catch up with our pledges. However during this time, the Church's obligations are still there. We still have to pay the Church's salaries, utilities, telephone and other operating expenses.

This summer, would you consider signing up for the Church's Electronic Funds Transfer program? We started the ETF program 3 years ago. It has been a very smooth operation and it is very convenient. You can decide when you want to make your contributions. You can use either a credit card or contributions can be deducted from either a checking or savings account.

Please give me a call at 734-665-6408 for more information and to request forms to enroll. If you make this election, it will greatly help the Church, and who knows . . . it may also help your "Christian Credit Rating."

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP GREEN FAIR III



On Saturday, June 11, 2011, Superior Township and sponsoring partners will present the Township's Third Green Fair. Attractions will include hot dogs and refreshments, games and free books, nearly a dozen exhibitors, and demonstrations of why it's smart to recycle, reuse and reduce waste. The fair will be held at the Superior Township Library, 8975 MacArthur Blvd. (at Harris Road), and run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Brenda L. McKinney, Treasurer, at 734-482-6099.

LET'S HELP SAVE OUR PLANET!

UMW NEWS

By Phebe Judson, President

The United Methodist Women will have a Picnic Lunch for the June meeting. It will be Monday June 20 at 12:30 in Brandon Park (weather permitting) or the Fellowship Hall. Each person should bring a salad-type dish or light dessert and table service.

A meeting will follow the lunch.

The UMW continues to gather things for The House By The Side of The Road. They are especially in need of pots and pans, bed linens and towels. If you have anything to donate, please place items in a bag and put them in the church parlor. They will be taken to the House By The Side of The Road by a UMW member.

NEWS FROM NURTURE

By Madeline Kingston-Park, Nurture Committee Chair

Your Nurture Committee continues to support the congregation in many ways. It seems we are a partying bunch as we have helped coordinate parties for our new Deacon and our retiring preacher. Continuing in the party vein, we will also schedule times for you all to meet and greet your new pastor.

And again, you can help us out by saving your gently used books for sale at this year's Dixboro Fair. (And again, I will ask your help in restraining the retired guy from buying half of them back.)

This is a great committee, full of people willing to try just about anything. It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with them. Robbie Colaner has agreed to be the new chairperson. Thank you, Robbie, I know you will have a great time.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am for my wonderful church family. The party and celebration on May 15 were over the top - what great food, beautiful decorations, and friendly people!

I love the beautiful stoles you gave me as a gift. I will wear them proudly in future worship services at Dixboro.

And thank you to all of you who came to my Ordination Service, who sent me cards, who wished me well, and who have offered your love, support and prayers to me over these last several years. I am blessed.

-Deacon Cathy

GRAND CAMP

For grandparents and their grandkids. June 14 at 2pm to June 16 at 2pm and Myers Lake United Methodist Campground, north of Howell.

See the bulletin board by the ladies' room for a flyer and more information.

TABS FOR TOTS

Save the pull tabs from soda cans, soup, etc. and bring them to the Ministries Table outside the church office. They will be collected, melted and sold with the proceeds going to hospital equipment for children. Sponsored by the American Legion.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION *By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer*

We are one-third of the way through the year. And, unfortunately, our revenues are not keeping up with our expenses. As stated in the past, I use an accrual reporting system since I feel this gives us a more accurate accounting of where we stand with our financial obligations.

Year to date, we are behind \$13,800 compared to a negative \$4,300 April, 2010. General giving is down \$7,000 while general church operations and payroll expense are up.

That is the sad news. But there is good news. Due to your generosity, \$30,000 was collected last year and this to take on major capital projects – the roof, church painting, and new furnace for the upstairs classrooms with some leftover funds to be spent on the parsonage to ready it for our new pastor. We have responded to disasters world-wide through additional offerings to UMCOR along with designated funds to help with the organization’s administration – One Great Hour of Sharing. We supported our youth with a very successful Souper Bowl Sunday which benefited local Food Gatherers.

Though Kroger and Busch’s make us work, their “rewards” system has contributed to the reduction of our “mortgage” on the Sanctuary Renovation Project. What began as a \$500,000 commitment has been reduced to \$26,570! If you haven’t signed up for a Kroger card or renewed it, please consider helping in this way. (I simplify the Busch’s experience by periodically writing a check putting a larger amount on by Busch’s card and simply swiping one card when I go through the line.)

We are also fortunate that a few of our members elected to pre-pay their pledge which has helped with cash flow since many of us prefer to wait until the end of the year. But the needs of our church are continuous.

As we reflect on our relationship with God, the Father, and our community at Dixboro United Methodist Church, it is hoped that we can also consider our gifts of time and treasure necessary to support our church’s mission.

| | April | YTD 2011 | Budget | Difference | YTD Actual as % of Budget | YTD 2010 |
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| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| General Giving | 15,617.59 | 60,501.60 | 205,000.00 | 144,498.40 | 29.51% | 67,506.63 |
| Spec Collections, Designations, Other | 3,484.82 | 6,087.10 | 10,000.00 | 3,912.90 | | 7,031.86 |
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| TOTAL REVENUE | 19,102.41 | 66,588.70 | 215,000.00 | 148,411.30 | | 74,538.49 |
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| EXPENSE: | | | | | | |
| Conference/District Related | 3,876.70 | 15,506.80 | 38,767.00 | 23,260.20 | 40.00% | 15,444.00 |
| Church Related | | | | | | |
| Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships | 2,762.00 | 5,784.58 | 2,200.00 | 1,300.00 | | 7,031.37 |
| Payroll | 3,277.43 | 13,159.88 | 38,191.60 | 25,031.72 | 34.46% | 11,474.53 |
| General church operations | 4,097.12 | 16,732.37 | 41,048.00 | 24,315.63 | 40.76% | 15,170.61 |
| Committee | 61.10 | 912.88 | 4,000.00 | 3,087.12 | 22.82% | 2,375.15 |

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| Special Project: | 498.70 | 498.70 | 10,000.00 | 9,501.30 | | 0.00 |
| Total Pastor related expense | 6,724.25 | 26,285.75 | 81,496.00 | 55,210.25 | 32.25% | 25,832.25 |
| Total Parsonage Related | 289.26 | 1,449.14 | 5,000.00 | 3,550.86 | 28.98% | 1,395.86 |
| Total Schoolhouse expense | 36.43 | 69.55 | 275.00 | 205.45 | 25.29% | 91.37 |
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| TOTAL EXPENSE: | 21,622.99 | 80,399.65 | 220,977.60 | 145,462.53 | 36.38% | 78,815.14 |
| CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS) | -2,520.58 | -13,810.95 | -5,977.60 | | | -4,276.65 |

RECURRING EVENTS

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| Mondays | 10:00 am | Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – ends for summer on June 10 |
| | 5:30 pm | Golf at Rolling Meadows Golf Course – throughout the summer |
| Tuesdays | 8:15 am | Exercise Class |
| | 9:30 am | GriefShare Seminar through August |
| | 4:30 pm | Dance Class in Fellowship Hall – ends for summer on June 14 |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 am | Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – ends for summer on June 10 |
| Thursdays | 8:15 am | Exercise Class |
| | 9:30 am | Women’s Bible Study |
| Fridays | 10:00 am | Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – ends for summer on June 10 |
| 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 |
| Second Saturday | 8:00 am | Men’s Club in Fellowship Hall |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday | June 1 | 6:30 pm | Worship Committee - cancelled |
| Thursday | June 2 | | John and Madeline move out of parsonage; Trustees work begins |
| | | 6:30 pm | Women of Dixboro |
| Tuesday | June 7 | 9:30 am | GriefShare Seminar |
| Thursday | June 9 | 7:00 pm | Trustees Meeting |
| Saturday | June 11 | 8:00 am | Men’s Breakfast |
| Sunday | June 12 | 12:00 pm | Shelter Meal Ministry – cancelled |
| | | 12:00 pm | Retirement Celebration for John and Madeline |
| Tuesday | June 14 | 9:30 am | GriefShare Seminar |
| | | 7:00 pm | Missions Committee – re-scheduled |
| Wednesday | June 15 | 6:30 pm | Nurture Committee |
| Sunday | June 19 | 9:30 am | Summer Worship Schedule Begins |
| Monday | June 20 | 12:30 pm | United Methodist Women Picnic in Brandon Park |
| Tuesday | June 21 | | Tonya moves into Parsonage |
| | | 9:30 am | GriefShare Seminar |
| Thursday | June 23 | 7:00 pm | Finance Committee |
| Sunday | June 26 | | John Park’s last day in pulpit at Dixboro |
| | | 5:30 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Monday | June 27 | 5:30 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Tuesday | June 28 | 9:30 am | GriefShare Seminar |
| | | 5:30 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Wednesday | June 29 | 5:30 pm | Vacation Bible School |

Theme of the 2011 Detroit Annual
Conference – When, Lord?

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
And when did we see you a stranger and
welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?

*And when did we see you sick or in prison and
visit you?*

*And he King will answer them,
“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of
the least of my people, you did it to me.”*

Matthew 25:37-40