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FROM THE EDITOR by Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

This month's Chimes is being done in haste due to the change in editors. I hope this simple format is acceptable.

My goals are to provide the most effective and useful communication about the many activities and people at Dixboro Church while conserving resources and cutting costs. We have opportunities to use technology more effectively but we must always remember that not everyone uses a computer.

Soon, I will be looking for some folks to work on a task force with me to review our use of the Chimes, email, announcements in the bulletin, The Preacher Notes, and methods we haven't even thought of yet to see how we can meet these goals. Please let me know if you have ideas.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGES FOR THE SUMMER

Starting on Father's Day, **June 15**, we will have TWO worship services for the summer months. The Service of Word and Table will meet as usual at **8:00 am**. The second service will be at **9:30 am**.

Scholarships will be awarded to six lucky students on June 15 at the 9:30 service. Don't miss this chance to celebrate the great students who are associated with Dixboro UMC.

REJOICE, GIVE THANKS, AND SING by Janice Clark, Music Director

Yesterday, I had lunch with Kevin Simons – remember him? - and afterward we talked about Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing, Dixboro's Hymn Sing on the evening of Sunday, June 1 at 7:00. Kevin will sing and lead some of our favorite hymns ("How Great Thou Art", for sure) and his wife, Amy, who is an accomplished trumpeter, will be on board too.

The Northside Community Church Choir will join with our Chancel Choir, plus their Bell Choir and our Youth Choir led by Beth Little.

We're going to have a wonderful time singing and playing together. Don't miss it!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME by Bill Sanford, Men's Club

The Dixboro Men's Club is organizing a trip to see the Toledo Mudhens on Sunday, June 29. A 47-passenger bus has been ordered and will leave the church at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$30 per person.

We plan to have 60 people join us so a few will not be able to take the bus. Cost for tickets alone is \$10.00 and the game starts at 6:30 pm.

Kids can run the bases before the game and there will be fireworks after the game. A great time is guaranteed.

Contact Bill Sanford at 434-6176 to reserve tickets or ask questions.

WE GET THANKS!

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP! You rescued me in all kinds of ways – with delicious meals, grocery shopping, visits in person and by phone, encouraging notes and cards, beautiful flowers; you provided transportation, went on errands, and did household tasks – plus your thoughts and prayers.

I was truly cared for and continue to be grateful. As Paul says, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." - **Janice Clark**

SESQUECENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS – Spence BeMent, Sesquicentennial Committee

The Heritage Sunday event went very well. Detailed family trees of our founding fathers and mothers and their descendants, with pictures, were of great interest. Over half of our 50 year and older members were honored between the services with a special commemorative cake and others goodies. We hope that at least one good photo will become available from the many taken - let us know if you have a "good" one that we can have or copy.

A choir and communal singing event is happening at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 1. Further details are given elsewhere in the Chimes and on the 150th Bulletin Board.

The planning committee of Ardith King (Chair), Garvin Smith, John Park, Gerald Parker, Phoebe Judson, Janice Clark, Peggy Moran, Tom Freeman, Beth Woodward Smith and Spence BeMent meets regularly. Let us know what you would like done.

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE VOTE By John Park

The churches of both our Detroit Annual Conference and those of the West Michigan Annual Conference met on April 5 to decide on merging or unification into a new state-wide Annual Conference. The decision was made to NOT merge at this time.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATES By Spence BeMent, Missions Committee

The Mothers Day Flower Sale was a resounding success. We delivered almost \$1800 toward the Good News House building effort, which included over \$150 of donations in addition to the flower profit.

Our church work day is Saturday July 12 and we will also volunteer on Thursday and Friday, July 10 and 11. If those times do not work for you, other times are available. See me for details.

We are in the process of redoing the Missions Committee Bulletin Board (down the hall from the Pastor's office). Check it out once in a while. We hope to follow the progress of the Good News House construction as well as feature Mission activities.

Four health kit containers for Liberia were delivered to the Annual Conference as well as a box of underwear for Bishop's Seat Cover Program for needy Michigan children ("Local Seats We Cover"), collected on very short notice.

Roberta King has secured more than half of the funds requested to construct a teachers' office for teachers at the "new" high school in Haiti. The anticipated cost is \$6000. Your support of this much needed facility will also support workers in the very needy local community. The next VIM (Volunteers in Mission) trip to Haiti led by Curtiss Bartz (Ypsilanti First UMC) is scheduled for the fall (Nov 7-14) and it would be a great accomplishment to send our contributions with them.

The Missions Committee is in need of additional members. Indicate your interest to Pastor Park who heads the Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) or Roberta King, Committee Chair.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT By Dawn Anderson, Staff-Parish Committee Chair

The Staff-Parish Committee has decided to change the focus of the former Church Secretary position and has created the position of Pastoral Assistant. Rev. Cathy Freeman, Deacon, has been hired to fill this position and started in this role on Monday, May 12. Please welcome Cathy into this new role and let her know how she can work with you and Dixboro Church to help us better love and serve Jesus Christ.

DIXBORO MEN'S GROUP by Spence BeMent, Men's Club Member

The Men of Dixboro met on the Saturday morning before Mothers Day. Tom Freeman gave a very interesting talk about what has been happening in Washtenaw County in the area of land preservation and the acquisition of land for public use. Our county and our township are national leaders in this area - we can take great pride in what can and will continue to happen when diverse groups join together toward a common community goal. His program was so interesting that we hope to have him back for a more public session in the near future.

Bill Sanford has secured 60 tickets and a bus for a Sunday, June 29 Toledo Mudhens Minor League Baseball game. The tickets cost \$10 each and for \$20 more you can take the bus (limited to 47) and avoid travel, parking, and gas cost problems. The bus will leave from the church at 4:30 pm. The tickets will likely go fast so check with Bill if this works for you and yours. Money has already been donated to take needy youth and others. Women and girls are welcome.

If you have never seen a minor league baseball game you are in for a real treat. Where else can kids run the bases and interact with the players informally, as well as see fireworks and "feel" the enthusiasm of players who are striving to make the big leagues (and money)?

DIXBORO FAIR IS COMING! By Peggy Moran, Chair of Fair Committee

The Dixboro Fair is right on track and the date of the Fair, August 2nd, is coming fast. The NEW hours of the Fair are 10 am-6 pm. There is a sign-up list in the hallway by the office door for workers. Please check your calendars and sign-up to help on this great day. There is also a sign-up for the pies and cakes.

Please remember to invite all your friends, neighbors, and relatives to this unique day. Very few events can offer so much family fun without charging an entrance fee. The money that is raised is given to the Dixboro Schoolhouse restoration, Humane Society of Huron Valley, Habitat for Humanity and others.

Please remind visitors that there is parking on Church St, Beaumont, and other side streets, as well as the Huron Valley Tennis Club.

The Dixboro Fair is coming soon, please support the day with your time and talents.

CASS COMMUNITY GREEN INDUSTRIES

Cass Community Green Industries is a ministry of the Cass Community Church in Detroit. They are using discarded tires to make fantastic mud mats. The work is done by formerly homeless men and women with disabilities. Three sizes are available and custom colors are available. We have a sample in the church office and will coordinate order and delivery with you. See Cathy or John.

DIXBORO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN By Helen Snedeker, DUMW

The May 19 meeting of the DUMW was a very interesting video on Church World Service and the projects they support, brought to us by Roberta King. Our group voted to send \$200.00 of the money earned from the February Ham Dinner for the Seed and Tool project.

Our DUMW also decided on an area mission project, to help The House by the Side of the Road. There is a great need for kitchen pots and pans, kitchen utensils, new or gently used infant clothes and bedding. If anyone would like to donate to this cause, a box will be in the parlor. They would also appreciate volunteers.

The June 16 picnic is our last meeting until September 15. Eileen Bauer has once again offered her home. All women are invited at 12:30 with a dish to pass. Thank you.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Mondays | 10:00 am | Senior Exercise Class |
| Tuesdays | 7:30 pm | Joyful Noise Band Practice |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 am | Senior Exercise Class |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Practice |
| Thursdays | 7:30 am | Men's Breakfast at Flim Flam Restaurant |
| | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| Fridays | 10:00 am | Senior Exercise Class |
| Saturdays | 8:30 am | Prayer/Meditation Session |
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| Sun, June 1 | | Communion Sunday |
| | 10:00 am | Celebration of Cathy Freeman's Commissioning |
| | 7:00 pm | Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing Musical Celebration |
| Mon, June 2 | 7:00 pm | Chancel Decorating Committee |
| | 7:30 pm | Sesquicentennial Committee |
| Wed, June 4 | 11:00 am | Balance/Fall Class |
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| Sun, June 8 | 12:00 noon | Cook Shelter Meal |
| | 2:30 pm | Serve Shelter Meal |
| Thurs, June 12 | 7:00 pm | Women of Dixboro Meeting Cancelled |
| Fri, June 13 | | Decorate Sanctuary for Vacation Bible School |
| Sat, June 14 | 8:00 am | Men's Club Breakfast |
| | | Decorate Sanctuary for Vacation Bible School |
| Sun, June 15 | 9:30 am | Summer Worship Schedule Takes Effect |
| | | Scholarships Awarded |
| Mon, June 16 | 12:30 pm | Dixboro United Methodist Women Potluck at Eileen Bauer's |
| | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Tues, June 17 | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Wed, June 18 | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Thurs, June 19 | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Fri, June 20 | 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| Thurs, June 26 | | Bannoch/Belitz Wedding Rehearsal |
| Fri, June 27 | | Bannoch/Belitz Wedding |
| Sat, June 28 | | John Park Vacation Begins |
| | 4:30 pm | Bus leaves for Toledo Mudhens Game |