

# THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

## **AN OPEN LETTER FROM REV. JOHN G. PARK:**

Here's some good news following up on the package that arrived at the parsonage in September. Joel, the second son, had arranged for peonies to be shipped to us in time for last Fall's hope-filled planting time. They'll take a few years to get established but already we are enjoying the beauty to be.

This January the same company he'd ordered from sent their 2008 catalogue; this one of vegetables with descriptions so creatively written that I could almost taste the summer's produce.

Now with the new month of March I look forward to many great days, celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the middle of the month to honor almost a quarter of my ancestors, and I know that I am one wall calendar page closer to peonies and the tomatoes I'll set out as soon as I can.

Gardening is that way. I look forward in anticipation to what will be.

The dreaming done, soon enough the warmer weather will signal the Spring's start up. Certainly much work lies ahead, but still, I am excited.

Everything Jesus said about the Kingdom of God includes that it's a growing thing.

What's the good news of God-with-us that brings you excitement? Let us plant and tend and celebrate together.

The Preacher

## **LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH:**

March 6 – 6:00 p.m. Church Potluck and program on Haiti Mission Trip by Roberta King.

March 15 – Corned Beef and Cabbage Sit-Down Dinner

March 16 – Palm Sunday with celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

March 23 – Easter Sunday Worship Services – *HE IS RISEN!*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service led by Dixboro Youth

8:15 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, free will offering.

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Joyful Noise Praise Team

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir

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**The Dinner Divas Present  
A SAINT PATTY'S DAY  
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**

**Saturday, March 15, 2008  
Dixboro United Methodist Church  
5221 Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

**Reserved Serving Times: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
For reservations call: Mary at 663-5269, Meredith at 487-5673  
or church at 665-5632.**

**Menu:      Corned Beef and Cabbage  
              Honey-glazed Carrots  
              Roasted red-skin potatoes  
              Rolls, butter  
              Beverage and Dessert**



**Adults: \$10; children 5-10: \$5; under 5: free**

***If you are willing to help with any aspect of this dinner  
please contact Mary Berry at 663-5269***

***(Wear something green and get a treat!!)***

**PREACHER NOTES:    *By Rev. John G. Park***

I send brief notes of news and ideas out. Go to [www.dixborochurch.org](http://www.dixborochurch.org) and the "Get Connected" box to add your e-mail address. Hopefully soon the Newsletter will also be available on line.

## **THE "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"** *By Sandy Bowers*

An Eggs-traordinary Eggs-perience

There once was a great group of kidz  
who wanted to do the SBC service blitz  
So they set out one cold winter day  
for Food Gatherers at 1 Carrot Way

They brought with them a large donation  
and greetings from the DUMC congregation  
Dollars and cans collected in big soup pots  
by the helpful Sunday school tots

They counted the money and weighed all the cans  
then smiled with glee and threw up their hands  
For the money and cans will help to feed  
many of our hungry neighbors in need

So the kids donned rubber gloves and rolled up their sleeves  
and got down to work, quick as you please  
They washed and they rinsed and sorted and dried  
'till they had boxes of eggs nearly 20 feet high

The eggs were all cleaned and examined for flaws  
repackaged in cartons, required by law  
The kids were all finished and felt pretty fine  
so did the eggs, squeaky clean they did shine

So, it was time to go home, the work was all done  
helping was easy and lots of fun  
The Souper Bowl of Caring helps one and all  
by serving and collecting on the big day of football!

## **SPRING HILL RETREAT:** *by Sandy Bowers*

Despite a winter storm, the Senior High youth traveled north to Ewart on February 1st - 3rd to attend the annual Spring Hill Winter Retreat. We joined over 1,000 teenagers from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana for an awesome weekend. DUMY once again set a record for the smallest group at Spring Hill, we had 5 girls and 2 adults while most youth groups arrived in buses! Despite our small size the girls made a big splash by finishing 2nd in the annual Broom Ball Tournament in a heart-breaking, sudden-death playoff game. (Broomball is an action packed game similar to hockey - it is played on ice but the players use brooms and a ball, rather than sticks and pucks, and no skates!)

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## **MARCH BIBLE READINGS:**

### **March 2**

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

### **March 9**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

### **March 16**

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 118

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:14-27

### **March 23**

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

### **March 30**

Psalms 16

John 20:19-31

*Spring Hill Retreat continued...*

Besides broom ball, the weekend was packed with ski-hill tubing, Euro-bungee jumping, rocket ball, challenge courses, and great performances during the open mike time. The theme for the weekend was "Be Identified". The youth were challenged to peel off the layers of things, people, and habits that identify them and instead become identified with Christ. Worship was led by a great band from Colorado called Foolish Things and a powerful speaker from Chicago named Andrea Kirksey. Look for our Spring Hill group photo and broomball championship banner on the youth bulletin board!

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

*by Spence BeMent*

### **HEALTH KITS FOR LIBERIA:** *by Cathy Freeman & Linda Aldrich*

The Detroit Conference is collecting Health Kits to be shipped to Liberia. Below is a list of the needed items. Thank you so much for your help with this mission project.



- Hand Towels – 15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"
- Wash clothes
- Combs – large and sturdy, not pocket-sized
- Nail files or fingernail clippers – no emery boards or toenail clippers
- Bath-size soap – 3 oz. and up
- Toothbrushes – single brushes only in original wrappers, not child size
- Large tubes of toothpaste – 4 oz. or large, expiration date must be 8 months or longer for future
- Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

**Good places to look for these items are at Sam's Club or the "trial size" aisle at Target Store.**

### **Liberia Container Project:** *by Linda Aldrich*

**The Missions Committee invites the congregation, including individuals, families, groups and committees, to show our love for our brothers and sisters in Liberia by contributing needed items to make up Health Kits to contribute to the Liberia Container Project for distribution to men, women and children in Liberia who lack even a bar of soap or a band-aid. These health kits not only provide the most basic health care necessities but also provides a powerful message of caring.**

**Dixboro UMC would like to send two tubs of health kits to the Annual Conference in May, to be placed in a large shipping container destined for Liberia. Please join us in this simple but powerful gesture of love. The tubs are located in the Parlor and in the Church Office. If you would like to contribute money it costs \$30 shipping fee for each tub of material placed in the large containers. Give your money to Linda Aldrich.**



## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE NOTES:**

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Lenten Potluck on Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Roberta King will discuss and show slides of her "Volunteers in Mission" trip to Haiti last Fall. Haiti and Liberia are the two third-world countries sponsored by our church's district and we are proud to lend financial and personal support to their Methodist Congregations and educational efforts.

The Habitat For Humanity 2008 Good News House project is underway and we have pledged \$3,000 toward that project. The annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be our chief fundraiser so plan to purchase spring annuals from us. The prices are expected to be about the same as in the past and we are open to suggestions. More information will be available closer to the order deadline in late April or early May.

## **150TH YEAR DIXBORO U.M.C. CELEBRATION:** *by Spence BeMent*

The 150th celebration "Keyboard Karnival" presented this month was very successful. The attendees gained a greater appreciation of the strength and sound quality of our Moeller pipe organ and our brightly-tuned piano integrated with the "new" acoustics of our Sanctuary. Soloists James Wagner, Hanna Song, Naki Sung Kripfganz, Hee Jeong Kim and James Woolsey performed a 5-work program that included works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Phipps and Widor.

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. Others are most welcome.

## **GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP:**

*by Spence BeMent*

U of M International students have a strong interest in dining with local residents during their stay in Ann Arbor. If you wish to entertain these students in your home for dinner, conversation and cultural exchange during a week or weekend evening in March, read further. The students speak English and they come from a variety of religious interests/backgrounds or none at all. All are eager to experience life in a local home.

This will be the last appeal this winter. Contact Spence BeMent (734-664-3334) for additional information and the simple forms to make arrangements. Our church members have participated in this program with great enjoyment

## **DIXBORO MEN'S CLUB:**

*by Spence BeMent*

Eighteen men of the Dixboro Men's Club met for Saturday breakfast on February 9th. Bob DeWolf showed a fascinating movie about the dedication and preparation required by members of a Livonia Swimming Organization that was the only group to become eligible to send five members to the 1996 Olympic Trials. His grandson Scott DeWolf was one of the five swimmers. His daughter-in-law Char DeWolf created the movie which was solicited by the International Olympic Organization for their promotional material. In addition to becoming excellent swimmers, all five were academic All-Americans, an extraordinary feat given the time and energy commitment required by each over at least 12 years prior to the trials.

The next Saturday breakfast meeting of the Men's Club is on March 8 at 8:00 a.m. Keep an eye out for the presentation details.

**"Food Gatherers" Collection:**

*by Eileen Bauer*

Don't forget - Dixboro is still collecting non-perishable food stuffs to contribute regularly to the Food Gatherers organization. We have been doing an outstanding job of keeping the wood collection box in the hallway next to the Office pretty much filled up and we hope to continue doing so on a regular basis. This is one stewardship project we don't want to have fall by the wayside, so thank you very much ahead of time for all your contributions. Keep up the good work!

**A "THANK YOU" NOTE:** "We wish to thank all of our Dixboro Church family members who remembered us with their kindnesses after the death of our son Gerry Bauer. We appreciate the time you took to send cards, call, write a note, and send your prayers and condolences."

*Eileen & Fred Bauer & family*

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