

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
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CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!



Celebration of Ordination for Cathy Freeman – Sunday, May 15 after the 11:00 am worship service. Meat, dessert, beverages and table settings will be provided. Please bring a side dish to pass for this potluck and short program as we celebrate with Cathy Freeman.

Service of Ordination – Everyone is invited to join Cathy Freeman as she is ordained as a Deacon and Full Member of the Detroit Annual Conference on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 pm. The service is held in the Herrick Chapel at Adrian College. There is a reception for everyone immediately following the service in the Ritchie Dining Hall – just a short walk from the Chapel.

Celebration of Retirement for John Park and Madeline Kingston-Park – Sunday, June 12 after the 11:00 am worship service. Meat, dessert, beverages and table settings will be provided. Please bring a side dish to pass for this potluck and short program as we celebrate with the Parks.

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 she will lead worship for the first time on Sunday, July 10.

As a way to meet Tonya, the Nurture Committee will be 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.

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

The University of Michigan is sponsoring a **FREE** E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 – 2:00. You can drop off computers, printer, TVs and other electronic gadgets at Pioneer High School.

See <http://www.ocs.umich.edu/ewaste.shtml> for a complete list of what they will accept and what they will not accept. Cathy Freeman also has this list in the church office if you need a copy.

This is a great way for us to dispose of these items in a sustainable and environmentally sound manner.

DIXBORO GOLFS

All summer long, people of Dixboro golf at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course, Sutton Road just north of North Territorial. Join us any Monday at 5:30. This is a "pay-as-you-go" event so you can come often or you can come once in a while. No need to make a reservation. Any skill level is welcome – in fact, some of us hope you aren't too good!

MISSIONS UPDATE

By Roberta King, Chair of Missions Committee

The Lenten Potluck featuring Habitat for Humanity was well attended with 50 people sharing dinner. \$427 was given toward Dixboro UMC pledge of \$2000 for the "Good News House" 2011.

On April 12 two members of the Mission Committee joined the Dixboro United Methodist Women to visit the House By the Side of the Road(a facility that gives clothing and small household items to those in need). The Mission Committee on behalf of the Congregation presented a check \$350 to fund the work of the "House" The UMW also presented a check to the "House" for \$150.

With the help of our youth, \$712 was given to Food Gatherers. 137 pounds of food was donated in March.

The Dixboro congregation gave \$470 for the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief through the One Great Hour of Sharing collection.

The Dixboro congregation donated \$1,635 in disaster relief for Japan.

A special collection is taken each year at Annual Conference. The money funds the Judith Craig Orphanage in Liberia and the Haiti School Hot Lunch Program. You can contribute to this fund during the first three Sundays in May.

Seat Cover Project - New Children's underwear is being collected for distribution to those in need in Michigan. Place your donation in the box in the Parlor.

Volunteers are needed for providing lunch and labor for Dixboro's Habitat work day. A sign up sheet is on the Ministries Table outside the church office.

Thank you Dixboro UMC for your great response to those in need.

WOMEN OF DIXBORO SALAD AND DESSERT DINNER

By Phylis Brandon, Co-Chair

The fourth annual Salad and Dessert Dinner is on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. All women of the church are invited.

Bring a salad to share if your last name begins with A-L. Bring a dessert to share if your last name begins with M-Z.

We need hostesses who will decorate a table and provide place settings. Let Cathy Freeman know if you want to be a hostess, how big a table you need, and whether you will invite people to sit at your table or not.

This is NOT an "invitation only" event. Some women will bring friends from all over to sit at a table with them. Others of us will be "assigned" to a table. There will be more than enough room for everyone. Let Cathy Freeman or Phylis Brandon know if you want to attend.

Our speaker this year will be Susan McCoy. She is the author of Heart Root, "a memoir about her journey through grief to recreate a life filled with possibility and purpose. Using trees and music to tell her story and through the power of reading, McCoy gains the courage to draw a line in the sand of her life - making an X - where she invited change. Susan documents the moments, the 'aha' awakenings, that opened her heart to learn through the pain of grief and, instead of her past behavior of running away, she turns toward the experience determined to understand the why of her existence with the intent on embracing her purpose." (from <http://susanmccoy.blogspot.com/p/whats-new-with-susan.html>)

BLUE JEAN SATURDAY

By Carl Johns, Trustees Chair

Instead of Blue Jean Sunday, we will have Blue Jean Saturday this year. It is scheduled on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 to noon. Please help out the Trustees as we work to keep our building and grounds beautiful. There are jobs for everyone, no matter your age or skill level. You can work inside or outside. So come on out!



DIXBORO SCHOLARSHIPS

By Barbara Scheffer, Chair of Scholarship Committee

The DUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the application process for the 2011 applicants. All high school, college, university and training program students who are members of DUMC are eligible to apply. We currently have four scholarship funds.

The current scholarships are designed as follows:

Barbara Morris Academic Achievement Award

For a beginning college student/s, based on High School GPA

Ivan & Elnor Parker Academic Achievement Award

For a continuing college student/s based on cumulative college GPA

Suzanne Smith Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning OR continuing student/s in a post-secondary educational or training school, and who has/have demonstrated an overall commitment to family, school, church, and community while maintaining highest possible grades.

Terry Wick Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning or continuing college student/s. Based on cumulative GPA and participation in activities at the Dixboro United Methodist Church, For example, by participation in the Mountain Top Mission program.



Application packets will be available to be picked up in the church office on April 3. Completed applications along with all required documentation **must be submitted by noon on May 22, 2011** to the Church Office. Only complete applications will be considered for the awards. The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and awards announced during worship service in late June.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Scheffer, chair, Scholarship Committee.

NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

By Robert L. Baird, Financial Secretary

We now have new contribution envelopes. What we had was a rag-tag assortment of envelopes. Several different types—none of them being very satisfactory. Sometimes it was very difficult, trying to record the intentions of the donor. For example, we had an envelope titled “Missions.” If the donor did not note his intentions, then was the donation for (1) Missions, (2) some subset of Missions, such as UMCOR, or (3) was this a handy envelope available for the General Fund?

We have selected two new envelopes. The one you now find in the pews was selected for its simplicity, for cost effectiveness, and to serve multiple purposes. The envelope has a place to identify the donor, and it can be used for (1) the General Fund, (2) a Building Fund, and/or (3) “Other,” which will cover any other designation. As the envelope is to be used in our church sanctuary, there was no need to have the church name printed on the envelope.

We have also selected a second envelope to be used primarily for memorial services, whether in the church or a funeral parlor. For this envelope, the name of Dixboro United Methodist Church is printed on the envelope. Understandably, these envelopes are not for general use and they are not available in the pews. If there is a request for these envelopes, please contact the church office.

BISHOP'S SEAT COVER PROJECT



The Order of Deacons will once again coordinate the Bishop's Seat Cover Project at this year's Annual Conference in May. NEW children's underwear (get it? seat covers?) is collected and given to appropriate non-profit agencies for their clients. This is because many agencies distribute used clothing but health departments frown on the distribution of used underwear.

A box to collect your donations is in the Parlor and Cathy Freeman will deliver these to Adrian on May 19.

ADULT RETREAT

The *Lakeshore Interlude* is a summer program designed for men and women ages 55 and older. It will be held at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, just north of Port Huron, on August 1-5. Cost is \$310 per person (2 per room) or \$265 per person (3 per room). All meals are included.

The theme this year is *Putting Your Faith Into Action* and will be led by Rev. David Freeland and Miss Kathleen Bard. There will be time for study, worship, music, crafts, fellowship and fun.

Registration information is in the church office.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP GARDENING EVENT

The Committee to Promote Superior Township is sponsoring a free event on Organic and Community Gardening. It will be held Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect.

Speakers will be: Dan Bair, Farm Manager of The Farm at St. Joe's, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Jay Schlegel, Director of Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, Conservancy Farm Committee Chair; and Andy Comai, Director, Project Grow and The Discovery Garden, Ann Arbor area.

If you have questions, contact Carla Bisaro at ckbisaro@comcast.net.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM – RE-ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

As of April 1, 2011, all participants in the Kroger Rewards Program must re-enroll in order for Dixboro Church to continue to receive donations from Kroger. We get a nice donation from Kroger each year so please take the time to re-enroll. And, if you shop at Kroger but have never enrolled in this program,, now would be a good time.

Enrollment or re-enrollment must be done on-line at www.krogercommunityrewards.com . Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll". If you don't know the email address you used to enroll, call 877-KRO-PLUS.

If you are not a computer user but you shop at Kroger (or Busch's or Hiller's or Meijer's) contact the church office and we can get you enrolled in these programs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

	March	YTD 2011	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2010
REVENUE						
General Giving	14,011.59	44,884.01	205,000.00	160,115.99	21.89%	52,107.34
Spec Collections, Designations, Other	1,193.91	2,602.28	10,000.00	7,397.72		6,913.12
TOTAL REVENUE	15,205.50	47,486.29	215,000.00	167,513.71		59,020.46
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related	3,876.70	11,630.10	38,767.00	27,136.90	30.00%	11,583.00
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	1,122.58	3,022.58	2,200.00	0.00		6,819.00
Payroll	3,277.43	9,882.45	38,191.60	28,309.15	25.88%	8,168.07
General church operations	4,546.02	12,635.25	41,048.00	28,412.75	30.78%	12,339.65
Committee	229.86	851.78	4,000.00	3,148.22	21.29%	695.96
Special Project:	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		0.00
Total Pastor related expense	6,520.50	19,561.50	81,496.00	61,934.50	24.00%	19,161.00
Total Parsonage Related	472.19	1,159.88	5,000.00	3,840.12	23.20%	1,139.80
Total Schoolhouse expense	0.00	33.12	275.00	241.88	12.04%	91.37
TOTAL EXPENSE:	20,045.28	58,776.66	220,977.60	163,023.52	26.60%	59,997.85
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-4,839.78	-11,290.37	-5,977.60			-977.39

I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.

John 10:10

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday	May 3	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Wednesday	May 4		John, Cathy, Beth and Tonya at Training in Frankenmuth
		6:30 pm	Worship Committee
		7:15 pm	Set up for Women of Dixboro Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	May 5	6:30 pm	Women of Dixboro Dinner
Friday	May 6	5:00pm	Scrapbook Class Set up in Fellowship Hall
Saturday			Scrapbook Class in Fellowship Hall all day
Sunday	May 8	12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
Thursday	May 12	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Trustees Committee Meeting
Sunday	May 15	12:00 pm	Celebration of Ordination for Cathy Freeman - potluck
Monday	May 16	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Wednesday	May 18	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
Thursday	May 19		John and Cathy in Adrian for Annual Conference
Friday	May 20		John and Cathy in Adrian for Annual Conference
Saturday	May 21		John and Cathy in Adrian for Annual Conference
		9:00 am	Blue Jean Saturday until noon
Sunday	May 22		John and Cathy in Adrian for Annual Conference
		2:00 pm	Service of Ordination for Cathy Freeman, Herrick Chapel, Adrian College
			Reception Immediately Following in Ritchie Hall
Tuesday	May 24	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 25	7:00 pm	Oakwood Cemetery Board Meeting in Parlor
Thursday	May 26	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting - rescheduled
Saturday	May 28		Fellowship Hall Rented all day

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service – last service on May 15
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
	5:30 pm	Golf at Rolling Meadows Golf Course – throughout the summer
Tuesdays	8:15 am	Exercise Class
	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Thursdays	8:15 am	Exercise Class
	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
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
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

Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, but do it with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15b-16