



THE CHIMES

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DIXBORO UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS:

The DUMC Mother's Day "Flower Sale" started on Easter Sunday, April 16 and the flats of annuals ordered will be delivered on late afternoon Saturday and on Sunday, May 13 and 14. *The order deadline is Sunday, May 7.*

Order forms with selections with pictures and prices are available on the Ministries Table in Fellowship Hall. Payment is due when the order form is submitted. The prices are the same as last year: 36-plant flats, \$13; 18-plant flats, \$16; hanging baskets (available on Mother's Day) \$9 to \$13 depending on the type. Questions? Contact Spence BeMent at 734-665-3334 or at Spence@eecs.umich.edu.

Spence BeMent, Missions Committee Chair

"GOOD NEWS HOUSE" WORK DAY:

Our annual "work day" on the Habitat For Humanity "Good News House" is Saturday, July 8 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The schedule is morning shift 8:00/8:30 to 12:00 noon, lunch, afternoon shift 1:00 to 4:00 pm. *More details will be provided later.*

Spence BeMent, Missions Committee Chair

"BLUE JEAN SUNDAY" – May 21

Mark you calendars for Sunday, May 21. Our annual "Blue Jean Sunday" will be a little different this year. Join us for ONE upbeat inspiring worship service at 9:00 a.m. and then let's all work together to clean both the inside and the outside of our church – working as a team effort. Just like at home, cleaning doesn't seem so bad if you don't have to do it all by yourself. There will be plenty of varied tasks for *all ages!* Let's get all the weeds pulled, "Preen" put down to control future weed

growth, spring flowers planted and then shredded bark spread out. (Please bring well-marked gardening tools – trowels, shovels, gloves.)

After we have all worshipped together and then all worked to clean both the inside and the outside of the church as a group effort, the Nurture Committee will be serving a great "baked potato bar AND salad bar with the proceeds going to a special designated project.

Come to church on May 21 prepared to nourish your soul and your bodies while working with your friends. Let's make the church a sparkling, appealing and welcoming place to worship! If you can't seem to make it up in time for the 9:00 a.m. service please come at 10:00 a.m. to help make our church present a better image to the community.

Hope to see you for worship – team fellowship – and food!!
The Trustee

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CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE...

Barbara Morris Academic Achievement Award:

\$500 scholarship based on the high school cumulative grade point average for a beginning college student.

Ivan Parker Academic Achievement Award:

\$500 scholarship based on cumulative grade point average for a continuing college student.

Suzanne Smith Memorial Scholarship: Two

\$500 scholarships based on overall commitment to family, school, church and community, while maintaining highest possible grades, for beginning OR continuing students enrolled in a post-secondary educational or training program.

Applications MUST be returned by JUNE 1.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Garvin Smith, Scholarships Chair

UMC's 2006 Conference Apportionments in full.

- \$15,000 will be placed in a contingency fund to be used by the Trustees for their property maintenance and improvement projects.
- \$3,000 will be donated to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund.
- The Organ Fund will be re-instated.
- The remainder will be placed in the General Fund reserves.

Meanwhile, the first quarter of 2006 has passed with all bills (except Apportionments) paid. Despite a reduction in the number of pledges, giving has remained stable. In other words, "So far, so good". We are "holding our own". The unanswered question at this point is: Can we maintain this level of giving through the normally-slow Summer months? *Stay tuned!*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Today I spent more than three hours in the company of Rev. John G. Park, getting to know the man who is my successor at Dixboro UMC and my predecessor at Flint Hope UMC.

You know something? I like him. And I have a strong sense that you are going to like him, too.

Among the things I learned about John are:

- He is very innovative when it comes to worship, tending not to do things exactly the same two weeks in a row.
- He is interested in the Sanctuary Renovation Project and happy to know that we have already raised nearly 80% in pledges, over 40% in cash, and we are close to getting started.
- He is fascinated by our various property holdings, how we came to attain them and how we make use of them.
- He and spouse Madeline have between them four grown sons.
- He took the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator years ago and found out he is an extrovert, which came as a surprise to him. After our extended lunch conversation I wasn't surprised at all.
- He doesn't eat hot peppers. That's fine with me as I ended up with both of them.
- He punctuates his conversation with occasional references to movies and classic comedy routines. My kind of guy!
- He let me know that he wouldn't be opposed to inviting me back to take part in an occasional wedding or funeral. And I let him know that I believe that it is important that the appointed pastor OFFICIATE at all such rites of passage, with a former pastor PARTICIPATING in some

RENTAL PROPERTY SOLD

The church-owned property at 3357 Martin Cummings Dr. has been sold, in accordance with the decision made by the Dixboro Church Conference last December. The new owners are Kevin and Diane Carlisle who have been members of Dixboro UMC since 2005.

Purchased in 1998 as a proposed site for a new parsonage, the property has been used by the church as a rental unit. But income from rent has never come close to covering the cost of maintaining the property, making it a drain on the church budget.

The sale has resulted in a profit of more than \$60,000.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the Administrative Board voted in its March 27, 2006 meeting to disburse the money as follows:

- Sufficient funds will be set aside to pay Dixboro

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limited way. It sounds like we are close to being of one mind on this.

We made arrangements to get together again next week and I'm sure my list of learnings will be twice as long then, but it is time to get this month's issue of The CHIMES out now.

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It is never easy to leave a congregation you have spent 8 years learning to know and love. But it feels good to know that people you care about will be in good hands. And that's how I feel today. Shalom, John

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER:

Cherubs sing May 14th both services.

Blue Jean Sunday is May 21st - There will be special projects for the kids - plan on making it a family event.

May 28th - No Sunday School - Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

Looking ahead to June....

The last day of Sunday School is June 4th. We are planning a celebration of Sunday School on June 11th - lots of fun and games!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARSJune 26th-30th (6-8pm) join us for a VBS Fiesta! plan on joining us- we need volunteers! Can you help us with preparing snacks, registration, crew leader, odd tasks....

See Stephanie Cloutier, Christian Education Director

Mountain T.O.P. News

The youth would like to thank everyone who helped with the Annual Rummage Sale: workers, donaters, and shoppers! We would especially like to thank the UMW for their help. The rummage sale is a ton of work and we could never have managed without their assistance. Thanks so much, ladies! Also, a huge thank you to Jean and Steve Hornback for helping with merchandise removal! THANK YOU!

"Serve each other with love."

Dixboro Church has always embraced this message from Galatians. We have always found that the Mountain T.O.P. Service Project is a wonderful way to inspire our young people to this call. Mountain T.O.P. stands for the Tennessee Outreach Project and the mission is to serve the physical, social, and emotional needs of the people of the Cumberland Mountains. Without fail, our youth are inspired and challenged by this mission, and find that through Christian service to others they experience personal and spiritual growth. Every year as we prepare for our summer journey to Tennessee we remind ourselves of the reasons why we go, because getting there requires a lot of planning, training, and fundraising. High School students are the

busiest people I know and making all of this happen can be the biggest challenge of all! Did you know that our budget this year for our group of 14 is \$8,820? This includes Mt. T.O.P. fees and travel expenses (food, lodging, gas, and van and trailer rental). This is \$630 per person! Our goal has always been to offer this experience to as many youth as possible, at a reasonable cost, so we fundraise! fundraise! fundraise! to keep the youth financial commitment as low as possible. This year the youth have planned the Rummage Sale, a Soup Sunday, a bake sale, and other fundraisers. In addition, we received a \$500 grant from the Youth Service Fund and a memorial donation. However, we still fall short of our fundraising goal. Beginning in May, we will begin our last fundraiser: **BUY A MILE - MAKE US SMILE!** By buying miles of our journey for \$1 each you can help us to reach goal. The youth will be explaining this program and approaching you for support. We hope that you can help us with all of the miles we need to get to Mountain T.O.P.

BUY A MILE - MAKE US SMILE!

On June 16th, the Mountain Toppers will depart on our journey to Tennessee. The round trip is approximately 1,400 miles and we are asking for your help to get there! The youth are selling miles to earn money for our trip. Each mile of our trip is \$1.00 and we are asking you to sponsor our youth by purchasing miles. Here's how it works: Decide how many miles you will buy (a \$10.00 donation buys 10 miles, \$20.00 donation buys 20 miles, etc.) It's that simple! In appreciation, you will receive a postcard from our youth while on the trip, and a report when we return. Thank you so much for supporting our youth and the mission of Mountain T.O.P.!

DUMY News

Welcome back to Letha Zaracki! We missed you during your extended hospital stay. Youth group was not the same without you - and we were so glad that you were released in time to help with the Sunrise Service. Thanks to all the youth and their families in helping with the service. The youth would especially like to thank Joe and Linda Coffey for helping us with the Easter Sunrise Service. They have been so much help to us this year and we really appreciate the time and patience they have for DUMY. Thanks, Joe and Linda!

YOUTH CALENDAR:

May 3	7:30-9:00	A-Z Scavenger Hunt
May 5-6	4:00-12:00	Phantom of the Opera Road Trip
May 10,	6:00-9:00	Make a Movie (Bring \$5 for dinner)
May 18	TBA	Laura's Play

May 24, 7:00-9:00 Painting Schoolhouse
 May 31 7:00-9:00 End of Year Picnic
June 9-10 Bike Trip
 Sandy Bowers, Youth Director

THE WOMEN'S CORNER: LABELS, LABELS, LABELS!!

Have you wondered what that clear, cube-shaped "thing" in the North Hall outside of Fellowship Hall is?

Well, the United Methodist Women have been "collecting" the labels off of Campbell's soup & spaghetti (and any other Campbell products) for many, many years and that "thing" is a clear, 4-sided collection center for you to contribute any Campbell product labels you are collecting. Over the years Grace Judson has gathered them up, trimmed off the unneeded printing, bundled them up and sent them to the RED BIRD MISSION in Kentucky and she figures the UMW to collect between 25,000 and 30,000 labels! They are turned in to the company for acquiring such things as a washer, a dryer, school supplies or, if you have enough of them, the Mission could acquire A VAN. We encourage you to start your own collection and drop them into the container. They will be put to good use!!

Phebe Judson, President, U.M.W.

ABOUT THE SPAGHETTI DINNERS

A few concerned members of our congregation were chatting about the need for funds for our Sanctuary Renovation Project and possibly other projects which need funding in the future. The exciting thing with was a dinner which served on a i.e., once a few months before vacation in the Summer and which would begin again in the Fall. We don't want to replace any of the traditional dinners being served by others. But we wanted to add still another opportunity for fun, fellowship, and working together. That was accomplished on our first try (we laughed a lot, both at ourselves and at each other) and we're hoping some others will want to share in this wonderful and exciting experience. One of the best parts was the response from our patrons who praised the efforts of our group. If you are looking for some satisfying fun to help your



we came up with spaghetti would be regular basis, month for a

church this is an opportunity for YOU!! Please join us – you, too, can be a “Diva” – the name acquired by the group!!! Just contact the church office for further information (665-5632). (By the way, this group is NOT part of any other committee even though some of us do serve on other committees – this is a group unto itself.)

DUMC'S "KNITTING" MINISTRY:

Cathy Freeman, Lay Leader

I am interested in starting a knitting ministry at Dixboro. The idea would be to knit prayer shawls for people who are sick, in the hospital, or in special need.

There are lots of ways we could do this: meet as a large group on a regular basis to knit, pray, gab, and eat; meet as several small groups to knit, pray, gab, and eat; knit individually and meet as needed to distribute prayer shawls, etc.

If you are interested in working with me to put this together, please let me know. We will set something up that works for those who are interested.

KNITTING LESSONS

I have also been asked by some members of Dixboro to teach them to knit. So, the first class will be Thursday, May 11, at 7pm at the church. I will bring knitting needles and scrap yarn you can use for this first lesson. If you are interested but can't make this date and time, let me know at 665-8471 or cathyfreeman0207@yahoo.com. (Those are zeros NOT the letter O). I'll set up future lessons

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

5/1	Jeremy Rohraff
5/2	Raelyn Sanford Alexandra Spears Jacob Czapla
5/3	Bobby Chappuis
5/4	Hannah Moening Mitchell Moening
5/5	Charles Hocking Christopher Stentzel
5/6	Brian Rohraff Roger Judson
5/7	Hilda Newbound
5/8	Paul Berry Laura Knutilla
5/9	Bill Williams Kandace Rickard
5/11	Paul Keiser
5/12	Emily Vincent Katie Vincent
5/13	David Judson
5/14	Rob Chappuis
5/15	David Brandon Scott Bowers Grace Judson Courtney Berry Debbie Moening
5/17	Bill Sheldon
5/18	Diane Nunn Ross Dunbar
5/19	Kyle Warren
5/20	Gail Hubbard Glenna MacDonald
5/21	Leslee Brandon
5/22	Kenn Scheffer
5/23	Nathan Wickland Sydney DeWolf
5/24	Christopher Burnett
5/26	Callum Mein
5/27	Kassandra Smith
5/28	Max Marken Kara Bowers
5/29	James Moran
5/31	David Barth



that work for the most people or do individual tutoring.

MOTHER'S DAY PIANO RECITAL

You are cordially invited to hear Hanna Song, former organist for Dixboro Church, who will be playing a piano recital on Mother's Day, May 14 at 2:00 pm in the "King's Keyboard House" 2333 E. Stadium in Ann Arbor. She will be assisted by her husband Peter Toogood on clarinet and by Lisa Caron on piano.

"BULLETIN BOARD" ADS...

This "Bulletin Board" is solely for the benefit of raising money for the Sanctuary Renovation Project (SRP). If you have a service or goods with all or partial sales going to the SRP, you may advertise in this space. Contact Meredith Burr (734) 487-5673, or leave a message at the church office (665-5632). Deadline to advertise is the 10th of each month. Ads will automatically repeat in future CHIMES publications. SRP Committee has the right to pull any ad.

Meredith Burr

PILLOWS

Size 16 x 16, \$26, depicting picture of the DUM Church. One hundred percent (100%) proceeds go to SRP. Contact Joann Sherman (734) 459-1821, Meredith Burr (734) 487-5673 or any other Altar Guild member.

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MAY BIBLE READINGS:

<u>May 7</u> Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 23 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	<u>May 21</u> Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 98 I John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
<u>May 14</u> Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 I John 4:4-21 John 15:1-8	<u>May 28</u> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

BUSCH'S GROCERY

Shop at Busch's...5% of purchase donated to SRP. Must make your purchase(s) with a Busch's "gift card". Cards available from Betty or Bob DeWolf. Cards can be refilled at Busch's.

KROGER'S GROCERY

Shop at Kroger's...5% of purchase is donated to SRP. Must make a purchase with a Kroger "gift card". Cards available from Bob or Betty DeWolf and can be refilled at Kroger'

REAL ESTATE

If you or someone you know needs to sell or buy a home, use Steve Wickland of the Charles Reinhart Co. as your REALTOR and Steve will donate up to \$500 to the DUMC Sanctuary Renovation Project for each transaction. Also applies to anyone who is referred to Steve from a DUMC member. Call Steve at 734-669-5845 (office) or 734-216-2498 (cell #). www.wicklandrealestate.com