

THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008

AN OPEN LETTER FROM REV. JOHN G. PARK:

May begins with sunshine and hope for grace and mercy for God's people who gather here at the Dixboro Church. In our Sesquicentennial year, we celebrate the promise and power of God for 150 years and for today!

Again, this month, I'll send out a test electronic version of the CHIMES in the hope that the system is able to make this option available to all BY YOUR CHOICE.

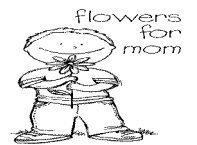
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For a few months, we'll double up mailing and sending.

Grace and peace,
The Preacher

"MOTHER'S DAY" May 11

**Worship includes tributes appropriate for the day and
the presence of the Cherub Choir.
Come join us!**



DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 14-18

The annual meeting of Methodists from around the State is held in Adrian each spring. This year, on Sunday, the 18th, Cathy Freeman will be commissioned as a deacon in the United Methodist Church and begin her service ministry to the glory of God. We are proud to be part of the support for Cathy's journey in this process. God bless her and the people.

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“BLUE JEANS SUNDAY”

from the Church Office

Sunday, May 18, One Worship Service Only at 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee and distribution of cleaning assignments. This is a family affair with jobs for everyone at all ages. It is also a wonderful time of fun and fellowship while accomplishing a much-needed Spring cleaning of the church and grounds. After all the raking, washing, polishing, dusting, weeding and planting there will be a lunch provided in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan on making this a family project and stewardship day.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE **2ND ANNUAL LADIES “SALAD & DESSERT TEA”:**

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., \$5 donation to cover costs

Program Speaker: Rev. Carol Johns.

Theme: “A Spring Garden”

Several ladies have volunteered to host and decorate a table.

Salads will be provided by those with last names A thru L and

Desserts by those with last names M thru Z.

Last year’s Tea was very successful. We hope you will join us again this year.

Call Cathy Freeman or Mary Berry for further details.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES:

We are still in desperate need of a few more adults to go with the youth to MT. T.O.P.!!! The group is leaving July 25th and returning Aug 2nd. Come talk with Sandy Bowers or Jill Chappius!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Articles by Stephanie Cloutier, Dir., Christian Education

Join us in **Discovering Jesus’ Miraculous Power!!!** June 16-20 in the evening (exact times TBA). Ages: preschool - 5th grade welcome!! Older than 5th grade but can't imagine a summer without VBS??? Come be a Crew Leader, or help out with any of the following: crafts, games, Chadder's Theatre, photos, snacks! Let Stephanie know if you are interested!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

by Spence BeMent

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

The annual Mother's Day Flower Sale is our major Good News House fundraiser. Plan to purchase your spring annuals from us on Saturday, May 10 around 1:00 and Sunday, May 11 sometime during morning worship. An order form is included with this CHIMES issue, with prices and delivery details (order deadline May 4). The form is also available at the church on the Ministries Table. Selected flower pictures will be posted near the Missions Bulletin Board. Ten inch diameter hanging baskets and ferns will be available for sale on Mother's Day weekend. Our prices are the same as in the past.

The 2008 "Good News House HFH Project" is underway and we have pledged \$3,000 toward the cost. The family has been selected and the home will be on Firewood St. in Ypsilanti where previous HFH homes have been built. Our church work Saturday is July 12 and we will also volunteer on Thursday and Friday, July 10 and 11.

DIXBORO MENS CLUB NEWS:

by Spence BeMent

The men of the Dixboro Men's Club put on the Easter Sunday Breakfast that followed the Sunrise Service. This event was attended by close to one hundred who ate well under the cooking tutelage of Paul Berry. Over \$400 was received to be split between support of the Youth Mountain Top Mission effort and purchase of a Video/CD projector.

In March, Carl Johns (appropriately dressed) discussed shooting club activities and safety procedures. His array of guns and sport shooting video added gave an interesting touch. In April, Carl Benson provided his thoughts on ten problems in public schools in Michigan, from Administration to Yearly Calendar, and "avoided" (with comments) ten others. The club decided to pursue attending a minor league baseball game this season, either the Lansing Lugnuts or the Toledo Mudhens. The Detroit Tiger organization was not helpful in providing tickets to their games.

The next Saturday breakfast is on May 10 at 8:00 a.m. Tom Freeman will speak to us about land acquisition and open space preservation efforts in Washtenaw County and elsewhere. Our county is a national leader in these efforts.



MARCH/APRIL MISSIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

At the Missions Lenten Potluck on March 6 Roberta King discussed and showed slides of her Volunteers in Mission trip to Haiti last fall. The food was great and the presentation provided an excellent picture of part of the volunteer work that sustains this impoverished country in the midst of its governmental turmoil. The free-will offering will be devoted entirely to the construction of office space for teachers in the "new" high school that Roberta visited.

HEALTH CARE KITS FOR LIBERIA:

Our church gathered enough medical and health care supplies to fill three "standard-size" containers as part of a much larger shipment to Liberia after the Annual Detroit Conference this Spring. We also covered the transportation cost for each.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

by Phebe Judson

A reminder that the U.M.W. meets once a month on the third Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. All women of the church are invited to join this group. The next meeting is May 19 followed by a picnic lunch on June 16. Look for details.

“BITS & PIECES”:

from the Church Office

The yearly printed Church Directories have been received and your copy is available on the Ministries Table or in the Sanctuary Narthex on the table. You can get a copy in the Church Office, also. We will announce when the “Pictorial Directories” arrive.



A reminder that we are still collecting non-perishable food to be donated to the Food Gatherers organization, to help feed the hungry of Washtenaw County. This is a worthy cause and we don't want to see it fall by the wayside, so keep us in mind when you clean out your pantry or go grocery shopping. Anything you donate will be much appreciated. Thanks!

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

by Joanne Hocking

My last day of serving as Dixboro's Church Secretary was April 30. I want to offer my heart-felt thanks to the congregation for your support over the last ten years. I know you will warmly welcome the new person taking my place. I will miss having you stop by the office to say hello or chatting with you on the phone. I have loved being able to serve my church in this capacity. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated, and each of you has a special place in my spiritual journey. I am still a long-time member of Dixboro so we will occasionally run into each other at church events.. God's grace and peace be with each of you.

MAY
BIBLE READINGS:

May 4

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10

May 11

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34

May 18

Genesis 1:1-2

Psalm 8

May 25

Isaiah 49:8-16

Psalm 131

