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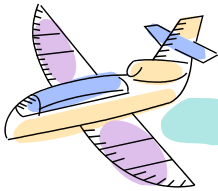
DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

RETIREMENT PARTY

Janice Clark, who has been the Music Director at Dixboro for 55 years, has announced her retirement, effective in mid-June. We will celebrate with a meal and a time of celebration on Sunday, June 13 after the 11:00 service. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details to come.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST



The Men's Club is sponsoring a special event on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 am. Everyone is invited for breakfast and a presentation by Randy Hotten, Executive Director of the Yankee Air Museum and a former Navy Captain who flew a P-3 Orion Submarine Hunter in the Cold War. His presentation will include a 25-minute file on the history of the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The program is open to everyone and attendees are asked to make a \$5.00 donation.

DIXBORO FAIR

By Peggy Moran, Chairperson

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW – SAT. AUGUST 7 - 10am-6pm - FOR THE DIXBORO FAIR.

The Dixboro Fair planning committee is off to a great start. We have many ideas for the fair this year.

The Fair committee appreciates the volunteers' hard work. Everyone that contributes their time and energy has helped to share Dixboro Church with the community. This Fair is a wonderful day and would not be possible without your help.

Don't forget we set up on Friday night, starting around 3:30. Then we enjoy a light potluck supper. Plan on coming; it will make a light load for everyone.

The Dixboro Fair Committees are in need of your help. Please give one of us a call to volunteer on Aug. 6 & 7:

Chairperson -	Peggy Moran	734-929-9510
Artisans and Crafters -	Beth Woodward	248-486-3893
Food tent -	Chris Martin	734-487-5673
Children's Games -	Beth Little	734-480-2525

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

John Park, Cathy Freeman and Adelaide Ammon will attend the Annual Conference of the Detroit Conference from Thursday, May 20 through Sunday, May 23. This is a time when clergy and lay people from across the Conference come together to worship, plan, report, and make decisions on issues such as conference budgets and priorities.

The Conference ends with a Service of Commissioning and Ordination – when new clergy join the provisional ranks (a probationary period) or the ranks of those in full connection (ordination). Jack Amick will be ordained this year on Sunday, May 23, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel at Adrian College. All are invited to attend this joyous event.

DIXBORO GOLF LEAGUE

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

Don't let the word "league" scare you away. This "league" is a group of golfers of all ages and all abilities who play 9 holes together every Monday evening at 5:30 pm at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course (Sutton Road just north of North Territorial.) There is no need to pay ahead – we only pay when we golf. There is no need for reservations – we put together groups each week based on who comes.



Everyone is invited to this no-hassle, no-stress, no-ability golf league. Plan to join us whenever you can.

D.U.M.C. 2010 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: Noon May 24, 2010

Submit to Church Office

The DUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the application process for the 2010 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. Last year we were able to make five awards from those 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 are available to be picked up in the church office. Completed applications along with all required documentation must be submitted by noon on May 24, 2010 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 of the Scholarship Committee

BISHOP'S SEAT COVER PROJECT

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant



For the last several years, Bishop Jonathan Keaton has sponsored “The Seat Cover Project”. Cathy Freeman is coordinating this project in 2010 for the Order of Deacons. The Deacons collect the “seat covers” and make sure they are distributed to agencies where they can be used.

So what is a “Seat Cover?” It’s what covers you seat – underwear! There are many outlets for people in need to obtain inexpensive used clothing. However, it is against the law to give away used underwear. (Now that’s a *good* law.) This means there is a need for new underwear and the Bishop has asked us to donate specifically for children.

There will be collection boxes in the Parlor. Please bring NEW underwear in children’s sizes to the Parlor by Sunday, May 18. Cathy will take it to Annual Conference and make sure it is donated to places where it can be used.

PENTECOST

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

We will celebrate Pentecost a week early this year – on May 16 instead of May 23. This is because John and Cathy will be at Annual Conference in Adrian on May 23. Watch the bulletin and church announcements for details on this day when we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

SALAD and DESSERT DINNER

By Phylis Brandon, Women of Dixboro Co-Chair

The annual Women of Dixboro Salad and Dessert Dinner will be on Thursday, May 6 at 6:00 pm. This is a potluck so bring a dessert if your last name starts with A-L and a salad if your last name starts with M-Z.

ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to a) attend or b) host a table at the dinner. Please let Cathy Freeman (at church 665-5632) or Phylis Brandon (327-0245) know if you would like to do either one of these. Anyone who has been to this event will tell you what a great time it is.

Our speaker this year will be Faith Fowler, pastor at Cass Community Church in Detroit. She has been with us before so we know we will be blessed by her stories of the ministry that is being done in Detroit.

WOMEN OF DIXBORO

By Phylis Brandon, Women of Dixboro Co-Chair

The Women of Dixboro, under the able leadership of Eileen Wittenberg, will plant and tend the flowers around the church building again this year. Please contact Eileen if you can help. The Women of Dixboro voted to spend \$400 on this project.

Due to the special Salad and Dessert Dinner on May 6, there **will not** be a regular meeting on the second Thursday, May 13.

DIVINE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC - CONCERT

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

"The Divine Language of Music: An Interfaith Experience and an Indian Meal" at the Chinmaya Mission, 4760 Packard Road, AA, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. ON Sunday, May 16. The program will include sacred music from a variety of religious traditions including vocal solos, chanting, dance and instruments. Following the program, we will enjoy a delicious Indian meal.

Ticket prices: \$15 (basic), \$25, \$50 (charitable contributions categories). Contact Cathy Freeman for tickets or call George Lambrides at 734-678-5616. Hope you can make it!!!

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

By Gary Harrison, Chair of Trustees

Blue Jean Sunday will be May 23 from 10:00-noon. This is a day when we all pitch in to do clean-up and maintenance around the church. There are projects for people of all ages and abilities so please plan to help out.

There will be only one worship service on this day – Come at 9:00 am to worship and stay to work. Lunch will be provided at noon.

MISSIONS FLOWER SALE

By Spence BeMent, Missions Committee



The Missions Committee is sponsoring a flower sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Order forms for alyssum, begonias, impatiens, and more are available on the Ministry Table outside the church office or in the church office.

Flowers must be ordered by May 10 and will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

All participants in the Kroger Rewards Program must sign up AGAIN for the program in order to earn funds for your group during 2010. It doesn't matter if you just joined, you must re-enroll again.

Directions for how to use the Internet to enroll or re-enroll are available on the Ministry Table outside the church office.

MISSIONS PROGRAM

By Roberta King, Chair of the Missions Committee

So far in April, 176 pounds of food have been donated for Food Gatherers. Dixboro is doing a great job! The shelves at Food Gatherers, however, are bare. The need is great.

Children's underwear is being collected for the Bishop's Seat Cover project. Bring your donations in the next two weeks. (See separate article about this project.)

Also in the next two weeks we will be collecting for the conference collection. These funds will be used to purchase a truck for the Liberian UMC Conference. (Again, there is a separate article about this project.)

Look for news of the Dixboro work day at Habitat for Humanity.

Seven children from Dixboro UMC are exchanging letters with our partner church students in Liberia.

Dixboro is truly in mission in the world.

NEWS NOTES FROM NURTURE

By Madeline Kingston-Park, Chair of the Nurture Committee

Come and be part of lots of fun in the upcoming weeks. Come for ice cream sundaes. Come for cake and come to honor hone of our own as she starts another chapter of her life. Put a star next to May 16 and June 13 and be sure to come to church. See you there!

P.S. Please start to save your books for our Used Book Sale at this year's Fair. We'll be selling them again and we'll let you know when you can start to bring them to the church. Thank you.

A TRUCK FOR LIBERIA

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant



The Conference Board of Global Ministries has decided NOT to fill a container with medical and UMCOR kits to be sent to Liberia at the 2010 Annual Conference. Instead, the Board will be using the Annual Conference session as an opportunity to raise funds to purchase a deliver truck for use in Liberia

According to Margie Crawford, chair of the Board's Hunger/UMCRO Committee, "In seeking new directions for how we may help our covenant partner, we are hoping to raise funds to help with the purchase of a truck for Liberia. At our meeting, Bishop Innis (of Liberia) spoke of how difficult it is to convey materials from the capital of Monrovia to many of the churches, especially those in more distant districts. A truck for the conference will help tremendously to deliver materials and supplies to the districts. We are asking each church in the Detroit Annual Conference to prayerfully consider how much they can give toward bridging the distance between Monrovia and the churches served by the Liberia Conference."

Contributions should be made out to Dixboro United Methodist Church and marked "Liberia Truck" and all that we collect will be taken to Annual Conference by John and Cathy.

UMW NEWS

By Helen Snedeker, United Methodist Women

A letter of thanks was received from Red Bird Mission for the Campbell soup labels that Eileen Bauer sent in for us. Keep collecting them, please, and put them in the plastic container in the Parlor.

The Cookbook Committee Chairs are hard at work – Carole Buttrum, Nancy Durston and Chris Martin. We'll put all recipes together by the end of April to send to the publisher and will have books ready to sell by Fair time. Thanks to all who sent in their recipes.

Our May 17 meeting will have Shirley and Ken Koch showing us their dogs and telling us of their rescue activities. Everyone interested is invited at 1:00 pm.

MEIJER REWARDS PROGRAM

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

Meijer's now has a Rewards Program that is similar to that we use at Busch's, Hiller's, and Kroger. A portion of your purchases will be donated back to Dixboro Church. You can apply to the program in three different ways – see the Ministry Table outside the church office for details.

Dixboro's organization number is **794398**. You will need this number when you enroll.

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, May 2	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22:5 John 14:23-29
Sunday, May 16	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Rev 22:12-14;16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Sunday, May 23	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17
Sunday, May 30	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15		

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

The Gospels share the "good news" of Jesus. Our pastor has shared the "good news" of your generous sharing of your treasure to support our church locally and globally. Over \$5,500 was sent to Haiti and \$1276 sent to the United Methodist Council on Relief to support their work in meeting emergency needs around the world. Your gifts have also blessed the general operations of our local church. Annual gifts and expenses are accrued in order to provide a more realistic picture of our financial health. Due to your increased giving, the difference between revenue and expense for this year is only a negative \$977 compared to a negative \$13,600 through March, 2009. Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of Dixboro United Methodist Church.

	March	YTD 2010	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2009
REVENUE						
General Giving	14,370.90	52,107.34	210,000.00	157,892.66	24.81%	42,821.36
Special Collections, Designations, Other	1,608.01	6,913.12	12,000.00	5,086.88		2,361.54
TOTAL REVENUE	15,978.91	59,020.46	222,000.00	162,979.54		45,182.90
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related Apportionments	3,861.00	11,583.00	38,610.00	27,027.00	30.00%	12,294.10
Church Related Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	1,601.00	6,819.00	7,500.00	0.00		457.22
Payroll General church operations	2,745.11	8,168.07	40,241.37	32,073.30	20.30%	10,359.36
Committees	375.62	695.96	4,000.00	3,304.04	17.40%	824.58
Special Project: Total Pastor related expense	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		1,919.10
Total Parsonage Related Total Schoolhouse expense	438.18	1,139.80	4,325.00	3,185.20	26.35%	979.64
	39.60	91.37	575.00	483.63	15.89%	102.85
TOTAL EXPENSE:	19,823.20	59,997.85	228,296.67	167,617.82	26.28%	58,783.20
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-3,844.29	-977.39	-6,296.67			-13,600.30

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.
 Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,
 granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,
 endurance to those who care for sick family members,
 and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.
 We thank you for gifts of love we have received
 from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.
 As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.
 Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.
(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th century, Alt, UM Book of Worship #437)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	May 1		Cline Wedding Shower in Fellowship Hall
Monday	May 3		Cathy at Conference Training at Lake Louise
Tuesday	May 4		Cathy at Conference Training at Lake Louise
		7:00 pm	Botford Cemetery Committee Meeting
Wednesday	May 5		Cathy at Conference Training at Lake Louise
		6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Thursday	May 6	6:30 pm	Women of Dixboro Salad and Dessert Dinner
Friday	May 7	5:30 pm	Mooney/Halbert Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	May 8	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast – All are invited!
		4:00 pm	Mooney/Halbert Wedding
Sunday	May 9	12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
Tuesday	May 11	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Thursday	May 13	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee
		7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro - cancelled
Saturday	May 15		Flowers Available for Pick-Up
Sunday	May 16		Celebrate Pentecost a week early
			Flowers Available for Pick-Up
Monday	May 17	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Wed	May 19	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
Thursday	May 20		John and Cathy at Annual Conference in Adrian
Friday	May 21		John and Cathy at Annual Conference in Adrian
Saturday	May 22		John and Cathy at Annual Conference in Adrian
Sunday	May 23		John and Cathy at Annual Conference in Adrian
		9:00 am	One Worship Service this day
		10:00 am	Blue Jean Sunday – worship at 9am only
Tuesday	May 25	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	May 27	7:00 pm	Finance Committee

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Mondays	5:30 pm	Golf at Rolling Meadows Golf Course (April-Oct)
Tuesdays	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Joyful Noise Band Practice
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Wednesdays	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursdays	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Fridays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
Saturdays	8:30 am	Prayer/Meditation Group
Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service
Sundays	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
Sundays	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
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

Second Tuesday	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
First Wednesday	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Third Wednesday	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
Second Thursday	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee – <i>note change of date</i>
Second Thursday	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro
Fourth Thursday	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Second Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Club in Fellowship Hall

**May God be gracious to us and bless us
and may God's face shine upon us,
that thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
let all the peoples praise thee!**
Psalms 67:1-3