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DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER

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FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

Our fall stewardship campaign will be held in September and October and is called "More Than Enough." It is based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9:

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop;
The one who plants many seeds will have a large crop.
Each one should give, then, as he has decided,
Not with regret or out of a sense of duty;
For God loves the one who gives gladly.
And God is able to give you more than you need,
So that you will always have all your need for yourselves
And more than enough for every good cause.
As the scripture says,
"He gives generously to the needy;
His kindness last forever."

THANK YOU NOTES

I wanted to express my gratitude for receiving the Terry Wick Scholarship. This thank-you is rather belated, as the school year started here at Michigan State about a month ago; but I've been keeping busy with a full course-load, extra-curricular activities, clubs, and working at the Wesley Foundation (where the study leadership team had to take the reins, in the absence of a campus minister). I am deeply grateful for the scholarship and plan to put it to good use in my second year at Michigan State. I hope to make you, my Dixboro family, proud as I put into practice all the love, kindness, and deeply rooted faith that you have taught me.

Sincerely, Allegra Woodward Smith

I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of the recipients of Ian Parker Memorial Scholarship. It really helped make a difference when preparing for my junior year at Eastern Michigan University. This scholarship has relieved much of the stress when buying textbooks this year. I am sincerely grateful for this award and will continue to remember how blessed I am when using these textbooks and other tools which this scholarship has facilitated. Thank you all again so much. I am so honored and appreciative of this award and everyone at Dixboro UMC.

Sincerely, Katie Wilcox

CASSEROLES FROM THE DIXBORO COOKS

By Barbara Scheffer

The Cooks are at it again. Casseroles are being prepared and frozen as of this writing. Each casserole feeds a family of four or two hungry adults ☺. Cost is \$13/ casserole. All proceeds designated to help pay for our new roof/exterior painting of church building.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS—NOVEMBER 7, 2010

- Place orders with Meredith Burr at church or at (734-487-5673)
- Pick up date Sunday, December 5, 2010 between services

Anyone interested in helping out with the preparation of casseroles please contact Meredith as well (734-487-5673). We are cooking on Saturday, November 6 in the church kitchen. If you can stay for an hour or all morning, any amount of time would be appreciated. We would love to have your help with this worthwhile project supporting our church.

The Dixboro Cooks Planning Group—Meredith Burr, Shirley Koch, Pat Blom, Elaine Sanford, and Barb Scheffer

CLOTHES FOR VETS

Hi, I am Fay Edsall, a VA hospital retiree and I'm here again to request winter clothes for the unemployed, homeless veterans, both male and female. (Did you know that Detroit has about 5,000 homeless and there are 600,000 across the US – not all vets?)

- If you have no warm clothes, we will accept monetary donations for shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc. Make a check to "General Post Fund 236" and it to me.
- We also need **NEW** boxer shorts, men's white socks, t-shirts, lip balms, lap robes, puzzles and books.
- We need warm clothes – jackets, gloves, boots, blue jeans, khakis, shoes, shirts, sweat pants and sweat shirts.
- Lastly, we need cotton material and Velcro to make "privacy bags" (covers for catheter bags). Each finished bag is 14" x 14".

Boxes for donations are under the table across from the church office. Questions – call Fay at 663-7394 or Voluntary Services at (734) 845-3467.

PRAYER CHAIN

By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant

I would like to re-invent and re-energize the Prayer Chain. The purpose of this practice is to have people who will intentionally pray for people or situations that are identified by our church family as needing prayer.

Email is our most common method of communication so I would like to invite everyone to sign up to be on an email list for prayers. If you volunteer, I will send you an email whenever John or I learn of a person or situation that needs prayers.

If you would prefer to get a phone call when your prayers are needed, I will also initiate these calls. Just let me know that you want to be included.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

By Phebe Judson, President

The Annual Turkey Dinner was held October 2 and many people said how good everything was. We made \$810.00 at the dinner. A big thank you to all of you that worked and helped make it a success once again.

The cookbooks are available for \$14.00. About 230 have been purchased and there are about 270 more available. They would make excellent Christmas gifts so feel free to purchase one or more at \$14.00 each. They are available each Sunday during coffee hour of contact Nancy Durston.

Our next monthly meeting for the UW will be on Monday, November 15 at 1:00 pm.

IN MEMORY OF CAROL GUREGIAN
November 11, 1925-September 2, 2010

Friends of Carol Guregian's asked that we share this tribute below as an example of the many inspirational memories of Carol that were spoken so beautifully at her funeral:

Comments made by Elaine Guregian, Carol's youngest daughter:

I'm Elaine and I will miss my mom introducing me as her baby.

I remember my mom standing in my garden and saying that she could never live in a high-rise apartment building because she was so connected to the earth. As most of you probably know, any walk with her could turn into a nature walk, as one interesting leaf or insect after another captured her attention. My mom understood very well the things that she stood for. She was a woman of great integrity who focused her attention of matters of substance: her family, her teaching, the challenges facing her friends and their families, and beyond that, moral and political matters in the world. She was one of the most competent people I probably will ever know, and she did not have a superficial bone in her body. When we used to play Trivial Pursuit years ago, she would sometimes defend herself if she didn't know an answer, by saying, "I was too busy to be watching that tv show."

As my mom got sicker, I think the thing that bothered her most that it was hard for her to help other people the way she had for her whole life. It was so important to her to keep "making a contribution," as she always put it. She was very disappointed when her health made it necessary to step down from serving on the Methodist Children's Home Society Board, where she had been so actively involved for 17 years. But one thing mom always said to us was "think positive," so I want to remind you of some of the lasting contributions she did make over her very full lifetime.

My mom left her hometown of Fowlerville to attend college on a full, four-year scholarship to become a teacher. At that time it was not the norm for young women to major in math and minor in science, but that's what she was interested in and so she did it. When she went on to teach math and science, she became a role model to girls including one niece who said "It's because of Aunt Carol that I am a scientist." Mom also studied early education, and when she taught preschool, her students were fortunate to have a teacher who understood the psychology of young children with such empathy and imagination. There are (former) preschoolers out there who may still think that there is a species called a lollipop tree, after visiting the woods behind mom and dad's house, where she hung lollipops on a thornapple tree and made some magic. When my sisters and I were young, she made so many things fun. Even an afterschool snack became a treasure hunt when she would hide bags of popcorn around the living room for us to find. She encouraged us in every way to be creative.

As a grandmother, my mom was always eager to play cards or pool or croquet or ping-pong with her grandchildren, although if it was ping pong, they had to watch out, since she had been a champion and was not about to take it easy on them. I can only imagine how much fun she was as a middle school teacher, and her students were lucky to have a teacher who took such an interest in them. I was going through mom's jewelry box last week and found a note on a scrap of paper that said, "Mrs. Guregian, you were the best teacher I ever had." Obviously that note had meant a lot to her.

Mom was also very interested in keeping history alive, and she used her photography skills not only for her own enjoyment but to document the lives of Michigan farmers and their farm buildings. Mom so enjoyed talking with those farmers and hearing their stories, which reminded her of her own family's heritage. Her barn photos were exhibited widely and a collection of them is held in the University of Michigan's Bentley Historical Library.

Whether my mom was showing a group of 4-H girls how to sew a dress or serving on Dixboro Church's Mission Commission, she was determined to help people and to make a difference. I know for sure that my mom did make a contribution through her life. Her legacy is that she showed so many other people how they could make a contribution of their own.

I am proud of my mom for many reasons, but I loved her most for her enthusiasm about life, for always being ready to listen and to encourage me, and for giving me the secure feeling that she loved me with all her heart. I will always miss her, but I am comforted by knowing that she is here in all of you. Thank you for all the kindness you have shown her.

YOUTH NEWS

By Beth Little, Director of Christian Education

Thank you Eileen Wittenberg! With her talent in the garden, mixed with the enthusiasm of our youth, 140 bulbs were planted in the children's garden near the office entrance of the church. We look forward to what Spring will bring!

Our Fall singing debut went very well on October 10th. The kids sang from their hearts and all were pleased with the performance. We are already working on our next song selection to be performed on Sunday, November 21st. We hope to see all your smiling faces there.

Christmas is coming!! How do I know? We've begun work on our Christmas program, "Live From Bethlehem". The kids will present the program on Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 pm followed by a pasta dinner. I can't wait for you to see this fun program mixed with carols and scripture. It's a great way to celebrate the season of our Savior's birth.

As education director, I know I really shouldn't be teaching a Sunday school class, but I have to tell you, I am having so much fun with these middle schoolers! Who would have thought? Thanks so much to Lee Mein and Kerri Reuter who help each week. The kids are really enjoying the curriculum and so are the teachers. We laugh, learn and share – really building relationships and a strong group. Angela Charnetski and Tammy Bargo report that their classes are going well, and according to my 4th grader, "It's AWESOME!" Linda is working with our high schoolers, having great discussions and giving them something to focus on all week. Feel free to stop in and visit anytime. I guarantee you'll leave with a smile!

MISSIONS REPORT

By Roberta King, Missions Committee Chair

Food Gatherers: Over 100 pounds of food have been donated so far in October. This brings the total for the year to over 1500 pounds! Non food items such as holiday decorations are also used by Food Gatherers.

Habitat for Humanity: \$1,000 was paid on our pledge to the Good News House.

Methodist Children's Village: The Dixboro UMC contributes \$1,500 per year to the Methodist Children's Village, We will also be sending Christmas Gifts this year. Look for details on needed gifts in church announcements.

Haiti: \$1,400 was given for the rebuilding of the Apricot Church in Haiti and for school projects. A check was presented to Curtis Bartz at the District Board of Missions meeting in October.

Mali: \$400 was sent for school tuition for Mohamed Niangadou. Mohamed is the oldest of ten children being raised by his mother and grandmother. They are deeply grateful for the opportunity being provided by Dixboro UMC.

Liberia: Pastor Johnson of our partner church emails that the motorbike is repaired. He is happy for this help. We still need funds for roof repair for the school.

Tent City: Members of the mission committee will attend a meeting of the Tent City in Ann Arbor. This is the governing group of homeless persons siving in tents in the Ann Atbor area.

House By the Side of the Road: The House will reopen in January. Thanks to Cathy Freeman for her work on this project.

District Board of Missions: Dixboro UMC will provide a mission display at the annual meeting October 21.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

By Becky Horvath, Worship Committee Chair

The Worship Committee has been seeking a unique theme for Advent. Cathy Freeman found a series of Advent Wreath Meditations using the verses from "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The there for Nov. 28 is peace; for Dec. 5 – justice and righteousness; for Dec. 12 – patience; for Dec. 19 – trust and faithfulness; and on Christmas Eve – the coming of the true light of life.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the 9:00 service will set the landscape and the 11:00 service will bring in the Creche. There will also be a basket of Chrismons so each family may put one upon the tree to decorate it. Each Advent Sunday, figures will be added to the Creche. We will be looking for different families to light the Advent Wreath and read the meditations.

We need new members on the worship committee. It is an important place to generate ideas to make the worship services more engaging and fulfilling. Will you consider joining us?

A HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALTERNATIVE

Save the date to shop your conscience this holiday season!

Join First Baptist Church and ICPJ for the
27th ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY FAIR:

Sunday, December 5th

11am to 3pm

**First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor
(Free parking in the public lot across the street)**

Celebrate this holiday season in an alternative way by **purchasing gifts that give back** for your loved ones. The fair features handmade goods made by artisans living in third-world countries, including unique toys, jewelry, ornaments, leather crafts, pottery, and more! You can even purchase farm animals, trees, and fish to be sent in the name of your loved ones to farmers in need throughout the world.

Live farm animals will be on site - so bring the whole family. Refreshments will be available for donation.

Sponsored by First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor. Co-sponsored by ICPJ. Participants include: SERRV, Ten Thousand Villages, Church World Service, Heifer Project International, and others.

Please contact Kat at First Baptist Church for more information: office@fbca2.org.

***Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Worship the Lord with joy
Come before God with happy songs!***

***Acknowledge that the Lord is God.
God made us, and we belong to God
We are God's people, we are God's flock.***

***Enter the Temple gates with Thanksgiving
go to its courts with praise.
Give than to God and praise God.***

***The Lord is good
God's love is eternal
and God's faithfulness lasts forever.
Psalm 100 (Lectionary Reading for Thanksgiving Day)***

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
by Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

	September	YTD 2010	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2009
REVENUE						
General Giving	14,265.97	142,298.56	210,000.00	67,701.44	67.76%	133,688.65
Special Collections, Designations, Other	25,217.43	42,893.56	12,000.00	-30,893.56		16,239.60
TOTAL REVENUE	39,483.40	185,192.12	222,000.00	36,807.88		149,928.25
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related Apportionments	3,861.00	27,027.00	38,610.00	11,583.00	70.00%	29,043.70
Church Related Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	653.29	12,838.41	7,500.00	0.00		8,026.85
Payroll General church operations	1,921.57	24,225.69	40,241.37	16,015.68	60.20%	28,507.58
Committee	282.20	3,592.83	4,000.00	407.17	89.82%	3,199.00
Special Project: Total Pastor related expense	24,559.89	30,337.78	10,000.00	-20,337.78		8,296.70
Total Parsonage Related Total Schoolhouse expense	6,387.00	58,251.75	80,644.00	22,392.25	72.23%	57,526.24
Total Parsonage Related Total Schoolhouse expense	118.79	2,112.99	4,325.00	2,212.01	48.86%	3,703.75
expense	39.77	203.90	575.00	371.10	35.46%	267.11
TOTAL EXPENSE:	40,247.73	188,086.07	228,296.67	45,549.01	82.39%	168,512.11
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-764.33	-2,893.95	-6,296.67			-18,583.86

May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!
Philippians 4:4 (Lectionary reading for Thanksgiving Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday	Nov 1		All Saints Day
Wednesday	Nov 3	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	Nov 4	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro Meeting
Saturday	Nov 6		Dixboro Cooks using Kitchen all day
Sunday	Nov 7		Daylight Savings Time Ends
Monday	Nov 8		Cathy at Conference training in Flint
Tuesday	Nov 9	7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Nov 10	6:30 pm	Nominating and Lay Leadership Committee
Thursday	Nov 11	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee Meeting
Saturday	Nov 13	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Nov 14	12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
Monday	Nov 15	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Tuesday	Nov 16	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	Nov 17	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee Meeting
Thursday	Nov 25		Thanksgiving Day
Sunday	Nov 28		First Sunday of Advent

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service
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
Tuesdays	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class
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
Second 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
Fourth Thursday	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Second Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Club in Fellowship Hall

**“I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them.
“Those who come to me will never be hungry;
those who believe in me will never be thirsty”**

John 6:35 (From Lectionary reading for Thanksgiving Day)

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, Nov 7	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38	Sunday, Nov 14	Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118 2 Thess 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
Sunday, Nov 21	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 2:33-43	Sunday, Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Sunday, Oct 31	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10		