



THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL U.M.W. "TURKEY DINNER" with all the trimmings:

The annual Dixboro Turkey Dinner will be served on Saturday, October 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Dixboro U.M.W.

We need help preparing, serving and cleaning up after. We also will need volunteers to make pies. If you can help with any of these tasks, please call Phebe Judson at 662-6092. Reservations are needed for this dinner.

*Contact Helen Snedeker at 761-3813;
Barbara Brandon at 662-0557 or the
church office at 665-5632.*

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK....

"It's a start."

Because "we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works," (Ephesians 2:10) October's start calls God's people at Dixboro to great things.

The building renovation calls us to look forward by cleaning, clearing, repairing and refurbishing this building – one of the oldest Methodist buildings in Michigan – bringing glory to God.

Sunday worship at 8, 9 and 11, when we gather in awe and lift high the name of the Christ and the way we work together and how we care for the place some call "the house of the Lord," all of this is a witness to all who enter that God is our first priority.

*Our tithes and offerings, the reinvesting in God's work a portion of what is entrusted to us, is a testimony when God's people share their faith in Jesus Christ and change the world to the glory of God. *Continued next page...**

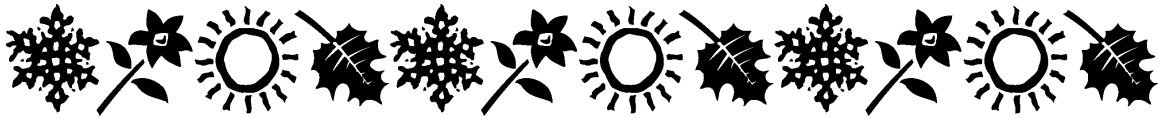
Have you read the now popular book, "One Dead in Attic?" It's a collection of columns about last year's hurricane Katrina by Chris Rose the New Orleans "Times- Picayune" columnist.

He wrote,

I was driving down (the street) and out of nowhere, in total desolation, there

was a working stoplight.....And the funny thing is, I stopped. I waited for it to turn green, and then I drove slowly on my way....Today in New Orleans, a traffic light worked. ...It's a start."

Today, may you see some small sign – something like a stoplight amid devastation – some sign. "it's a start," to the glory God. *Rev. John G. Park*



NOVEMBER SERVICE

"All Saints Day," is an annual memorial day for the Church. On November 5, our worship times will recognize all our members who have died in this past year. Each person here will have an opportunity to speak in remembrance and thanksgiving the name, or tell a story of, any person we have lost.



SUNDAY **MORNING PRAYER AT 8:00** **A.M.**

Morning prayer, an ancient form of worship in the Church, is held each Sunday in the sanctuary. The short worship time combines assigned prayers and scripture. While there are several forms of Morning Prayer available, this September we read a service written in 1784 by John Wesley for the Methodists in North America. For people who desire an early service, this is a good alternative. *John Park*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION **CORNER:**

Stephanie Cloutier

Wow, we are a month into our new curriculum and the kids are so excited! Have you asked one of our youth about what they are learning in Sunday School yet???

This month our theme is *Jesus as The Messiah*. Our schedule is:

October 22nd - Cherubs sing, both services. No Sunday School; Church-wide open house with brunch. Classes are encouraged to eat together and fellowship with one another.

November 19th – "Bible Sunday" - 3rd graders receive their bibles.

November 26th - NO Sunday school -
Happy Thanksgiving!!

December 17th - Christmas Program, 4:00
p.m.

December 24th & 31st - No Sunday School

**HERE ARE SOME FUN & TASTY
RECIPES TO CELEBRATE FALL!**

Pumpkin Dip:

8 oz package of softened cream cheese

15 oz can of solid pumpkin
2 cups powdered sugar
3 tsp of pumpkin pie spice
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
apple & pear slices
gingersnaps

Mix the cream cheese and
powdered sugar in a bowl. Stir in solid
pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice and cinnamon
until smooth. Enjoy this dip with sliced fruit
and gingersnap cookies.



LOOKING FOR A FEW (OR MANY) GOOD PEOPLE!

The Communications Committee is starting up again this month and examining the number of tasks ahead for the year. We are few in number, but dedicated and want to be able to do more. We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the new Conference Room across from the Choir Room. Our current membership and expertise are as follows:

Barbara Scheffer, Chair, facilitator of meetings, minute taker and attends meetings of Council on Ministries.

Joanne Hocking, Editor, publisher, and Linda Coffey, distributor of the CHIMES

Charles Engle, DUMC Webmaster and updater of web calendar

Harriett Rash- Mistress of Posters and Bulletin Boards

Bryan Smith- Computer and network advisor

Brian Charnetski- Computer and network advisor

The following folks help out but are not official members of the committee (i.e. they don't have any meetings to attend ☺):

Gary Harrison- Preparing materials for the Banners and event flyers

Charles Hocking- Advisor related to computer network in the church office.

Heidi Sanford- Designing flyers/information materials for the updated materials for weddings, baptisms, funerals, and rentals of church rooms.

Joanne Hocking- Notifying appropriate sources (newspapers, other churches, etc) of upcoming events and activities.

We are looking for additional assistance either as regular members or "helper" folks for the coming year to assist with:

- Communications/advertising for the 29th Annual Dixboro Fair, August, 2007.
- Coordinate with Joanne the process of obtaining material for the monthly CHIMES.
- Work with Joanne and Linda to get the CHIMES pulled together, edited, typed and mailed each month.
- Work with Heidi and Barb to prepare the flyers/information materials for weddings, baptisms, funerals, and rentals of church rooms.
- Work with Bryan, Brian, and Charles to recommend effective internal computer networking and streamline paperwork processes in church office.
- Other tasks to be identified at our September 13th meeting.

If you have spiritual gifts in any of the above areas or just want to find out more information please give me a call.

Barbara Scheffer 734-668-1450

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

By Adelaide Ammon

As the Council meets for the first time this Fall, the Committee leaders will block out the calendar for the coming year and continue to work on ways to talk about our Spiritual Gifts. Significant dates set so far include:

U.M.W. Turkey Dinner, Saturday, October 14
DUMC Open House, Sunday, October 15
DUMC Open House and Brunch, Sunday, October 22
U.M.W. "Cookie Walk", Sunday, December 10

Enjoy the new larger name tags that the Congregational Development Committee distributed on September 10.

PRAYER SUPPORT

Cathy Freeman, Lay Leader

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

**For if they fall, one will lift up the other;
but woe to the one who is alone
and does not have another to help. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)**

Prayer is one of the ways we support each other so none of us ever needs to feel the woe of not having another to help. We share our joys and concerns on Sunday morning so that others in the congregation will be connected to us and pray with us through the week.

Another way we pray together is through our Prayer Chain. Whenever someone calls the church with a concern or joy and asks to have it "put on the chain", the Prayer Chain is initiated. Each person on the chain calls the next person to let them know of the prayer request. This keeps many in our church informed of the needs of others and links many of us in common prayer.

Would you like to be part of the Prayer Chain? It is always good to have more people involved in this communal prayer – another way the connections of our church are maintained and we assure that "if they fall, one will lift up the other."

***Call the church office (665-5632)
or Ardith King (663-7491) if you want to join the prayer chain.***

BIBLE READINGS:

Oct. 1

Esther 7:1-6
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Oct. 8

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 25 or 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 15

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 22

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 29

Job 42:1-6
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

"WE NEVER KNOW"

...A note from Roger Parker

I don't imagine that John Haas knew when he gave up his vacation to take a bunch of us boys to scout camp. I doubt that Cora Carter knew when she prepared a Sunday school lesson for us (often inattentive) kids. Probably Janice Clark didn't know when she put up with mischievous teenagers in the Senior Choir (who maybe should have been in the zoo instead!). The Dixboro congregation didn't know when its leaders made youth ministry a priority, thus providing caring counselors who let us ask our questions and act goofy and test our wings as we learned to be Christians and leaders ourselves. We never know what the results of our efforts will be.

But I do know now that these, and many other things that Dixboro Church has done, in the past and now, provided the foundation upon which I build today. To know this gives me the encouragement that I need to plant seeds where I am. The seeds may not all grow. But some of them will. And that's enough for me. I hope it's also enough for you. Thanks for all you do!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Ladies! Have you seen our new and beautiful Ladies Bathroom yet? It all started with the donation of a room divider by Elaine Johns and grew into a cooperative effort by several people. Marilyn Pobanz-Kitze did a wonderful job of covering the divider with a new fabric and Meredith Burr made the lovely new curtains (not to worry, we placed her sewing machine as close to her recovery bed as possible!). Gary Harrison showed us his talents by building

the great cornice above the new super-sized mirror and doing all of the other handyman jobs that were necessary. Bob DeWolf came through with an absolutely superior job of sanding, painting and cleaning.

Thank you all so much for your time, talents, patience and good humor. The room is gorgeous! – *YOU DO GREAT WORK!*

(This was offered by “The Foreman” Cathy Harrison who won’t admit that she did a great deal of the work also...thanks Cathy!)

BULLETIN BOARD REQUEST...

If your committee is having or planning a church function this Fall – would you please advertise it on the Bulletin Board outside of the Minister’s Office? Thanks!

By Harriet Rash

JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP – Haiti

Dinner Buffet

A benefit for “The Haiti School Project”, sponsored by The Michigan Area Haiti Task Force & First UMC of Ypsilanti

To be held Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at First U.M.C. of Ypsilanti at 209 Washtenaw, the corner of Washington. Chef Eric Jean-Charles will offer authentic Haitian dishes and homemade desserts. Donation: \$18; children 11 & under: \$8
Call Curtis Bartz for information and tickets at 313-278-4849.

“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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Angela Mooradian Larry Martin
10/3	Emily Anderson Anne Lutzeier
10/4	Gwen Beavens Eric Fox
10/5	Jan Brandon Tyler Sanford
10/6	Dawn Anderson
10/8	Leon Short William Fishbeck
10/9	Tim Sherman
10/10	Katheryne Johnston
10/11	Barbara Gale
10/14	Eileen Bauer Rachael Zaracki
10/15	Fred Fragner
10/18	Mel Carter Paul Stentzel
10/22	Heidi Sanford
10/23	Michael Stentzel
10/24	Jessie Thomas Todd Cloutier
10/25	Christopher Fragner Merita Judson
10/26	Mark Mees
10/28	Bernice Hyne Thomas LaLonde Scott DeWolf
10/29	Elaine Sanford Will Smith
10/30	Carol Huey

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

"CLASSIC T's", owned by Ron and Jean Smith, is offering embroidered clothing with 10% of sales being donated to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. Each item will have an embroidered church picture with Dixboro UMC around the logo

ITEMS AVAILABLE:

- Red book bag, \$5
- Lime green T-shirt, \$10
- Soft yellow Polo Shirt, \$20
- Ash grey Sweatshirt \$20

To place an order please call order form located on the Ministries Table in Fellowship Hall.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Diane & Kevin Carlisle are offering a 10% commission back to the church for any travel arrangements made thru their travel website: www.LFEtravel.com . Call 994-4784 for more details.



DON'T FORGET
The Annual Church Conference
Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.
(Staff Parish Committee meets 6:30 to 7:30)
This is an important all-church meeting
where the budget and business of the church
for 2007 will be decided.

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