

# THE CHIMES

DIXBORO UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

## **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The "normal" Sunday morning schedule begins on September 12.

8:00 am	Service of Prayer and Communion
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship with the Joyful Noise Praise Band
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

*By Kara Bowers and Laura Knutilla*



We are running a Scholarship Blood Drive for the Red Cross. We will receive scholarship money from the Red Cross if we can get 31 eligible donors to participate. Please consider signing up for an appointment and please share this information with your friends and family:

Friday, September 3  
7:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Dixboro United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Sign for an appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org> using the sponsor code: dixboro or call the church office to make an appointment.

People who come to donate will be entered into a raffle for two free tickets to Cedar Point!

### **TURKEY DINNER**

*By Phebe Judson, United Methodist Women*

The 876<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner (that might be a slight exaggeration) will be held on Saturday, October 2, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars for this date so you won't miss the fantastic food and fun.

Let me know if you can help set up, clean up, serve and/or provide desserts. We need lots of help to once again make this a successful event at Dixboro.

## **WHAT A FELLOWSHIP!**

*By Janice Clark, Retired Music Director*

### **What a grand retirement party!**

I want to thank all of you. I don't know exactly who did what, but I know it took a great deal of planning and work on many fronts to bring to fruition such a joyous celebration.

Everything – our transformed Fellowship Hall, how and where the delicious food would be served, the program itself – everything spoke of your care.

Thank you for the notes, gifts, kind words, and your presence. And from the congregation – a handsome amber piece of jewelry plus a very generous check.

Many years ago we had a “4F” group at Dixboro – Faith, Food, Fun, and Fellowship. It was all there in abundance and I loved every precious minute of it.

Thank you for allowing me to help us worship through music these many years.

## **GARAGE SALE**

Save your treasures for a garage sale that will be sponsored by the Trustees and the Nurture Committees on Saturday, October 9. Proceeds will be used toward the church painting or other maintenance projects that have been identified as priorities by the Trustees Committee (see related article below.)

## **MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

*By Joe Coffey and Kenn Scheffer, Trustees*



The Dixboro Board of Trustees identified three projects to insure the continued integrity of our church property and they can all be accomplished for less than \$30,000.00.

a. **Replacing the Roof on the Fellowship Hall** –(first priority) *This project has been completed!*

b. **Painting the 1959 and 1965 Educational Wing Additions** – (second priority)

Considering the economics of new siding versus painting, a professional paint job on the educational wings would be, at this time, in the best interests of the Dixboro United Methodist Church. The scrapping, filling, priming, and painting cost estimate is approximately \$6,000.00. *Funding for this project has been identified!*

c. **Upgrading the Furnace in the 1959 Educational Building** – Currently the 1959 addition is heated with an unreliable, energy inefficient furnace. The replacement of this system has been discussed for many years. To assure we can adequately heat the building next winter, improve efficiency, and lower costs, the furnace must be replaced. Removing the old furnace and the chimney (the one with the tree growing out of it) and installing a 90% efficient furnace will cost approximately \$6,000.00.

The Trustees are asking for contributions and/or pledges toward these projects. Each will be started when funds are identified.

## **NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE**

*By Madeline Kingston-Park, Nurture Committee Chair*

What a beautiful day we had for the Dixboro Fair! And to those of you who donated, and to those of you who bought used books, we say a great big thank you! We made \$330.96. with which we will pay for our various projects over the next year. The leftover books were happily taken to the Kiwanis Resale Store for yet another recycle.

Our next undertaking will be to help the Trustees with their Garage Sale which will be held Saturday, October 8. Start saving your "good stuff" ... someone else may want to treasure it for a while. Our next meeting to help plan this event will be our regularly scheduled date – the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room - September 15.

## **WOMEN OF DIXBORO**

*By Phylis Brandon, Women of Dixboro Co-Chair*

A meeting for this group to plan events for the next year will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 pm. Besides the book study mentioned below we are considering a retreat, a Bible Study, the annual cookie walk, and next spring's Dessert and Salad Luncheon. We also want to see if there is a way we can help with the fund-raising for the Trustees maintenance projects. Please join us to determine how all the women at Dixboro Church can have fellowship, fun, and learning together – for the glory of God!



*Women's  
Bible Study*

Cathy Freeman will be leading a book study on Half the Sky by Nicholas Kirstof and Sheryl WuDunn that will start in the fall. This book tells true stories of oppression against women throughout the world but also provides solutions and ways to help. It inspires with real stories of "effective ways to fight global poverty and unleash the potential of women." Get yourself a copy soon and start to learn more about these important issues.

## **MISSIONS**

*y Roberta King, Chair of Missions Committee*

Mali School Scholarships - Dixboro Church has provided \$900 For three scholarships to girls in Mali, West Africa. I just received an email that Saran, Fanta and Fatoumata were enrolled in school today. they are in 9th, 7th and 6th grades. Thank you for your generous response.

Pakistan Relief - The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already at work in Pakistan helping with flood relief. Dixboro can know that money given to UMCOR earlier in the year is already at work. Anyone wishing to contribute additional funds to this cause can make a check to the church and mark Pakistan on the memo line.

Habitat For Humanity - Dixboro has helped with two Habitat rehab houses this year. Thank you to many workers who helped with Dixboro's two work days and others who work additional hours.

Food Gatherers - Dixboro UMC has contributed 1,177 pounds of food to Food Gatherers this year. We are on target to give "A Ton in Ten" (2000 pounds in 2010).

Bob Evans Mission Day - September 20th Bob Evans Restaurant on Carpenter Road will donate 15% of the cost of your meal to Dixboro UMC missions. Join us anytime between 6am and 10 pm. You will need a flyer to receive the donation. They will be sent out by email closer to the date and they will also be available on the ministry table outside the church office.

## **INTER-FAITH OPPORTUNITIES**

*By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant*

“With One Voice”, a documentary film which shares the eternal messages and wisdom of the mystics, will be shown at the Ann Arbor District Library on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm – 343 S. Fifth Avenue. This film and discussion is sponsored by the Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw County and the Life Sciences and Society Program of the University of Michigan.

An Open Faith Workshop-Retreat in Amish Country will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-6pm in Hillsdale County. Explore the intersection of agriculture (food systems) and religion (belief systems) including an Amish lunch and dinner, group sessions and guided tours. Cost is \$100 and you can make a reservation or get more information at [www.michiganagritours.com](http://www.michiganagritours.com) or by calling Lauren Zinn at 734-239-1901.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

*By Phebe Judson, Chair*

The United Methodist Women (UMW) will begin their monthly meetings in September. The meeting date will be Monday, September 20 at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. Meetings will be the third Monday of each month from September through June.

The September meeting will be a time to plan the Fall Turkey Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 2. Mark your calendars for that day as we will need numerous helpers and eaters.

The new cookbooks are here and ready for purchase. They are filled with many delicious recipes from women of our church (and a few men too.) They make excellent Christmas and birthday gifts and can be purchased from Nancy Durston, the church office, during coffee hour on Sundays, or at the Dixboro General Store. They are \$14.00 so get some soon.

## **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.”

## **LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES TRAINING**

*By Cathy Freeman, Pastoral Assistant*

Lay Speakers do more than preach now and again. They are leaders in their congregations, using their gifts and graces to spread the love of Jesus Christ. Training for these leaders is being held at First UMC in Saline:

Saturday, October 16

Saturday, October 30

There will be a basic class for new lay speakers, a refresher class for local church lay speakers and two advanced classes for those who have completed the basic class – Transforming Evangelism and Each One a Minister.

There are flyers and registration forms available in the church office and on the ministry table outside the church office.

## **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.

Members of the Finance Committee will be in the Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 12 to help you re-enroll if you need computer help.

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

To ensure that your purchases are being credited to Dixboro UMC, please look at your receipts from Kroger's. The name of the church should be printed at the bottom of them.

And a correct to a previous communication – Dixboro's organization number is **83070**.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

*By Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer*

Our year is seven twelfth's over and we have much for which to be thankful. Giving was such that there was a small surplus in July which reduced our deficit to \$4,345 compared to a deficit of \$21,587 one year ago. Hopefully your continuing support and end of year giving will reduce this deficit to zero as happened in 2009.

Overall, revenue is up over \$12,000 compared to a year ago. The Conference reduced our Apportionments though our Missions Committee did not reduce our Jubilee pledge (\$6000) for "second mile" giving. We have given over \$5000 more in Mission related giving than 2009. Our new Education Director started later in the year resulting in some payroll savings.

The major church maintenance projects of roof replacement, painting, and furnace replacement have been generously supported. As of this writing, over \$26,000 has been contributed by our members. Those funds and other designated funds bring us closer to bringing our church up to date and in good repair. Thank you.

And the Olga's fundraiser August 31 and fall Garage Sale being planned by the Trustees will bring us closer to our goal.

Thank you to your generous giving and the proceeds from our grocery cards, we have been able to keep up with our mortgage payments on the sanctuary renovation. The quarterly check from Busch's represented one month's payment. Kroger's has made this project a little more difficult since we need to renew our cards so our revenue has been reduced. Cathy Freeman has sent our renewing instructions, but for those of you who can't make it through the computer maze, the Finance Committee will have a computer and a knowledgeable person to either sign you up or re-up you. This will occur during the coffee hour September 12. Please bring your Kroger cards with you to church that day!

"It is in giving that one receives" is how I have interpreted one of our basic Christian teachings. There are many opportunities for "giving" at Dixboro, and I hope that you are receiving many joyous returns. God bless you.

	July	YTD 2010	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2009
<b>REVENUE</b>						
General Giving	12,913.12	113,773.45	210,000.00	96,226.55	54.18%	101,372.06
Special Collections, Designations, Other	1,689.01	13,989.08	12,000.00	-1,989.08		14,534.91
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>14,602.13</b>	<b>127,762.53</b>	<b>222,000.00</b>	<b>94,237.47</b>		<b>115,906.97</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Conference/District Related Apportionments	0.00	23,166.00	38,610.00	15,444.00	60.00%	24,818.00
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	500.00	11,395.12	7,500.00	0.00		6,254.30
Payroll	2,113.48	19,995.56	40,241.37	20,245.81	49.69%	22,733.62
General church operations	2,860.53	24,508.04	42,401.30	17,893.26	57.80%	24,411.16
Committees	267.25	2,979.73	4,000.00	1,020.27	74.49%	2,831.87
Special Projects	1,591.76	2,585.38	10,000.00	7,414.62		8,296.70
Total Pastor related expense	6,387.00	45,477.75	80,644.00	35,166.25	56.39%	44,787.92
Total Parsonage Related	114.00	1,835.76	4,325.00	2,489.24	42.45%	3,143.37
Total Schoolhouse expense	34.54	164.13	575.00	410.87	28.54%	217.48
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>13,868.56</b>	<b>132,107.47</b>	<b>228,296.67</b>	<b>100,084.32</b>	<b>57.87%</b>	<b>137,494.42</b>
<b>CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>733.57</b>	<b>-4,344.94</b>	<b>-6,296.67</b>			<b>-21,587.45</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday	Sept 2	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro Meeting
Friday	Sept 3	7:00 am	Blood Drive until 1:00 pm
Monday	Sept 6		Labor Day; church office closed
Wed	Sept 8	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class resumes
		6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting – <b>note change of date</b>
Thursday	Sept 9	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Saturday	Sept 11	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Sept 12		Fall Worship Schedule resumes
			Sunday School resumes
		8:00 am	Prayer and Communion Worship
		9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
		10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
		11:00 am	Traditional Worship
		12:00 pm	Shelter Meal Ministry
Monday	Sept 13		Cathy at Conference Training at Lake Huron Retreat Center
Tuesday	Sept 14		Cathy at Conference Training at Lake Huron Retreat Center
		4:30 pm	Dance Class resumes in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Wed	Sept 15	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
Friday	Sept 17		Cathy Freeman on Vacation through October 1
Monday	Sept 20		Cathy Freeman on Vacation
		1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
Tuesday	Sept 21		Cathy Freeman on Vacation
		7:30 pm	Set up for Kiwanis Meeting
Wed	Sept 22		Cathy Freeman on Vacation
		8:00 am	Kiwanis Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	Sept 23		Cathy Freeman on Vacation
		7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Friday	Sept 24		Cathy Freeman on Vacation through October 1
Saturday	Oct 2		Turkey Dinner

## RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays	8:00 am	Service of Word and Table Worship Service
Sundays	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service - <b>beginning 9/12</b>
Sundays	10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages – <b>beginning 9/12</b>
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service – <b>beginning 9/12</b>
Mondays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – <b>resumes on 9/13</b>
Mondays	5:00 pm	Golf League at Rolling Meadows Golf Course
Tuesdays	4:30 pm	Dance Class in Fellowship Hall – <b>resumes on 9/14</b>
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – <b>resumes on 9/13</b>
Fridays	10:00 am	Northeast Seniors Exercise Class – <b>resumes 9/13</b>
Saturdays	8:30 am	Prayer/Meditation Group
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
Third Thursday	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Second Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Club in Fellowship Hall

## LECTIONARY READINGS

<b>Sunday, Sept 5</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	<b>Sunday, Sept 12</b>	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
<b>Sunday, Sept 19</b>	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	<b>Sunday, Sept 26</b>	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31