



The Chimes

From the Pastor's Heart...

An article in Money magazine titled, *“By the Grace of God: Does Believing Make You a Better Investor?”* reported the 1998 research of Daniel J. Howard, of Southern Methodist University’s Cox School of Business, who wondered if there is any correlation between religious beliefs and investment performance. He randomly selected 535 affluent residents of Dallas and asked them to rate their belief in God on a scale of 1 (atheist) to 7 (very strong belief), then list their investment returns for the past five years.

When Howard compared the profits of the most religious with the least religious respondents, he discovered that persons of faith gained an average of 31.2% return on their investments, compared with only 18.4% for the secular investor. Dr. Howard’s hypothesis: *“The more strongly you believe in God, the more willing you are to take risks and risk-taking was rewarded in the 1990’s bull market.”*

Faithful risk-taking is rewarded beyond the stock market. We take risks when we enter into a marriage covenant, when we become parents, when we accept a new job, when we invest our finite resources in the eternal purposes of the church. We take risks when we commit our lives to Christ and when we seek to fulfill God’s vision to build and to grow. **Risk-taking means making a commitment and trusting God to be faithful, even though there is no guarantee of the outcome.**

God’s people have always been risk-takers: willing to step out of our comfort zones, willing to grow through adversity, willing to trust God when the future seems uncertain, willing to serve Christ in tough times. *“The more strongly you believe in God, the more willing you are to take risks.”* And God always honors our trust and obedience!

On Sunday, November 17th, we will have the opportunity to take a risk that has eternal significance. In the midst of a world in crisis and uncertain economic future, **God is calling us to increase our commitment to His work through Dixboro Church.** This month, please:

- Reflect upon how good God has been to you. Focus upon how you have been blessed.
- Pray. Ask what God wants and expects from you in response to God’s goodness in your life. If it is not a tithe (10%), then by what percentage will your commitment increase?
- Complete your financial commitment card for 2014, and bring it with you to worship on November 17th, when you’ll have the opportunity to dedicate your faith-commitment to God.

Thank God for the opportunity and privilege to invest in God’s kingdom-building work in the world.

I pray that you will bring glory and honor to God as you step out in faith. I hope that our faithfulness will bear eternal fruit. I trust that we will all reap the rewards of taking this risk together. And I am certain that God will honor our obedience.

Blessings to you all. . .

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

“Trunk or Treat” and Fall Festival

By Rev. Mary Hagley

On Friday, October 25 we need you to dust off the Halloween costumes or fall outfits to participate in a community outreach event! Dixboro UMC will be partnering with the Dixboro Farmer’s Market to host a Fall Festival and “Trunk or Treat.” You might ask: what is a “trunk or treat?” Trunk or Treat is fun alternative for traditional Halloween festivities. Here are your responsibilities: bring your car, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy with a smile. You may also wear a costume if you wish, but please nothing too scary, bloody, or gory for our toddlers and preschoolers who may come.



My goal for the Fall Festival and “Trunk or Treat” is to show our community that we love our children and youth and want them to have fun! For the Fall Festival aspect we will have games, pumpkin painting, a bounce house, haunted schoolhouse, and a hayride. The fall festival activities will run from 4:30pm to 7:30pm with the Trunk or Treat starting at 6pm. If you bring your car please come at 5:30pm to set up.

Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you wish to participate in this community outreach event. If you can’t bring a car there are many other ways you can participate: purchase candy for people to distribute, advertise, set up, clean up, hand out popcorn or warm drinks, and pray, pray, pray for God to use us as servants in our community.

It’s Sunday School Time — Schedule

By Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Youth and Children

9:15 to 10:15am for all Sunday School Classes.

Children & Youth Choir will meet from 9:15 to 9:30am in the Choir Room, followed by Sunday School classes. Our classes are Preschool to 3rd grade (meets in room 13) and 4th grade to 7th grade (meets in room 11). Both classes will be using the “Grow, Proclaim, Serve” curriculum for the appropriate ages. Each year we need new Sunday School forms filled out.

Youth Sunday School is available for 8th -12th grader and will be held during the Sunday School hour. This year we will be studying “BL4Y: Bible Lessons for Youth” during the fall. Class will be held upstairs in room 15.

Adult Sunday School meets in the conference room. We will study a book called Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth by Reza Aslan. All are welcome to join.

Nursery and Youth Room Renovation

We are renovating and updating these two rooms to help with the overall appearance of our church. Before our renovation, our nursery was not attractive to young families with children. We want our nursery—and youth area—to non-verbally say, “Dixboro UMC loves their children and youth!” We know this is not the only way to welcome families, but we don’t want our space to be a stumbling block to making disciples for Jesus Christ. We will be laying carpet in both areas, and getting age-appropriate furniture for both rooms. Here are a couple of ways you can help:

- ◆ Pray
- ◆ Attend the Dedication of the Nursery and Youth Room on October 13
- ◆ Buy new or gently used items from our wish list for the “Nursery Shower” on October 13



D.U.M.Y: Dixboro United Methodist Youth Group

By Rev. Mary Hagley

All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome to join youth group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5:30pm, but check out the calendar for upcoming activities:

October 6 CROP Hunger Walk: Come to church and then stay for a potluck meal before we head out to walk. Parents we need you to walk also.

October 13 Children's Sabbath Service & Youth Group: Make sure you come Sunday morning because the youth and your deacons will put on the service! And then come back in the evening for our youth gathering!

Friday, October 18 Corn Maze: Meet at Talladay Farms on 6270 Judd Rd Milan, MI 48160 at 6pm. It will be \$7 for the maze.

Friday, October 25 Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat Event: The festival is from 4:30pm—7:30pm on the Village Green and Trunk or Treat starts at 6pm. We need volunteers and youth to come have fun.

Saturday, October 26 Volunteer at the Turkey Dinner: Angela Charnetski is looking for youth to help set up and bus tables from 5pm to 7pm.

November 10 Youth Gathering: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

November 15-16 Fall Retreat: Meet at church around 5:30pm on Friday, will be back on Saturday at 5pm. Please RSVP by Nov. 3. Friends are welcome.

November 24 Youth Gathering: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

December 8 Youth Christmas Program & Dinner: 5:00pm

December 15 Caroling: 5:30pm

Cancer Prayer Tree

By Rev. Cathy Freeman

There is a beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church that was our gift to a confirmation class several years ago. Erik Blom made a lovely wooden box and installed it by the tree. Inside the box are ribbons and instructions on how to use them.

This is a "Cancer Prayer Tree", inspired by one I saw at the Weber Retreat Center in Adrian. Take a ribbon that represents the cancer of someone you know and love – or lost. Tie the ribbon to the tree and say a prayer.

May you find peace and comfort in this connection to God, nature, and those you love.

Caring Partners

By Rev. Cathy Freeman

There are about 15 people in the Dixboro Church community who have been faithful members for many years but can't come to church any more.

The Nurture Committee would like to thank a special group of people who are in ministry to these shut-ins. These Caring Partners visit, send cards, remember birthdays and bring the love and support of Dixboro Church to these folks on a regular basis.

In the 12th chapter of I Corinthians, we read: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Thank you to the Caring Partners who are using their gifts in this worthwhile service.

Changing Our Worship Habits to Promote Our Church Family

By Janet Zinn, Worship Committee

From my vantage point in the choir, I get to observe the activity in the pews. A few weeks ago, I watched a man enter the Church, then stand in the aisle, looking unsure where to find a seat, eventually climbing over people to get to a place to sit down. Now, I understand about ritual “comfort zones” in Church; the Parker family sat in the same row for some fifty years. But I think we need to take advantage of opportunities to strengthen our Church family by being more welcoming to others attending Worship, especially by helping visitors find their way. Let’s make a concerted effort not to be an exclusive and cliquish Church. Perhaps with the ushers and those seated on the aisle taking the lead, let’s insure all guests are invited to a place to sit. Let’s try to help our Worship experience to be even more welcoming by introducing yourself to a visitor. It’s been demonstrated that if visitors know at least one person to sit with, they are more likely to return.

I usually find myself uncomfortable at a Catholic mass, and I think it’s because everyone there knows what to do and when to do it and I don’t. Perhaps another way to improve the Worship experience at Dixboro Church is to make an effort to assist a new person to find their way through our rituals, i.e., passing the registration book, navigating the three song books in the pew, finding the Bible and so on.

Also, let’s invite newcomers to Fellowship Hour and introduce them to others. A while back, I spoke with a woman who came to Church every Sunday, who said she usually stood alone at Fellowship Hour. Perhaps we can make more of an effort to break out of our familiar groups and introduce ourselves to new people. We need to be better “hosts.”

Worship can be more meaningful if we are more open as a Church family. If someone appears to be looking lost and needing a place to sit, slide over and invite the person to sit with you. Help those who appear to need it find their way through our Church rituals. When you see somebody unfamiliar at Fellowship Hour, introduce yourself and invite them to join the conversation. Who knows, given that we’ve just gotten back together after being First Service and Second Service people for so long, maybe you’ll “meet” someone already part of the Church family.

Let’s work at making Dixboro truly a Church family. We strengthen our Church family when we reach out to others and open our vision to those who come to us seeking something in our Worship. Let’s take this new opportunity to amend our Worship habits to change the Worship experience.

Music Ministries at Dixboro Church

By Jaclyn Johnson, Director of Music Ministries



Greetings everyone! The music ministry is back in full swing and we are looking forward to some wonderful events. The Chancel Choir, Praise Band, and Youth Choir are working diligently to help bring the love of Christ into the sanctuary each week.

One of the main events coming up is a presentation of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" for All Saints Day on November 3rd. A requiem is a musical work composed for those who have passed on to heaven. The music will be presented throughout the worship service and will be a beautiful way to honor our loved ones who have departed. Rehearsals are open to everyone and are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm.

Also, Christmas time will soon be upon us and the music ensembles will be helping to lead a "Lessons and Carols" service on December 22nd. Scripture, beloved carols, and drama will help ring in our celebration of the birth of our Savior. Be on the lookout for how you can be involved!

Second Sunday Singers!!

By Jaclyn Johnson, Director of Music Ministries

Do you love to sing, but don't have the time to come to our night rehearsals? Second Sunday Singers is for you!! Everyone is invited to join the Chancel Choir every second Sunday of the month to rehearse an anthem at 10am. We hope that you will join us in singing praises to the Lord.



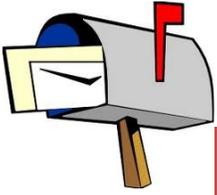
From Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

A LOOK at the BUDGET		August	YTD 2013	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2012
REVENUE							
	General Giving	11,803.45	123,963.63	214,000.00	-90,036.37	57.93%	129,303.44
	Spec Collections, Designations, Other	3,891.34	24,269.74	1,500.00	22,769.74		9,270.57
	TOTAL REVENUE	15,694.79	148,233.37	215,500.00	-67,266.63		138,574.01
EXPENSE:							
	Conference/District Related	0.00	24,205.20	40,342.00	16,136.80	60.00%	23,276.80
	Church Related						
	Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	2,400.00	10,822.75	2,000.00	-8,822.75	541.14%	7,976.82
	Payroll	3,642.99	32,515.52	51,196.00	18,680.48	63.51%	23,042.29
	General church operations	3,209.20	26,777.66	40,874.00	14,096.34	65.51%	24,593.81
	Committee	501.39	1,968.37	6,000.00	4,031.63	32.81%	4,561.70
	Special Project:	1,891.34	13,956.99	0.00	-13,956.99		1,346.58
	Total Pastor related expense	6,633.32	54,047.55	82,550.00	28,502.45	65.47%	54,217.02
	Total Parsonage Related	240.20	2,367.52	5,999.12	3,631.60	39.46%	1,311.09
	Total Schoolhouse expense	0.00	147.48	300.00	152.52	49.16%	179.78
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	18,518.44	166,809.04	229,261.12	62,452.08	72.76%	140,505.89
	CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-2,823.65	-18,575.67	-13,761.12			-1,931.88

Grocery Store Contributions

By Amy Knutilla

As you can see from Treasurer Ingrid Sheldon's report, we need more income to pay for all the good things we do here at Dixboro! An easy way to contribute is to go grocery shopping! You shop and grocery stores contribute to our church. It's that easy. In 2012, we received \$3,334 through this program. Our financial secretary Bob Baird tells me that **through September 30th of this year, we have received \$2,453.** Busch's uses gift cards which you can get from the church office or at Busch's; you must register for the Busch's MyWay program on-line. **New at Hiller's:** you join the Hiller's Club Rewards Program and pre-select Dixboro UMC to receive the benefit. (Sign up today and you are entered to win an iPad mini every time you use their card in their monthly giveaway!) Kroger's uses their Kroger Plus card; you need to go on-line to register the church as the recipient of the rewards. Meijer's issues a card that earns donations if you pay with cash or a debit card. Contact Amy at the church office to get started or to get help registering.



From the Mailbox...

In honor of our new grandson Korben Kotowski we are donating and having a sugar maple tree planted on the green. (Lori Brant is planting our tree.) All the trees on the green are getting older and many are gone. I hope that other church members will decide that a tree on the green would be a good way to honor or remember a special person.

From,
Sherry and Cliff Murphy

*The family of
Elfreda Wrathell
acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy.*

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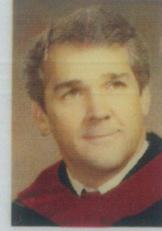
Dear Friends,

Perhaps you were able to come to her service or said a prayer on her behalf. Perhaps you sent a card or maybe made a phone call. Thank you. Your kindness and support meant a great deal to me and I thank you from the depth of my heart.

Gratefully, your friend,  
*Kathy Harrison*

A long-time Dixboro Church member has an electronic organ available to donate! Please contact the church office for more information.

## Dr. Dwayne Summers



Dr. Dwayne Summers, 75, of Roscoe, IL, died Monday, September 02, 2013 in his home. He was born June 20, 1938 in Bell City, MO, the son of Levi F. and Elsie M. (Garrett) Summers. Dwayne earned a Master of Divinity, B.S. degree at the Union Theological Seminary. He married Melody L. Reed-Witte on April 20, 1985.

Dwayne was a member of the Beloit Rotary Club and a volunteer Chaplin for Hospice. He was very instrumental in the Radiothon that raised funds to start Beloit Regional Hospice.

Survivors include his wife, Melody Summers of Roscoe, IL; children Suzanna Dawn (Peter) Curry of Lake View, MN and Joel Brent Summers of Cottage Grove, MN; stepsons, Todd (Lesia) Witte of Beloit, WI and Thomas (Karla) Witte of Lake Zurich, IL; grandchildren, Ty Gregory Summers, Traci Summers, and Grace Witte; sister, Norma Jones of Zephyrhills, FL; brothers, Albert Franklin (Shirley) Summers of Zephyrhills, FL and Lowell (Linda) Summers of Memphis, TN.

He was predeceased by his parents. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 2013 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI with Dr. Reverend Larry Correll officiating. Burial will be in the Rockton Cemetery, Rockton, IL. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be given to the Beloit Regional Hospice.

## Recurring Events at Dixboro Church

|            |          |                               |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesdays   | 8:30 am  | Exercise Class                |
|            | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting                 |
|            | 7:00 am  | Music Rehearsal               |
| Thursdays  | 8:30 pm  | Exercise Class                |
|            | 9:30 am  | Women's Bible Study           |
| Saturdays  | 8:30 am  | Adult Study                   |
| Sundays    | 9:15 am  | Sunday School—all ages        |
|            | 10:30 am | Worship                       |
|            | 11:40 am | Fellowship Time               |
| 1st Sun    |          | Holy Communion                |
| 2nd Sun    |          | Shelter Meal Ministry         |
| 2nd Sun    | 10:00 am | Second Sunday Singers         |
| 3rd Sun    |          | Bring canned goods to worship |
| 2nd Wed    | 7:00 pm  | Missions Committee            |
| 3rd Mon    | 1:00 pm  | United Methodist Women        |
| 1st Tues   | 6:30 pm  | Nurture Committee             |
| 1st Tues   | 6:00 pm  | Worship Committee             |
| 1st Thurs* | 7:00 pm  | Women of Dixboro              |
| 2nd Thurs  | 7:00 pm  | Trustees Committee            |
| 4th Thurs  | 6:30 pm  | Finance Committee             |

\* Only Nov 2013



## October Birthdays

|                  |    |                 |    |
|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Patty Burns      | 1  | Cara Sherman    | 13 |
| Linda Aldrich    | 2  | Eileen Bauer    | 14 |
| Emily Briceno    | 3  | Heidi Sanford   | 22 |
| Mason Freeman    | 3  | Bobbi Stacey    | 23 |
| Anne Lutzeier    | 3  | Todd Cloutier   | 24 |
| Jan Brandon      | 5  | F. Chris Fagner | 25 |
| Tyler Sanford    | 5  | Merita Judson   | 25 |
| Dawn Anderson    | 6  | Thomas LaLonde  | 28 |
| Ed Wittenberg    | 7  | Mark Mees       | 28 |
| William Fishbeck | 8  | Elaine Sanford  | 29 |
| Barbara Gale     | 11 | Will Smith      | 29 |
| Stella Schmidt   | 11 | Carol Miller    | 30 |

## Casseroles For Fund-Raising- Come And Get Them!!!

The Dixboro Cooks have a whole new batch of casseroles for purchase. Four options include:

- ◆ Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Hearty Beans with Meat
- ◆ Cabbage Rolls
- ◆ Mock Reuben

Casseroles are available for purchase (\$13 each) between services and immediately after the second service. Contact Elaine Hawks Sanford, Barbara Scheffer, Shirley Koch, or Meredith Burr.

To see the calendar that is maintained in the office, go to the Dixboro Church website at [www.dixborochurch.org](http://www.dixborochurch.org) and click on [Church Calendar](#)



## Annual Turkey Dinner

Saturday October 26, 2013

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dixboro United Methodist Church

\$10—adults

\$5—Children 5-10 years old

\$1—Children under 5

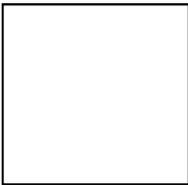
Please make your reservations  
by October 24th

Call Helen at 734-761-3813

Or the Church Office at 734-665-5632

**All Welcome! Invite your friends!**

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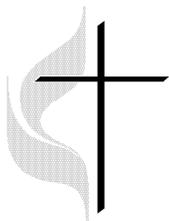
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**October 2013**



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Rev. Cathy Freeman, Minister of Missions and Nurture  
Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Children and Youth  
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