



The Chimes

Catherine Marshall tells the story of a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This picture did not look peaceful at all.

But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest – in perfect peace.

The king chose the second picture. He explained, *“Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is not noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace.”*

For me, experiencing deep abiding peace in the midst of struggle is only possible through Jesus Christ, who promised, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” The Risen Lord is my strength.

Howard Thurman expressed it this way:

The Lord is!

He is more than tongue can tell, than mind can think, than heart can feel!

The Lord is my strength,

When day is done and in weariness I lay me down to sleep,

When fear becomes a lump in my throat and an illness in my stomach,

When the waters of temptation engulf me and I strangle beneath the waves,

When I have thought myself empty and the solution to my problem hides, lurking in the shadows of my mind,

When the disease of my body tightens its grip and my doctor picks up the broken lances of his skill and knowledge and takes his leave,

When the tidings are of brooding clouds of war and marching feet and humming planes moving in the awful rhythm of the dirge of death –

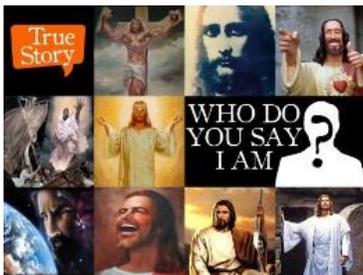
The Lord is the strength of my life.

Of whom and what shall I be afraid?

During these anxious times of political trauma, financial duress, physical stress, strained relationships and anxious uncertainty about the future, I pray that you will experience **real peace** as you lean upon Jesus Christ and let Him be the **strength of your life!**

Amazed by grace,

Tonya M. Arnesen



The Season of Lent

Sermon Series: *Who Do YOU Say I Am?*

3/3 Lent #3 - **What Does Jesus Look Like?**

Some picture Jesus as the suffering servant, others as triumphant King of Creation; some depict him in solidarity with the poor, others as champion of the rich. Some see him through the lives of Mother Teresa or Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Question is – does the world see Jesus through us today?

3/10 Lent #4 - **Why Do We Need the Cross?**

The cross is at the core of the Christian message. On the cross, God embraced the whole human experience; God participated in the total experience of human suffering - no exemptions, no exclusions.

3/17 Lent #5 – Rev. Bob Roth, Guest Preacher with Wesley Foundation of University of Michigan

3/24 Palm Sunday with Children’s Palm Parade - **The Prince and the Pauper**

Do we follow a king who is a beggar? Or a beggar who is a king? The answer is: we need BOTH.

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

3/28 Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

6:00 pm **Christian Seder Meal** in Fellowship Hall, followed by stripping of the altar for Good Friday

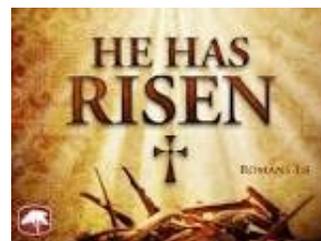
3/31 **Easter Sunday – Celebration of the Resurrection!**

9:45 am Easter Brunch served in Fellowship Hall

9 & 11 am Easter Cantata with Youth Choir, Joyful Noise & Chancel Choir

May We Never Lose the Wonder

by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse



Reserve Now for the Holy Thursday “Christian Seder” Meal

March 28, 2013 at 6:00 pm



Passover is the oldest and most important of Jewish religious festivals, to celebrate their deliverance by God from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal is known as the Seder, which means “order,” because the meal and service are done in a prescribed sequence. One of the last things Jesus did with his disciples was to celebrate Passover and retell the story to them. And during that celebration, he instituted the Sacrament we know as “Holy Communion.”

Our evening will begin with ceremonial foods of an authentic Seder. Then the United Methodist Women are preparing a FULL MEAL with lamb and chicken kabobs, rice and vegetables. At the conclusion of the dinner we will move to the sanctuary to share in Holy Communion before we strip the altar to prepare for Good Friday.

This is an inter-generational event! Bring the whole family to see, hear and taste the great love that God has for us! Make your reservations in the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 24th. A free-will offering will be taken to support UMW Missions.

“New occasions teach new duties. . .” James R. Lowell, 1845

By Rev. Tonya Arnesen

This year’s Easter celebration has presented some scheduling challenges, which invites Dixboro Church to approach the “festival of the resurrection” in fresh, new ways in 2013. In the past, the Chancel Choir has presented a Cantata a couple weeks prior to Easter. However this year, Jaclyn Johnson, our new Chancel Choir Director, chose a Cantata that will include ALL our musicians: children, youth, Joyful Noise Praise Band, Chancel Choir and instrumentalists. The 30-minute performance of *May We Never Lose the Wonder* will be presented during worship both at 9 am and 11 am on Easter Sunday.

The decision to present our Cantata on Easter Day gave rise to further conversation between pastoral staff and Worship Committee about all elements of Dixboro’s Easter morning schedule. **Please note the following highlighted changes for this year’s Easter schedule:**

1. To promote full involvement of our children and youth in the Easter Cantata, there will be **no youth-led “Sunrise Service”** for 2013. However, because we are committed to promote and develop youth ministry and leadership at Dixboro, we will schedule a youth-led worship service during the regular worship time; date and theme to be determined.
2. To promote fellowship between “9 o’clockers” and “11 o’clockers,” and to care for our musicians (who will be here all morning) we will serve an **Easter Brunch between services; from 9:45 am – 10:45 am**. There will be **NO Easter Breakfast** this year.
3. Since our children and youth will be enjoying Easter Brunch with their church family during the Sunday School hour, the **Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th** during the Sunday School hour.

With these changes, it is NOT our intent to dismantle time-honored Dixboro traditions or make permanent changes to future Easter morning schedules. We are simply being responsive to current needs – because “new occasions teach new duties.” We are committed to be “*God’s people helping people connect – with God and with one another*” and continue to strive towards presenting the very highest quality worship experience possible. We look forward to sharing a glorious Easter with YOU!



Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

You can help decorate our sanctuary for Easter and honor a loved one by purchasing an Easter Lily. The Altar Guild is beginning their sale of lilies on March 10 and continuing until March 24. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the church office and the cost is \$9.00. Checks should be made to DUMC with Altar Guild in the memo line. Please put your money in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office.

Shelter Meal Ministry

By Rev. Cathy Freeman

We got a nice Valentine card from the folks at Food Gatherers and the Delonis Homeless Shelter to thank us for our many years of service providing meals. People from Dixboro have participated in this ministry for over 20 years, helping to cook, clean and serve a meal on the second Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, you can sign up to be a regular participant, helping every month from noon to 2:30 or from 2:30 to 5:00. The regular participants either attend or get a substitute for the months when they have a conflict.

You can also sign up to be a sub. There is a sign-up sheet for subs on the ministry table outside the church office. Regular participants will contact you when they can’t help and ask you to take their place for a month.

Contact Deacon Cathy Freeman if you can help or have questions – cathyfreeman27@gmail.com or 734-665-8471.

United Methodist Women

The U.M.W. will again be selling their Cook Books during coffee hour for \$10.00 each. They make wonderful gifts for Easter or Mother’s Day.

U.M.W. will be joining the Worship Committee in hosting the Holy “Christian Seder” meal, March 28th at 6:00pm. Please call the church office by March 24th to make your reservations.

DUMC Family Game Night For All Ages

By Rev. Mary Hagley

On Saturday, March 2 from 6-8pm come to **the church-wide game night**. Bring your family and friends to play some fun games for all ages. Dinner will not be served, so please bring snacks to share and bring your favorite game along. DUMC will provide beverages and children friendly games.



Youth Group Activities for March & April

By Rev. Mary Hagley

The Dixboro United Methodist Church Youth Group welcomes all youth in grades 6-12. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 6-7:30pm. Please join us:

- March 10 "Peter's Walk"
- March 24 "The Way of the Cross"
- April 14 "Celebrate Easter"
- April 28 "Who is the Trinity?"

On Saturday, March 30 from 10am to 12pm we will be helping set up for the brunch and rehearsing for the Easter Cantata. Easter Morning Brunch donations will go to our mission work.

Mark your calendar for our Middle School and High School Mission Trip to Motown Missions, June 16-22, 2013. To hold your spot, please respond to Rev. Mary by Sunday, March 24, 2013.



Confirmation Events:

- March 3 10am "Repent" & 12:15pm "Accept"
- March 10 10am "Confess"
- March 17 12:15pm "I Believe"
- April 14 12:15pm "Vows"
- April 21 10am "Going Forth"
- April 26-27 "Retreat to Advance" Leave church at 5pm Friday, back by 5pm Saturday

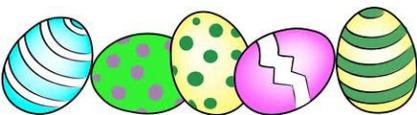
We will be going to Milan and staying at Rev. Mary's childhood home. (Bring money for dinner on Friday night; we will stop on the way down.)

- May 5 Confirmation Sunday

Children and Youth Activities

Sing in the Easter Cantata:

All Children and Youth are invited to sing with the Youth Choir in the Easter Cantata on Easter Sunday, March 31st during the 9am and 11am services. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School from 10-10:15am and Saturday, March 30 10am-12pm. Please join us.



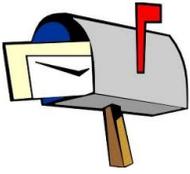
Palm Sunday Celebration:

Please come on March 24th to participate in our palm parade as we joyfully welcome Jesus into our hearts during the 9am and 11am service. Between services we will have an Easter egg hunt and celebration together.

Mark your calendar for VBS "Everywhere Fun Fair" on July 21-25.

Please pray about how you can help.





From the mailbox...

Local Student Named to Albion College Dean's List

ALBION, Mich. -- Local student Kara Bowers was named to the Albion College Dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Kara Bowers is majoring in biology and minoring in Spanish and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Scott Bowers of Ann Arbor and Sandra Bowers of South Lyon and a graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School.

Albion College, located in south central Michigan, offers the innovative Albion Advantage of education, experience, and personalized mentoring that create exceptional career and life work preparation. Unveiled in 2010, the Albion Advantage attracted national attention from such publications as The Chronicle of Higher Education and Forbes magazine for its comprehensive, multiyear vision of liberal arts education as a springboard to student success. Albion offers outstanding programs in law, medicine, education, management and the sciences and regularly appears on "best value" national college ranking lists.

Hope Clinic is looking for a Front Lobby Receptionist who has a deep love for all people and has a passion for sharing God's love with others. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and friendly and is able to provide a welcoming environment to all those who come to Hope. Some of the job responsibilities include greeting clients, answering the phone, computer data entry, making all program appointments on computer, and helping with a variety of client services. Excellent communication and organizational skills are needed. Very good computer skills required. Full time with benefits.

If interested, please send cover letter and resume to agill@thehopeclinic.org or mail to Hope Clinic PO Box 980311, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0311 by March 18, 2013.



Seeking Church Office Volunteers

By Amy Knutilla, Administrative Assistant

Are you looking for a fun way to serve our church? Do you know Microsoft Office or would you like to learn? I am seeking a couple of people who would be able to volunteer in the office one or two hours per week and learn the basics of our church office including editing and copying bulletins, answering phones, recording attendance and membership information etc. Please contact Amy at dumc@dixborochurch.org or 734-665-5632.

The Interfaith Roundtable Presents "Places of Faith--III"

Have you been inside other sacred spaces in town? Would you like to hear a religious leader from another faith tradition speak about his/her beliefs or practices? If either of these interest you, why not take advantage of our spring session that will take us to four such "places of faith"? Come and visit with us. Ask questions. Meet people from other traditions and learn how other people practice.

The April session: 7-9 pm

- Tuesday, 4/9 -- Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, AA
- Tuesday, 4/16 -- Shalom Community Church, AA
- Tuesday, 4/23 -- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, AA
- Tuesday, 4/30-- Temple Beth Emeth, AA

Cost: \$50 for all four visits, including a course pack and refreshments. For reservations call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu. Limit 25 people.



From Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

Here is the DUMC General Fund balance sheet from December 2012. It reflects our year-end cash position.

A LOOK at the BUDGET

The budget for 2013 was approved by Church Council on 2/24/2013. There are copies available on the table outside the church office. You may send an email to dumc@dixborochurch.org requesting an electronic copy of the approved budget.

General Fund Balance Sheet 12/31/12		
Assets		
PNC Checking		41,551.07
PNC Savings		46,832.27
Prepaid Expenses		748.45
Total Assets		89,131.79
Short term liabilities-Restricted Funds		
Sanctuary Renovation Project		-229.02
Designated Funds		40,073.97
Fair Fund		2,304.98
Prepaid Pledge		4,388.37
Prepaid Wedding Fees		500.00
Michigan Tax Withheld		
Total		47,038.30
Cash Available		
		42,093.49
Owed to Conference 12/31/12		
		0.00
Unrestricted cash available		42,093.49
Mortgage Balance		12,234.93

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

Used Book Sale

The Nurture Committee will once again hold a used book sale in the Fellowship Hall – Sunday, April 14. You can help by donating used books and/or buying books that Sunday.

Please do not bring in books until after Easter. And, please, no textbooks or encyclopedias.

Spring Rummage Sale

The Women of Dixboro will coordinate a Rummage Sale Thursday, April 18 through Saturday, April 20. As always, there are several ways you can help:

- Donate used items for sale. **These can be brought to the Fellowship Hall anytime after noon on Sunday, April 15.**
- Help price and display items during the week of April 15.
- Help staff the sale on Thursday-Saturday.

Come to shop and bring your friends.

Contact Deacon Cathy Freeman (cathyfreeman27@gmail.com or 734-665-8471) or Phylis Brandon (phylisbrandon@gmail.com) if you can help or have questions.



October 1977—While browsing through some old folders, I found an interesting 35-year-old note by the pastor listing "pressing needs at the moment" for the church:

1. Intercom, wireless, for office so that [secretary] and I don't have to yell at one another. \$35.
2. [Newer model] PhoneMate System where upon I can call in while out of the office for any messages. This saves time and money. \$250.
3. Two end tables for office for display of magazines and books that are meaningful to people. \$30.
4. An overhead projector to be used by teachers. \$250.
5. Two or three record players for classrooms. \$25 each.
6. A fold up easel for teaching purposes. \$75.





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

Recurring Events at Dixboro

M/W/F	10:00 am NE Seniors Exercise	1st Sun	Holy Communion
Tuesdays	8:30 am Exercise Class	2nd Sun	Shelter Meal Ministry
	10:30 am Staff Meeting	3rd Sun	Bring canned goods to worship
	4:30 pm Dance	2nd Mon	7:00 pm Missions Committee
	7:00 pm Joyful Noise Practice	3rd Mon	1:00 pm United Methodist Women
Wednesdays	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1st Tues	6:30 pm Nurture Committee
Thursdays	8:30 pm Exercise Class	1st Wed	6:00 pm Worship Committee
	9:30 am Women's Bible Study	1st Thurs	7:00 pm Witness/Outreach
Saturdays	8:30 am Course in Miracles	1st Thurs*	7:00 pm Women of Dixboro
Sundays	9:00 am Casual Worship	1st Thurs**	7:00 pm Christian Education Board
	10:00 am Sunday School for all ages	2nd Thurs	7:00 pm Trustees Committee
	10:00 am Fellowship Hour	4th Thurs	7:00 pm Service of Wholeness
	11:00 am Traditional Worship	4th Thurs	6:30 pm Finance Committee

* Jan, Mar, Sept, Nov 2013

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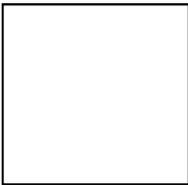
March

Jennifer Connell	3/2	Patricia Fragner	3/15
Gamu Mumbiro	3/2	Nancy King	3/16
Beth Little	3/3	Janet Zinn	3/18
Garvin Smith	3/5	Olivia Zinn	3/18
David A. Arnesen	3/7	Donald Gill	3/20
Gerald Colaner	3/7	Robert Loper	3/20
Wendall Dunbar	3/10	Ronald Smith	3/23
Joanne Hocking	3/10	Virginia Bowling	3/25
Carl Johns	3/11	Erin Kenney	3/26
Philip Brandon	3/12	John Mooradian	3/27
Andrew Sherman	3/12	Steve Wickland	3/28
Susan Engle	3/13	Barbara Haller	3/29
Gary King	3/13	Owen Connell	3/31
Meredith Burr	3/14		
Nancy Wickland	3/14		

April

Spencer BeMent	4/1	Will Ottosson	4/16
Peter Gale	4/1	David C. Arnesen	4/16
Christine Martin	4/2	Heather Spencer	4/18
Karen Judson	4/3	Claudia Billings	4/19
April Connell	4/4	Luka Jurasek	4/19
Margaret Frederick	4/7	Betty Mitchell	4/19
Anne Judson	4/8	Tammy Bargo	4/20
Michael Huey	4/9	Joanne Latvala	4/20
Griffin Charnetski	4/10	Beth Woodward	4/22
Alice Hawkins	4/10	Katherine Wilcox	4/22
Mary Taggart	4/12	Jennifer Babycz	4/29
Sara Smith	4/14	Charles Engle	4/30

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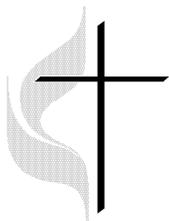
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**DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER**



March/April 2013



Rev. Tonya M. Arnesen, Lead Pastor
Rev. Cathy Freeman, Deacon
Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Children and Youth
Church Phone: (734) 665-5632

Sunday Worship Schedule Labor Day through Memorial Day
Casual Worship 9:00 am
Traditional Worship 11:00 am

Summer Worship at 9:30am

Email: dumc@dixborochurch.org
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“The mission of the Dixboro United Methodist Church is to develop and sustain disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, education, outreach, and nurture.”



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