



The Chimes

From the Pastor's Heart...

As I re-read the birth story of the church in Acts 2, I'm struck again, by how healthy and vibrant was "First Church Jerusalem." They dedicated themselves to worship and fellowship together; they shared their resources so none were in want – and "day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

I'm convinced that ANY church that commits itself to those same priorities will grow. Why? Because the early church was MISSION-MINDED. They were more concerned with seeking and saving the unchurched, than with preserving themselves.

Are we a "Mission-Minded Congregation?" Do we seek to reach and to grow new Christian disciples who will make a significant difference in the world? Are we earnestly working towards making the shift from decline – to status quo – to mission? Or are we a "Maintenance Congregation?" Are we more concerned about protecting our traditions and caring for one another than about reaching the "unchurched" in our community? The way we answer the following questions, may help us discern which category best fits Dixboro Church:

What do we hope will happen in the lives of the people who become part of the Dixboro UMC family?

A "Maintenance Congregation" is most concerned that new people will help us pay our bills and participate in our programs. A "Mission-Minded Congregation" longs to see new people experience the reality of God's loving and healing grace incarnated in the life of their congregation. They pray that casual observers will eventually turn toward Christ and become healthy, mature disciples – and have a plan to accomplish the task.

What do we know about the people we want to reach for Christ?

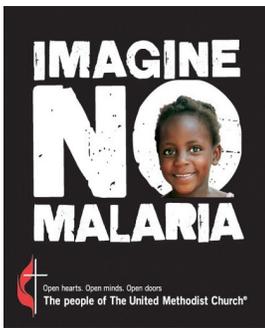
A "Maintenance Congregation" is unaware of cultural trends; they expect new people to adapt to their expectations and time-honored traditions. A "Mission-Minded Congregation" strives to understand the people they are trying to reach. They have the courage to look at themselves honestly and ask, "What kind of impression are we making on the unchurched? How are we meeting their needs? What do we have to offer that is so compelling that they would give up their Sunday morning routine to worship with us?" If the honest answer is "not much," the "Mission-Minded Congregation" will also be willing to CHANGE.

What are we willing to pay in order to reach and assimilate newcomers?

The "Maintenance Congregation" invests all its' resources in survival – and doesn't have anything left to invest in growth. A "Mission-Minded Congregation" recognizes that reaching out to new people will demand sacrifices in terms of money, time, work and change – because new people bring new needs, new expectations, and new demands. But they also realize the price, however great, is well worth their investment, when they see new persons being reached and transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dixboro – what do you think? Are we a Mission-Minded Congregation?" If not, what are YOU willing to do, what are WE willing to do to move us in that direction?

Amazed by grace,
Tonya M. Arnesen



Imagine No Malaria

We have the opportunity to reach out to the people of Africa by helping raise money for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. Our Detroit Annual Conference has pledged to raise \$500,000 to the campaign by 2016. Dixboro UMC was asked to be a “pilot” church for the conference to show how we can make a difference globally. For our kickoff we are asking you to give \$10 in honor of or in memory of a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, or friend for this Mother’s day. How wonderful would it be for the favorite women in your life to receive a note/gift saying, “They saved another woman’s and/or child’s life”?

For more information on the Imagine No Malaria campaign visit www.imagenomalaria.org or watch this video <http://youtu.be/2Db8OyZ9fuY>.



Learning how to work together at Youth Group

Youth Events:

May 4: Community Bottle Drive (meet at 10am, done at 12:30pm)

May 5: Confirmation Sunday with a reception at 10am

May 31: Bowling at 7pm to 9pm location TBD

June 8: Car Wash at BP Gas Station on Plymouth Rd. from 10am to 2pm

June 16-22: Motown Mission Experience

As of right now we will not be meeting regularly during the summer, but stay tuned for fun activities and mission opportunities, such as helping with VBS July 21-25 and FROG Week August 12-16.

Motown Mission Experience June 16-22 & Fundraising

By Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Children and Youth

“The Motown Mission Experience is an urban work mission destination in Detroit, MI for Christian youth, college, and adult groups interested in economic disaster recovery work in the name of Jesus Christ. Begun and continuing as a United Methodist connected organization, the Motown Mission offers an experience deeply rooted in Wesleyan theology and the contemporary UMC’s call to mission and service as a means for individual and communal transformation (from Motownmission.org).” We will be working with home repair agencies and home feeding and greening ministries around Detroit and the greater Detroit area. Every evening we will gather for worship and learn more about the Detroit culture and struggles.

Thank you so much for your help with fundraising for our trip thus far. To date we have raised \$650. We will continue the pop can & bottle drive until June 9th here. On May 4 we have a community bottle drive and June 8 come get your car washed at the BP Gas Station on Plymouth Rd. from 10am to 2pm.



Dixboro Youth serving at Soup Sunday Fundraiser

Everywhere Fun Fair: VBS July 21-25

By Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Children and Youth

Attention All Dixboro UMC: Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and I NEED your help. Our theme this year is "Everywhere Fun Fair Where God's World Comes Together." VBS will be July 21-25 from 6pm to 8pm. At "Everywhere Fun Fair," we will help children experience God's welcoming love through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun!

Here are some ways you can help:

- Join the decorating group
- Be a Friendtastic Faith Guide (lead the children from activity to activity)
- Bible Storyteller
- Preschool/Kindergarten Leader
- Discovery Time Leader (Science activities)
- Recreation Leader
- Craft helper
- Snack helper
- Mission helper



Please let Rev. Mary know where you can help. We will have a VBS Training meeting Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Attention All Graduates

If you are graduating or have a family member graduating from either high school or college, please send us an email (dumc@dixboroumc.org) or call the church (734-665-5632). We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 9th. Please give us their name, school graduating from, and plans for the future. Let us know by Monday, June 3.



An idea presented at the April meeting of the Worship Committee was my inspiration for this month's bit of Dixboro Church history.

On Sunday, September 1, 1872, the Reverend James R. Cordon gave his "farewell sermon" and stated, "As we desire good singing..., let all bring their Bright Jewels with them."

That intrigued me. Further research revealed that this songbook was published in 1869 in New York. Nowadays, the page images of this book are on-line! The title page reads: "Bright Jewels for the Sunday School. A new collection of Sunday School songs written expressly for this work, many of which are the latest compositions of William B. Bradbury, and have never before been published. Rev. Rob't Lowry, editor, assisted by Wm. F. Sherwin and Chester G. Allen."

I was surprised to learn this was the *first* publication of two familiar hymns, "Shall We Gather at the River" (music by Robert Lowry) and "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (words by Fanny Crosby; music by W. H. Doane). The song "How Can I Keep From Singing" (music by Robert Lowry) resurfaced a few years ago in our softcover hymnal, "Faith We Sing"! (It seems like we sang this recently.)

By the way, Frances Jane Crosby was blind since a short time after her birth. She was a prolific hymn writer – one list I saw listed 442 titles. She used several versions of her name and many pseudonyms over her lifetime (1820-1915).



Bishop's Seat Cover Project

By Rev. Cathy Freeman, Deacon

Our new Bishop, Bishop Deborah Kiesey, will continue the Bishop's Seat Cover project this year. She has asked us to collect "Seat Covers" for children, youth and adults throughout the Detroit Conference. I am coordinating this project again this year for the Order of Deacons and could use your help.

NEW underwear should be delivered to a designated box in the parlor. I will take it to Annual Conference on May 16 and add it to donations from across the conference. Deacons will take the donations and make sure they go to agencies across the state which will, in turn, distribute them to children and youth who need them.

D.U.M.C. 2013 Student Scholarship Applications

DEADLINE: Noon May 26, 2013

Submit to Church Office

The DUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the application process for the 2013 applicants. All high school, college, university and training program students **who are members of DUMC** are eligible to apply. We currently have four scholarships to be awarded.

The current scholarships are designed as follows:

Barbara Morris Academic Achievement Award

For a beginning college student/s, based on High School GPA

Ivan & Elnor Parker Academic Achievement Award

For a continuing college student/s based on cumulative college GPA

Suzanne Smith Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning OR continuing student/s in a post-secondary educational or training school, and who has/have demonstrated an overall commitment to family, school, church, and community while maintaining highest possible grades.

Terry Wick Memorial Scholarship

For a beginning or continuing college student/s. Based on cumulative GPA and participation in activities at the Dixboro United Methodist Church, For example, by participation in the Mountain Top Mission program.

Application packets will be available to be picked up in the church office.

Completed applications along with **all required documentation** must be submitted **by noon on Sunday, May 26, 2013** to the Church Office.

Only complete applications will be considered for the awards.

The Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and awards will be announced during the worship service on June 9th.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Scheffer, chair, Scholarship Committee



We have set up a Facebook page for Dixboro Church! Here's a place to share Church events, pictures, and news. The next time you are on Facebook, search for **Dixboro UMC** and click the **Like** button!

Annual Salad And Dessert Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 for the Annual Salad and Dessert Dinner, sponsored by the Women of Dixboro. Yes, all women and their female friends are invited!



Friends and Family together at the 2012 Annual Dessert and Salad Dinner

We need volunteers to host a table. This means that you set and decorate the table any way you want. You may invite people to sit at your table, if you wish. Everyone else is invited to sign up and there will be plenty of places at tables so you can enjoy the great food the great company.

Rev. Laura Speiran, a deacon at the First United Methodist Church of Saline, will be our speaker and she will tell us about the foster care system in the state of Michigan.

Women whose last name begins with A-L are asked to bring a dessert and women whose last names begin with M-Z are asked to bring a salad to share.

Sign up in the church office or contact Cathy Freeman (734-665-8471 or cathyfreeman27@gmail.com) or Phylis Brandon (734-327-0245 or phylisbrandon@gmail.com).

UMW News

During our April 15th UMW meeting, we voted to give a \$200 Camp Scholarship to a church member youth for a summer camp.

UMW to Host Missionary from Liberia at May 20th Potluck Luncheon

Princess Jusu, a missionary from Liberia, will be the guest speaker at a potluck luncheon on Monday May 20 at 1pm. The luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall at Dixboro United Methodist Church. All persons are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by the Dixboro United Methodist Women.

Princess M. Jusu is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving in Monrovia, Liberia, as an instructor at the United Methodist Women's Leadership Training Center.

Mrs. Jusu's ministry includes teaching skills which entail tailoring, tie-dying, knitting and home economics for women and girls who, for various reasons, have dropped out of school. Princess also assists with the village health outreach program for women.

For more information about Princess Jusu, please see :

<http://www.umcmision.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/Jusu-Princess>

For the potluck luncheon, please bring a dish to share and place settings for you and your guests. Beverages will be provided.



Dixboro Golf League

By Rev. Cathy Freeman, Deacon and Golfer

People from Dixboro golf every Monday night at 5:15 pm at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course on Sutton Road, just north of North Territorial. This is a very "unorganized" league in that you can come whenever you are available (no need to pre-register or sign up) and you pay as you go. We team up the groups depending on how many people are there.

Golfing ability (or lack thereof) is not a requirement for this league. We enjoy each other's company and the outdoors and hit the little white ball a few (or many) times. Please join us!

News and Notes from the Nurture Committee

By Robbie Colaner, Chair of Nurture Committee

Book Sale: Thanks to all the donors and shoppers at the April book sale. The \$144.25 will go to the Nursery Renovations.

Euchre Night at DUMC: Back by popular demand ... come join players (of all levels) for a fun night of Euchre. Friday May 3rd at 7:00.

Meals for the Sick: We are re-instituting a former DUMC ministry of offering meals to families when someone is sick or hospitalized.

Step 1: Identify people who are willing to prepare and deliver meals. Previously, each "Cook" is called upon once or twice a year. Not a big commitment, but it will be so appreciated by those we serve. If you can help, please contact Robbie Colaner 734-747-8356 or rjcolaner@comcast.net.

Step 2: If you know of a DUMC family that might need this ministry, please contact Rev. Tonya or Rev. Cathy.

Coffee Hour Hosts: We encourage our members to sign-up as Coffee Hour Hosts for our Sunday service. It's a wonderful way to reach out to our DUMC family and visitors. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming activities: We're planning Family Friendly activities to add to the Farmers Market event on the Village Green. Stay tuned for details!

The Nurture Committee: Our committee continues our goal of "people helping people". In these current hard economic times, be sure to reach out to your Church Family if we can help in any way.

We continue to meet monthly and will keep you posted on our projects.



Prayer Tree

Our Cancer Prayer Tree will be in bloom any minute and it will be beautiful! The box in front of it has ribbons in it and instructions how to use them. The idea is to tie a ribbon on the tree in honor or memory of someone with cancer, say a prayer, and acknowledge God's presence in all our lives.

This tree is on the west side of the church, near the door to the hallway by the choir room. This tree was a gift from the church to the Confirmation Class of 2007.

Church Family on the Move

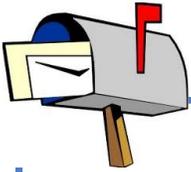
Rev. Jack Amick, son of Bob and Connie, starts a new job on July 1 as the Assistant General Secretary for International Disaster Response at UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). He will be moving to New York City, where UMCOR is located. Also his wife, Susan Amick, is graduating from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Next year, she plans to interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry, seeking approval as a Provisional Deacon in the Detroit Annual Conference. Our congratulations and best wishes go with the Amicks as they start these new adventures.

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.



From the mailbox...



Knitted Together in Love: A Prayer Shawl Retreat

Knitting, Tatting, Quilting, Crocheting, and Crafting!

Beginners as well as veterans are welcome! Share your experiences and ideas for prayer shawl ministry, or learn how to get one started. There will be time for instruction, worship, rest and growth as together we explore the amazing gifts that go into our crafts. Enjoy a weekend of being nurtured by Judson Collins Center's gracious hospitality. Come for the whole event or just part. Let us know what works for you!

May 3 – 4, 2013

Friday at 5:00 pm. - Sat. at 7:00 pm.

\$60 per person (1 night/ 3 Meals / Snacks)

Activities

Pattern ... Share ... Worship ... Service ... How to Label your shawl ...Lessons learned for Ministry ... Blessing of the Hands Service ... Hands Spa ... Plenty of Time-to knit or craft to your hearts content!

Contact us at 517-467-7711 or Judson.collins.center@gmail.com to register for the event or for more information

Hope Clinic, a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian, health and human services organization, is seeking an Executive Director for its Ypsilanti, Michigan headquarters. The successful candidate will have a vibrant faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, and desire to prayerfully seek God's wisdom, nurture others in Christ and expect miracles. S/he will be an individual who can lead, manage, develop and inspire both staff and volunteers to achieve continually higher levels of both compassion and performance. A solid understanding of current health care and/or social services challenges is highly preferred, as well as demonstrated pragmatic implementation of new concepts. A bachelor's degree is required and a relevant advanced degree is desirable. Ten-plus years of relevant experience, including five years of senior leadership experience of a faith-based or other non-profit is highly desirable.

For more information on Hope Clinic and how to apply for the position, please visit www.thehopeclinic.org.

---APRIL IS HERE ---

As a reminder the members of your organization will need to re-enroll to continue earning in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

When a person enrolls or re-enrolls in April their earnings (for the charity) will start MAY 1st 2013. Any member who enrolled before April 1, 2013 must re-enroll to continue earning.

All participants must sign up for the program in order to continue earning funds for your group during 2013-2014.

It's easy for your members to enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. They can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate.

Sincerely,

Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Michigan Division

Note from the Church Office: Dixboro Church's Code is #83070. Please let Amy know if you need any help re-enrolling.



Faith, Fellowship, and Food at the Seder Meal on Holy Thursday 2013 at Dixboro Church



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 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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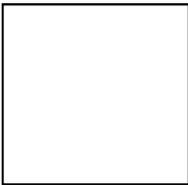
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Alexandra Spears	2	Courtney Berry	15
Hannah Moening	4	Scott Bowers	15
Peyton Fox	5	David Brandon	15
Charles Hocking	5	Grace Judson	15
Roger Judson	6	Deborah Moening	15
Hilda Newbound	7	William Sheldon	17
Paul Berry	8	William Roberts	20
Laura Knutilla	8	Leslee Brandon	21
William Williams	9	Kenneth Scheffer	22
Timothy Sanford	12	Nathan Wickland	23
Emily Vincent	12	Callum Mein	26
David Judson	13	Kara Bowers	28

June

Nancy LaLonde	1	Cara Griffith	17
P. Jean Smith	1	John Stoddard	18
Charles LaLonde	2	Samantha Trotter	18
Eleanor Ladany	4	Emily Zinn	20
Ashton Fox	6	Janet Barber	21
Jordon Fox	6	Denise Brandon	21
Nancy Durston	8	Michelle Shaw	21
MacKenzie Smith	9	Stephanie Cloutier	22
Bennett Little	12	Leo Kearney	22
Donald Sanford	12	Bill Judson	23
Lori Brandt	14	Tom Freeman	24
Clayton Cummings	14	Jacqueline Spears	26
Matthew Trotter	14	Fay Edsall	26
Nhamo Mumbiro	15	Aaron Gallardo	26
Paul Gallardo	16	Clifford Murphy	29

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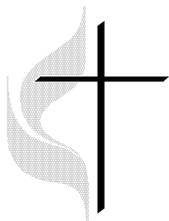
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**DIXBORO UNITED
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NEWSLETTER**



May/June 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
Web site: www.dixborochurch.org

“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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