



# THE CHIMES

Dixboro United Methodist Church

January/February 2017

Dear Dixboro Family,

Bishop David Bard (new bishop of the Michigan Area) and his Cabinet have awarded me a month-long sabbatical (spiritual renewal leave). I will be away the month of February and will return to my duties on March 1<sup>st</sup> (which is Ash Wednesday). Bishop Bard's approval came in response to a joint request from me and Dixboro's Staff Parish Relations Committee.

I have been with you since July, 2011 – nearly 6 years now – and during that time, I have accepted only 2 salary increases. While SPRC has recommended a merit raise each year, most years I have declined due to the impact it would have on our operating budget. Such was the case in September, 2016 during my annual evaluation. This time, when I declined a raise again, SPRC asked me, “What can we do for you?” I was quick to respond, “I’m tired – and need some extended time for reflection and renewal.” SPRC voted unanimously to grant me a sabbatical leave, pending the Bishop's approval.

Our United Methodist Discipline recommends that full-time clergy take a “spiritual renewal leave” (sabbatical) every 5-7 years. And after 22 years under full-time appointment, I am finally committed to do so. I will head south for the month of February. On the way down and back, I'll spend a few days with my parents in Atlanta (Dad's health continues to decline). Then I'll spend three weeks in Siesta Key, Florida – prayer-walking on the beach, playing with the dog, studying, reflecting and tending to my soul. I expect to return to you reenergized and renewed.

You will be well-cared-for while I'm away. Rev. Mary Hagley will be in town the entire month of February. Rev. Cathy Freeman will be here for the first two weeks. And should the services of an Elder be required, I will ask a couple colleagues to be “on call.”

The Sunday worship schedule is as follows:

- 2/5 Rev. Cathy Freeman will preach and officiate Holy Communion (yes, our new Discipline allows a Deacon to serve the Sacrament by special arrangement with their presiding Elder)
- 2/12 Roberta King, Certified Lay Servant, will preach and Rev. Mary Hagley will lead worship
- 2/19 Rev. John Park (retired from Dixboro UMC in 2011) will preach; Rev. Mary will lead worship
- 2/26 The Dixboro Youth will lead worship

I will be with you in spirit and in prayer while I'm away. I ask you to pray for me as well – for safe travels and a fruitful time of reflection and renewal. May God continue to bless our shared ministry and mission.

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

# Lenten Brunch coming on March 19!

The Nurture Committee is pleased to announce the return of the Lenten Brunch! For those of you of *a certain age*, you'll remember this fun and engaging event held regularly in years past.

On Sunday morning March 19, we will meet at 8:30 am at assigned houses. You can volunteer to be a host(ess) or you can choose to be an attendee. We need both for a successful brunch. Each host(ess) will let the organizers (Dawn Anderson and Barb Scheffer) know how many guests s/he can accommodate. Any number is fine. It isn't necessary to have a big space. Those who sign up to be attendees will be assigned a venue. The host(ess) will contact his/her assigned guests and let them know what to bring. Usually the host(ess) provides a main dish and coffee. The other guests can bring items such as juice, rolls, muffins, fruit, and so on. After breakfast and fellowship, everyone heads for church to attend worship at 10:00 am.

During the brunch, there will be some discussion starters provided by the nurture team. Each group will choose a spokesperson to report out during the service. It is always fun to hear how each individual brunch went, and what items were discussed and how people responded.

The goal of the brunch is to help our congregation get to know each other on a more personal level, and to have an opportunity to talk about matters relevant to the future of Dixboro in a small group setting.

Questions? Already excited and want to host?? Already excited and want to attend?? Please call Dawn (717-5529) or Barb (668-1450).

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## A Message from the Witness Team

Happy New Year to all of you. The Witness Team is planning on having a some great activities for 2017. Some are annual events, like the Dixboro Family Fun Fair and Trunk or Treat, but we are also going to be adding some new events as well, like Trivia Nights once a quarter, a community garage sale on the Village Green and a few other items that are in the works.

Our first scheduled event is a Trivia Night that will be held on Friday, March 3rd starting at 7:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person or \$75 for a table of 8 people. Please note that the minimum age to attend is 13. Reservations are required so please contact Patty Burns at [prburns2002@yahoo.com](mailto:prburns2002@yahoo.com) Those who attended last time had such a great time and I hope that more people can make it for this fun night out! Profits will go to missions and other church related fees.

Thank you so much for all the support you gave in 2016 and I am so looking forward to the bridges we can build in 2017 with this wonderful community!

God Bless  
The Witness Team!



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### Don't Forget to Check Our Website!

Check our website regularly to stay up to date with what's going on with our church. We have the calendar, pictures, sermon videos, and news posted regularly. You will also find our weekly bulletins along with this CHIMES (and previous editions) for view and download.

Rev. Tonya M. Arnesen  
*Lead Pastor*

Rev. Mary Hagley  
*Minister of Children and Youth*

Rev. Cathy Freeman  
*Deacon Emeritus*

Zack Belsky  
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## DUMY CORNER

### “Souper” Bowl Sunday February 5

The youth will be hosting our soup fundraiser lunch on Feb. 5. Please mark your calendars to stay after church for lunch or take some soup home to have during the Super Bowl Game. \$3 for a bowl, \$2 for a cup. We will also serve bread and dessert. All proceeds support the

Youth Mission Trip to Motown Mission in Detroit this summer. The next fundraiser lunch will be March 5.

### Winter Jam Concert February 11

As a youth group we will be going to a Christian Concert with lots of musicians on Saturday, February 11. We will leave at 2:30pm, and return home around 10:30pm. If you would like to join us, let Rev. Mary know. Adults are welcome to attend too, it is a wonderful concert.

Tickets are \$10.

## Upcoming DUMY Activities

January 16	Ice Skating at Yost Arena \$5 12:00 pm –1:00 pm
January 29	DUMY 11:30am-2pm
February 5	Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser at 11am
February 11	Winter Jam meet at 2:30pm, home after 10:00pm
February 19	DUMY 11:30am-2pm
February 24-25	30 Hour Famine with Leading Worship on the 26 <sup>th</sup>



On February 24-25 our Dixboro Youth will be fasting to bring awareness to hunger-related issues around the world. All proceeds will go to *World Vision*, who sponsors the 30 Hour Famine. Our team goal is \$1,785, which will sponsor 51 children for one month. \$35 takes care of a child for a month. We can make a difference when we dream God sized dreams. On Sunday, February 26 we will be taking up a noisy coin (and dollar) collection during the service.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 7,000 kids under 5 died of hunger-related issues every day around the world in 2011? That is 1 child every 13 seconds, which is up from 1 in every 5 seconds in 2007, won't you help increase these seconds even more?

**Our youth will also lead us in Worship on Sunday, February 26, please mark your calendars.**

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## Donald Staebler's Updated Address

For those of you who want to stay in touch with Donald Staebler, here is his new address:

**Donald Staebler  
Ball Pavilion at Brevillier Village  
C Wing Room C-2  
5416 East Lake Road  
Erie, PA 16511**



## Do you know what the DUMW has been up to in 2016?

Happy New Year to all from the Dixboro United Methodist Women (DUMW). First off, I want to remind all the women of Dixboro Church, young and not-so-young, that the DUMW is beginning to plan activities for the coming year and ALL are invited to join in the planning and the doing. Our goals focus on enhancing our faith relationships, identifying mission needs in our community and abroad, exploring faith learning opportunities, and having fun.

We have elected officers for this year, see below, and will have our **first 2017 DUMW meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2017 in the Choir Room from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

For those of you who have not participated in the past, here are some of the things the DUMW was involved in during 2016:

### **Mission Projects**

- Donations to a variety of mission projects related to our youth camps and community
- Sewing over 200 tote bags for Haiti lay pastors
- Sewing 60 hats and 25 pairs of mittens for House By The Side of the Road and Washtenaw County agencies
- \$2000 to Dr. Manya for solar panels for his OB clinic in Uganda
- Ten Thanksgiving Baskets donated to families identified by the Salvation Army

### **Fundraising activities**

- Annual Dixboro Rummage Sale in April
- DUMW Book Sale at the Fair in August
- Turkey Dinner in October
- Cookie Walk in December
- Sale of hand-made elegant necklaces graciously donated by Susan Obert

### **Social and spiritual growth**

- Salad and Dessert gathering for women in May
- Prayer and Self Denial collection in February
- Attending the Wizard of OZ at Lincoln High School in March
- Holiday Tea and Dessert Social hosted by Carole DeSantis

(Note; the DUMW has an operating budget totally separate from that of the church as described in the United Methodist Discipline. All DUMW funds are raised and distributed solely by the DUMW.)

We have been busy and having a good time achieving our goals. Please join us for another great year as we plan for and operationalize DUMW activities for 2017.

Barbara Scheffer, President

Meredith Burr, out-going Treasurer

Roberta King, Missions Coordinator

Patty Burns, out-going Fundraising Coordinator

Cathy Freeman, Vice-President & Secretary

Kathleen Hucks, incoming Treasurer

Beth Little, Social Coordinator



# Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

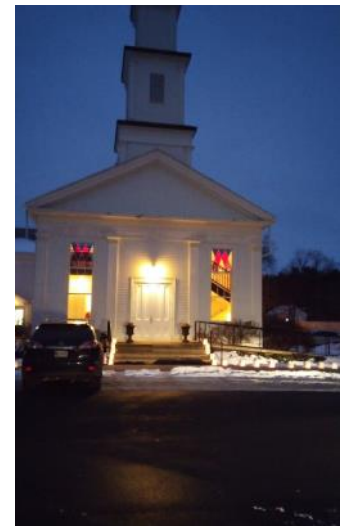
If you are looking for opportunities to grow spiritually in 2017, you may be interested in new adult Christian education classes being offered at Dixboro Church.

"Bonhoeffer: A DVD Study" is a 4-week course that will be led by Harold Tuckett. The class will examine the life and thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who was also a martyr in the resistance to Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Bonhoeffer's writings have been very influential in Christian thought, and his life is a powerful inspiration and model for living a life dedicated to following Christ. Each class session will consist of viewing a 10-15 minute DVD presentation, followed by discussion. The class will be held on Sunday mornings following worship service, starting at 11:30am and running to 12:15pm or so. The class will start on Sunday, January 29.

Beginning the week of Sunday, February 26, which is the beginning of the first week of Lent, we will be offering several options for participating in a Lenten study consisting of a book and DVD study by Adam Hamilton. The study is a seven session series titled "24 Hours That Changed the World", and it focuses on the events of the last 24 hours of Christ's earthly life. The DVD includes Adam Hamilton taking us to relevant locations in the Holy Land. One option for the study will be a Sunday morning class led by Harold Tuckett, beginning on February 26 and running from 11:30am-12:15pm. We will also be offering the same class content in several small group settings, held in member's homes and being offered at times during the week. More information on these small groups and information on signing up for them will be forthcoming.

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## Christmas Pictures 2016



# JANUARY

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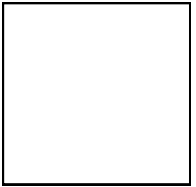
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Worship Schedule:  
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:00am  
Sunday Worship at 10:00am

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