

The Chimes

News from the Dixboro United Methodist Church

Summer 2018 

A Note from Pastor Tonya

THANK YOU DIXBORO CHURCH! Thank you for your expressions of love and care during my recent hospitalizations. I ask for your continued prayers while I'm on medical leave to recover from hip surgery. I am truly grateful for the gift of life and thankful to share it with you!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People

How do I become the person God created me to be? How do I grow in my faith? The goal of this summer's sermon series is to help all of us grow in our spiritual life. Author John Ortberg suggests "the term *spiritual life* is simply a way of referring to one's life – every moment and facet of it – from God's perspective. Another way of saying it is this: God is not interested in your "spiritual life," God is just interested in your life. He intends to redeem it." Based on Ortberg's book, *The Life You've Always Wanted*, we will explore practical ways we can grow in our spiritual life (e.g., prayer, service, generosity, celebration, slowing down) and experience the joy of becoming more like Jesus. I look forward to sharing this growth time with you.

- 6/24 Text: Romans 12:1-2
Title: It's Morphing Time: The Hope of Transformation and The Goal of Spiritual Life
- 7/1 Independence Day Sunday - Holy Communion
Text: Genesis 1, Mark 6:30-32
Title: A "Dee Dah Day": The Practice of Celebration and The Unhurried Life: The Practice of "Slowing"
- 7/8 Commissioning of Mission Teams for Immersion Week
Appropriate Smallness: The Practice of Servanthood
- 7/15 Mission Immersion Reports
Sacrament of Holy Baptism - Autumn Murphy Kotowski
- 7/22 *Interrupting Heaven: The Practice of Prayer*
- 7/29 *Life Beyond Regret: The Practice of Confession*
- 8/5 *The Guided Life: Receiving Guidance from the Holy Spirit*
- 8/12 *The Life of Freedom: The Practice of Secrecy*
- 8/19 *An Undivided Life: Practice of Reflection on Scripture*
- 8/28 *Life With a Well-Ordered Heart: Developing Your Own Rule of Life*
- 9/2 *A Life of Endurance: The Experience of Suffering*

Upcoming Events

Graduation and Scholarship - Sunday, June 17

We will be celebrating our graduates and scholarship recipients on June 17. If you or a loved one is graduating from high school or college, please send us their name, degree, school graduating from, future plans, and a picture by NEXT SUNDAY to revmaryhagley@gmail.com.

Senior Fellowship Lunch - June 20

Senior Fellowship Lunch will be held Wednesday, June 20 at 12pm. Our speaker will present information on taxes for seniors. Cost is \$7. For reservations, contact Roberta King at 734-776-1019. Mark your calendars for upcoming Senior Fellowship Lunches on July 18 and August 15. See Sunday's bulletin for more information.

Summer Mission Immersion Week - July 8-14

The Outreach Team has developed a Summer Mission Immersion Week, so mark your calendars. We are planning at least one mission opportunity each day that week that will foster intergenerational activities for people of all ages. Some may be hands-on work with a local agency, some may be the collection of supplies for an agency, and some may be a chance to give monetarily to meet a need. To kick off our week, we are having a church-wide picnic on the green, Sunday, July 8, after worship.

Hope Clinic: Mission Immersion Week Backpack Drive

The Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti is collecting backpacks and school supplies for children & youth (grades 1st-12th) in Washtenaw County. Please consider buying a backpack or two for these kids, backpacks can be generic, or have cartoon characters. We will also be collecting school supplies: crayons, colored pencils, markers, lined paper, folders, pencils, rulers, scissors, easers, pens, glue sticks, index cards, graph paper, etc. The collection box will be in the hallway outside of the offices. Deadline for the collection will be July 15. For more info contact Mary Turfe: maryt810@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School in Milan

Vacation Bible School will take place August 6-8 at Milan Marble Memorial UMC in Milan, MI 48160 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Ages three years to kids

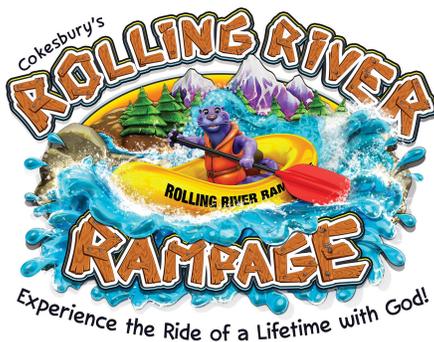
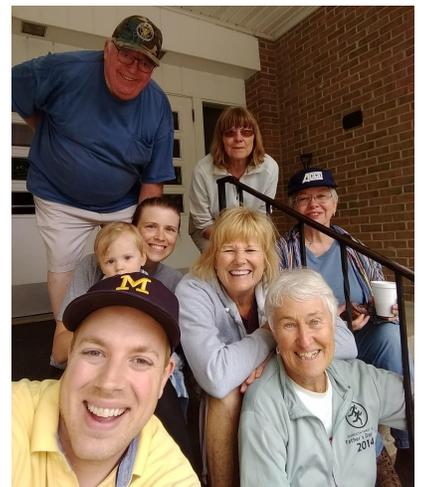
entering fifth grade are welcome. Our theme verse this year is Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

As we go down "Rolling on the River Rampage," we will experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

For more information contact Rev. Mary.

June 17	Graduation & Scholarship Sunday
June 20	Senior Fellowship Lunch
July 8-14	Mission Immersion Week
July 15	Dixboro United Methodist Women
July 13	
& Aug. 4	Habitat for Humanity Days

Mulching Fun!



Faith Formation Corner by Rev. Mary

Wow, can you believe we are almost to summer?! This past year has had many blessings that we can be grateful for as we continue to look towards summer. As we wrap up Sunday School and the end of school, I would like to encourage you to keep persevering in your faith. Those long and warm summer days are approaching soon, so that means vacations, camping, swimming, visiting friends, and family reunions are coming, too. Over the summer we may see you here or there on a Sunday, but here's what I mean when I say, "persevering in your faith." Whether you are here on Sunday, or sitting in a swing on the porch of your cabin, or climbing out of a tent, you can WORSHIP God!

Last Labor Day, I took Sunday off and spent time with my family getting ready for a picnic. Before we started, I gave each of the kids binoculars I had made that said, "Where do you see God?" As we stood on the edge of the pond, we saw trees, water, frogs, clouds, blue skies...we also saw our dogs and family members. I reminded them that God is everywhere and in everything we see. Psalm 150:6 says, "Let every living thing praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" And if we go back to Psalm 147: 1-2, it says, "Praise the Lord! Because it is good to sing praise to our God! Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!

Wherever you are, you can WORSHIP God! If you are out on a walk, count all of the ways you see God. If you are surrounded by family at a reunion, thank God that you have the opportunity to see your family once again! God has created everyone and everything! How do you see God working in your life as you walk the journey of faith?



UPCOMING EVENTS	
Nov 28	UMC #GivingTuesday
Dec 1	Senior Fellowship Christmas Outing
Dec 3	Advent Wreath Making
Dec 3	Church Council Meeting
Dec 9	Dixboro Holiday Market
Dec 10	Cookie Walk
Dec 14	DUMCW Holiday Tea
Dec 16	Dixboro Men's Night Out
Dec 17	Soup & Salad Christmas Party and Caroling around Dixboro
Dec 21	Longest Night Worship Service

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

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Dixboro Church Rummage Sale

April 26-28 saw the choir room and Fellowship Hall transformed when the Dixboro United Methodist Women (DUMW) held their annual Rummage Sale. Boxes and bags (too numerous to count) of donations were received, sorted, and set out during the three days leading up to the sale. Utilizing the choir room for adult clothing provided the space to set out all items in an organized fashion. Shoppers lined up an hour before the start of the sale on Thursday morning, and we saw a number of repeat shoppers at Saturday's Bag Sale. It was amazing to see just how much a shopper could fit into a paper grocery bag!

This year shoppers were given a copy of "Dixboro Family Favorites" cookbook with a \$10 purchase. This elicited many smiles and comments along the lines of, "I love church cookbooks." Profits from the Rummage Sale added up to just over \$3,200.

Portions of the profits will go to Alpha House and the UMW Prayer and Self Denial offering. Straight from their website, here is information about Alpha House:

"Our mission: Working together with our community and congregations to provide housing and support services to families in need.

We provide temporary shelter, food, and support services in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. More than providing just a bed and a roof for families, our goal is to support the families in securing and maintaining their own home."

One important program at Alpha House is Rapid Re-housing. Again, from their website:

"Rapid re-housing is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach that is a critical part of a community's effective homeless crisis response system. Rapid re-housing rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. Rapid rehousing programs help families and individuals living on the streets or in emergency shelters solve the practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing while reducing the amount of time they experience homelessness, avoiding a near-term return to homelessness, and linking to community resources that enable them to achieve housing stability in the long-term."

Thank you again for all those who donated goods, shopped, and the 30+ people who assisted with set-up, clean-up, or worked at the sale. The sale would not have been as successful without you.



Movie Filming

In April, scenes for an upcoming movie were filmed in our church. The primary actor is Dean Cain (TV Superman in *Lois and Clark*). The director is Joel Paul Reisig, and the lead actor is Nick Vlassapoulas.

The film's name is *Faith Under Fire*. The plot revolves around a young man who had lost his wife in a car accident and has recently found out that his daughter has cancer. He has lost his faith in God, and he confronts the pastor (Dean Cain), and takes out his frustrations by punching the pastor. The pastor then finds a way to soothe him and bring him back to his faith.

The profits from the film will go to cancer research.

They filmed in the church from 9a.m. to 9p.m. They used the sanctuary, the youth room and the pastor's office for their sets.

They donated a small statue called "Born Again" to the church as a thank you for the use of the building.



Bud Emmitt Address Change

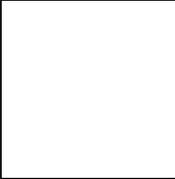
Bud Emmitt, our longtime friend and Dixboro Church member, has a new address. We encourage you to reach out to him with your love and greetings. Visitors are encouraged!

Walter (Bud) Emmitt, 685 N. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Janice Clark Sunday Transportation

If you would be interested in signing up to help transport Janice Clark to Church on Sunday mornings, please see Barb Scheffer. Here is Janice's new contact info: 5353 McAuley Dr. Apt 318, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; (734) 223-6184

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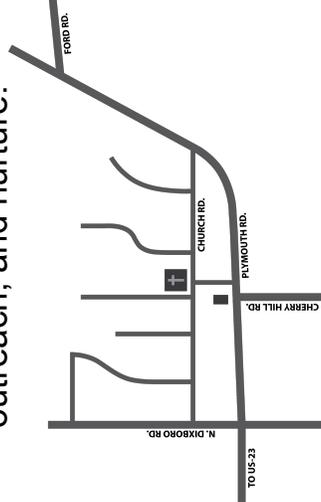
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Worship Schedule:
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:15am
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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