



Dixboro United Methodist Church
September/October 2014

THE CHIMES

There's much going on this Fall!

Worship Schedule

Based on the strong worship attendance in June/July and your feedback (from survey and conversations), we are "tweaking" the Sunday morning schedule. **Beginning Sunday, September 7th:**

- 9:00 Sunday School for all ages
Youth Choir will rehearse upstairs from 9-9:10
Joyful Noise will rehearsal in sanctuary from 9-9:40
Chancel Choir will rehearse in Choir Room from 9:40-9:55
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Fellowship Time

We'll try this schedule through the Fall/Advent and invite your feedback along the way. Representatives from Worship and Christian Education will evaluate this schedule in December and determine how to proceed into 2015.

Sermon Series:

I have a new friend who is also new to the United Methodist Church. She's been a Christian for a long time – but our United Methodist way of thinking and doing is different from her non-denominational background. So she has lots of questions: the kind of questions that give rise to deep conversations – and those conversations are deepening our friendship. Good stuff . . .

So good, that I've decided to share some of her questions and my responses in the Fall Sermon Series: ***Why I am United Methodist***. I hope you'll join us in worship at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings as we re-discover our Wesleyan roots:

- 9/7 "Blessed Assurance"
- 9/14 "The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me!"
- 9/21 "Disciplined Discipleship"
- 10/5 "Bringing Head and Heart Together"
- 10/12 "Gone Fishing"
- 10/19 "Holy, But Not Holier-Than-Thou"
- 10/26 "Religion is NOT a Private Affair"

TWO Pastor's Classes on Wednesdays:

I am a fan of Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of The Church of the Resurrection outside of Kansas City, KS (the largest UMC in the USA). He's visionary; innovative; brilliant. He's faithful to biblical Christianity – and not afraid to tackle the tough questions people are asking today. This fall, I invite you to discover his new book, ***Making Sense of the Bible*** with me.

Beginning Wednesday, September 3rd, I'll be leading a 6-week study of Hamilton's book at **10:00 am and 7:00 pm** (choose the time that best fits your schedule). The book begins with foundational questions such as, "How and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? And, Is the Bible ever wrong?" From there, Hamilton considers the real questions people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike, including:

- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
- Is Jesus the only way to salvation?
- How does God view homosexual people?
- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

*******Sign up for the class and order your book in the Church Office*******

Note: If you want to learn more, go to our website: dumc@dixborochurch.org, click on the link to Cokesbury Virtual Store and type in the book name. There's an introductory video from Adam Hamilton (and you can order your book on-line).

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Motown Mission Experience 2014

Rev. Mary Hagley

Thank-you, thank you to everyone who supported and prayed for us before and during our mission trip. We wouldn't have been able to go without your support and love, so thank you. We had a wonderful trip! This year we had 15 youth go, which was awesome, but it also meant we had to split into two groups during our week. One group worked at the Metro Kidz Camp that is ran by Metropolitan UMC, while the other group worked with the Joy-Southfield Development Corporation.



Metro Kidz Camp

Ben Little, Madeline Leidlein, Breanna Root, Kelsey Charnetski, Viko Mumbiro, Garron Little, Karin White (3 days), Amy Knutilla (1 day), Pastor Tonya (1 day), and Rev. Mary (3 days) all worked with the Metro Kidz Camp. Each morning we greeted the kids and played sports with them while they arrived. After that we would have a Bible story and activity to go with the story, and then each day we had something a little different to do with them, such as music, theater, crafts, library time, sports, and some reading time. We also ate lunch with the kids and made many trips to the bathroom! By the time every kid was picked up, we were exhausted but felt well loved from all of the hugs we received. Those kids have a special place in our hearts.





Anna Little, Grace Czachorski, Audrey Czachorski, Ian Little, Alex Buschhaus, Griffin Charnetski, Warren Leidlein, Gabby Cox, Samantha Cox, Tim White, Wolfram Bushhaus (3 days), and Rev. Mary (1 day) worked at the same place we did last year with Rev. Rod and Randy (aka Papa Smurf). The first day they split up and worked on two different homes. One group fixed a concrete step that was very wobbly, and the other group fixed up a porch with new handrails for sturdiness and weeded the flower beds. The other three days they worked at Stein Park and Playground creating a safer and more beautiful

park for the kids and families in the neighborhood. First they had to pull weeds and grass growing in the cracks of the basketball court, most of the weeds were a foot high. Once they finished the weeding, they poured tar in the cracks with hopes of stopping the cracks from spreading anymore. The group also put up fencing in front of the dugouts by the baseball fields. The youth were all amazed at the difference they helped created. A small portion of the group also did some spackling and painting at the Joy-Southfield Health Clinic.

Joy-Southfield Development

Work Done Together

On Tuesday afternoon both groups met up at the Farmers' Market that we helped create space for last year. It was wonderful seeing the finished project, when we left last year there was still some concrete posts, now they were all gone. The raised garden beds we built and filled last year, were in full bloom with flowers and vegetables growing. On Friday we all worked together, including Emily Vincent, clearing trees, weeds, and debris from the North End Neighborhood Block surrounding the Metropolitan UMC. It was great to work together and to help out the neighborhood around the church. One eye opening experience for the youth who worked at the camp was meeting one of the kids we worked with on the street near his house that was falling apart. I think reality hit home for all of us when we put a face with the homes we were working on, especially a face of someone we loved and had fun with. After working hard in the morning



Overall we had an amazing week of coming together as a youth group, worshipping God, and serving with our hands and feet in Jesus' name to the people of Detroit! Make sure you visit this website to see more pictures and videos of the youth saying "Thank-you to our Dixboro Church Family:"

www.dixborochurch.org/motown-mission-photos.html.



Youth Group Fall Kickoff September 14

D.U.M.Y will begin again on September 14 from 5:30-7:30pm. New this year we are extending the age of youth group to include our 5th graders. During our time together we will gather, eat snacks, worship, and then break into discussion groups to dive into God's word deeper. We will be studying the 12 Parables in the Bible.



Upcoming Activities:

September 14 5:30-7:30pm

September 28 5:30-7:30pm

October 12 CROP Hunger 5K Walk at 2pm, we will eat lunch together and then go as a group.

October 19 5:30-7:30pm To finish putting together the haunted house for the Trunk or Treat Event

October 24 Trunk or Treat at 6pm, be there early

****Tentative Fall Retreat November 21-22****

Blessing of the Backpacks September 7

Bring your backpack to church on September 7th for a special blessing of the new school year. You don't want to miss out! We will also have a blessing for our teachers on this day also. Tell your friends, neighbors, and family members about this special day, it will be at 10:00am on September 7.



Confirmation 2014-2015 Recruitment

Pastor Tonya and Deacon Mary will be leading a confirmation this coming school year for all 7th graders and up who have not been confirmed and would like to. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, August 24 after church from 11:30-12. Contact Rev. Mary at revmaryhagley@gmail.com for more information or to enroll in the class. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after church until 2pm.

Fall Sunday School Kickoff September 7

Sunday School for all ages will start at 9am every Sunday morning. The youth and children will meet upstairs for choir first and then Sunday School will begin immediately afterwards. We are trying something new this year, by starting together in prayer, scripture, and a video clip followed by splitting into two groups to further discuss the video and scripture.

Adult Sunday School class will meet in the conference room from 9:00-9:50am.

History Corner

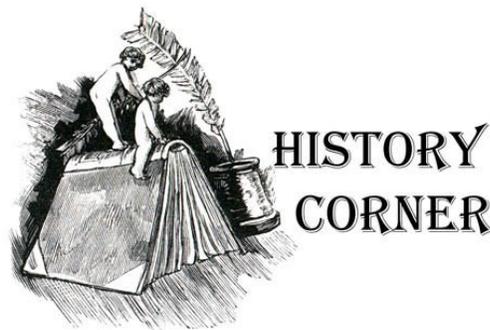
by Susan Engle

A few weeks ago I noticed that one pastor's portrait in the entry hall is missing from its hook. (I would like to see it back on the wall.)

I have heard stories of why the congregation did not like that pastor. It was during his two-year term that the 1969 addition was built onto the back of the church – for less than the amount bid! The addition included a new Fellowship Hall, kitchen, parlor, rest rooms, and classrooms.

Ten years later the bank loan was paid. On April 29, 1979, Bishop Edsel Ammons, District Superintendent Robert Selberg, and others helped with burning the mortgage at a special service, which many former pastors and church members attended.

Also in 1969 an acre of land just west of the church and parsonage was purchased by the church from member Bessie Quackenbush. In 1994 the land was designated "Brandon Park" in honor of Philip and Barbara Brandon, long-time active members at Dixboro Church.



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!

A Message From Janice Clark:

Some of you will remember Don Robinson, who was directing all of Dixboro’s choirs (Cherub, Youth, and Adult) when I began playing the organ here in 1955. He left for positions in Atlanta beginning in the fall of 1958.

In 1968 I first retired from Dixboro UMC and recently reread the letter Don wrote at that time. Following are excerpts which I think you might enjoy.

“Vivid memories that I enjoy recalling include the Sunday Morning Magic of Loren Campbell, wonderful old Mr. Earhart and his support of the music program, the football dinners, the Christmas caroling in the snow, the sewing of the robes for the Cherub Choir, and the anxious wait for the out-come of the District Conference. I remember the small church orchestra, the building of the nurse and celebration of the Centennial. The bi-weekly trips over the river and through the snowy woods will always be more beautiful than any Christmas card I have ever seen. I thrive on these memories and Janice will too...”

Don returned to help celebrate my 50th anniversary in 2005.

He died this past July 22nd, age 89, peacefully listening to an NPR program of classical music.

Dixboro's New Outreach Team

The Outreach Team has been formed as part of the new organizational structure at Dixboro Church and will replace the former Missions Committee. Cathy Freeman is the chair of this new team and Patty Fragner is the new vice-chair.

In order to make good decisions on the future focus of this team, a brainstorming session will be held in early September. Eight to ten people – some former members of the Missions Committee and some people who are newer in our Dixboro family – will meet to brainstorm about what this new Outreach Team might become and who might serve on it. We will wrestle with such questions as: What are the needs of our nearby community? What are the needs of our neighbors who live far away? What unique talents does Dixboro have to meet any of these needs? What needs are important to the Dixboro family? Etc. Etc. Etc. It is an exciting time in the life of Dixboro Church as we explore how God is calling us to on-going and new ministries to serve our neighbors near and far. As we form and grow, the Outreach Team would love to hear from you about what mission work you think we should focus on.

A Message From Our Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Freeman

I am speaking this morning on behalf of the Finance Committee. We met at the end of July to review the status of the budget through the first half of the year. As you can expect, we were interested in how our revenues compare to expenses.

This has been a difficult year for expenses. The long and very cold winter season produced higher than usual utility bills. As of June 30 we had already spent over 90% of the anticipated annual amount for heating the Church. And with all the additional snowfall there were increased costs for snow plowing.

Our payroll costs are higher this year as we continue our focus on youth programming and Christian Education. And our commitment to the fine music program we enjoy has a corresponding cost.

On the revenue side, our current collections have not kept pace. As of June 30th, we are roughly \$6000 behind our collections at this same time last year. Because we struggled to meet our financial commitments in 2013, we are concerned.

On the positive side, the Church has experienced growth in some other revenues. We are collecting rent from the many activities that occur in our building and surrounding property – dance classes, camps, farmers market and others. Now that the Sanctuary Renovation debt has been fully retired, the revenue from the grocery reward cards is being directed to the general fund. As has been our tradition in the past, the congregation continues to be very generous in giving to special causes.

As we approach the end of the year, the Finance Committee hopes that everyone will examine their own giving pattern. It is important that we meet our pledges and continue our commitment to the missions and outreach that have always been a part of Dixboro Church. As always, Pastor Tonya and the Finance Committee is grateful for your on-going support of Dixboro's ministries.

Our choir member and U of M musical performance graduate student, John Daugherty, will be singing the lead role in the U of M Musical Theater and Dance's production of the 2000 Opera, [Dead Man Walking](#), performed at the U of M Power Center, Nov. 13-15. Tickets are available at <http://tickets.umich.edu> or [734 764 2538](tel:7347642538). A good and low cost time to buy is about 1 month before the performance. John learns which 2 of the four performances he will do about then.

Musical Greetings to All!

Jaclyn Johnson

This past year has been a very interesting ride. With the combining of two services, every single individual has had to adjust in some way. I can not thank you enough for your suggestions, critiques, and encouragement as we have navigated (and are still navigating) this process.

As we begin to wrap up our summer plans, I would like to tell you some of the exciting plans for this upcoming musical year! All music programs (Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, and Youth Music) will resume rehearsals and Sunday morning participation the week after Labor Day. I would encourage EVERYONE to participate in some form of music. **Studies have shown that singing together can actually LOWER YOUR BLOOD PREASURE due to the synchronized breathing!**

Upcoming events will include our annual Christmas and Easter cantatas. This year, the Christmas cantata will be a stunning, contemplative work titled, "The Winter Rose" for choir, piano, and string quartet. The Easter cantata will be "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray for piano, bass, and drums. Joyful Noise will continue to lead energetic and beautiful songs of praise in Sunday morning worship, and the Youth Music program will continue presenting a variety of music styles including classical, folk, spirituals, and contemporary Christian rock. The goal of the music program is to have something that speaks to everyone and we hope that you will join us.

Blessings to you all!!

Here is a list of ensembles and when they meet:

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| Chancel Choir | Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm Sunday 9:40am **ALL are welcome! You do not need to know how to sing well or read sheet music. We can teach you! ** <u>Second Sunday Singers</u> meets at 9:30am on the second Sunday of every month. For those who are unable to meet on Tuesday nights. |
| Joyful Noise | Tuesday 8:00-9:00pm Sunday 9:00am **Due to the nature of repertoire, an audition is required. New members must bring something unique to the ensemble such as the ability to play an instrument, sing harmony, or have vocal training. |
| Youth Music | Sunday 9:00am |

Blessings to you all!!

New Music Interns!!

This past year, we had the pleasure of having a hired music intern participate in the Chancel Choir. The men of the choir found it extremely beneficial to the overall sound of the male section. He was able to sing either Tenor or Bass, depending on which was needed on a given Sunday, lead as an example for vocal production and technique, and gift the congregation with beautiful solos.

After consulting with the choir, they are recommending that we hire a second music intern and choose a female to supplement the Altos and Sopranos. We have two wonderful donors who are willing to pay for the male intern again this year, but we need some additional generous souls to help with the new female intern. **If you are able to donate to the New Music Intern Fund, please contact Music Director Jaclyn Johnson or Pastor Tonya Arnesen.**

As much as I have enjoyed working with the staff and members of the Dixboro United Methodist Church these past two years, I must resign from my position as the Music Director. The significant work load of my doctoral program has been extremely rigorous and, with my added teaching duties this upcoming year, I simply cannot manage the church time commitment. I have spoken with Pastor Tonya and will stay on until a suitable replacement can be found. I truly appreciate the opportunities the church has provided me and will miss the smiling faces of many of the congregants. Thank you for everything and I will be happy to assist with anything regarding the transition.

Musically,
Jaclyn Johnson

Help Keep Our Dixboro Church Website Fresh

Amy Knutilla, Webmaster

My web-traffic tracking statistics indicate we regularly have many "unique" visitors to our website. Please help me keep it new and interesting! Research says a good website includes many pictures. So, if you are at a church event or activity and taking pictures, please send me one or two of your favorites. I'll find a good place for them on the site. Send pictures and suggestions to me at webmaster@dixborochurch.org. Thanks!

Dixboro United Methodist Women - Status

By Cathy Freeman

Dear Dixboro Women,

In case the beauty of this Michigan summer has caused you to forget, there has been an effort over the last few months to create a new women's ministry at Dixboro Church, combining the former United Methodist Women, the Women of Dixboro and the Nurture Committees into one group. An organizational team was formed - me, Phylis Brandon, Roberta King, Meredith Burr, Bobbie Stacey and Patty Burns - to propose how this group might be structured. A few months ago, in a meeting after church of about 25 women, you approved

the recommendation that we call ourselves the **Dixboro United Methodist Women** and that we create a Coordinating Council of 7 officers - President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Fund-Raising Chair, Social Chair and Missions Chair. The organizational team was asked to recruit people to fill these offices.

Well, the organizational team has completed this recruitment task and will recommend to the DUMW that the following people be made officers:

- Barbara Scheffer, President
- Cathy Freeman, Vice-President/Secretary (we thought one person could handle both these positions)
- Meredith Burr, Treasurer
- Patty Burns, Fund-Raising Chair
- Beth Little, Social Chair
- Roberta King, Missions Chair

We have made an assumption (hopefully, not too presumptuous) that this slate of officers will be approved. So our next step will be to schedule a meeting of the officers to discuss what this new DUMW might look like and create recommendations and an agenda to bring to a full meeting of the DUMW. We plan to have this meeting in early September.

Thank you for your support of Dixboro's ministries and please let me know if you have any questions as we move forward.



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Dixboro United Methodist Women

By Phebe J. Judson, President

The Dixboro United Methodist Women will have their September meeting Monday, September 15. They will make plans for the 2014 Annual Turkey Dinner. They will also discuss plans for the new Dixboro United Women organization that will have all women in one large group.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

From Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

| | June | YTD 2014 | Budget | Difference | YTD Actual as % of Budget | YTD 2013 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| General Giving | 21,056.45 | 92,360.43 | 220,000.00 | -127,639.57 | 41.98% | 98,155.42 |
| Spec Collections, Designations, Other | 4,014.05 | 16,866.13 | 0.00 | 16,866.13 | | 14,676.41 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 25,070.50 | 109,226.56 | 220,000.00 | -110,773.44 | | 112,831.83 |

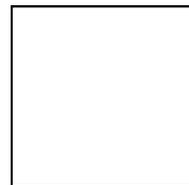
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| EXPENSE: | | | | | | |
| Conference/District Related: | 3,906.60 | 23,569.60 | 40,076.00 | 16,506.40 | 58.81% | 24,205.20 |
| Church related: | | | | | | |
| Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships | 4,000.00 | 9,524.26 | 2,000.00 | -7,524.26 | 476.21% | 8,422.75 |
| Payroll | 4,236.07 | 19,080.68 | 4,201.88 | 12,679.48 | 454.10% | 19,059.54 |
| General church operations | 2,778.65 | 22,261.27 | 3,149.03 | 20,055.73 | 706.92% | 20,657.67 |
| Committee | 396.72 | 976.15 | 4,000.00 | 3,023.85 | 24.40% | 1,448.99 |
| Special Project: | 14.05 | 8,111.87 | 0.00 | -8,111.87 | | 6,523.66 |
| Total Pastor related expense | 6,720.42 | 40,322.52 | 83,469.00 | 43,146.48 | 48.31% | 40,780.91 |
| Total Parsonage Related | 106.84 | 2,118.32 | 5,900.00 | 3,781.68 | 35.90% | 1,765.64 |
| Total Schoolhouse expense | 0.00 | 124.58 | 250.00 | 125.42 | 49.83% | 116.35 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE: | 22,159.35 | 133,679.25 | 224,082.16 | 91,272.91 | 59.66% | 128,980.71 |
| CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS) | 2,911.15 | -24,452.69 | -4,082.16 | | | -16,148.88 |



The CROP Walk

The 40th annual ICPJ CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday afternoon, **October 12, 2014**, at a new location: Rudolph Steiner School, 2230 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor. We are grateful for the past support your congregation may have given and we look forward to you joining other local congregations from many different faiths in helping to alleviate hunger in 2014.

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Worship Schedule:
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Sunday Worship at 10:00am

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