



Dixboro United Methodist Church

September/October 2013

# The Chimes

## ***From the Pastor's Heart...***

What is distinctive and unique about the church? What sets the church of Jesus Christ apart from every other social, political or philanthropic organization? Steve Ayers (*Igniting Passion in Your Church*), outlines six unique hallmarks of the Body of Christ. This is what Dixboro Church has to offer a hurting world:

**Unique Purpose** - The church's life is defined by the *Great Commandment* and the *Great Commission*. We're called to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves, AND we are commanded to take God's love to the ends of the earth in Jesus' name. Every ministry, every decision and every commitment of resources we make, must be measured against our unique purpose.

**Unique Caring** - When the church cares for people, we communicate the deeper truth that God cares for people. I'm not talking about casual politeness; I'm talking real, *Christ-like caring*. One way we live out Christ-like caring is to welcome and embrace new people into the life of our church family. Let us continue to offer authentic Christian hospitality and practical support to those God sends to us.

**Unique Spirit** - Ayers writes, "*The church is attractive because the (Holy) Spirit is attractive. The Holy Spirit lives inside us. The Spirit has reshaped us, has remade us and constantly guides us.*" If we are growing in the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit will become increasingly evident in us. There will be less conflict and more cooperation; less criticism and more encouragement and patience; less cynicism and more kindness and joy among the people of Dixboro Church.

**Unique Faith** - Our relationship to Christ and confidence in the power of His Spirit drives us to demonstrate our faith in tangible ways. One important way we demonstrate our faith is through our tithes and offerings. Our growing faith in God's ability to provide for our needs, will prompt us to share more, give more, and offer more of our resources to be used in ministry and mission.

**Unique Worship** - Our corporate worship should be vibrant and alive, grounded in God's Word, intimately in love with Christ, open to the movement of the Spirit, fervent in prayer and praise, and deeply connect us with one another. In authentic worship, people experience the life-changing presence of the Living God. And that kind of worship is magnetic - it draws new people into its life.

**Unique Passion** - In a world poisoned by cynicism and ambivalence, the Spirit of Christ provides an antidote - PASSION! Passion is intriguing and contagious! Passionate people ignite passion in others, who wonder, "What do they have, that I don't?" The church should help move people beyond surface religion into a **passionate, personal relationship with God**, who is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Our passionate relationship with God will always involve vulnerability and risk - but will inevitably bring about positive change and transformation in our personal lives, our relationships, our church life, and in our community. I believe God is calling us to risk broadening our boundaries, dare to walk the "road less traveled," and to trust God's good plan for our future. Let us move beyond hoping that God will do great things for us: we can trust that God will do great things through us! Let the words of the Apostle Paul be our blessing and benediction:

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."*  
Ephesians 3:20

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

## News from Rev. Mary Hagley, Dixboro's Minister of Youth and Children...



*Celebration under the big tent!*

### Vacation Bible School Update

#### ***Everywhere God's Fun Fair***

VBS was great fun and a big success for Dixboro UMC. We welcomed 27 kids from the age of 3 to grade 6 who participated in the festivities. We had 20 youth (grade 6<sup>th</sup> and up) help guide groups and co-lead stations, who also participated and learned about God's welcoming love to everyone. Total we had 47 children and youth under the age of 18 worshipping, loving, and growing closer to God.

It was an amazing week! We also had many wonderful adult volunteers who gave of their time to create and make this amazing week happen. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and for those who prayed for the children to come. Also they collected \$177.40 for "Imagine No Malaria" and took 181 pounds of food to Food Gatherers.

Praise be to God! For more pictures visit our Flickr page. [http://](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc/)

[www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc/)



*Games!*



*Crafts!*



*Discovery!*



*Songs!*



*Snacks!*

### **Sunday School Kick-off September 8th**

For September 8 & 15 Sunday School will be at 10:45am, following 9:30am worship.

Sunday School on September 22 will happen but stay tuned for what time.

Our classes are Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (meets upstairs in room 13) and 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade (meets upstairs in room 11). Both classes will be using the "Grow, Proclaim, Serve" curriculum for the appropriate ages. Each year we need new Sunday School forms filled out.

Youth Sunday School is available for 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades and will be held during the Sunday School hour. This year we will be studying "BL4Y: Bible Lessons for Youth" in the fall. Class will be held upstairs in room 15.

**FROG Week** was wonderful! We had 24 youth come ready to serve God and have fun while doing it. The first day we got to know one another and then helped at the House By the Side of the Road. The next day we headed over to Food Gatherers where we sorted through onions and packaged them in small boxes so they are easier to send out to distribution centers. In the afternoon we went to Harriet and Rita's to swim in the pool; it is a beautiful home. On Wednesday, we got nice and dirty cleaning out rabbit pens and other things around the Rabbit Sanctuary, and then the day wrapped up with a peaceful (for some) canoe ride from Argo Park to Gallup Park. Thursday the youth sang at Glacier Hills and Sunrise Retirement Community, ate at Big Boy, and then to Murray's Lake for our campout. Overall it was a great week of service for God! Thank you to everyone who donated food, supplies, and prayers! Also thank you to all of the volunteers who gave of their time during the week to make it a fun week for all. For more pictures and video go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc/>



## Youth Group Kickoff

Youth Group begins this Sunday, September 8 from 5:30-7:30pm. Come join us as we brainstorm for the year and for our new youth room! Parents please come too, as we discuss the year. Your input is necessary and good.

Tentative Schedule:

Sept. 8 Kickoff

Sept. 22 (Parent Class kickoff)

Oct. 6 CROP Walk at 2pm

Oct. 13

\*\*New this year: A Parenting Class will run alongside youth group, but all parents are welcome. The study is called *Parent Fuel*, which incorporates any age children. Childcare can be arranged if needed. Sherry and Cliff Murphy will be leading the class. Kickoff for class is Sept. 22.

## Nursery and Youth Room Renovation

Our goal for renovating and updating these two rooms is to help with the overall appearance of our church. Right now, our nursery is not attractive to young families with children. We want our nursery and youth area to non-verbally say, "Dixboro UMC loves their children and youth!" We know this alone does not bring in families, but as we reach out with other approaches, we don't want our space to be a stumbling block to making disciples for Jesus Christ. We will be laying carpet in both areas, and getting appropriate age furniture for both rooms. Here are a couple of ways you can help:



- Pray
- Attend the Dedication of the Nursery and Youth Room on October 13
- Buy new or gently used items from our wish list for the "Nursery Shower" on October 13
- We need painters and extra hands to help the trustees finish this project



If you are interested in helping organize a Halloween Event for Sunday, October 27 please let Rev. Mary know. I am considering doing a "Trunk or Treat" fun night that we sponsor for the community. This could be a lot of fun and good outreach in our community.

## Notes from our Campers...

### *Dear Dixboro UMC,*

My experience at Lake Louise this year was amazing! I grew closer in my relationship with God and feel inspired to share it with others. I found that music is the best way that I communicate with Him.

The church's generous gift that helped get me there is greatly appreciated. With three brothers it's tough, but you made it possible. Thank you!

With love,

*Anna Little*



**CAMP WAS AWESOME!!!!**

Even though my mom forced me to go to camp I had a great time. I loved joining in the worship, and singing, doing crafts, and eating the amazing food!! The whole camp experience really brought me closer to God in many ways. I started to pray every night and I really tried to listen to the speakers every day and took their messages to heart. They also taught me so much about God and in the end I really opened my life up to him.

Camp defiantly changed me for the better and I just wanted to thank the congregation for helping to pay for all of us to go to camp. I honestly can't wait to go back to Lake Louise next year!

*Kelsey Charnetski*

At camp, I had a great time playing games, attending worship, and eating.

I thank the congregation for the scholarship to send me to Lake Louise. I felt closer to God when I was there.

At Lake Louise, we had worship at night called Fire Bowl. I enjoyed singing there, and felt my relationship with God grow in such a beautiful and peaceful setting. The meals were delicious and well-made, my favorite was the pizza. I look forward to going to camp again next year.

*Griffin Charnetski*

Thank you so much for helping pay for my trip to Lake Louise! I made lots of new friends while I was there, and I also became ever closer with the friends I already have! I also became a lot closer to God and began to trust in him more. I think Lake Louise changed my life and opened my eyes to a few things in life. I want to thank you guys so much for helping me get to such a great place.

Sincerely,

*Madeline Leidlein*

Thank you so much for helping to send me to Lake Louise Camp. I had fun last year and had a blast again this year.

Life has been difficult for me and my family. My parents divorced the summer of 2012, dog suddenly passed away in May of 2013, and my grandma passed away in early June of 2013. All of those have certainly taken a toll on the relationship I have with God. The staff at Lake Louise certainly helped mend and repair my relationship with Him and to have a more positive outlook in my daily life. They have taught me the importance of trusting God with my problems and having faith that things will get better with time and prayer.

I can't thank you enough for the financial aid and helping to make it possible for me to go to Lake Louise. It's such a holy place with so many amazing people and a blessing to attend. Thank you for helping me afford to go to such an amazing place as Lake Louise.

God Bless,

*Warren Leidlein*

My experience at camp was amazing. I connected and reconnected with so many people there. The service at the camp was very fun and had a nice message at the end. It furthered my relationship with God and added some vigor into my Christianity. Overall, I had an amazing time at this camp and I would absolutely recommend it to anyone and would love to go back next year. Thanks to my church family for raising money so this could happen. It was just a great experience and you made it possible for me to go.

*Bennett Little*

Thanks for the donations for my camp experience. I had lots of fun playing games, food breaks, and fire bowl (praying time). We played lots of fun games, like nukem and Ga Ga Ball. We went swimming and stuff like that. During fire bowl we sang songs and did plays, the main theme for camp this year was Disney movies. Also during the last fire bowl we got a bracelet with all the peoples names on it, and I am still wearing it! We played tetherball and in my cabin we got candy, pop, cookies, and chips. Thanks again!

*Garron Little*

This year was my first year at Lake Louise. While I was there I had a great time meeting new people, trying new things and building my relationship with God. I rediscovered just how fun going to summer camp can be. I made many new friends that I hope to keep in touch with and hope to see again next year. As well as meeting new people I got to know some new things about people I thought I knew fairly well, and it was nice to reconnect with them.

At camp I really stepped out of my comfort zone and tried some new things, rather than stick to things I knew with people I knew. While stepping out of my comfort zone I let go of some things from my past that were dragging me down and it felt like a weight lifted off my shoulder. I really reconnected with God while at camp. I had really drifted away more than I had thought, and it was great to realize that, and re-build it. Over all camp was a great experience and I can't wait to go again next year and push my boundaries even more.

Sincerely,

*Audrey Czachorski*

This year was my second year going to Lake Louise, but it was my first year going to the high school camp. In my past years I've become more and more, judgmental and less considerate of others. In Middle school I've really had had a hard time fitting in so I would tend to change myself and act different around certain people. When I say act different I mean act more hmm, what's the word I'm looking for... rude. I could tell I was too, I tried to act myself but I really wasn't sure whom that even was. I was also having self esteem issues, nothing major just mainly having trouble knowing I'm loved and my true friends really do care about me.

This year I was one year younger than how old you're supposed to be to go to the High school camp because I really wanted to go with all my friends. When I got there I felt rather awkward because I was one of the youngest people there. So I mainly just stayed with the people who came up there with me and are in my youth group. In the beginning of the week I was really mainly just coming closer to God (which is one of the bests parts of camp). Later in the week around Wednesday I really felt loved by my friends and mainly God. I'm not going to lie there were tears. Ever since that day I've been more and more optimistic, confident and I've known my friends and God really truly do love me.

Lake Louise has been an amazing this year and I'm really happy I came this year. Everyone there is so nice, welcoming, honest, caring, and you could go up to someone and just have a conversation with him or her. It's amazing. I really feel like I've really become closer to God and found who I really am. Lake Louise is such an inspirational and astonishing place. I can't wait to go back next year and I'm excited to be myself and bring my new attitude to school this year.

*Grace Czachorski*



Thank you all for your generous donations allowing me to go to camp. Lake Louise was one of the best experiences of my life. Camp was one of the best experiences because I could really connect with the counselors and the kids that were there with me. Everyone was so kind and caring. They wanted to know what you felt about life and how you were living it. And it really hit home for me. I hope that I will be able to go back again. Whether it is in a year or in 3 years either way it would be a blessing. Our church has been very involved in my life and I hope it will never change.

*Breanna Root*

Thank you so much for donating so that we could all go to camp! I had a lot of fun! One of my favorite parts about the camp that I went to was probably meeting all of the new people and family ties. During family ties you go into a small group with a counselor and you talk about the "sermon". Thank you again for donating, I am hoping that I will be able to go again next year!

Thanks,  
*Ian*

***Dear Campers,***

***You are very welcome!***

***Love,***

***Your Dixboro Church Family***



## **HISTORY CORNER**

### **History Corner**

*By Susan Engle*

Reverend Manasseh Hickey (1820-1903) served Dixboro for one year, Sep 1851 –Sep 1852

The Reverend Ronald A. Brunger compiled this church's history to 1940 and later researched its pre-1858 origin. In a 1970 report he stated, "Manasseh Hickey probably should be counted the first pastor here. [Hickey was appointed September 1851 to serve Ann Arbor's second circuit in] Lower Town, north of the [Huron] river, and in the surrounding countryside." Excerpts below are from Hickey's memoir in the 1903 Detroit Annual Conference journal, pages 46-48.

"Manasseh Hickey was born September 7, 1820, in Phelps, N. Y... in 1852...married at Ann Arbor...and died in Detroit, Mich., January 2, 1903....In 1836 his father moved [the] family to Michigan, settling in Troy. [At age] eighteen [Manasseh] began to feel that he ought to prepare himself for the ministry....About this time Albion College was in its embryo state—a Methodist seminary....[He was] a Student at Albion [and later] said: 'I rang the bell, worked in gardens, on the roads, scored timber, and, after three years, left college with five dollars in my pocket.'...He joined the Michigan Conference on trial in the fall of 1844 [and] in 1872, he [retired.] The Wayne County Pioneer Society honored him with its presidency, and for two years, 1877-8, he held the office of public librarian....

"One of his ministerial brethren...gave...the following high tribute: 'In all the ranks of the Methodist ministry of the State, there have been few men who have so impressed their personality among their fellows. He was recognized as a Methodist of the old type, thoroughly orthodox, and thoroughly in earnest. He was a camp-meeting Methodist, believing with all his heart in revival work. His personal religious life and his fearless honesty won for him the confidence of all who knew him. As a Presiding Elder he was noted for his wise administration and executive ability, and for his farsightedness in seizing strategic points for advancing the line of work.'...There were forty brother ministers...at the funeral...many of whom had come from a considerable distance.

"[Manasseh, wife Sarah Ann (Bush), and their five children are buried in Detroit] in the family lot in beautiful Elmwood."

## Dixboro Fair a Big Success

By Peggy Moran

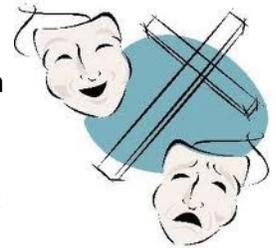
Thank you everyone for a wonderful Dixboro Fair. With all your help and donations we raised over \$3000! It is being gifted to Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society of Huron Valley and the Church. It has been decided to recreate the Dixboro Fair into an outreach festival. If you are interested in helping with the planning/creation of a new day, contact Peggy Moran or any of the Pastors.

If you missed hearing the youth share about their Motown Mission Experience on June 30, 2013. Check out the video on [www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dixboroumc), click on sets and then Motown Mission 2013 to see the recap video and picture video.

## Dixboro's Drama Ministry

By Rev. Tonya Arnesen

We're stepping up our DRAMA MINISTRY this fall! Why drama in worship? 1) Drama Ministry is multi-sensory, so people both hear AND see the gospel; 2) Drama can be funny, thought-provoking, poignant, and memorable -- encouraging worshipers to reflect upon the message during the week; 3) Drama builds community -- it is a great medium for people of all ages or skill levels to minister creatively together; 4) And while drama can be entertaining, it is also an effective tool for evangelism -- when the gospel is presented in a creative, disarming way, seekers and skeptics may be more open to receive God's Word. **Join Peggy Moran in the Sanctuary on September 29th (15 minutes after worship is over) to learn more and get involved.**



## Farmer's Market Outreach

By Rev. Mary Hagley

Twice a month at the Farmer's Market since May I have made a commitment to play games with the kids who come to the market with their families. It has been a wonderful outreach and lots of fun interacting with the kids. We still have more Friday afternoon opportunities to reach out to the community by having these games available. Would you please join me in this outreach to our community? Here are the dates I have volunteered for:



Sept. 6 4-5:30pm

Sept. 20 4-5:30pm Car Show at the Market

Sept. 27 4-5:30pm

Oct. 11 4-5:30pm

Oct. 25 4-5:30pm

**Contact Rev. Mary if you are available.**

## United Methodist Women News

Phebe Judson, President

The U.M.W. will have their September meeting on Monday, September 16 at 1pm. This is the first meeting since the June 2013 meeting. It will be a meeting to decide on the programs and activities for the 2013-14 year. There will also be an election of officers for the coming year. All women welcome!

## Many of you may remember...

Ella Brakeman, 85, wife of Rev. Harry, died May 31, 2013. They established schools in Haiti, which DUMC supported in many ways during the 1980s-1990s. Read her obituary here: <http://pollockrandall.com/obituaries/brakeman-ella-2439/>

## Worship Committee

By Becky Horvath

The Worship Committee met August 7 to get an overview of the year and work specifically on September and October. We gave a unanimous advisory vote on continuing the one blended service and looked at the possible Sunday morning schedules. This will be determined after input from the congregation. Mary Hagley will administer the commissioning of our teachers and the blessing of the children's backpacks on September 8. The Worship Committee will make a variety of breads for the altar on World Communion Day to recognize our connection with people all over the world. It is also the day of the CROP walk, which is used to raise funds to feed the world's hungry including in our own community. Several other ideas for celebrating that day are under consideration. Jaclyn Johnson suggested the choir prepare some of the Faure Requiem for All Saints Day as a tribute to those who rest in peace. The Lectionary for Advent is Matthew and Tonya has come up with an exciting idea using ideas expressed in contemporary songs. The Worship Committee is looking at the possibilities of a workshop to make Advent wreaths, a devotional booklet on the symbols of Christmas. We are also rethinking the decorating of the church in Advent. We would welcome new members to the committee.

## Mission Committee

From Roberta King

Mission Dining to Donate to benefit the House By the Side of the Road will be Monday, Sept. 23, from 6:30am - 10pm. Bring a flyer and give one to a friend!

**Bob Evans<sup>®</sup>**  
**COMMUNITY  
FUNDRAISER**  
*Dine to make a difference*

**Dixboro United  
Methodist Church**

**Monday, September 23, 2013  
6:30 am - 10 pm**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales  
when you present this flyer\* to

**Bob Evans<sup>®</sup>**  
2411 Carpenter Road In Ann Arbor  
(Carpenter & Washtenaw)

\*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

#89

**Bob Evans<sup>®</sup>**  
**COMMUNITY  
FUNDRAISER**  
*Dine to make a difference*

**Dixboro United  
Methodist Church**

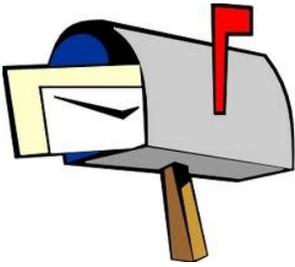
**Monday, September 23, 2013  
6:30 am - 10 pm**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales  
when you present this flyer\* to

**Bob Evans<sup>®</sup>**  
2411 Carpenter Road In Ann Arbor  
(Carpenter & Washtenaw)

\*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

#89



## From the Mailbox...

Dear Dixboro Church,  
I would like to thank my church family for awarding me the Barbara Morris Academic Achievement scholarship. I am thoroughly looking forward to the upcoming year at the University of Michigan School of Engineering and the money will definitely help in paying for books, living expenses, and my new apartment. I am truly grateful for all of the support and love I have received from the church throughout my life.

God Bless,  
Laura Knutilla

To My Dixboro Family,  
Thank you so much for all of your love and support. Your encouragement and prayers have helped me achieve my goal of serving our country in the Peace Corps, and I know that you will sustain me during the next two years.

I will keep you posted on my whereabouts and the ways I am serving, and I look forward to reading my monthly Chimes to stay connected to the life of our church.

In service,  
Sandy Bowers

Dear Chimes,

Thank you so much for the Morris Scholarship. It is a great honor! Like I said in my essay, school does not come naturally to me and so I am thrilled to have my hard work payoff and mean something. Super excited to attend Central Michigan University in the fall. Go Chips!

Love,  
MacKenzie W. Smith

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Parker Award scholarship. It will definitely help me with my finances toward college. I'm looking forward towards the college experience at the University of Michigan and this scholarship will help to ease my transition from a public high school to a public university. I plan on studying hard as well as still working on my relationship with God and service to the community.

God Bless,  
Bobby Knutilla

Dear Rev. Arnesen,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,180...your congregation's generous gift to Hope Clinic is a tremendous blessing to Hope and those we serve...

The patients who were helped by our March oral surgery day, the families who received produce at our weekly "Farmer's Market", and the students who are participating in our "Kids Can Cook" after school program are grateful for the way Hope has been able to serve them. We're so glad to be able to make a difference in these lives as well as the lives of all those we serve—our medical and dental patients, those who use our food pantry or com to get a hot meal on the weekends and those who come to do their laundry.

Thank you for joining with us in fulfilling the mission to which God has called us.

Sincerely,  
Dan Heffernan, Founder and President  
Cathy Robinson, Executive Director

## Recurring Events at Dixboro Church

M/W/F	10:00 am	Seniors Exercise
Tuesdays	8:30 am	Exercise Class
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Thursdays	8:30 pm	Exercise Class
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturdays	8:30 am	Adult Study
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship *</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour *</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School—all ages</b>
<b>* Stay tuned for schedule changes</b>		
1st Sun		Holy Communion
2nd Sun		Shelter Meal Ministry
3rd Sun		Bring canned goods to worship
2nd Mon	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
3rd Mon	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women
1st Tues	6:30 pm	Nurture Committee
1st Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
1st Thurs	7:00 pm	Witness/Outreach
1st Thurs*	7:00 pm	Women of Dixboro
1st Thurs**	7:00 pm	Christian Education Board
2nd Thurs	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee
4th Thurs	6:30 pm	Finance Committee

\* Only Sept, Nov 2013

\*\*Only Sept, Nov 2013

## 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.

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



## September Birthdays



Sherry Murphy	1	Kelsey Charnetski	18
Michael Kenney	2	Janet Holsinger	18
Phylis Brandon	4	Ian Little	18
Helen Snedeker	6	David Mees	18
Robert Baird	7	Paula MacDonald	19
Richard Freeman	7	Tonya Arnesen	20
Marilyn Pobanz	7	Clyde Connell	21
Robert Amick	9	Tom Knutilla	21
Maks Jurasek	9	Cliff Sheldon	24
Kathy Harrison	11	Pat Salisbury	25
Cheryl Kenney	13	Joe Coffey	26
Anne Fishbeck	14	Ross Moran II	27
Allegra Smith	14	Molly Sanford	28
Anna Gallardo	17	David W. Brandon	29
Jerry Gooding	17	Garron Little	30
Alex Buschhaus	17		

## October Birthdays

Patty Burns	1	Cara Sherman	13
Linda Aldrich	2	Eileen Bauer	14
Emily Briceno	3	Heidi Sanford	22
Mason Freeman	3	Bobbi Stacey	23
Anne Lutzeier	3	Todd Cloutier	24
Jan Brandon	5	F. Chris Fragner	25
Tyler Sanford	5	Merita Judson	25
Dawn Anderson	6	Thomas LaLonde	28
Ed Wittenberg	7	Mark Mees	28
William Fishbeck	8	Elaine Sanford	29
Barbara Gale	11	Will Smith	29
Stella Schmidt	11	Carol Miller	30

## Web Ministry at Dixboro Church

By Amy Knutilla

This summer I completed an excellent on-line course offered by United Methodist Communications (UMCOM) called “Web Ministry 100” as preparation for an upgrade to our website. I learned that just as Jesus went where the people were and ministered to them on their own turf and John Wesley used his horse as a “circuit rider” to reach people where they were in his time, we can and should reach out to the people of our time where they are, including those who are on-line.

“78% of adults in the U.S. are on-line.”

--Pew Internet and American Life Project – May 2011.

Well, it turns out we already have the beginnings of a Web Ministry here at Dixboro Church! We use email distribution lists for “eBlasts” of news and information about our church events. We have begun using Facebook for events like the Dixboro Fair and have our own Facebook page at “Dixboro UMC”. We supplement our printed newsletter with an electronic version. Anyone with internet access can find the calendar we use in the office, updated dynamically. We have a basic website.

Thanks to a generous donation from a member, we have hired a professional web site developer to give Dixboro Church's website a brand new look. We have been writing content that we hope will attract new people from our community to be our guest here at DUMC -- and provide our church family with more up-to-date information about events and happenings.

Please contact me at the church office with your ideas and if you would like to be part of the Web Ministry here. Let me know if you are interested in being part of a group to review the website prior to its launch. As always, please take pictures of the beauty here at Dixboro and send in your favorites.

## The Interfaith Roundtable—Places of Faith-IV

From Rev. Cathy Freeman

THE INTERFAITH ROUND TABLE presents “PLACES OF FAITH--IV” – 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 October session: 7-9 pm

- Thursday, 10/3 -- Jewel Heart, AA (Buddhist)
- Thursday, 10/10 -- Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor (Christian)
- Thursday, 10/17 -- New Hope Baptist Church, AA (Christian)
- Wednesday, 10/23 – Chabad House of Ann Arbor (Jewish)

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

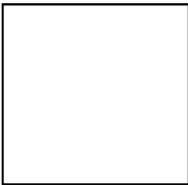
## Final Notes

By Amy Knutilla

A couple of old cell phones showed up on the table in the office the other day. Unfortunately, we no longer collect them – my understanding is that several years ago they were collected as a fundraiser. Is there anyone who would like to take on this ministry? Please let me know. Otherwise, we will dispose of these old cell phones.



Dixboro United Methodist Church  
5221 Church Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

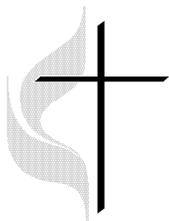
# The CHIMES



**DIXBORO UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**



**September/October 2013**



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

Sunday Worship at 9:30am

Email: [dumc@dixborochurch.org](mailto:dumc@dixborochurch.org)  
Web site: [www.dixborochurch.org](http://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.”

**IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE CALL 734-665-5632.**

