



The Chimes

From the Pastor's Heart...

Thanksgiving Day has three faces: one historical, one secular, and one Scriptural. The historical side of this day is the Pilgrim face. You know the story about the early American Pilgrims who barely survived the first winter in their "new England" and then celebrated their first summer harvest with a feast. In the midst of a time of misery and struggles, they still thanked God.

The secular side of Thanksgiving is the national holiday set aside by Congress as time away from work and business as usual. The first secular holiday was established by George Washington in 1789. This was a controversial move and newspaper editorials complained that states should proclaim their own Thanksgiving holidays. It wasn't until 1827 that Thanksgiving Day as we know it was proclaimed by Congress as the third Thursday of November for all states. I suppose the most familiar feature on this secular face of our holiday would be the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade which marches down the main street of New York City.

The third side of our national Thanksgiving Day celebration reaches back well beyond the Pilgrim years and into our earliest religious roots some 3,200 years ago. Its face is Scriptural and reflects God's word to people to give thanks for the many blessings of our life.



*to God the Father for everything.
Ephesians 5:20*

This religious face is best captured in the "thanksgiving story" from Deuteronomy 26:1-11, which was written at a time in Jewish history that was very much like the time of the early American Pilgrims. The Hebrews had suffered and struggled in the desert for 40 years to reach the Promised Land of Israel – and finally made it to their home of milk and honey. So they gathered to celebrate and worship the God who had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, and sustained them through their time in the desert.

The Hebrews gave thanks. . . the Pilgrims gave thanks . . . they enjoyed abundant life in Christ – and for that, they were grateful. Despite famine and hardship, they knew God was with them and could be trusted to always provide "enough." It is only when we believe we have "enough" that we are truly grateful.

Grateful people approach life with an attitude that assumes there is more than enough for everyone. There is more than enough money. There is more than enough love. There is more than enough esteem. Having "enough" is a matter of the heart and soul, not the pocket book.

"Come ye thankful people, come. . ." let us be openhanded and openhearted as an act of faithfulness and thanksgiving to God. See you in church on Sunday!

Rev. Tonya Arnesen



Sing We Noel!

Calendar for

Advent 2013

- Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am **"Imagine"**
12:00 pm **Advent Potluck**
Church Decorating Party and Advent Wreath Making
- Dec 8 Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am **"Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"**
5:00 pm **Christmas Youth Program**
"The Surprising Christmas Pageant"
followed by the Motown Mission Dinner Fundraiser
- Dec 10 7:00 pm ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE**
- Dec 15 Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am **"Maybe I'm Amazed"**
11:45 am **Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall**
5:30 pm **All Church Family Christmas Caroling and Party**
- Dec 19 7:00 pm Longest Night Service**
- Dec 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am **Service of Lessons and Carols**
- Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:30 pm **Family Candlelight Service**
7:00 pm **Traditional Candlelight Service**
11:00 pm **Candlelight Communion Service**

DUMY Upcoming Activities

By Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Youth and Children

November 10: Youth Group 5:30-7:30pm

November 15-16: Fall Retreat at Riverside Retreat Center in Dundee (5:30pm (Friday) to 5:00pm (Saturday) pick up and drop off times at church.)

November 24: Youth Group 5:30-7:30pm

December 8: Christmas Youth Program "The Surprising Christmas Pageant" with Motown Mission Dinner Fundraiser starts at 5:00pm

December 14: Motown Mission Rock'n Bowl-A-Thon at Garden Bowl in Detroit/Our Christmas Get Together (10:30am meet at church, back around 2:45pm)

December 15: All Church Family Christmas Caroling and Party 5:30pm. Caroling in the neighborhood followed by hot chocolate, cookies, and fellowship!

December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm



Announcing Motown Mission's
**Christmas
Rock-N-Bowl-A-Thon!**
Saturday, December 14th
at The Garden Bowl - Detroit, MI

Join us at Detroit's historic Garden Bowl for an afternoon of bowling, music, food, and prizes in support of Motown Mission!

Saturday, December 14th, 11:30am to 2pm

- 2 Hours of Bowling at the Garden Bowl
- Christmas music on the over-the-lane stage
- Pizza, Pop, and Christmas cookies included
- Prizes for Best Score, Ugliest Sweater, and More
- Silent Auction for great gifts!

Tickets available from \$15/person.
Groups and Sponsors can reserve whole or half lanes!

Get Tickets Now at:
MOTOWNMISSION.ORG/REGISTER

Nursery and Youth Room Dedication

Thank you for all who participated in dedicating our nursery and youth room on Oct. 13; it was beautiful! Thank you to those who bought items for our nursery, you are making a difference in our children's lives. Please know I am very appreciative of your generosity and support in updating our nursery and youth room!

Thank you,
Rev. Mary Hagley



Advent Activities

December 1: Hanging of the Green Potluck and Advent Wreath Making \$20 per wreath

December 8: Christmas Youth Program "The Surprising Christmas Pageant" with a Motown Mission Dinner Fundraiser. Program starts at 5:00pm.

December 15: All Church Family Christmas Caroling and Party 5:30pm Caroling in the neighborhood followed by hot chocolate, cookies, and fellowship!

December 22: Lessons and Carols

December 24: Services



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Devotions for Advent

2013

Rev. Mary and I are compiling a Devotional Booklet for Advent — and we need YOUR help!

Please consider writing a brief (2-3 paragraphs) devotional to share with the Dixboro family. Our theme is “SING WE NOEL!” The devotions will all be based on the music of Advent and Christmas. To help you get started, you might reflect on these questions:

What is your favorite Advent song or Christmas Carol?

Why does it speak to you? You might share how the song reminds you of a happy memory; or how it brought hope in times of trouble, comfort in sorrow. How does it point you to the birth of Christ?

Is there a particular Bible verse or promise that your song brings to mind? If so, please share it.

Then write a one or two sentence prayer to help people reflect and center on the coming of Christ.

Please submit your devotional to me (electronic form to revtonya95@comcast.net is preferred) no later than November 17th. Thank you!

Rev. Tonya



Advent Wreath Making

If you would like to make an advent wreath on December 1 at our Advent Event, contact Rev. Mary at revmaryhagley@gmail.com, or call the office by November 24. The wreath will be \$20, which includes fresh greens, the base, and candles. On Dec. 1 you and your family will have the chance to assemble them during our Advent Event after church!

Motown Mission Experience July 13-19, 2014

Sign up now to be part of our 2014 Motown Mission Team! Each youth attending is expected to participate in all fundraisers, meetings, and pay \$75. If you would like to join us email Rev. Mary (revmaryhagley@gmail.com) to let her know. Please sign up by November 24.

We also need at least one male adult to join us for the week to spend the night and work during the day and maybe one more female adult. Sign up now. Our fundraiser is December 8th, during the Youth Christmas Program and Dinner.

The **TRUNK or TREAT** event on October 25 was awesome, even though it was chilly! We had 18 cars come, decorate their trunks, and hand out candy! Thank you for going above and beyond our goal of 15 cars, it was great to have you there! We handed out candy to over 100 kids, we think it was about 120! God is good! Check out some pictures and there are more pictures on our website. Also keep Friday, October 24, 2014 on your calendar for next year!!



Brooke coloring pumpkins



The youth in costume in the Haunted Schoolhouse



Trunk or Treaters



Joe and Linda's Trunk!

Cookie Walk

The Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 15th, at 11:30 am.

Please bake some of your favorite Christmas cookie recipes and donate them to the cause. Drop them off in the kitchen before 10:00 am on December 15.

You can also help by buying cookies. Bring some friends to church so they can see how beautiful our church is during the holidays, experience great worship, and take home some delicious cookies.



Longest Night Worship Service

By Rev. Cathy Freeman

Please join us for a *Service of the Longest Night* on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. This service is for those who are weary from grief, loss, disappointment, or illness or those who just need some quiet time in a busy season. It will be a worship service of rest, reflection, and renewal with scripture, quiet music, and prayer led by Rev. Cathy Freeman, Deacon.



Poinsettias

By Jill Chappius

You can help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and honor a loved one by purchasing a Christmas Poinsettia. The Altar Guild is beginning their sale of flowers on Dec. 1. The sign up sheet will be on the table outside the church office. Checks should be made out to DUMC (Altar Guild in the memo). Please put your money in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office.

Welcome New Members!

We welcomed four new members to our church family on September 29th.

Debbie and Bill Roberts -- Debbie is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and Bill from Wauwatosa, WI. We have been married 22 years and have 3 daughters and 4 grand kids. We retired in 1999 after working 30 years at Ford (Debbie) and 32 years at Ford and Ford Credit (Bill). We are both avid readers and ardent U of M fans. Bill enjoys woodworking and Habitat for Humanity. Debbie enjoys pet therapy. We are snowbirds and also are members of North Naples United Methodist Church.



Karin and Tim White both grew up in Pittsburgh PA and moved here when Tim graduated from West Virginia University and got his first job in Michigan. When they got married, Karin transferred colleges and finished her undergraduate degree at University of Michigan. Tim is a mechanical engineer and has worked at GM and Hyundai, and is currently the director of Powertrain Application/Calibration Engineering at Chrysler. Karin taught music for Ann Arbor public schools and was the choral director at Westside United Methodist. She currently teaches voice at Concordia University and sings professionally. Tim and Karin have two boys. Andy is 22 and just graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering from U of M; he

currently works at Chrysler. Chris is 20 years old and is a sophomore at University of Michigan studying history and secondary education.

Tim and Karin are "summer birds" and fly to their boat on lake St. Clair in the summer, but are in town most of the winter! The family loves animals and has a cat named Phoebe and a dog named Kenzie.

November Mission Chimes Report

By Roberta King

House By the Side of the Road - The "House" is in need of children's new socks and underwear. Items can be left in the food pantry box located next to the janitor's closet. The "House" is also in need of financial support. We serve over 1000 families per year. For \$50 we can provide services to one family for a year. Your check payable to Dixboro UMC with House By the Side of the Road in the Memo line will help us continue this service.

Mark Spaw, Ann Arbor District Superintendent adds:

“For all of us giving makes us feel good, as if we were making a difference in this God's world. There are many motivations for giving, biblical, spiritual, financial and many more. We are called by God to help others and to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let me suggest that one organization in our own backyard of Ann Arbor offers us an opportunity to fulfill our calling by helping families who are victims of fires, difficult and challenging family situations, foster children, the homeless and all those in need of a helping loving hand. THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD offers this blessed opportunity. I hope you'll search your heart and answer your calling.”

Liberia-John Dean Town Project - Dixboro UMC joins the Ann Arbor District in a three year \$80,000 project to provide health services and clean drinking water to 23 villages in rural Liberia.

Methodist Children's Village - Dixboro UMC will be providing Christmas gifts to the boys at Children's Village. Watch for the list of requests coming soon.

Blavin Scholars -Blavin Scholars at the University of Michigan are a group of students who have grown up in foster homes. Dixboro UMC will again this year provide Birthday Buddies for these students. A birthday buddy provides a card and small gift on the student's birthday.

Food Gatherers - Thank you for your ongoing support of non-perishable food items. The shelves are bare at the pantry.

The Dixboro Fair is Changing!

By Peggy Mroan

The current Fair committee has decided to redesign the Fair; we are focusing the Fair as an outreach to our Dixboro neighbors. We are excited to explore and implement new ideas. We will have a meeting in January to start planning, please let us know if you have ideas or want to help with the planning of the Fair. We are hoping individual families or committees will be in charge of booths or games.

Please contact Peggy Moran if you are interested in helping. The January meeting has not been set yet.

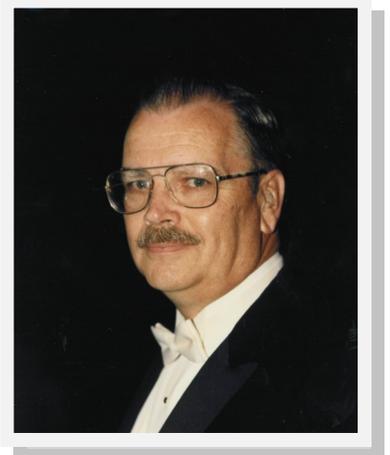
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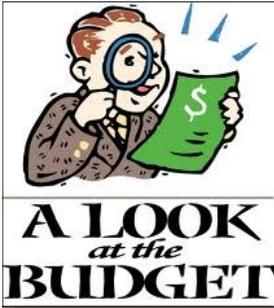
The Sanford kids and grandkids would like to invite you to celebrate Bill Sanford's 80th birthday on December 8th at the coffee hour after the church service, around 11:30/12:00 in the Fellowship Hall of Dixboro United Methodist Church.

Please no gifts. We would like to make a memory album so if you have any pictures of Bill or would like to write up a story to share, please e-mail them to arborsound@yahoo.com. We will be making a Facebook page for the event. If you are not local, or are unable to attend, we will be posting updates, sharing pictures and stories there for you to see as well.

Thanks,

Sanford Family [734 665-8806](tel:734-665-8806) : arborsound@yahoo.com





From Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

Please see the financial report through September 30 below. There is a loss of \$26,188.85 YTD. Current offerings are down \$9,000 compared to a year ago. There was a giving surge during the holiday season in 2012. Perhaps that will happen again this year. Though there have been high Trustee project expenses this year, the costs have been offset by designated funds and additional contributions balancing each other on the financial statements.

	August	YTD 2013	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2012
REVENUE						
General Giving	15,134.25	139,097.88	214,000.00	-74,902.12	65.00%	148,683.27
Spec Collections, Designations, Other	11,820.19	36,089.93	1,500.00	34,589.93		11,367.71
TOTAL REVENUE	26,954.44	175,187.81	215,500.00	-40,312.19		160,050.98
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related	4,074.70	28,279.90	40,342.00	12,062.10	70.10%	27,156.20
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	1,843.50	12,666.25	2,000.00	-10,666.25	633.31%	7,976.82
Payroll	4,146.40	36,661.92	51,196.00	14,534.08	71.61%	25,639.69
General church operations	2,339.33	29,116.99	40,874.00	11,757.01	71.24%	26,833.86
Committee	559.75	2,528.12	6,000.00	3,471.88	42.14%	4,838.35
Special Project:	14,671.69	28,628.68	0.00	-28,628.68		3,443.72
Total Pastor related expense	6,633.32	60,680.87	82,550.00	21,869.13	73.51%	60,918.59
Total Parsonage Related	261.19	2,628.71	5,999.12	3,370.41	43.82%	1,574.71
Total Schoolhouse expense	37.74	185.22	300.00	114.78	61.74%	233.60
TOTAL EXPENSE:	34,567.62	201,376.66	229,261.12	27,884.46	87.84%	158,615.54
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-7,613.18	-26,188.85	-13,761.12			1,435.44

CROP Walk Update

By Susan Engle

Dixboro's CROP Walkers raised \$1,320 in October! Since 1998, when Susan Engle volunteered to be the "recruiter," the total has been rising gradually over the years - but this is about \$500 more than last year! Thanks for the great support to help alleviate hunger in communities all around the world.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship

THE INTERFAITH ROUND TABLE OF WASHTENAW COUNTY will hold its nineteenth Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday evening, November 24th, at 7 p.m., at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Join us as in a spirit of gratitude with readings, music, meditations and other unique presentations from a wide variety of faith traditions. Light refreshments following celebration. Donations accepted for non-perishable food or turkey money to help those in need in our community. 2014 Interfaith Calendars also available. For more information, call Rev. George Lambrides at 734-424-1535 or Laurie Gailunas at 734-662-3654.

www.dixborochurch.org !

By Amy Knutilla, Webmaster

In The Chimes published in September 2013, I wrote about the Web Ministry at Dixboro United Methodist Church. Part of the DUMC Web Ministry is a website that not only provides useful information to DUMC “regulars”, but also, more importantly, welcomes visitors in a way that answers questions they may have and inspires them to connect, grow, and serve with us at Dixboro Church.

Revs. Tonya, Mary, Cathy and I worked with Jason Gold to develop the format of the new site. Please go to www.dixborochurch.org and check it out! We have provided some content that offers the basics. We also have a few pictures. Ultimately, we will include all of the missions, ministries, and events of our church. There is a placeholder for it all; we simply need written content. Either Tonya, Mary, or Cathy is responsible for the content for every one of these areas. Please see one of them with your ideas and input. I will serve as the Webmaster, keeping things current.

Of course, as always, we need pictures!

Another part of our DUMC Web Ministry involves email. In order to best integrate our website, membership database, and email distribution, we are migrating from AOL to Google Gmail. The best email address to use for church office correspondence (to Amy Knutilla, Administrative Assistant) is dumc@dixborochurch.org. The Gmail address will go to the same inbox: dixboroumc@gmail.com. The AOL address will still work for a while, but please update your address book.

As always, use these email addresses for correspondence to these individuals:

Rev. Tonya Arnesen: revtonya95@comcast.net

Rev. Cathy Freeman: cathyfreeman27@gmail.com

Rev. Mary Hagley: revmaryhagley@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more updates!



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

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.

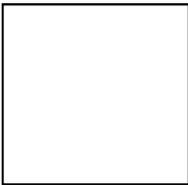
United Methodist Women News

By Phebe Judson, UMW President

The U.M.W. October meeting was Monday, October 21st and final plans for the Annual Turkey Dinner were made. It was the best turkey dinner we've had. We made \$1,556.83 and \$30 of that was for three cookbooks that were purchased the night of the dinner. A big thanks goes to the many church people that helped prepare, serve, and clean up.

An election of officers was held at the October meeting and the same officers were elected for another year.

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