

## Housekeeping Items at Dexter UMC

### ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS:

- ◆ **FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP** – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM in Pastor Matt's office
- ◆ **YOUTH MINISTRY** – meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM in The Edge
- ◆ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7 PM in Ed. Bldg. Rm 207
- ◆ **CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY** – meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5 PM in Rm 216/217
- ◆ **STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)** – meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM in Pastor Matt's office
- ◆ **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** – meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM in Ed. Bldg. Rm 203/204.

### PUBLICITY FOR YOUR MINISTRY OR EVENT:

- ◆ **THE BULLETIN** – announcements due by **12 midnight Tuesday**
- ◆ **AT-A-GLANCE** – updates & items due by **12 midnight last Sunday bi-monthly**
- ◆ **ALL CHURCH E-MAIL** – sent **Mondays & Thursdays**, with pastoral approval.
- ◆ **DEXTERUMC.ORG** – submit to Kim Novak at (knovak9366@sbcglobal.net)
- ◆ **BULLETIN BOARDS** – check in with the office staff (*flyers must be stamped*)
- ◆ **NARTHEX** – check with Judy Murray (734-424-9262 or JudithM188@aol.com)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – ordered via sign-up sheet posted in the office (or via e-mail, secretary@dexterumc.org or by phone, 426-8480). Altar Flowers are \$20 and may be paid for via the offering plate or by mailing a check to the church office. Please note 'Flowers' in the memo section. **To share your flowers** with someone in a local nursing home, place a color dot (*available in the office*) next to your selected date when you sign up.

**ATRIUM USE** – If your group or ministry would like to display something you're promoting, get the word out about an event, or recruit people to participate in something, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the Atrium Use Policy (*posted in the Church Office*) and sign up for a space & time (*also in the Church Office*).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you'd like to begin using offering envelopes, contact our church financial secretary Dick Lundy (rblundy@gmail.com or 426-1155). **Pledge & Opportunities Cards** are available at the Welcome Center, in the church office and electronically throughout the year on our website. Go to Church forms, then Financials for the *2012 Pledge/Stewardship Card & 2012 Opportunities for service & growth* forms.

**PASTOR'S BENEVOLENCE FUND** – used to assist persons in need (*within the congregation and beyond*). Much of this fund comes from contributions of individuals from within the church. Just make a check payable to DUMC, with "Pastor's Benevolence Fund" on the memo line.

**STAFF PHONE extensions: Pastor Matt, 12; Pastor Steve, 13; Pastor Denise, 17; Tom Snyder, 18; Jeremy Hannich, 21; Sue Major, 10; Cathy Leadley, 11 and Gordon Darr, 49.** To contact Elsi Sly or Robin Woodard, please use their home phone, and for Mike McCalla or Marcie Bringardner, use their cell phone number.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ... *Contact the office for more information*

- Communion Servers
- Childcare workers
- Ushers & Door Greeters
- Desktop Publishing
- Tech Team
- Coffee Fellowship Volunteers
- Visitors for our homebound members & friends

# January - March 2012 Dexter United Methodist Church ~ At A Glance ~ Information to help get you connected!

## NEW to Dexter UMC?

Check out our website for more detailed descriptions of our various ministries. **Plan to attend the Starting Point Luncheon on January 22<sup>nd</sup>** (*held on periodic Sundays throughout the year*) – a chance to get to know our ministry staff, learn the next steps to connecting with small groups & serving opportunities, and find out about the membership process. Then, jump on board. You are welcome to attend and become involved in anything. **The NEXT will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## CHILDREN'S Ministry

Contact Pastor Denise (denise@dexterumc.org)

**FOR CHILDREN** – **Sunday Mornings** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September – early June)

**9:50 AM – Sunday School** – Children 3-years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**11:15 AM W<sup>3</sup> Worship, Wondering and the Word (4 years thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** in the lower level Ed. Bldg., with children dismissed from the worship service

**5 -7 PM** – AWANA clubs for children (Pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup>) meet in the Ed. Bldg. & Newkirk Hall (mid September – end of May).

## YOUTH Ministry

Contact Jeremy (734-474-1607 or youthguy@dexterumc.org)

**Activities for youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** (mid September – early June)

**YOUTH GROUP** – Middle School meets from 5 PM – 6:30 PM and High School from 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM. From 6:30 PM – 7 PM we have "*Chow Time*" in The Edge every Sunday. This is a free dinner for all MS and HS youth. Hope you'll join us for some food and fellowship.

**HS D-Groups** – Thursday mornings, 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM at Jeremy's house, join us for breakfast and Bible study. (Rides to school are provided.)

**Stay in the loop** – Make sure to sign up for youth emails. Visit our website and sign up on ChurchPost, in the lower left hand corner of the opening page.

**BLESSED BINDS BOOKSTORE** – located in the Atrium and open Sundays from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, is a non-profit bookstore whose mission is to equip and encourage people to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. **To order books** for your small group or to place a special order, email blessedbinds@gmail.com or stop by Sunday morning. **To volunteer**, contact Nancy Roberts (nmroberts@comcast.net).

**Church Business Directories** are available in the church office or online at our website: www.DexterUMC.org. It is a great way to find help within our church family.

**Dexter UMC Pictorial Directories** a limited number are available for purchase (\$5 each). Non-pictorial directories are available any time, just contact the church office.

## **ADULT Studies & Fellowships – Sundays & thru the week!**

**THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER**, a 30-week study (with breaks) that integrates Bible study and the study of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. There are two sections, one Sundays (5-7 PM) and the other Tuesdays (7-9 PM).

**EXPLORERS' BIBLE STUDY** – weekly study groups on Tuesday for men (6:30 AM – 7:30 AM), for women (9:30 AM – 11 AM, *with a children's program offered in our nursery free of charge*) & for both women & men Wed. (7 PM – 8:30 PM) or Sun. (8:30 AM – 9:30 AM) September thru April. Join the ChurchPost messaging center group to receive e-mail updates and the weekly lesson commentaries.

**9:50 AM SUNDAY, Adult Studies & Church & Society** – long-term & one short-term classes meet in various upper level rooms of the Ed. Bldg. (Sept. thru May). For more info, see the weekly worship bulletin or contact the church office.

**THURSDAY AM BIBLE STUDY** – meets in Ed. Bldg. Rm 203/204 at 10 AM using the Upper Room Daily Devotional for their weekly study. Newcomers welcome.

**MERRY METHODISTS** – meet for dinner & fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share and join us in Newkirk Hall! Contact is Barb Wing (662-0994).

**HOMEBUILDERS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> MARRIAGES** – monthly dinner & study around building and maintaining a healthy marriage. Meetings are held in the member's homes. Contact is Stacy Oliver (426-1294 or stacyoliver68@gmail.com).

## **Fellowships & Studies For Men, Women & Families**

**Dexter UMC Softball League** – Contact is Bill Parsons (billparsons@charter.net).

**Dexter UMC Golf League** – Wednesday nights tee times 5:30 – 6 PM (April – Aug.). Contacts are Wayne Oliver (weoliver54@gmail.com 734-426-1294), John Maynard (734-904-0065), and Greg Tewksbury (gtewks19@gmail.com 734-426-1430)

**Gardeners:** Join our small group of dedicated and enthusiastic gardeners who help to keep Dexter UMC gardens lovely. You don't need to be an expert and you only commit as much time as you like. Contact is Caryl Burke (caryleburke@aol.com or 734-476-5232).

**Myers Lake Family Camp Out** – Join other Dexter UMC families at Myers Lake in late August. Contact Lin Rider for any questions (734-913-6286 or plrider@sbcglobal.net). All are welcome! To join the email group, visit our website (www.dexterumc.org), register for the “*Myers Lake Family Camping – Dexter UMC*” and begin receiving periodic updates for this Dexter UMC family annual event.

## **Adult Discipleship Opportunities**

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – a six-week class to orient and connect new people to the mission, vision and fellowship of the church. Held twice a year, in the fall (Sept-Oct) and the spring (March-April). Contact Pastor Steve for information (426-8480).

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY** – the staple of our marriage ministry is an 8-week series *Dynamic Marriage*, a powerful enrichment experience that creates real and lasting change. Other events planned throughout the year, such as *Date Night Challenge* and *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage*. Contact Bob or Kristin Kill (248-790-4135).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** – a 13-week, video-based small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before. Held every year, from January to April. Contact John or Holly Kipfmiller (424-3071).

## **MEN'S Fellowships & Studies**

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** – Come for Explorers Bible study, cereal and prayer at 6:30 AM in Newkirk Hall. It's a casual and flexible time; come and leave when you have to be at work. You're always welcome. Men growing in Christ, so others may grow in Christ!

**THE CREW MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 8 AM in Newkirk Hall. Taking on the tough issues that men face with a teaching and sharing format. A great chance to connect with other guys at Dexter UMC!

## **WOMEN'S Fellowships & Studies**

**STITCHES OF LOVE** – meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month, from 2:30 PM to 4 PM in Rm 216/217. If you like to knit or crochet, we would like to invite you to join our ministry. Our focus for the upcoming months will be to make T-Sweaters for the Warm the Kids Charity. Patterns will be provided. For information, contact Becky Walters (426-4983 or bwalters01@comcast.net).

**UMW MONTHLY SOUP SUPPER & DEVOTIONS** – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday monthly, from 6 PM – 7:30 PM in Newkirk Hall. Contact is Sharon Wheeler (878-3530 or SLWheeler@netscape.com).

**WOW BIBLE STUDY for women** – meeting Wednesdays 10 AM in Ed. Bldg. Rm. 216/217 (*Sept. – May*). For more info, contact Jan Alford (426-1180 or SilveradoJan@comcast.net). Newcomers are always welcome.

**The Single Moms Support Group** – Meeting Thursday evenings (Sept. – May) from 6:30 PM – 8 PM in Ed. Bldg. Rms 216/217 & 218/219. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Peg Tewksbury (pegtewks@aol.com) for info.

**Teen MOPS** – meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 11 AM until 1 PM in Newkirk Hall. For more info contact Sam Oliver (734- 904-4176 or olivesam@gmail.com).

**Moms In Touch** – Praying moms gather Wednesday mornings (9:30 AM – 11 AM) in the Chapel. Please bring your Bible and a pen and come as you are. Prayer sheets are provided. All moms are welcome to participate! For more info, contact Lori Kilian (734-347-0839 or the.kilians@charter.net).

**Advent by Candlelight** - an annual event for women, generally held the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Sign up for those who would like to host a table or to attend begins in early November.

**UMW BOOK GROUP (*Sept. – May*)** – meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 AM for food, fellowship and conversation on the books we are reading. New members welcome! **NEW** – members can now share what they are reading within our group *anytime* on Facebook! Contact is Sue Major (suemajor7178@charter.net)

## **Small Group Fellowships**

**SMALL GROUP SIGN UP** – Interested in joining a small group? Sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex and we will help you find or form a group. Contact Dan Streetman (dan.streetman@lexi.com) or speak with Tom Snyder (426-8480 ext. 18). Three times a year we attempt to launch new small groups and get more people on board: Fall...Winter...and Spring. The “Fall launch” is a spiritual growth campaign in which we invite everyone in the church to become a part of a small group study around a theme that is also preached/taught from the pulpit. We encourage the whole church to be “on the same page” for a period of 4-6 weeks.

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

**KID'S PRAISE** (K thru 6<sup>th</sup>) 9 AM rehearsals prior to Sunday School (*Sept. – May*), finishing up by 9:40 AM in Rm B-03/04, under the direction of Robin Woodard.

**ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR** – rehearsals are Wednesdays (*Sept. – May*) 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We have openings! Contact is Cathy Leadley (424-9152 or RCJDL1@aol.com). Participants must be able to read music and commit to regular Wednesday evening rehearsals.

**WORSHIP CHOIR** – rehearsals are Thursdays (*Sept. – May*) at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Contact is Robin Woodard (734-433-1620 or milesnrobin@charter.net).

**WORSHIP BAND** – rehearses Thursdays at 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Contact Gordon Darr (gordon.darr@gmail.com or 734- 223-7227) to arrange for an audition.

## **CARING NETWORK** *Support whenever there is a need within our church family.*

**PRAYER CHAIN** – acts upon requests from the pastors or staff for prayer for persons or families experiencing serious life situations. Prayer requests sent to Cathy Leadley (cathyleadley@dexterumc.org) are distributed via e-mail weekly. To become one of our e-mail prayer warriors, visit the Dexter UMC website and then sign-up using the Church Post link in the lower left-hand corner. Consider joining the 144 people currently praying for those on our prayer list.

**GIFTS UNTO OTHERS** – shop for alternative gifts for birthdays and other occasions in the Gifts Unto Others catalog. You receive a personalized card to give to that special person. Catalogs are available in the Narthex, in the *Gifts Unto Others* mailbox outside the office or (www.dexterumc.org → missions). Contact Susan Powers (994-5658 or giftsuntoothers@gmail.com) for special gift-giving needs.

**CHEER VISITS & MEALS** – volunteers provide occasional meals for members in need of support and/or visits to our elderly and homebound members. Contact Debbie Koch (426-5552 or debbiekoch@charter.net) for visits or Mary Black (426-1452) for meals.

**CARE-NOTES** – located in the literature rack just outside Newkirk Hall, are available with topics ranging from *Wrestling with God and Cancer* to *When Mom and Dad Divorce* (for kids) to *Parent Problems* (for teens). New booklets include articles about Mother Theresa and C.S. Lewis! Help yourself...they're free!

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY** – volunteers who provide rides, run errands, do light household chores or yard work. If you are in need of 'a helping hand', contact Dave Fithian (424-1095).

**HANDIWORKS** – a new ministry designed to help widows, single moms, and seniors with home repair problems (electrical, plumbing, etc.) utilizing skilled, experienced church members. Contacts are Mara (734-476-3830) & Janis (734-476-7532) Valdmanis.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – utilizes well-trained lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and our community. If you would like to have a Stephen Minister or become one, please contact Pastor Steve (426-8480) or Dawn McCalla (734-878-5382).

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** – on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly, between services in Pastor Steve's Office. New guidelines for healthy blood pressure, your reading, and a log for you to track your pressure are also available. It takes just a few minutes of your time to know how you 'measure up' for good heart health.

## **MISSIONS & OUTREACH**

**THE COFFEE PROJECT** – selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Sept. thru June) between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> worship services, also between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> services. Proceeds support the UMC Heifer Project.

**BBDD or Brown Bag Donation Day** – every Sunday at Dexter UMC! Pick up a brown bag at the Hunger Hamper today, then return it next Sunday filled with food (non-perishables please) to fill our Hunger Hamper which helps to supply the Faith in Action Food Pantry.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** – an annual Italian Dinner & Silent Auction is held the last Saturday in February to benefit the summer building project (*Good News House*). Volunteer work days are scheduled in the summer to actually help build or renovate the home. The **Habitat ReStore** (Hrs: M-F: 10-6, Sat: 10-4) is located at 170 April Drive in Ann Arbor, just off Jackson Road between Zeeb and Wagner. Used construction materials and household items offered for sale; to donate materials/items call 734-677-1558. Information sheets are available on the Missions Board in the Narthex or visit www.h4h.org.

**ALPHA HOUSE** – Our church hosts at Alpha House three times each year. Contact Karen Bentley (426-4726) for more information. Our next week will be Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CASS COMMUNITY MEALS** – at least three times a year, a team of families and individuals preps a meal on Friday night; then another team of families and individuals go on a Saturday morning to Cass Community Social Services in Detroit to prepare and serve the food to 150 homeless people. Interested? Call Mark Roberts (734-426-5506).

**RED BIRD** – A work camp trip to Red Bird Mission in SE Kentucky generally scheduled for late April or early May. For more info, contact Rick Fitzgerald (734-355-1329 or fitzes2@charter.net), or for an overview of Red Bird Mission, visit www.rbmission.org.

**CAMPBELL LABEL CUTTERS** – the fronts of Campbell Labels and other products you cut out are no longer redeemable. Only the UPC codes and Education Stamps from the backs of the cans/boxes are eligible now. See info on Missions Board, or on the board in the Ed. Bldg. Hallway by the Library. Benefits the Red Bird Mission.

**DEXTER UMC RUMMAGE SALES** – Fall Rummage Sale is generally the last weekend in September and our Spring Rummage Sale generally occurs the last weekend in April. Watch the announcement and website for actual dates. All proceeds support missions.

**HAPI (Haitian Artisans For Peace International) Handcrafted Greeting Cards**, featuring needlework art by Haitian artists, now available for purchase online (\$6.95 ea) or at **Blessed Binds Bookstore** each Sunday morning. To learn more or view the card selection, visit their website at HAPI website: <http://www.haitianartisans.com/>

**HAITI MISSION** – Brother Luc, longtime friend and mission partner, educates and cares for 21 boys on a permanent basis while supporting many other needy youth in his country. Donations should note "Brother Luc, Haiti" in the memo section.

**CHRISTMAS IN ACTION** – assists needy homeowners in the Dexter School District with a variety of household tasks—including yard work (raking, weeding, trimming hedges, etc.), general home repairs (cleaning, painting), and more major projects (roof replacements, electrical and plumbing problems); held last Saturday in April.

**CROP HUNGER WALK** – a 5 mile walk held once a year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – providing shoe box gifts during the Christmas season to children in over 90 countries around the world; **active in** October & November.

**ANGEL TREE** – provides gifts for children of prisoners, in cooperation with the national Angel Tree program of Prison Fellowship.

## MINISTRY CELL LEADERSHIP LISTING

**Administrative Council** — Leads the visioning and strategic planning process within the church; provides the administrative infrastructure; sets the budget. Made up (mostly) of the cell leaders described below. Cell leader: Paul White, [pwhite@cranbrookgu.com](mailto:pwhite@cranbrookgu.com)

**Adult Discipleship** — Encourages a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and assimilates newcomers into the life and work of the church through classes, small groups, Bible studies, and fellowship groups (men's, women's, young adults, singles). Cell leader: Dan Streetman, [dan.streetman@lexi.com](mailto:dan.streetman@lexi.com)

**Caring Network** — Responds to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs within and beyond the congregation through programs of visitation, prayer, and emotional support. Cell leader: Jean Klark, [DexterUMCCaring@gmail.com](mailto:DexterUMCCaring@gmail.com)

**Children & Family Ministry** — Coordinates nursery and children's Sunday school, ages birth thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, children's worship, Vacation Bible School, and special Faith@Home events. Pastor of Children & Family Ministries: Denise Kasischke, [denise@dexterumc.org](mailto:denise@dexterumc.org) or 426-8480 ext. 17. Cell leader: Tracy Kapusansky, [tkapusansky@gmail.com](mailto:tkapusansky@gmail.com)

**Missions & Evangelism** — Creates opportunities to share faith and serve through local mission projects, short-term mission trips, and global outreach. Cell leader: Tom Snyder, [DexterUMCMissions@gmail.com](mailto:DexterUMCMissions@gmail.com)

**Outreach & Hospitality** — Coordinates marketing efforts and hospitality teams that welcome people on Sunday mornings; oversees the Narthex, the Atrium, and the coffee hour. Cell leader: TBD

**Staff-Parish Relations Cell** — Liaison with staff and congregation on performance, hiring, office, and ministry needs. Cell leader: Carrie Dawson, [cdawson@med.umich.edu](mailto:cdawson@med.umich.edu)

**Stewardship & Finance** — Manages revenue and expenditures, apportionments, campaigns, and the budgeting process. Cell leader: Bill Gordon, [wgordon3480@gmail.com](mailto:wgordon3480@gmail.com). Memorials chair: Judy Murray, [JudithM188@aol.com](mailto:JudithM188@aol.com)

**Trustees** — Oversee buildings & grounds, rentals, the parsonage, special projects, and insurance. Cell leader: Terry Major, [DexterUMCTrustees@gmail.com](mailto:DexterUMCTrustees@gmail.com)

**Worship** — Plans the central celebration of worship for the congregation, including music, tech support, special services, arts, drama and communion. Staff cell leader: Dr. Matt Hook (interim)

**Youth Ministry** — Endeavors to introduce middle school & high school youth to a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ through a variety of events at *The Edge*, relationship-building, mission trips, and D-groups. Staff director: Jeremy Hannich, [youthguy@dexterumc.org](mailto:youthguy@dexterumc.org) 426-8480 ext. 21

## DEXTER UMC MINISTRY STAFF

Senior Pastor	Dr. Matthew J. Hook
Pastor of Discipleship & Care	Rev. Stephen G. Bringardner
Pastor of Children & Family Ministries	Pastor Denise Kasischke
Youth Minister	Jeremy Hannich
Director of Missions & Small Group Life	Tom Snyder
Visual Arts Director	Marcie Bringardner
Music Directors	Elsi Sly Gordon Darr
Worship Choir Director	Robin Woodard
Office Manager	Suzanne Major
Office Assistant & Prayer Chain	Cathy Leadley
Maintenance Supervisor	Mike McCalla

## DEXTER UMC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Adult & Youth Handbell Choirs	Cathy Leadley
Youth Choir	Gordon Darr
Kids Praise	Robin Woodard
Financial Volunteers	Eric Knisely (treasurer) Dick Lundy (financial secretary)
Office Volunteers	Jeannette Turner Margaret Goodwin Judy Murray Debbie Engel Nancy Roberts Mary & Bob Wilkins Pam Traskos Carol McGibbon Diane Donahey
Website & Network Volunteers	Kim Novak Kirk Vantine Steve Horazdovsky

### *Did You Know...*

- Our **LOST & FOUND** is located at the end of the coat rack of the Ed. Bldg., just outside Newkirk Hall? Jewelry & small items are at the bulletin board over the drinking fountain outside the church office. ALL unclaimed items are donated to our Spring & Fall Rummage Sales.
- "Dexter UMC At A Glance" is available at the Welcome Center, and generally published quarterly?