

## Dexter UMC Pastoral & Ministry Staff

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## Announcements & Prayer Requests

### Sunday, November 6, 2011

*Our Mission: "Love God, Love People, Serve the World, for Jesus Christ"*

### Prayers & Concerns

♥ Spencer Kinnard ♥ Ethel Samuelson ♥ Joey Hiser ♥ Ramona Boychuck ♥ Dorothy Amann ♥ Ingrid Hannich ♥ Steve Vasko ♥ Tim O'Neill ♥ Kathy Stivers ♥ Phil Christman ♥ Don Metzger ♥ Betty Carrick ♥ Mary Kimmel ♥ Bert Olton ♥ Richard Wheeler ♥ Edie Dusold ♥ Anne Kapela ♥ Marcia Rankin ♥ Evelyn Grannis ♥ Jack Donaldson ♥ Connor Zabn ♥

#### Recently experienced the loss of a loved one

Peg Davis in the loss of her mother (Vivian Thornton) on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Vicki (♠ Dave) Aeschliman in the loss of their cousin (Christopher Trombley) on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry and Mary Black in the loss of Jerry's mom (Bernice Black) on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Prayers of thanksgiving

Alton Ogden IV has returned from active duty (grand-nephew of Jim & Patrice Reisinger).

\* Names remain on our Prayer Requests & Concerns list for 4 weeks. To return someone's name for an additional 4 weeks, contact Cathy ([cathyleadley@dexterumc.org](mailto:cathyleadley@dexterumc.org)) in the office.

**Sunday Morning** ushers are needed for the 9:50 AM & 11:15 AM worship services. If you can serve once a month and enjoy welcoming folks to worship, please contact Paul White (734-395-1035).

**Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship** needs additional volunteers. Please contact Rick Fitzgerald (734-355-1329).

**ALPHA HOUSE** – Our church will be hosting at Alpha House from Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the sign-up poster in the Atrium to volunteer or contact Karen Bentley (426-4726) for more info.

**ANGEL TREE** – The Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministry is coming soon. The Dexter United Methodist Church has certainly supported this program for many years and we are again looking for many families of "Angels" to help provide for a joyous season to the children of men and women who are in prison. **The angel tags will be available for individuals to pick up on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.** The angel tags will have a child's name and age on them and there are separate tags for toy and an article of clothing. The angel tree committee will be set up in the Atrium. Again this year, we will have a challenge since there are 106 children who we are looking to help out.

#### Adult Sunday School Offerings during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> services:

**Introduction into the Old Testament** (starts Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>) – this class will help guide and equip Bible beginners. You will learn more about the OT, how the Bible came to be, and how to study God's word. Class will be facilitated by John Forrester with team support from Tom Snyder and Steve Bringardner and other guest presenters.

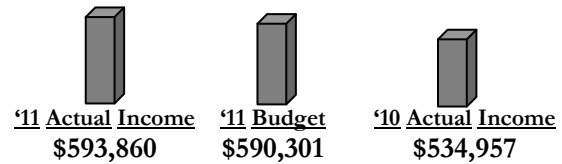
**Invite! Invite! Invite! The Christmas Odyssey 2011** is under



construction and promises to be spectacular! It is time to write the Christmas Odyssey dates – December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM until 9 PM into your busy holiday schedules. It is also time to invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.

### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

#### 2011 Offering Summary – thru September



Average Attendance in October was 486; on October 30<sup>th</sup> 478.

(In 2001, attendance on this Sunday was 455.)

#### For Our Children

Pastor Denise, [denise@dexterumc.org](mailto:denise@dexterumc.org)

**Kids Praise** at 9 AM in Newkirk Hall (K thru 6<sup>th</sup>) with Robin Woodard

**9:50 AM – Sunday School** (3-years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade), in the Ed. Bldg.

**11:15 AM – W<sup>3</sup> Worship, Wonder and the Word** (4 thru 10 years) in the lower level Ed. Bldg.

**AWANA – Children's Bible Study Program** (in Ed. Bldg. & Newkirk Hall) at 5 PM!

**For Our Youth** Jeremy, 734-474-1607 or [youthguy@dexterumc.org](mailto:youthguy@dexterumc.org)

**Youth Groups** (most Sundays) – **Middle School** meets from 5 PM – 6:30 PM & **High School** from 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM. "Cbow Time" is 6:30 PM – 7 PM in The Edge.

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

**Children and Family 5 PM Christmas Eve Service:** If you would like to have your preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade child participate in this service and they are not involved in Kids Praise or HeART Worship Workshop, contact Pastor Denise ([denise@dexterumc.org](mailto:denise@dexterumc.org)). **Some opportunities include:** actors, readers, piano and other instruments, sheep and stars for preschoolers, behind the scene helpers and ushers. We look forward to a wonderful worship presentation this Christmas Eve and hope you join the team.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**, an annual event for women, will be Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. **Sign up** for those who would like to host a table or to attend **begins TODAY** in the Atrium between services. If you have questions, contact Julie Stone ([jahstone22@yahoo.com](mailto:jahstone22@yahoo.com) or 810-231-6441)

**Dancers needed for the Children and Family Christmas Eve service.** Elementary age children who are currently taking a dance class are invited to join a dance troupe that will prepare dance numbers for the 5 PM Christmas Eve service. If you are interested, contact Pastor Denise with the name, age, grade and dance experience of those interested.

**Recommended reading for Small Groups:** "Prayer, Finding the Hearts True Home" by Richard Foster

"Prayer is nothing more than an ongoing and growing love relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." ... Prayer helps us develop listening ears and open hearts to better hear and respond to God's whispers...

### Prayers for our Men & Women Serving in the Military

◆ *Andre Roman Marshall* (nephew of Linda Goodrich-Weng) ◆ *Ashley Johnson* (daughter of Judy & Brent) ◆ *Cliff Short* (cousin of Cheryl & Robert Woods) ◆ *Cole Hatch* ◆ *Dave Imber* ◆ *Doug King* (father of Douglas King) ◆ *Jeremy Wainwright* ◆ *Joe Keene* ◆ *John Maybon* (nephew of Dawn & Mike McCalla) ◆ *Keith Blacks* (nephew of Jerry & Mary Black) ◆ *Matt Hattie* ◆ *Megan Wiseley* (daughter of Mark and Sonja) ◆ *Meredith Hazel* (cousin of Dawn & Rick Northrup) ◆ *Nicholas Wiseley* (grandson of Richard & Dithys) ◆ *Ryan Melchi* ◆

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Village clean-up and downtown decorating last Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to Sarah & DeWayne Grann and Boy Scout troop 477 with Karl & Griffin Bartscht.

### Veterans/Soldiers Projects – Would You Help?



- For the next several weeks, the Caring Cell ministry group will be holding a **Clothing Drive** for homeless veterans. We will have collection tubs in the coatroom on the east side of the Narthex. **Please bring any of the following for men:** good, clean, new or used everyday clothes, winter coats, boots, gloves, scarves, blankets, blue jeans and shoes; NEW boxers, T-shirts, white socks, tennis shoes. This project will **end on November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for caring about our Veterans!
- A new project this year is a **Card Shower**. We will collect **Veteran Appreciation cards that will be delivered to the VA hospital during the week of Veterans Day (11-11-2011)**. Please purchase a card, write a note inside and sign your name. A drop box for these cards will be located near the clothing tubs in the coatroom. We will see that these cards are hand delivered throughout the hospital. We need lots of cards! They are making these cards now. I was surprised and pleased to find them at the Dollar Store. However, you can always just write a thank you note. **All cards should be in the box by November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you! For questions, please contact Jean Klark (734.426.8598 or jklark@live.com).

### Did You Know...

- Our members raised \$11,869 to date in support of the 2011 CROP Walk?
- The bookstore will be offering coloring books suitable for packing in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for around \$2? They are thinner and won't take up as much room. Check out the Bookstore in the Atrium for more details.
- **We have an online form to reserve a room at Dexter UMC** (in addition to the PDF form)? Just visit our website and use the drop down menu "Church Forms" to use this option. **Please schedule ALL space uses beforehand**, to insure the space is available and to get it on the church calendar. ☺ Thank you.
- Our "Job Board" is located on the bulletin board outside the church office? If you are looking for a job, check it out. If you have a job opportunity, submit it to the office for posting.
- The **Hunger Hamper** (in both entryways) is a place to bring non-perishable food items and paper goods, which in turn are taken to the **Faith in Action Food Pantry** on Baker Road? Please help yourself to a brown bag (as a reminder)...fill it...and bring it back to the hamper next week. Also, fresh produce from your gardens would be most welcome. **Other specific needs are:** mustard, ketchup, salad dressings, mayonnaise/Miracle Whip, pancake mix, syrup, saltines/crackers, Ramen noodles, feminine hygiene products (*pads and tampons*), Kleenex (*in boxes*), paper napkins, dish soap and laundry soap.

**There are all kinds of groups...** short term, long term, couple's, men's, women's, etc; the main point is that we need and are created for... authentic Christian community.

*Why do we need small groups?*

We are created for community

We need God and we need one another... we are wired for relationship...we are created for community and fellowship

**A generous, anonymous donor has offered to donate \$500** to Operation Christmas Child if we can raise another \$500 at Dexter UMC by November 20<sup>th</sup>! If you're interested in donating, OCC envelopes will be available at the table in the Atrium, along with a container to drop them off in. Checks can be made out to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line for OCC. Please write the total amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope so we can keep track of our goal.

**Needed for Alpha House** – is seeking support from local churches to help supply winter hats, scarves, snow gloves/mittens for both adult women... and boys and girls of all ages. There are drop-off barrels at the main doors of the church. Thank you for your support in helping those less fortunate stay a little warmer this winter.

**Children and Family Ministry is hosting an Advent wreath making event Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM** in the Atrium after Thursday night dinner. Wreath making kits are \$15.00 and must be preordered by November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you already have a wreath and would like to bring your own to spruce up for the Advent Season, bring that along. If you need candles, they are available to preorder for \$5.00. We will spend time learning about the meaning of the Advent wreath and how to celebrate at home. All are invited to participate. Place orders with Pastor Denise (denise@dexterumc.org).

### Good Things to Know at Dexter UMC...

- **If your ministry plans to have a display in the Atrium**, please remember to sign up (red binder) in the church office. *There are pink reminder slips for you there too.* Our goal is to offer a location for ministries to connect with the congregation Sunday morning, without making the Atrium feel overwhelming.
- **Dexter UMC has ten 8' white tables & 100 metal chairs** available to our church members on a first-come, first-serve basis. **We use a self-service check-out system, with all reservations** kept in a 3-ring binder located on the reception desk (labeled "Self-Service Reservations, Dexter UMC Tables & Chairs"), which is available during business hours. Pickup and delivery access may be arranged for non-business hours thru the office. No equipment should be removed without a reservation.
- **LOST & FOUND/LEFT BEHINDS** (dishes, clothes, etc.) is located at the end of the coat rack of the Ed. Bldg., just outside Newkirk Hall, with jewelry & small items located on the bulletin board over the drinking fountain near the church office. All unclaimed items are donated to our Spring (*end of April*) & Fall (*end of September*) Rummage Sales.
- **Dexter Community Network** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 8:45 AM at the St. Joseph Parish Village Church Hall in Dexter AND 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the Dexter Library. The group meeting is designed to help those in job transition. If you are unemployed or underemployed, we are here to help you make connections with your job search and to act as a sounding board as you make the transition to new employment. Contacts are Joe Star (734.330.6851, Dexter UMC) and Chuck McGonigle (734.646.9945, St. Joseph's Parish).