



# THE CHIMES

Dixboro United Methodist Church

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## From the Pastor's Heart

What kind of Lenten disciplines did you decide to undertake this year? Did you pledge to give up sweets? Or coffee? Did you resolve to get serious about your prayer life? Read your Bible every day? Attend worship more faithfully? Truth is, no Lenten discipline is worth much, unless you COMMIT yourself to keeping it!

Bob Vernon, Deputy Chief of Police in Los Angeles, wrote a devotional, suggesting that commitment can mean the difference between life and death. He began by describing what was supposed to have been a routine traffic stop. One of his motorcycle officers stopped a red pickup truck, which had just sped through a stop sign. The policeman wasn't aware of it, but the pickup driver had just robbed an all-night grocery store... and was making his getaway. Meanwhile, the pickup driver didn't realize he had failed to stop at the intersection. He imagined the cops were after him for the robbery. In a panic, he pulled his gun and fired on the officer, hitting him in the chest at point-blank range.

All was quiet for a moment. Then slowly, the policeman stood to his feet. The robber couldn't believe his eyes. "This guy must be Clark Kent," he thought. He surrendered to the officer, "Don't shoot! I give up!" Bob Vernon writes, "The officer's life had been spared because he was wearing a bullet-proof vest."

Just a few months later, a different young policeman was shot in a drug raid. The bullet hit this officer precisely in the same place as the motorcycle officer had been hit – squarely in the center of the chest. With one difference: it was a hot summer day... and the officer had removed his bulletproof vest! He left behind a wife, three small children, and a bulletproof vest... in the trunk of his car parked just 30 feet from where he fell.

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Chief Vernon writes, "Every police officer in Los Angeles believes in bullet-proof vests. They work! I doubt you could find a policeman anywhere who doesn't believe those vests save lives. But that is not enough. An officer must do more than believe in vests. He must take his belief to the point of personal commitment. He must be willing to wear the vest... and wear it at all times. Even when it is hot. Even when it is uncomfortable."

Vernon concluded with these words: "And in a similar way, it is not enough to believe that a man named Jesus lived 2000 years ago. We must take that belief to a point of commitment. We must be willing to take that belief to the point of "putting on" the Risen Christ... receiving Him as Savior and Lord."

Commitment to Christ Jesus ensures new life, eternal life, abundant life – a life rich with meaning and purpose and hope. As you move through this holy season on Lent, why not commit yourself whole-heartedly to Jesus? It could be a life or death decision, you know!

*Pastor Tonya Arnesen*

**Looking Ahead:**

**Season of Lent Sermon Series:**  
**Standing on the Promises of God**  
*All of God's promises to us are fulfilled in the life,  
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ*

**March 8**  
**"I Promise to Save You. . . Whatever it Takes"**  
*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

**March 15**  
**"I Promise to Love You. . . No Matter What"**  
*Romans 8:38-39; John 3:14-21*

**March 22**  
**"Where Love & Mercy Meet"**  
*Easter Cantata*

**March 29**  
**Youth-Led Palm Sunday**  
*Mark 11:1-11*

**April 2**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Potluck Dinner 6:00pm  
Service 7:00pm

**April 3**  
**Good Friday**  
Service 7:00pm

**April 5**  
**Easter Sunday 9:00am/11:00am**  
**"Ghosts in the Graveyard"**  
*Luke 24:1-5*  
Easter Breakfast 10:00am  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am

HOLY WEEK



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Check our website regularly to stay up to date with what's going on with our church. We have the calendar, pictures, and news posted regularly. You will also find our weekly bulletins along with this CHIMES (and previous editions) for view and download.

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## Family Game Night

Rev. Mary Hagley

On Saturday, March 14 from 6:30-8pm come to the church-wide game night. Bring your family and friends to play some fun games for all ages. Dinner will not be served, so please bring a snack to share and bring your favorite game along. DUMC will provide beverages and kid friendly games.

## Easter Morning Breakfast

Rev. Mary Hagley

The Easter Morning breakfast will be served by the youth from 10:00-10:45am. The proceeds from the breakfast will go towards our Cass Social Services Mission Trip in Detroit June 15-19. As a church we will be sponsoring at least 10 youth plus adults who are going on the mission trip.

## Imagine No Malaria Youth Fast-March 28-29

Rev. Mary Hagley

The youth will be fasting Saturday morning to Sunday morning, when they will lead the congregation in worship and break-the-fast with communion! We hope you will mark your calendars for Palm Sunday to be in worship as the youth lead us. Over the weekend the youth will be experiencing what it feels like to go without food for 24 hours, all the while being encouraged to deepen their relationship with Jesus. All this month in Sunday School and youth group we will be focusing on the significance of Palm Sunday, and what it means for our faith journey.

Do you remember the youth's Imagine No Malaria challenge at the beginning of Lent? The youth handed out Lent calendars and collection boxes to the congregation as a challenge to look at our abundance in life. We hope you are participating in those calendars, which are due Easter morning; if not please consider giving to Imagine No Malaria to help us reach our goal of \$1,400!

## Soup Sunday Wrap-Up

Thank you for supporting the youth's mission trip on our Soup Sunday sale. We raised \$250 towards our trip. Thanks. Our next fundraiser is the Easter Morning Breakfast at 10am.

## Cass Social Service Mission Trip: Looking for Adults

We are in need of one male adult and one female adult to participate in the youth mission trip this summer, June 15-19. Please contact Rev. Mary if you are interested.



### Youth Group Activities March through June

#### March 8

DUMY 5:30-7:30pm

#### March 22

DUMY 5:30-7:30pm

#### March 28-29

Imagine No Malaria Fast/Retreat  
9am Saturday morning through  
Sunday

#### April 4

Easter Breakfast Prep & Set-up  
10am-12pm

#### April 19

DUMY 5:30-7:30pm  
April 25 Bonfire in Milan at  
Rev. Mary's Parent's House 4:30pm

#### May 8

Laser Tag at ZapZone at 6:00-  
7:30pm

#### June 7

DUMY Celebrate the School Year  
5:30-7:30pm

#### June 15-19

Cass Social Services Mission Trip



### Confirmation Class March through May

#### March 15

Renounce, Reject,  
Repent, & Accept

#### March 29

*No confirmation*  
Please participate in the fast

#### April 5

*No confirmation*

#### April 12

Confess & I Believe

#### April 24-25

Confirmation Retreat  
@ Rev. Mary's in Milan

#### May 3

Confirmation Sunday  
Be here at 9am.

## Camp Scholarships Available

Rev. Mary Hagley

Dixboro Church would like to offer scholarships for those interested in attending camp this summer. We will offer \$150 for members and \$100 for non-members. All scholarship applications should be turned in by Sunday, May 17 to Rev. Mary. You will find the application on the church website on the Youth Ministry page.

## DUMW Rummage Sale

Patty Burns

The annual DUMW Rummage Sale will be held on April 23-25. We will be accepting household, clothing, toys, furniture and anything you want to donate starting April 20th. Please do NOT bring items in before.

We will have a sign-up sheet if you want to help with set-up on April 20-22, work the days of the sale, and/or for clean-up. Thank you for your support.

## House by the Side of the Road

Roberta King

Over \$30,000 has been raised towards the Matching Funds Challenge of \$50,000. The deadline has been extended to June 30. Thank you to all who are supporting this campaign. If you have donations, please drop them off at:

*House by the Side of the Road*  
153 Elder St.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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## The Importance of Family History & What You Can Do

Susan D. Engle

This month's topic was inspired by a recent baptism when the baby wore the same lovely dress her mother and grandmother had worn at their baptisms here in Dixboro! Many of this baby's ancestors were settlers in the area during the mid-1800s, including the Galpin family. In December 1857 Freeman Pinckney Galpin was one of seven Trustees appointed for the task of developing a plan for building a church in Dixboro. Together, for a full year, those men and many others worked hard to reach their goal. The Dixboro Methodist Episcopal Church building was completed in December 1858.

Everyone has ancestors who were pioneers in their own generation. They, too, worked hard to accomplish their tasks during their lifetimes. It is our task to make sure our histories are not lost and that the younger generations of our families know not only our stories but those of our the ancestors.

Let this be a challenge to all of you! If you already have family records, photographs, and heirlooms, be sure they are safely displayed or stored, but not in hot attics, damp basements, or cold garages.

If you do not have written records of earlier generations, I would like each of you to begin with your own generation. Using pencil and paper (or computer or typewriter), begin now to spend 10-15 minutes at a time for a few days each week. Start today or tomorrow by recording what you know about your generation - include maiden names and spouses - add full names, full dates, full place names, and how each is related to you - siblings or cousins - then do the same for the younger generations. After that go back to your parents and their siblings. If you say, "not until I have more time," you may never get around to it!

I became interested in family history when a fifth grade assignment was to find out about my ancestors - grandparents and beyond if possible - and make a family tree with names and dates. As a younger adult, around the time I was married, I began collecting existing family information; I did not seriously delve into "genealogy" until around 2000, this time using my computer and a family tree program (Reunion for the Mac).

The amount of information on the internet continues to grow, but be aware that while much of it comes from original sources, a lot of material is - as it always has been - incomplete, inaccurate, unreliable, wrong, or guesses! (I have found birth, marriage, and death records with errors, as well as in census records.) In published books and on-line family trees, look for sources of information that were written or recorded close to the time of the actual event.

These are free websites I use have used regularly: HeritageQuest (available through local and state library websites); FamilySearch.org; RootsWeb.com; USGenWeb.org; Findagrave.com. Please note I did not list Ancestry.com. The only times I used it was at my local public library using their computer to access Ancestry's "library edition." (You do not have to subscribe to Ancestry or other genealogy sites that want money. Most of the same information can be found free on-line.)

If you would like more information and other ideas on pursuing genealogy, or more information on Find A Grave, please e-mail me at: [dumc@dixborochurch.org](mailto:dumc@dixborochurch.org) - and use this for the subject: To Susan Engle - it will be forwarded to me by one of the staff. I will reply by e-mail.

## Men of Dixboro

Brent Howlett

Are you looking for an opportunity to gather in fellowship and study to continue your walk with Christ? I am starting a men's group to study and discuss God's word. This would also be a chance to connect with other men from our church and community. There will be an organizational meeting on Palm Sunday (March 29) after services (~11:45 am) in the parlor at DUMC. We will discuss the purpose of the group, a regular meeting time and the initial study topic. Contact Brent Howlett (734-459-6273) or Pastor Tonya for more detail. See you at the meeting.

## Youth Winter Jam

Rev. Mary Hagley

Youth Winter Jam was awesome. We took 13 youth to the Winter Jam Concert on February 21 at the Palace of Auburn Hills! It was an amazing night of listening to Christian rock groups, and a great speaker who challenged their faith journey. Thank you to Ed and Chris Martin, Brian Charnetski, and Zack Belsky for helping Rev. Mary with the driving!

## New Vacation Bible School Idea

Rev. Mary Hagley

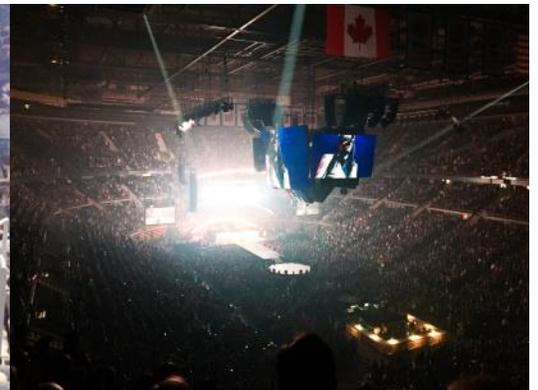
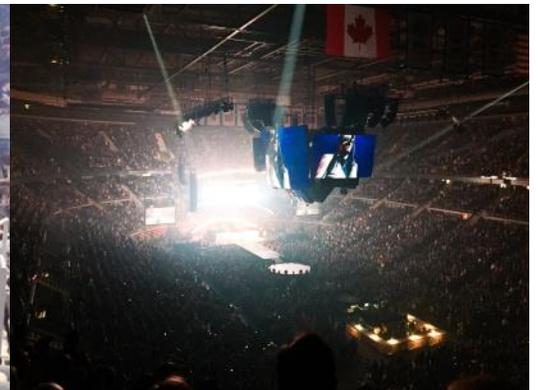
This summer we are trying something brand new for VBS. Instead of inviting kids to come for a week long VBS that has not drawn the neighborhood kids the past few years, we are taking VBS to them at the Farmers' Market! At least two Fridays in June, July, and August the church will host a VBS "On the Go" tent at the Farmers' Market for kids. We will have a Bible story to share with them and then either a hands on experiment or craft, possibly even a game too.

Our VBS Leaders team is excited for this new opportunity to reach out to the kids in our neighborhood. Our ministry will flow outside of our building, which is just as important as the ministry happening within. We ask you for your prayers for this new project, and please say yes when someone asks you to help them one Friday night!



During the months of November - December 2014, the Kroger community Rewards program raised a \$150.07 donation to our church. We currently have 26 households enrolled in the program.

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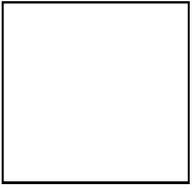
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Worship Schedule:  
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:00am  
Sunday Worship at 10:00am

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