

# The Chimes

News from the Dixboro United Methodist Church

March 2018

## ***A Note from Pastor Tonya***

Dear Dixboro Family -

The consultation event for which we planned and prepared for so many months is now complete. Naomi Garcia, our lead consultant, read their consultation report to us after worship this past Sunday. Now we will have five to six weeks to discuss and digest it—and think together about what it may mean to Dixboro Church's future. There will be two more town hall meetings in the next four weeks—their sole purpose will be to review, ask questions, voice support, and raise concerns about the prescriptions. Please join us for one or all of the town hall meetings (March 14 at 7:00 p.m.; March 25 at 11:45 a.m.)

As you prepare to read and prayerfully review the report, I invite you to consider the following:

1. Yes, these are ambitious recommendations; not because DUMC is a troubled or failing church. To the contrary! The Consultation Team was impressed by the momentum we've begun to experience and have great confidence in our capacity to accomplish all they've set before us.
2. All deadlines are suggested to keep us moving forward. We have the right to re-negotiate any or all deadlines with our coach, Lisa Batten.

Prescription #4C caused the greatest alarm among you this past Sunday. That was no surprise, but please note that #4C ONLY requires the following:

- A facilities upgrade team of three to five people must be chosen by the pastor and lay leader, in consultation with the coach.
- The facilities upgrade team must develop a plan to update the building to be family-friendly and guest-centered.
- The plan must be fully implemented by January 1, 2020.

The rest of #4C is simply a list of options for the facilities upgrade team to consider. Options A and B are not prescriptions! They are given to help us "think outside the box"—to be creative as we consider a plan that accomplishes the ultimate goal (to be more family- and guest-friendly) and works for us.

Please mark your calendar for April 15 at 11:45 a.m., when you'll have the opportunity to vote on whether Dixboro will adopt the consultation report and move forward towards fulfilling the prescriptions or reject the report. According to our United Methodist Discipline, only full members in good standing are eligible to vote (not constituents or preparatory members), and you must be present to vote the paper ballot. No absentee ballots can be accepted.

This is an exciting and scary time for us all! I pray God will give us clarity, courage, and a renewed sense of urgency to reach out to our community and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

To see the consultation report, visit our website [www.dixborochurch.org](http://www.dixborochurch.org) and click on the VCI logo.

Amazed by grace ~ Rev. Tonya Arnesen

# Dixboro Church Opportunities

## Hope Medical Clinic Needs

Hope Medical Clinic is looking for a pharmacy coordinator (Tech or RN) to join our dynamic service team at our Ypsilanti Clinic. The role of the pharmacy coordinator is to oversee and strengthen services and processes within the pharmacy that impact patient care. The pharmacy coordinator will maintain the Hope Pharmacy to ensure pharmacy standards are met. This person will be available to all clinical volunteers and will develop and nurture strong coordination between departments to provide the best possible patient care. If you are interested in this position, please contact Anne Marie Gill at [agill@thehopeclinic.org](mailto:agill@thehopeclinic.org).

## DUMW Rummage Sale

The DUMW annual rummage sale is just around the corner, April 26-28. Start your spring cleaning early, and go through your closets, basements, and garages. Set aside items you wish to donate. You can drop off your donations starting April 23.

## VCI Town Hall Meetings

In response to the reading of the VCI report, we will be holding three town hall meetings (March 4 after worship, March 14 at 7 p.m., and March 25 after worship) to discuss the prescriptions and next steps in the VCI process.

## Church Conference April 15th

There will be a special called Church Conference on Sunday, April 15 at 11:45 a.m. to vote on the VCI Report. You must be present to vote, no absentee ballots.

## Easter EGGstravaganza Help Needed

Calling all members and friends to volunteer and participate in our 2nd Annual Easter EGGstravaganza from 10:30 a.m.-noon. We have many opportunities to help including set-up, bounce house attendant, welcome table workers, registration people, overseer of games & crafts, egg collectors at stations, donate baked goodies for the bake sale, and clean-up. Volunteer online at [www.dixborochurch.org](http://www.dixborochurch.org). Click on the volunteer link at the bottom, or sign ups will be available in March.

Another opportunity is to fill eggs before and after worship during March. Find Patty Burns to volunteer. This year we have decided to purchase the egg fillers, but if you wish to donate towards our EGGstravaganza, it would be much appreciated.



The screenshot shows the Dixboro Church website. At the top, there is a logo with the text "Dixboro Church Connect. Grow. Serve." and contact information: "3544 Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48102, 734.665.9531". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Get Connected, Ministries, Resources & Links. The main content area features a large photo of the church building. To the right of the photo is a red box with white text: "SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM" and "SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM". Below this is a section titled "UPCOMING EVENTS" with a list of dates and activities: Nov 28 UMC #GivingTuesday, Dec 2 Senior Fellowship Christmas Outing, Dec 3 Advent Wreath Making, Dec 3 Church Council Meeting, Dec 9 Dixboro Holiday Market, Dec 10 Cookie Walk, Dec 14 DUMW Holiday Tea, Dec 16 Dixboro Moms Night Out, Dec 17 Soup & Salad Christmas Party and Caroling around Dixboro, Dec 21 Longest Night Worship Service.

Check out our website!

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

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## ...Opportunities (cont.)

### Easter Daffodils & Tulips

You can help decorate our sanctuary for Easter and honor a loved one by purchasing tulips and daffodils. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office, and the cost is \$9 per pot. Please sign up by March 25. Make checks payable to DUMC, with "Altar Guild" noted in the memo line. Please leave your payment in the office.

### Flowers on the Altar Sign-up

Flowers are such a thoughtful and simple way to bring beauty to any space

and a wonderful way to honor someone or recognize a big event in one's life. Beginning April 8, the Altar Guild invites you to sign up to bring flowers for the altar, which will be prominently displayed during worship service. You can honor a friend or family member, celebrate a birthday/anniversary/birth, or bring flowers "just because." There will be a sign-up sheet in the church office. If you get your name in a week ahead of time, your message will make it into the bulletin. Ex: "The beautiful roses on the altar are presented in honor of Rosie's 25th birthday"

### Join the Altar Guild

Do you love how beautiful our sanctuary is? The twinkly lights and garland during Advent, the beautiful flowers on the altar on Sunday Mornings? Would you like to be a part of the team that makes this all happen? Contact Jill Chappius ([chappius@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:chappius@aaps.k12.mi.us), or 734-277-3897) to join the Altar Guild.



# Upcoming Events at Dixboro Church

## Lenten Brunch

On Sunday morning March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at assigned houses. If you signed up for the Lenten Brunch, hopefully by now you have received a call from your host. If you have not heard from someone, please contact Dawn Anderson, anderson1717@comcast.net. We will all meet at our assigned houses at 9:00am for breakfast, fun, and fellowship. See you at 10:30am for worship!

March 11	Lenten Brunch
March 11	UMCOR Sunday
March 14	VCI Town Hall Meeting
March 18	Easter Cantata
March 18	United Methodist Women Meeting
March 21	Senior Fellowship
March 24	Dixboro Moms
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 25	VCI Town Hall Meeting
March 31	Dixboro Easter EGGstravaganza
April 1	7 AM "Sonrise" Service
	9 AM Worship Service
	10 AM Easter Breakfast
	11 AM Worship Service

Easter Worship  
April 1, 2018

7:00AM SONrise Worship (youth led)  
9:00AM Worship  
10:00AM Easter Breakfast  
11:00AM Worship

Fun Activities from 10:30am-12pm

DIXBORO COMMUNITY

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

<p><b>Activities include:</b> Bounce House, Bake Sale Craft station, Bubble Station, Kids &amp; Adults Raffle Drawings. All activities are free!</p>	<p><b>EGG HUNT TIMES:</b> BABIES TO 3 YRS - 11AM 4-7 YRS - 11:15AM 8-12 YRS - 11:25AM</p>
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## Faith Formation Corner

by Rev. Mary

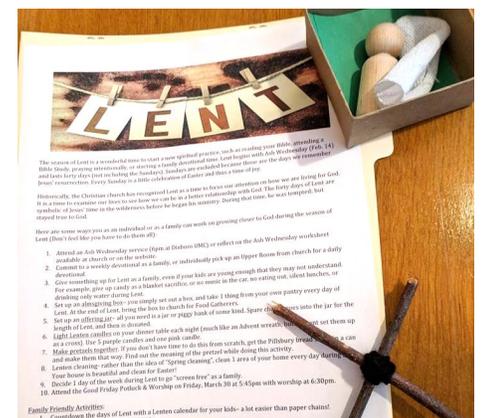
There are many traditions around our Lenten journey, and some folks may not participate in this journey at all. Growing up, I never understood what giving up chocolate had to do with Lent. I knew Jesus gave up a lot for me, but I never made the connection until I was serving my first church.

The Christian educator I was working with helped me understand that Lent wasn't just about "giving something up," but "taking something up." Maybe it is starting a new spiritual discipline, or attending church regularly. As I began our Lenten journey this year, I reflected on Michelle Franci-Donnay's words, "Why do you pray, fast, give alms? To be noticed? To be applauded? To be a

witness? Or to become? To become the face of Christ to your neighbor. Lent calls us beyond the giving up of small luxuries, or even necessities, but through that emptying of ourselves and that carrying of others to become Christ." Lent is all about focusing on your relationship with Jesus in order to be more like him every day.

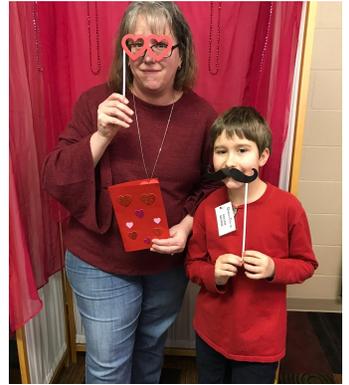
As we continue to walk this journey, I pray that you will allow God to open your hearts and minds to God's calling. I pray that new focuses will emerge for you and your family. In my family, we have decided to go screen-free for one day each week. It is a challenge not to be on Facebook, or checking my email; however, on Tuesday nights at the Hagley Homestead, we are taking time to read our family devotional together, play board games, or read together. Now, we have only done this twice by the time our newsletter goes out, but here are our goals: spend time with God and be together as a family! Honestly, it is much easier to have the kids go screen-free than it is for me and Jeff after the kids go to bed; nonetheless, we both have books to read and puzzles to do if we are bored, or we can just talk with one another. I pray this is a time for us to grow closer to one another and to God, while we take time to find joy in the midst of Lent; after all, Jesus is our true joy and we should strive to live that way too!

*Isaiah 41:10 "Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand."*



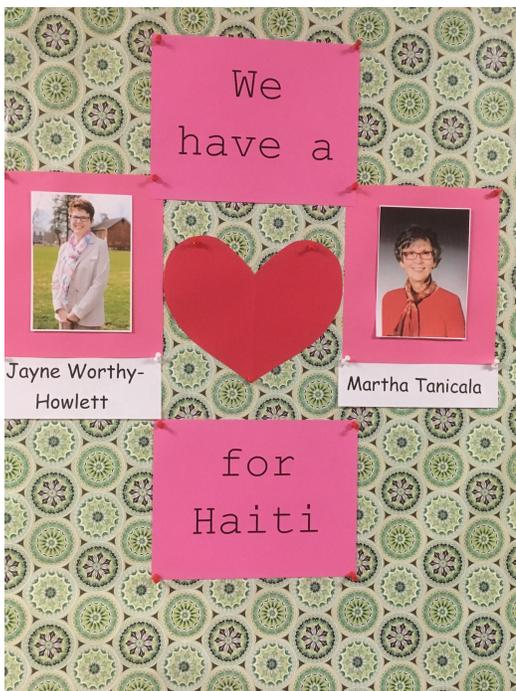
# Dixboro Family Valentine's Party

Our party was a great success with lots of participation! We ate delicious food together, made Valentine crafts and cards, and had fun with the photo booth! It is great to see our Dixboro Friends gathering together. Our next Dixboro Friend Sunday will be Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday).



## Baptisms and New Members

We were blessed as a church family to welcome new members and to celebrate several baptisms on February 11, including Tammy Bargo, the Pavlik Family, and the Wiedemann Family.



## Dixboro Church in Haiti

In January we blessed Jayne Worthy-Howlett and Martha Tanicala before they went to Haiti to serve those in need.



## Dixboro United Methodist Women, DUMW

### Who are we?

We are all the women of our church who want to be in fellowship to achieve our goals. Our background comes from a long tradition of active, dedicated women in United Methodist churches. Some of us have been part of the United Methodist Women for decades, and some of us are very new to church work or to this particular church in Dixboro. Our president is Jayne Worthy-Howlett. Our secretary is Marian Robinson. Our treasurer is Kathleen Hucks.

### What are our goals?

The overarching purpose of United Methodist Women is to address issues of women and girls locally, regionally and globally. In 2015, the DUMW established four goals to guide our activities and events. Those goals are:

1. Identify opportunities to enhance faith relationships among ourselves and all church members
2. Identify areas of need/mission within our community for which a fundraising activity would help that need AND our faith journey
3. Identify learning/educational opportunities to enhance our faith journey
4. Share our DUMW activities with the congregation as a whole. (This article is helping to accomplish goal #4)

### What do we do?

We have meetings (of course), but usually only every other month on a Sunday after worship service. AND we limit those meetings to one hour! At those meetings, we reiterate our purpose, discuss and plan upcoming events, and close with a Bible reading. We take minutes at each meeting, and these are typed and sent out so everyone can keep track of decisions and who is doing what. Here are some of the traditional events, organized and managed by our DUMW women:

- Sewing projects: Hats and mittens for needy children and adults; feminine hygiene kits for girls and young women around the world
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families identified by the Salvation Army (We did 10 in 2017.)
- Cookie Walk before the Christmas holiday to raise money for mission projects
- Donations to mission projects in Liberia, Africa (supplies for a rural obstetrical clinic), and families in need through House by the Side of the Road
- Donations to sponsor a young woman in a four-year nursing program in Haiti
- Annual Rummage Sale to raise funds for mission projects such as Safe House, House by the Side of the Road, Habitat for Humanity
- Annual Daughters All Salad and Dessert Social with speaker (Hope Clinic, Growing Hope Farmers' Market in Ypsilanti)
- Purchase, plant, and care for spring and summer flowers around the church
- Collections of toothbrushes and toothpaste for needy school children in Washtenaw County
- Local, regional, and national activities of the United Method Women such as the World Thank Offering and the Prayer and Self-Denial yearly events

Whew! We are a busy group of young and less young women doing good things and having fun doing it. If you are not already part of this group, we invite and sincerely welcome you into our fellowship.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 18, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the choir room. If you can't make that one, watch for future meetings in the Sunday bulletins and the church calendar. And if you just want to see what we do, come help with the Rummage Sale in April. See Jayne Worthy-Howlett, Helen Snedeker, Carole DeSantis, Meredith Burr or Barbara Scheffer for how you can help.

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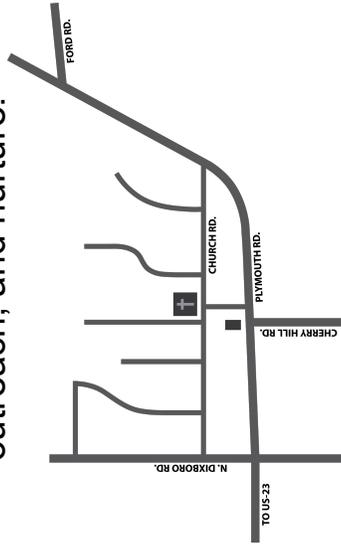
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Worship Schedule:  
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:15am  
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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