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February is the month of “the feast of hearts,” Valentine’s day. It is a month in which our children exchange valentines and little candy hearts with their classmates; when sweethearts give and receive flowers and chocolates; when we pore over rack upon rack of greeting cards to find just the right way to say, “I love you.”

Saying “I love you” has become big business! According to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, we buy about 192 million greeting cards, making Valentine’s Day the second-most popular greeting-card-giving occasion. Jewelry stores sell more than 2 billion worth of merchandise in February, and 180 million roses are produced especially for Valentine’s week. If you plan to “say it with flowers” this year, the flower industry suggests these sentiments:

- Couldn't wait another day to say I Love You! (for flowers delivered on 2/13)
- Cupid's aim is still pretty good.
- Today's a very special day for sending all my love your way!
- With you it's Valentine's Day 365 days a year.

Celebrating love, giving and receiving love 365 days a year isn’t a bad idea, you know? In fact, it’s what Jesus commanded us to do: *“As I have loved you, so should you love one another.”* And John the apostle reminded us, *“... let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”* 1 John 3:18

How do we to love one another “in truth and action?” Here are a few suggestions:

- Mend a quarrel
- Seek out a forgotten friend
- Write a long overdue note of appreciation
- Forgive an enemy
- Be gentle and patient with someone who is angry
- Find the time to keep a promise
- Release a grudge
- Listen – REALLY listen
- Speak kindly to a stranger
- Enter into another’s sorrow
- Smile. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more
- Take a walk with a friend
- Apologize if you were wrong
- Turn off the television and enter into conversation
- Do the dishes for the family
- Give a soft answer even though you feel strongly
- Encourage an older person or a teenager
- Offer to baby-sit for a weary mother

I’m sure you can add others to this list of acts of kindness and compassion. I pray this month will be a time when we intentionally move beyond sentiment, to loving others “in truth and action.”

*Rev. Tonya Arnesen*

## Outreach Team

### Refugee Crisis

Cathy Freeman and Roberta King attended a large educational session on Refugee Issues in November. People from many faith traditions attended and received information from Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. LSSM has programs to resettle refugee families in Michigan and also to find foster homes for refugee children. Cathy will preach on February 27 on this subject and provide additional information about how Dixboro people can be involved.

Dixboro has already made a contribution by collecting bathroom items such as toothbrushes, shaving cream, lotion and cleaning supplies for refugee families. Four boxes of requested items were delivered to LSSM in early December. One of the boxes was filled by the Youth Group. Thanks to all who participated.

## New Routine For Busch's MyWay Card

Robert L. Baird

Busch's Fresh Food Market has changed the routine for their MyWay Card. Keeping in mind, that when we purchase groceries from Busch's and use their card, a portion of their sale is returned to our church. A surprise to me, late last year, our Busch's My-Way Gift card was not working. The reason being that Busch's changed the routine last November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Going forward, Gift Cards will no longer be used. Once enrolled, you will only need either a Busch's MyWay key tag or your phone number to earn rewards.

With the previous Busch method, I found it a bit cumbersome. The revised method is much easier and it has similarities with the Kroger Card, where we are now required to enroll each year. Each year, we can select up to four organizations per quarter for support. There is one condition, you must include a valid email and opt-in to receive emails to participate in this program.

### Routine

- On the internet, go to [www.Buschs.com](http://www.Buschs.com)
- On the Top Bar Center, click on "MyWay"
- Top Right, click on "Member Login"

### If Not a MyWay member

- Click on "Sign up now"
- Enter: First Name, Last Name, Email, Home Phone, Select Store
- Click on "Register" and follow instructions.

### If a returning member

- Enter Email Address and Password
- Click on "Sign in using our secure server"
- On the Top Bar Center, click on "My Account" and select "Cash for Education"
- For the current year, each of the four quarters are displayed
- You can select up to 4 organizations for each quarter for support and we hope you will select "Dixboro United Methodist Church"

## Haiti Mission and Lent

The Outreach Team has decided that Dixboro's Lenten focus should center on the upcoming Haiti Mission trip. Stay tuned for more information about how you can connect during the Lenten season through scripture, prayer and mission work.



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### **Don't Forget to Check Our Website!**

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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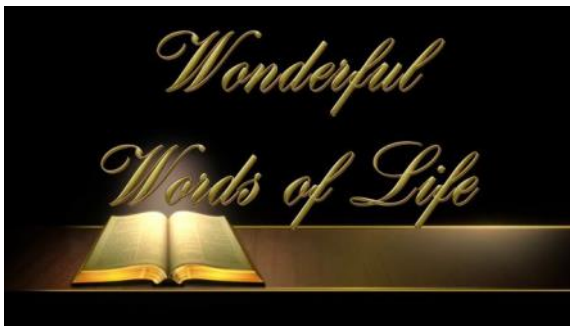
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## SEASON OF LENT

### 2/10 - Ash Wednesday

#### **Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**

The Sanctuary will be open from 4:30 – 5:30 pm then from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for personal Prayer and Contemplation. In a quiet atmosphere of music and candlelight, a worship folder will guide you through 6 stations with scriptures, reflection, and symbolic actions. When you are finished, you'll receive the mark of ashes on your forehead and Holy Communion. Come and go as you wish.

### 2/14 First Sunday of Lent

**Text:** Proverbs 3:5-8; Luke 3:1-17

**Sermon Title:** *Finding a Straight Path in a Crooked World*

\*\*\* Bring in new or gently-used reading glasses for Haiti  
During Coffee Hour, support the "Trees for Haiti" project.

### 2/21 Second Sunday of Lent

**Text:** John 14:1-7

**Sermon Title:** *Which Way is THE Way?*

\*\*\* Bring in new toothbrushes for Haiti \*\*\*

### 2/28 Third Sunday of Lent - Rev. Freeman preaching

**Text:** Micah 6:8; Colossians 3:12

**Sermon Title:** *Compassion First*

\*\*\* Bring in clean amber or clear medicine (pill) bottles for Haiti \*\*\*

### 3/6 Fourth Sunday of Lent - Holy Communion

**Text:** Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon Title:** *Lost, Loved and Located*

\*\*\* Bring in adult, infant or children's multi-vitamins (NOT gummies) for Haiti \*\*\*

### 3/13 Fifth Sunday of Lent – Music Ministry Cantata

**Text:** Isaiah 42; Matthew 12:18-21

**Meditation:** *Hope For Folks on the Edge*

\*\*\* Bring in adult, infant or children's pain relievers for Haiti \*\*\*

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### 3/20 Palm Sunday

**Text:** John 12:12-16; Philippians 2:5-11

**Sermon Title:** *Crown Him Lord of All*

\*\*\* Bring in disposable latex gloves for Haiti \*\*\*

### 3/24 Maundy Thursday

**with Sacrament of Holy Communion**

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

**Text:** Luke 14:11; John 13:1-16

**Meditation:** *Things Are Not Always What They Seem*

### 3/25 - Good Friday

7:00 pm Youth will plan and lead worship  
with Joyful Noise

### 3/27 Easter Sunday

**Celebration of the Resurrection**

**Text:** I Corinthians 15:54-55

**Sermon Title:** *Taking the Sting Out of Death*

\*\*\* Bring in new men's dress socks for Haiti \*\*\*

## EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship Celebration in Sanctuary

10:00 am Easter Breakfast

*Sponsored by Dixboro Youth*

*Love offering taken to support Motown Mission trip*

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt in Brandon Park

*weather permitting*

11:00 am Worship Celebration in Sanctuary



# Dixboro United Methodist Women

Barbara Scheffer

The DUMW had a great time sewing hats and mittens. We ended up with 3 scarves and over 50 hats and over 25 pairs of mittens – some for adults and some for children. These were donated to the House by the Side of the Road and to Washtenaw County human services agencies for distribution. Thank you to Carole Buttrum for organizing this event.

Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Cookie Walk. Over \$400 was raised for future DUMW projects. The extra cookies were used by the Nurture Team, who made gift bags and delivered them to church members we haven't seen in a while.

The DUMW participated in the Thanksgiving Basket project by donating the laundry baskets that were used to collect and deliver the Thanksgiving food.

And last, but not least, the Christmas Tea was a rousing success. Seventeen women enjoyed a delicious lunch at Sweet Afton Tea House in Plymouth and then went to Carole DeSantis' home for amazing dessert and more good conversation.

All women who attend Dixboro Church are members of the DUMW and are encouraged to participate in events organized by this group. We do a large variety of mission projects, a little fund-raising and lots of good socializing. Please join us!

## Dixboro Devotional: Marla Sonntag

*Where the Church Meets to Pray*

**READ: Isaiah 61:3**

*"To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness"*

A few years ago, God highlighted this verse for me to meditate and mull over. Going through several different health issues-every morning God would ask me 'what did I believe about Him as I wrestled with different symptoms attacking my body, soul and spirit. I can say honestly, I had some pretty dark moments as I wrestled with God (like Jacob did). I learned that I trust God – not with just the outcome but also in the process. I know He is with me and nothing can separate me from His love. During these past few years, God has blessed me beyond belief and I find I am constantly in awe of His Presence and in His Presence. Thank You, Father, that as we learn to trust You, You change our mourning to dancing and make beauty out of ashes (those unfulfilled dreams that have dried up in our hearts). As we put on praise for You in all circumstances, You fill us with such joy and love and peace! AMEN

**Focus:** When life seems too heavy and hectic

**Want to Share Your Story?**

If you would like to participate in the Dixboro Devotionals, please contact Mary Turfe: maryt810@yahoo.com

## "Souper" Bowl

The youth will be hosting our soup fundraiser lunch on Feb. 7. Please mark your calendars to stay after church for lunch or take some soup home to have during the Super Bowl Game. \$3 for a bowl, \$2 for a cup. We will also serve bread and dessert. All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip to Motown Mission in Detroit this summer. The next fundraiser lunch will be March 6.

## Calling All Preschoolers

Starting February 7 we will begin a preschool Sunday School Class at 9:00 am. This class will be taught by Janice Tuckett, and is open to 3 year olds thru 5 year olds. The kids will learn a Bible story and do a fun hands on activity to go with the Bible Story. For more information contact Rev. Mary.

## Motown Mission Experience July 10-15 Volunteers Needed

For our mission trip, I need adult volunteers (male and female) for the full week. If you are interested please contact Rev. Mary for more information.

## Motown Mission Upcoming Fundraisers

- February 7 Souper Bowl Sunday \$3 per bowl, \$2 per cup
- March 6 Baked Potato Bar with Chili \$5 All You Can Eat
- March 27 Easter Breakfast
- Month of May Bottle Drive Collection

## DUMY Upcoming Activities

- February 14 DUMY 12-2pm
- February 15 Bowling 1-3pm
- February 28 DUMY 12-2pm
- March 13 DUMY 12-2pm



## Joy to the World

Joy to the World Christmas Program was a huge success! The youth and adults who performed were fantastic. It was a wonderful story about listening to others and communicating well with people around you. We hope everyone who came left with a smile on their face and thinking how can I listen to the "Ruby's" in my church. Also thank you for all who supported the spaghetti fundraiser dinner, and a huge thank you to Jimmy Nola for cooking! We raised about \$400 for Motown Mission.



## Caroling and Party

On Dec. 13 we went caroling at Superior Woods with 15-20 people and then had a fun gift exchange when we got back to church. The best gift was the "selfie" stick!

## Christmas Eve Service







## Christmas Eve at Dixboro



## Finance Committee Update

*Tom Freeman, Chair (2015)*

Hello! It is always fun to have the opportunity to share good news - and I have some very good news! As a result of the generous contributions received in December, we have been able to meet all of our financial obligations in 2015. It is important to look at this accomplishment in the context of the very ambitious program and mission goals that we established for the year. The church staff, along with all the members of the Finance Committee, wishes to express both our appreciation and congratulations. Once again, the congregation of Dixboro Church has demonstrated its commitment to service. That commitment to service is manifested in the wonderful programs we have in our church and in support of the programs and outreach of the United Methodist Church. I know all members share in the joy of this accomplishment. We renew the challenge in 2016 and focus our attention on the New Year and the chance to again make a difference in the world.

Thank you!

# FEBRUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1:00 pm DUMW—Haiti Sewing Project	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:30 pm <i>Indian Dance Class</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 am <i>Tai Chi - WCC</i> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:50 pm Joyful Noise	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Course in Miracles 8:45 am <i>German School</i>
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