



The Chimes

From the Pastor's Heart...

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Historically, Lent was a time of preparation for the initiation of people into the Christian life through baptism. In the church today, it is a time to journey together towards Easter and the reaffirmation of our baptismal covenant. The Sundays of Lent are not part of the forty days of Lent, but like every other Sunday during the year, they are considered "little Easters."

Lent is not about being miserable, sad, and funereal in anticipation of Good Friday. Fasting and giving up something can be part of Lenten disciplines, but so can taking up some things – like intentional daily growth in spiritual, relational, emotional, and bodily fitness.

Below is a tool intended to help us better prepare for Easter. I invite you to join me in completing and then living out our commitments during this Holy season of Lent.



My Preparation for Easter

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is a necessary prelude. The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not I prepare for Easter. However, without my heart and life being ready, I may not experience the depth and power of Christ's death and resurrection. So with my brothers and sisters, I commit myself to disciplines for conversion from sin and death to love and life in Jesus Christ. With the aid of the list below, I make the following commitments to discipline and growth for the next six weeks:

(Check the ones you desire or feel prompted to do; circle the ones you then decide to do.)

Inward and Personal Disciplines

- Attend an Ash Wednesday service as a way to begin my Easter preparation.
- Spend time in solitude each day.
- Share in the Lenten Series on Sunday mornings.
- Read The Way (by Adam Hamilton) or other book for inner growth.
- Read twice through the Gospels of Matthew and John.
- Commit to weekly worship attendance as a way to "Encounter Jesus" this season.
- Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, reading, etc.
- Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- Give myself a gift of three hours to do something I always say I don't have time to do.
- Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in so I get enough rest.

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___ Participate in a free 40-day Lenten journey with Bishop Deborah Kiesey called ***Journey to Life***. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/journeytolife2014>.

___ Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.

___ Take control of my life by _____

___ Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.

___ Give up a grudge or a rehearsal of a past event.

___ Forgive someone who has hurt me.

___ Dance my prayers to a favorite tape or CD.

___ Other promptings: _____

Outward and Social Disciplines

___ Take on some loving task: _____

___ Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.

___ Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.

___ Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service: _____

___ Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.

___ Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.

___ Give blood and recall the cross.

___ Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.

___ Attend the DUMC Missions Dinner on March 20th.

___ Pray to God to help me resist racial prejudice and to give me courage in opposing it.

___ Decide to become a member of the church and speak to a pastor or lay leader.

___ Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power and liberty God gives us by _____

___ Pledge to pray one hour for our youth while they fast during the 30 Hour Famine, March 14-15.

___ Make a financial gift to the youth for their Motown Mission trip this summer.

___ Other outward and social promptings: _____

As a way of being accountable, I will:

___ Share my plan with at least one other person and share with that person my experience of Lent during Holy Week.

(signed) _____

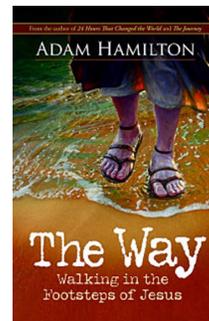
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ENCOUNTER JESUS this Lenten Season

"The Way" Lenten Study begins Sunday, March 9 – We are encouraging all members to participate in the Lenten Study, filmed on location in the Holy Land with Adam Hamilton. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as he traveled from the Jordan River to Calvary. Rev. Tonya & Rev. Cathy will lead the adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary from 9:15-10am. Books are \$12. The children and youth will also be studying "The Way" curriculum during Sunday School from 9:30-10:15am. Please join us!

"Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind" Lenten Sermon Series – When people encountered Jesus during his earthly ministry, they were healed and made whole, given new insight, purpose, and hope: their lives were forever changed. Discover how YOUR life can change when you encounter Jesus.



March 5, 2014 Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lenten Season on March 5. We will gather in the sanctuary at 7pm for a time of quiet contemplation, singing, meditation, scripture, Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Rev. Tonya and Rev. Cathy will officiate.

March 9, 2014

1st Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: Baptism at the Jordan and Temptation in the Wilderness.

Rev. Mary will be preaching from Matthew 4:1-11. The sermon is *"Encountering Christ through Fasting."* A special noisy coin (and dollar) collection will be taken for the Dixboro Youth's 30 Hour Famine.

March 16, 2014

2nd Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: The Healing Ministry in Capernaum.

Rev. Tonya will be preaching from Mark 5:21-34 *"The Bleeding Woman Said: 'He Made Me Whole.'"*

Thursday, March 20, 2014

6:30pm Lenten Potluck, featuring Edith Wiarda speaking on her recent trip to Liberia. She will report on the John Dean Town Project - a three year program of the Ann Arbor District UMC to bring maternal health care, clean drinking water and trained health care to this community.

March 23, 2014

3rd Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: Proclaiming the Kingdom in the Mountains.

Rev. Tonya will preach from John 9:1-41 *"The Blind Man Said: 'Oh! NOW I See.'"*

Stay after worship for a Soup Sunday lunch, sponsored by the Dixboro Youth.

March 30, 2014

4th Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: Calming the Storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Rev. Tonya will preach from Luke 5:1-11 *"Peter Said: 'I'm Going Fishing!'"* A special *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering will be taken during the service.

April 6, 2014

5th Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor in Samaria.

Rev. Tonya will be preaching and presiding over Holy Communion. Her sermon is *"The Samaritan Woman Said: 'He Really Tells It Like It Is!'"* Scripture from John 4:4-28.

ENCOUNTER JESUS this Lenten Season

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April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday

6th Sunday for "The Way" Lenten Study: The Final Week in Jerusalem.

Rev. Tonya preaching from Matthew 21:1-11 *"The Crowd Said: 'He's Singing Our Song!'"*

April 17, 2014 Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Worship Service with Holy Communion. Rev. Freeman will lead this contemplative service of commemoration of the Last Supper.

April 18, 2014 Good Friday

7:00pm - "At the Cross." Follow the footsteps of some of the people who were with Jesus on His journey to the cross in this series of vignettes presented by our Dixboro Drama Team.

April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday

7:00am Easter SONrise Service *"From Darkness to Light"* led by Rev. Mary and the Dixboro Youth

7:45am Fellowship Time with bagels, pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice

9:00am Celebration of the Resurrection—With selections from Handel's Messiah

Rev. Tonya will preach *"The Disciples Said: 'He Is Risen!'"*

Scripture from 1 Corinthians 15:1-22 & John 20:1-18

10:00am Easter Breakfast hosted by the Dixboro Youth

Proceeds will go to our Motown Mission Trip July 13-19

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt outside at Brandon Park (Sanctuary if weather is bad.)

11:00am Celebration of the Resurrection—With selections from Handel's Messiah

Rev. Tonya will preach *"The Disciples Said: 'He Is Risen!'"*

Scripture from 1 Corinthians 15:1-22 & John 20:1-18

April 27, 2014

1st Sunday of Easter. Rev. Tonya will preach from John 20:19-31 *"Thomas Said: 'He Gave Me The Benefit of Doubt.'" A special love offering will be taken for Camp Scholarships.*

May 4, 2014

Rev. John Park will preach and preside over Holy Communion



Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

You can help decorate the sanctuary for Easter and honor a loved one by purchasing an Easter Lily. The Altar Guild is beginning their sale in mid-March through April 13th. The sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the church office.

Easter Sing-a-Long

By Jaclyn Johnson

This year we will have an Easter "Hallelujah" Chorus Sing-a-Long! All are welcome to sing. Rehearsals: April 6 & 13 Immediately after church in the choir room.



DUMY Calendar of Events

Friday, March 7 Go see *Peter Pan* at Lincoln High School 7:00pm

March 14-15 30 Hour Famine 6:00pm (Friday) to 7:00pm (Saturday)

Sunday, March 23 Youth Group 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sunday, April 13 Youth Group 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, April 19 Easter Breakfast Prep & Rehearsal for SONrise Service 9:00 to 11:00am

Sunday, April 20 SONrise Service at 7:00am, be here at 6:30am

Serve Easter Breakfast at 10am

Sunday, April 27 Camp Sunday Collection & Youth Group 5:30pm to 7:30pm

All deposits and Motown Mission forms due on April 27

Motown Mission Experience July 13-19, 2014

By Rev. Mary Hagley, Minister of Youth and Children

Sign up now to be part of our 2014 Motown Mission Team! Each youth attending is expected to participate in all fundraisers and meetings, and to pay \$75. If you would like to join us, email Rev. Mary (revmaryhagley@gmail.com) to let her know. Please have all deposits and health forms turned in by April 27. We also need at two male adults to join us for the week to spend the night and work during the day and one more female adult. Sign up now.

This year the Motown Mission Experience is celebrating their 10th Anniversary, we are looking forward to being a part of this celebration! This year we have 15 youth plus 4 adults going (still need 3 adults), so our fundraising goal has doubled since last year.

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

30 Hour Famine

On March 14-15, our Dixboro Youth will be fasting to bring awareness to hunger related issues around the world. All proceeds will go to *World Vision*, who sponsors the 30 Hour Famine. Our team goal is \$1,785, which will sponsor 51 children for one month. \$35 takes care of a child for a month. Please give generously to our goal. I would like to help the youth realize they can make a difference when we dream God sized dreams. On Sunday, March 9th, we will be taking up a noisy coin (and bills) collection during the service.

Did you know that 7,000 kids under 5 died of hunger-related issues every day around the world in 2011?

That is 1 child every 13 seconds, which is an improvement from 1 in every 5 seconds in 2007; won't you help increase these seconds even more? Pledge to pray one hour or more during the 30 Hour Famine for our youth and for famine concerns around the world. I would love to have 30 different people pledge to take an hour to do this. A sign up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall for the available time slots.



Thank-You from the Youth

Thank you so much for supporting our Souper Bowl Sunday; we hope you enjoyed your soup. We raised about \$472 towards our Motown Mission Trip. There will be another Soup Sunday on March 23rd.

Future Fundraisers for Youth Summer Motown Mission Trip:

- ◆ Now through June 30: Ongoing Can & Bottle Drive. Please help support the youth by bringing in your returnable bottles and cans. All varieties accepted. The collection bin is outside of the nursery and youth room.
- ◆ Sunday, March 23 Soup Sunday for Motown Mission, after worship
- ◆ Sunday, April 20 Easter Breakfast at 10am
- ◆ Saturday, May 3 Community Bottle and Can Drive from 10am to 2pm
- ◆ Saturday, June 14 Car Wash at BP Colonial Gas Station 10am to 2pm

Church Council Meeting Scheduled for March 16th

From Amy Knutilla, Secretary of the Council

There will be a Church Council meeting on Sunday, March 16th, in Fellowship Hall following Sunday Worship. Agenda items include:

- Approve 2014 Budget
- Hear report from Restructure Task Force

Please contact Tom Little with any other action items for this meeting.

Grocery Store Contributions for 2013

From Amy Knutilla

Those in our Dixboro Family who designate Dixboro Church as the charitable organization to support when they use their grocery store cards raised \$3,057 in 2013. What a painless way to donate to the church! You join their rewards program, designate Dixboro UMC as the rewards recipient, shop, and 0.5% - 5% of your total purchase amount is donated to us. I know that for some of us there are many terrific organizations fundraising this way and competing for your shopping rewards dollars; one trick I've used is to obtain two cards and alternate their use when I shop. To join, go to your store's website, search for their program and enroll. Dixboro Church is a participating charitable organization for all of the stores below. If you need help, please contact me at the church office, 734-665-5632 or dumc@dixborochurch.org.

We really could benefit by having someone in the Dixboro congregation volunteer to coordinate this program. This would involve understanding how each program works and working with Amy in the church office to promote and support congregation participation. Please contact me!

Store	2012	2013	Change	Rewards Program Name
Busch's	\$1,787	\$1,547	\$ (240)	Busch's MyWay: Cash for Education
Hiller's	85	108	23	Hiller's Club: Community Rewards
Kroger	1,324	1,242	(82)	Kroger Community Rewards
Meijer	138	160	22	Meijer Community Rewards
Total	\$3,334	\$3,057	\$ (277)	

Camp Sunday Collection will be held April 27th

By Rev. Mary Hagley

Dixboro Church has a rich history of sending their children and youth to United Methodist summer camp, which is an amazing way for children and youth to fill connected with God and to nurture their relationship with Jesus. Last we helped 11 youth go to camp, check out their [testimonials on our church website](#). This year I am expecting about 15 youth who would love to attend camp. Please give generously.



Fun at Lake Louise summer camp in 2013

Camp Scholarships Available

Dixboro Church would like to offer scholarships for members and non-member affiliates who are interested in attending United Methodist camp this summer. Due to the high demand of scholarships, and the available money, our scholarships will be smaller this year. We will offer \$150 to members and \$100 to non-members. All scholarship applications should be turned in by Sunday, May 4 to Rev. Mary. You will find the application on the church website on the Youth Ministry page. If you need more financial assistance check with the camp you are attending. If you are going to Lake Louise, take a look at the SAGE Tuition Rewards found on their website.

Vacation Bible School June 20-22

By Rev. Mary Hagley

This year we will be hosting a weekend VBS, where children and parents come Friday night and Saturday morning for 2.5 hours each. Sunday morning will be the VBS Closing Celebration followed by a picnic. Our Weekend theme is *Blast Off: Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love*. Please mark your calendar for June 20-22, we need everyone involved

to be able to reach out to our community with God's love. Contact Rev. Mary if you can help, also we will have a VBS meeting after church at 11:45am on March 23 & May 4.



Memorial Fund Update for 12/2/2012—12/30/2013

By Helen Snedeker, Memorial Chair and Phebe Judson, Memorial Treasurer

Ron Henderson memorial fund was used for the Vivaldi Cantata players' music.

Margaret Thomas fund was used for church music.

Marvin Zeeb, Elizabeth Zeeb, and Ivan Zeeb memorial funds have been used for maintenance of the pipe organ in December 2012, and two piano tunings in June, August, and November of 2013.

Harriet Gill memorial fund was used for the Fellowship Hall floor.

Barbara Brandon and Grace Judson memorial funds have been used to renovate and decorate the parlor.

Darrell Trotter, Don Carter, and Patty Miller memorial funds were used for a new projector in the Sanctuary.



From Ingrid Sheldon, Treasurer

The January deficit is larger than last year's. It would be greater if it had not been for taking the SRP fund back into the General Fund and all the due to's and due from's. But it all balances! ☺ The report also reflects the distribution of the Fair proceeds – ½ to the Trustees and ½ to the church. That one-half is in prepaid revenue on the balance sheet and will be part of a monthly addition to general fund revenue. No checks were written during January for Mission projects. If there are other questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

	January	YTD 2013	Budget	Difference	YTD Actual as % of Budget	YTD 2013
REVENUE						
General Giving	11,787.31	11,787.31	220,000.00	208,212.69	5.36%	12,559.33
Spec Collections, Designations, Other	3,050.55	3,050.55	0.00	3,050.55		229.00
TOTAL REVENUE	14,837.86	14,837.86	220,000.00	205,162.14		12,788.33
EXPENSE:						
Conference/District Related	4,007.60	4,007.60	40,076.00	36,068.40	10.00%	4,034.20
Church Related						
Missions, special collections, PHP, scholarships	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%	200.00
Payroll	4,272.99	4,272.99	4,201.88	41,797.17	101.69%	4,083.23
General church operations	4,533.16	4,533.16	3,149.03	37,783.84	143.95%	3,742.78
Committee	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%	-32.50
Special Project:	3,050.55	3,050.55	0.00	-3,050.55		229.00
Total Pastor related expense	6,720.42	6,720.42	83,469.00	76,748.58	8.05%	6,633.32
Total Parsonage Related	464.91	464.91	5,900.00	5,435.09	7.88%	266.57
Total Schoolhouse expense	41.08	41.08	250.00	208.92	16.43%	46.38
TOTAL EXPENSE:	23,090.71	23,090.71	224,082.16	200,991.45	10.30%	19,202.98
CHURCH RELATED INCOME (LOSS)	-8,252.85	-8,252.85	-4,082.16			-6,414.65

Mission Report

By Roberta King

Thank you for your generous response for House By the Side of the Road. We are now well stocked with paper goods, toiletries and sox and underwear. Our current need is for new and used items for newborns including gowns, PJs, infant socks, onesies, receiving blankets, wipes, lotion, baby oil, baby shampoo, and diapers.

We have entered a Covenant relationship with missionary, Princess Jusu. Princess serves the United Methodist Women's Training Center in Liberia. We will provide salary support and prayer support. Princess provides us with her newsletter which is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board and on our website on the [Ministry in the World](#) page.

The Dixboro Lenten Potluck will feature Edith Wiarda speaking on her recent trip to Liberia. She will report on the John Dean Town Project - a three year program of the Ann Arbor District UMC to bring maternal health care, clean drinking water and trained health care to this community. The Potluck is March 20th at 6:30 pm. Bring your own plates and silverware and a dish to pass. The Potluck is co-sponsored by Missions and the Dixboro United Methodist Women.



HISTORY CORNER

by Susan Engle

One hundred years ago the pastor of the Dixboro church was the Reverend Edgar Lafayette Moon, who served here 1912-1915. In the 1870 census he was in Lyon County, Kansas, age 18; his occupation was "school teacher, Michigan." In 1920, age 68, he was living in Ann Arbor with his wife and daughter and was still a Methodist minister. The following is from his memoir: Edgar was born in 1851 in Michigan, educated in Flint, taught "in that vicinity" for a few years, entered Albion College, and graduated June 1886. He died in 1928 and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. The memoir was written by H. Addis Leeson, who included "one of the last of [Edgar's] hundreds of short poems" (Detroit Conference journal, 1928, p. 151). In 1914 at the dedication of the renovated Sigma Chi residence in Albion, Michigan, Edgar L. Moon read a poem (Sigma Chi Quarterly, Vol. 34, 1915, p. 11-12). He also wrote two books: *The Contents of the Boy* and *New Minted Gold: An Arrangement of the Book of Proverbs* (from my internet research).

U.M.W. News

By Roberta King

At recent meetings the Dixboro United Methodist Women made hats, gloves and scarves for House By the Side of the Road.

Red Bird Mission sent a thank you letter for Campbell Soup labels sent by Dixboro UMW.

Give your Colgate Tooth Paste coupons to Eileen Bauer. She buys toothpaste for House By the Side of the Road.

Nancy Trotter is collecting canceled stamps which are then sold to purchase Sunday School materials for Spanish speaking countries. Stamps need to be cut with a 1/3 inch border around them.

Our next meeting will be held March 17th at 1pm. This will be our annual program of Prayer and Self-Denial. Funds collected will support building repair and maintenance for UMW mission properties around the world.



Members of U.M.W. with warm, homemade fleece items for House By the Side of the Road.

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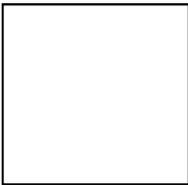
Opportunity for Fundraising and Fun!

From Gary King

Attention : The Yankee Air Museum will donate \$500.00 to the organization that supplies 15

volunteers for our air show, held at Willow Run Airport, Bellville, MI. Featuring the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds. The show takes place on August 9th and 10th, 2014 and is fun for men and women and older children. For more information contact: Gary King at 734-662-8020 or E-mail at garyandroberta@sbcglobal.net. This is an opportunity to help at one of the world's best airshows and make a little money for DUMC.. More info about the Airshow can be found at www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow.

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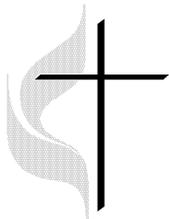
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