



# THE MESSENGER

Davison United Methodist Church

Rev. Debbie Line, Pastor

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## New Sunday School Class

Pastor Debbie and Paul Drake are leading a new Sunday School Class using the book *Crazy Love*. The God of the universe is crazy about you! His love is the most powerful thing in the world and He wants to give it to you, so you can live for Him. Sharing from his own life struggles and sacrifices, author Francis Chan issues a call for selfless, Christ-like living. Let the love you have received from God impact your life like never before. Come and join us in the parlor!

## Ash Wednesday



We will gather to mark the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 P.M. We will have a time of scripture and prayer to think about the journey Christ began towards the cross. It is service to think about our sin and sin of the world and reflect on our sorrow for them. Ashes will be placed on foreheads. This will take place in the sanctuary.

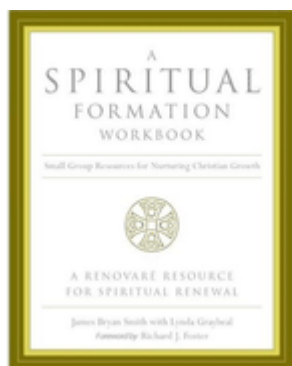
## New Members Class

If you would like information about Davison UMC and explore becoming a member of the church - please join us Friday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 & again on Saturday Feb. 25 at 9-noon for classes. If you decide to join the church, we will receive new members on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at both services. Register for this at the information desk area.



## Lenten Small Groups

During Lent we will have the opportunity to join with others to explore ways to grow in our relationship with Christ. Small Groups will meet at variety of days and times to explore the Spiritual Formation workbook. This workbook provides balanced, practical, and effective small-group strategies for spiritual renewal and growth. Includes guidelines for beginning a fellowship, study plans for eight sessions, It is based on six dimensions of Christ's life---the contemplative, holiness, charismatic, social justice, evangelical, and incarnational traditions. Watch for signup sheets for a group that will meet your schedule needs.



# Reminders and Opportunities

February 5 – **Church Council** – after second service

February 8 – **District Ministry Workshop** at Asbury Methodist – see details below

February 8 -- **UMW Book Club** Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Parlor. We will discuss *The Scent of the Water* by Naomi Zacharius. Please bring a box of cereal for the Food Pantry. Info: 810.210.7510 [cindymarko@gmail.com](mailto:cindymarko@gmail.com)

February 12 –after each service –Priscilla Circle – **Annual Priscilla Sweet Sale** see more information below

February 12 --**HandS** meet in parlor after second service –lunch at Macphees, M15 in Ortonville

February 15 -- Volunteer at Genesee Food Bank – Rides from church parking 8:15am – bring gloves & warm clothes

March 3 – 9am – 3pm **Little Dresses and Britches** sewing project – see details below

March 16 – **Fun Follies** – **save the date** – and start your creative juices !!!



**Priscilla Circle** is looking for all who would like to help bake and provide goods for the **Annual Priscilla Sweet Sale** Sunday, February 12, 2012 Fellowship Hall after each service Please bring all baked goods and candies packaged and priced by Saturday, February 11 in kitchen or on table in fellowship hall. All monies made from the bake sale will go toward DUMC Missions. Thank you in advance to all of you!! Blessings Priscilla Circle Members

**Sweethearts Banquet – Important Notice** – Due to the sudden passing of Jud Davis there will be no Sweetheart Banquet this year. We hope to see you in 2013. Paul Avitts, President

**HandS** – February 12<sup>th</sup> we will meet in parlor after second service to lunch at Macphees restaurant at 650 S. Ortonville Road. Single people are invited to join us at HandS (Happy and Single). We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month except for May and November.

**Little Dresses and Britches for Africa** For all of those that have hoards of material and/or can sew simple dresses and britches made out of pillow cases, DUMC is sponsoring a 6 hour sewing project. For all of us that do not sew - volunteer your time to make snacks, packaging (boxing, packaging tape, 2 gallon zip lock bags), and monies donated for shipping costs...a time for great fellowship. If you would like to get started go to the website listed below for pattern and directions.



See elsewhere in this Messenger for more information on the BIG DAY -- **Saturday, March 3, 2012** from 9:00AM - 3:00 PM. <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/>.

**Got Birthdays ?** Are you celebrating or know someone in our Church family who will be 90 years young in 2012. UMW honors them with a cake and punch reception or card shower. Help us not miss anyone! Call Beth Hoover 653-1024

**VBS Kickoff** Attention Vacation Bible School Planning –for past and interested VBS leaders, we will meet for a planning session at El-Charito’s restaurant, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Backup snow day February 27. Join us for “Babylon – Daniels Courage in Captivity!” The Holy Land Adventure

## Chili Cookoff for 2012 !!! READY...SET...COOK!

Davison UMC would like to invite you to participate in our 5th Annual Chili Cook Off, sponsored by Witness Work Area. We are asking those that think their chili is the best on the block to join us Sunday, March 4, at 12:15pm. Bring your best crock pot of chili and let the voting begin! See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. DUMC will provide cornbread, chili toppings, dessert, punch, tea, and coffee. If you are not cooking, please come, eat, and enjoy the fellowship and judge the chili for yourself...too hot? too cool? or just right?



## "Tools for Ministry and Bishop's Day Planning Session" Workshop

Tuesday, February 8 from 4 - 8:15 PM at Asbury UMC. More information and registration forms available in church office.

<b>FINANCE REPORT</b>	<b>for December 2011</b>	<b>2011 Total</b>
Income	\$50,695.47	\$398,641.81
Expense	\$34,620.37	\$379,740.49
Budget	\$28,408.83	\$340,899.27
Debt (Parsonage Loan)	\$54,401.55	

Garv Ackerman



**The journey of a disciple is never ending.** It has its high moments and it has its difficult trudging along times. Disciple is close to the word discipline and that word means hard work no matter which way you look at it! Discipline means training, repetitive training to produce strength and endurance. Yes it requires commitment and work, but usually has amazing results.

We have just come through a year of reading the whole Bible - many of you accomplished something you had never done - and I know it felt good. We could just rest on our laurels - but no we are going to continue to discipline ourselves to be disciples. For our Lenten time - we are going to devote time to small groups and spiritual disciplines. We will have times with each other - growing in our fellowship as well as studying the Word of God and challenging ourselves to practice some things that will help us grow in our understanding of the ways of God. But then the time of Lent is all about self-denial and sharing with those less fortunate.

I pray you will all participate in a group and find this time meaningful. Our Lord gave his all for us, and he left us a disciple's challenge. Mark 8:34-37, *Then he called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. "If any of you wants to be my follower," he told them, "you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?"* At this point we are not being asked to lay down our lives - but we are being asked to give up some time to grow in faith. Christ had his mission and was faithful. He gave us a mission - to walk as his disciples honoring God - let us grab hold of the moments given to do just that. Blessed Lent to us all!



**Sermons**

February 5	Fishing and Catching	Romans 12:1-13
February 12	Fishing - Keep it or Throw it Back	2 Peter 3:9-18
February 19	Youth Lead the Service	
February 26	Faith & Practice	Phil. 2:1-13

**Heifer Project**



Thank you for faithfully supporting the Heifer Project. We have decided to support this project during Lent instead of Advent. So even though we just finished giving for 2011 - we will begin this giving time again in March. Spring is a great time to think about giving funds for baby animals to help others move out of poverty to farm and share. So though it means back-back giving - we will share with others in need during the time of Lent.

## United Methodist Women

Make LOVING God your priority and all your other priorities  
will fall into place. Missions is the UMW's priority!

We have been invited to a Friendship luncheon February 9 at 12:30pm at Mt. Morris UMC at Mt. Morris UMC. All women welcome. Sign upon bulletin board across from Education office. Reservations to be called in February 6.

Important dates for UMW:

February 12 - Priscilla Circle's annual Sweet Sale. Visit the fellowship hall between and after 2nd service. Take home a Valentine treat. Pies, sweet breads cookies, candy and more!!!!!! Profits go to missions.

February 28 - Noon Unit Meeting. A day of prayer and self denial. Bring a sack lunch, beverage provided. Spiritual Growth Chairman Margaret Diener will present program.

Month of March - Naomi Circle will be selling Stanley products. April delivery.

April 19 - 20 - Attic Treasure Sale. We invite the congregation to donate items. Remember, your junk is someone else's treasure! Profits to our work in Missions!!!

Tell someone God loves them! Happy Valentine Day!

Ellen Wagester

\*NOTE TO PARENTS\*

## Junior Church

**Deuteronomy 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your strength.**

- Junior Church Participants will be making and distributing "LOVE Cookies" and each package will contain a "LOVE" scripture.  
**1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**
- Aprons will be supplied to children taking part in this activity.
- February 12, after second service the children will be handing out love cookies to the congregation!  
**1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails.**
- Happy Valentines Day!
- Thanks to everyone for volunteering to serve as a Junior Church Leader or for supporting our kids. Remember to sign up again this year to share in this ministry



## Parish Nurse Messenger Article February 2012

### FEBRUARY is HEART MONTH

Heart attacks are the number 1 killers of both men and women. Every 30 seconds someone dies from heart and blood vessel diseases, about 452,000 each year. Knowing the warning signs and getting help quickly can save many lives.

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. But most start slowly with mild pain or discomfort. Here are some signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- \* Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.
- \* Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, your back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- \* Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- \* Breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
- \* Women are most likely to experience shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

If you or someone you're with experiences chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call 911 and get to the hospital right away. Don't drive yourself unless you have absolutely no other option. The sooner care can be given, the greater the chance of survival.

**Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Wear Red Day.** Ladies, get out your red dress pins and wear them that day and all month. If you don't have one, pick one up at the information station on January 29.

**February 14 is National Donor Day.** Each organ donor can save up to 8 lives. Each tissue donor can improve the lives of up to 50 people. On average, 17 Michigan patients receive an organ transplant each week. In 2011 269 organ donors provided 791 organs to waiting recipients in Michigan saving hundreds of lives.

You can sign up to be an organ donor when renewing your driver's license. Or see pamphlets available on the parish Nurse board.

**Note: Date Change:** Dr Stromm will be presenting on Lifting, Bending and Care of Your Back on **February 12** at 9:45 in the Havens Chapel. Please plan to join us.

Margaret E. Diener RN FCN Parish Nurse

**Old Sewing Machines will still fill a need.** At the PET (Personal Energy Transport) building in Columbia, Missouri, there is a man who cleans, repairs and packages sewing machines for use in many other countries. This includes old treadle sewing machines, though only the "heart" is needed, no cabinet, no treadle. A handle will be attached to the wheel so the machine can be hand cranked. Electric sewing machines are also put to good use. All sewing machines are shipped with needed tools, needles, thread, lubricant and some cloth. Sewing machines brought to Flushing United Methodist Church will be taken to Columbia. Any sewing machines no longer being used, in any condition, will be accepted. Anyone going to or near Columbia, Missouri, can help by offering to take one or more sewing machines. We can give you directions. Thanks in advance. Thanks! Marty at Flushing United Methodist Church 810-659-5172

# PRAYERS and THANK-YOUs

We would like to thank everyone who had prayed, sent cards, and called with loving concern for our dear Aunt Margaret. Pastor Debbie Line led a wonderful service that included lovely music played by Theresa Henderson, and beautiful audio visuals by Gary Kramer. Our deepest and sincerest “thank you” for the showering of Christian love at her passing.

The family of Margaret Jean Dean

The bottle slip collection for December was \$30.00! Thanks for all your support in December and your continued efforts in 2012.

Because as of January 15, we have \$24.00 dollars toward the support of Abia in Africa and we are only half way through the month.

The 4th-6th grade Sunday School is grateful for the bottle slips you are turning in !!!

Ms. Pam Fyke, Mr. Vern Leach,  
Ms. Patty Woodside

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with “un-hanging” of the greens; it went very quickly, and really demonstrated the Principle of “many hands”.

Thru the advent season, our Church was a beautiful symbol of Christ’s love.

Karla Perrault

Thank you to all the volunteers on Friday, January 20, 2012 for your interest in serving lunch at the South Flint Soup Kitchen. The bright smiles of all our volunteers spread quickly to those we served in need. You all are truly a blessing.

Thank you DUMC Outreach Ministries

## Meet the Staff – Theresa Henderson

We are lucky to have the very talented Theresa Henderson playing organ and keyboards for us, as well as directing the bell choir. She began her music career at Court Street United Methodist Church, where the organist, Don Armitage became her mentor and let her accompany the choir at age 13. Theresa has been playing since that time.

Theresa is involved in other artistic endeavors. She loves knitting and weaving and is a Master Gardener. Her home was on the Master Gardener tour just last summer! She has been a member of the Black Sheep Weaving Guild for 20 years, and a member of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society for over 20 years.

Theresa’s family is scattered all about the country. Her daughter, Ann and husband Ryan live in Denver. Theresa’s grandson Aiden was born just this past Thanksgiving. Her brother, Dr. Kevin Dasen and his wife Diane, live in California with their daughter Julia who is 16. Theresa’s father, Bob Dasen, is 84 and lives in Flushing near Theresa. The newest member of the family is her long-haired mini Daschund named Jazzy. Theresa calls Jazzy her “sparkle.”

Something cool you may not know about Theresa is that she built a harp from a kit. Hopefully she will play it for us sometime soon!



T. VanSteenburg

## February Birthdays

Marion Magyar	03
Cy Stavros	04
Nicholas Hall	05
Laurie Galonska	06
Ryan Mathews	06
Deb Koval	07
Fionna MacDonald	10
John Matonich	10
Sarah Meyer	11
Charlie Stavros	12
Evelyn Adams	14
Grant Garman	14
Barbara Binder	15
Miranda Eastwood	15
Ralph Diehl	16
Angela Chinevere	16
Jean Malcomnson	18
Wayne Desjarlais	19
Mina Whitehead	19
Jo Seamon	20
Murray Edmonds	21
Ryan Hazard	21
Stephanie Rice	21
Paul Avitts	22
Jacqueline Stevens	22
Sara Hinshaw	23
Bryan Myott	23
Thomas Stevens	23
Mary Jane Hambley	24
Doris Stiehl	24
Iris Brink	26
Ashley Dietch	27
Pattie Isbell	28
Brock Rice	28

Hey – have we missed each other??

Whether out of state or out of touch – if you have missed Pastor Debbie’s sermons, you have missed some powerful messages. Where else could the famous Mr. Potato Head demonstrate how important each of us to the mission of the Church - -



See you soon!!!

• Sun      • Mon      • Tue      • Wed      • Thu      • Fri      • Sat

<h1>FEBRUARY 2012</h1>			<p>1 10 Staff; Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>2 9:30 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>3  6 Unicycles</p>	<p>4 10 Prayer Group</p>
<p>5 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 11 Worship; Jr. Ch Church Council tentative 6 UM Youth</p>	<p>6  1 Nurture 7 B Scouts</p>	<p>7 5-8:30 District <b>'Tools' for Ministry</b> 6 Prayer Group (HC) 6:30 C Scouts (B) 7 Lydia Circle</p>	<p>8 10 Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles; Book Club 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  6 Unicycles</p>	<p>11 10 Prayer Group 10-12 GS—Karen  6 Sweetheart Banquet (FH, K, P)</p>
<p>12 <b>SS Love cookies</b> Priscilla Sweet Sale 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 11 Worship; Jr. Ch 12 HandS 6 Youth; Women's study</p>	<p>13  7 B Scouts</p>	<p>14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>  9:30 Priscilla Circle  6 Prayer Group (HC) 6:30 C Scouts (B)</p>	<p>15 Food Bank 10 Staff; Prayer shawl  5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17  6 Unicycles</p>	<p>18 10 Prayer Group  Haiti Banquet 12-3 Bristol UMC</p>
<p>19 Transfiguration 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school; Health Happening 11 Worship; Jr. Ch 6 UM Youth</p>	<p>20  5:30 VBS Planning at El Charrito's 7 B Scouts</p>	<p>21  6 Prayer Group (HC) 6:30 C Scouts (B) 6:30 Witness (L)</p>	<p>22 <b>ASH WED</b> 10 Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles <b>7 Ash Service</b> 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>23  6-8:30 GS Leaders</p>	<p>24 6 CS Blue/Gold Banquet (B) 6 Unicycles <b>6:30 Membership Class</b></p>	<p>25 <b>9-12 Membership Class</b> 10 Prayer Group 10-12 GS—Karen</p>
<p>26 Lent 1 <b>Member Reception</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 11 Worship; Jr. Ch 6 Youth; Women's study</p>	<p>27  7 B Scouts</p>	<p>28 12 UMW Unit (P)  6 Prayer Group (HC) 6:30 Trustees; Cub Scouts (B)</p>	<p>29 10 Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir</p>			<p>Updated: 1/17/12</p>

## Little Dresses for Africa (and Britches too)

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9AM – 3PM

Davison United Methodist Church

For Sign Up Sheets and Further information see **Bulletin Board in Narthex**

or

810-653-8107 Diana Snider, Pastor Debbie, Patty Woodside,  
Garnett Hickok, Ellen Wagester



Davison United Methodist Church is hosting a one day Lenten sewing project for the <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog> . We are looking for **everyone** to volunteer and you don't have to sew to help out.

Donated Items needed: Standard Pillow Cases, material, elastic, double bias tape  
Donated foods for luncheon and monies for shipping costs.

**Please visit sign up/information sheets on Narthex Bulletin Board!**

Thank you,  
Outreach Ministries

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