

# February 2016



**We are Christ's body**, beloved, treasured and adored. Just as our own bodies were miraculously created to move rather than to be lifeless, the body of Christ is called and made to be life filled, life giving and life changing.

It is my hope and my prayer that we can grow together to become the body that Christ calls us to be and this church be full of life, love and laughter. It is also my hope that our experiences together through worship and fellowship bring about life change as we grow in our relationship with God and with one another. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10 and I invite you all to become "Closer" through this year's Lenten preaching series. Also, during Lent I encourage everyone to join me in daily prayer for the overall health and vitality for Dawson, our families, our neighborhood and community and beyond.

May our eyes see Christ in one another.

May our ears hear the cries, needs, cheers, and encouragement of one another as we listen for God's calling and direction for us as a church...as a family.

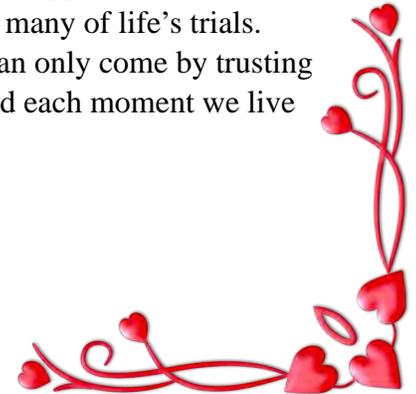
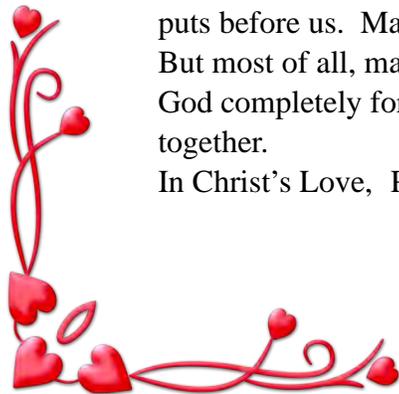
May our feet be willing to move in order to better serve Him, may we skip joyfully as children as we trudge through life's many pathways. May we be able to move over and around all obstacles that get in the way of us doing God's work and ministry.

May our hands reach out and lift up one another. May our arms carry each other's burdens and may we raise our arms in praise, delight, and celebration for God is good. He chooses us as His very own. May the "high 5's" and the pats on the back be plentiful each day as we encourage one another.

May our hearts be filled with love and compassion for not only this particular Body of Christ, but for all of God's children. May our hearts be open to receive new opportunities that God puts before us. May our hearts be filled with courage to withstand many of life's trials.

But most of all, may our hearts be filled with the confidence that can only come by trusting God completely for each breath we take and each step we make and each moment we live together.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Amy



# 3D Wednesday Night

**NEW!** Bible Study

All youth and adults are invited to join Pastor Amy on Wednesday evenings for a new study, "Five Marks of a Methodist". This study will help us all grasp a clearer understanding of five specific character traits that confirm our identity as not just United Methodists but as genuine and fruitful followers of Christ.

During the six week study we will study the following principals; A Methodist Loves God, A Methodist Rejoices in God, A Methodist Gives Thanks, A Methodist Prays Constantly and A Methodist Loves Others.

This study will be an opportunity to grow in your faith whether your relationship with the Christ and the church is new or longstanding.

Come, learn, and experience fellowship as we Dine and grow in Discipleship at Dawson! If you'd like to order your own copy of the book, go to the Cokesbury website at <https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9781501800597/five-marks-of-a-methodist/> or also available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). On Wednesday evenings the children will continue with their Deep Blue Kids program and studies.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They have begun a study of the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime. Come grow with us!

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**Facebook**



**"Dawson Church"**

Looking forward to Easter we will once again this year need your assistance with donations of candy and other items to fill the eggs for the egg hunt, thank you. Sheryl Kaufman



## Pancake Breakfast

February 20th 8 - 10 A.M.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Classes for All Ages  
AT 9:30 AM**

"ALL ARE FROM THE DUST,  
AND TO DUST ALL RETURN"  
ECCLESIASTES 3:20



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEB 10TH @ 6 PM



Coming on Feb 14th is Scout Sunday. Please make plans to attend and support our scouting organizations.



# HOLY WEEK

## WORSHIP SERVICES COMING IN MARCH

LENT - FEB 14 - MAR 13

PALM SUNDAY - MAR 20

HOLY THURSDAY - MAR 24  
(SPECIAL SERVICE @ 7 PM)

SONRISE SERVICE - MAR 27  
(SPECIAL SERVICE TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED)

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP  
MAR 27 @ 10:45 AM

## Mission News ...

### From Our Neighborhood

Our family from Anderson School which we "adopted" for Christmas this year had a nice holiday. We collected over \$140.00 with three Change-4-Change Offerings. These funds were spent on the three boys ages 9, 2 and 1.

Through some individual donations, we also presented a \$200.00 Walmart Gift Card to be used for groceries, coats and clothing; a gas card and personal gifts for the Mother and Grandmother.

Also, from the Mitten Tree, we collected 5 big bags of mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, socks & underwear to be distributed to needy children at Anderson school.

Thank you, for all of your donations and help with these two very important local mission projects that help people right here in our community.

**MAKE  
LENT  
COUNT**  
PRAY • ACT • GIVE



**Ash  
Wednesday**

Create in me a clean heart,  
O God,  
and put a new and right  
spirit within me.

### Welcome Children!

The Christian Education and Nurture Committee asks that you join them in welcoming the children into the sanctuary for the entire worship service as Children's church is being placed on a hiatus. There will still be a volunteer nursery attendant available for those families in need with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers ages four and under each week. To help engage children in the worship service, "busy bags" will be provided each week. This is an exciting and positive thing as we can worship together each week intergenerational level. If anyone has any questions regarding this change, please see Pastor Amy.

### Confirmation Class

Yes friends we are blessed with students eager to know more about God and his purpose for us! Amen! Beginning next Sunday Feb. 7 during Sunday School time (9:30a.m.), we will begin our journey. All young people 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. We will learn about God's Word, the church, baptism and membership confirmation. Pastor Amy and I will be taking turns teaching this class. We will also meet on Wednesday evenings 6-6:45. We are seeking others to serve with us as mentors during our Wed. evening discussions. We are excited to begin this adventure and are hoping some more of you will join us. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Amy and myself. Thanks, Dulcie Guinty

## It's a Matter of Heart

The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. Luke 6:45

How is your heart today? Do you leave church Sunday mornings feeling refreshed, blessed and full of hope to face the week ahead? This is how God meant for life to be in our church family. But all too often the pressures and ways of the world get on each of us and create disharmony and chaos. Then we lose sight of God's plan for us and think too often of ourselves and not of others. We can't serve God's purpose with a heart full of motives. We can't serve others only if it serves to further the status we have placed on ourselves in performing that service. We are only fooling ourselves as we can't earn status with God. He already loves us. His greatest expectation of us is to love with a pure heart.

Those who love a pure heart and are gracious in speech will have the king as a friend. Proverbs 22:11

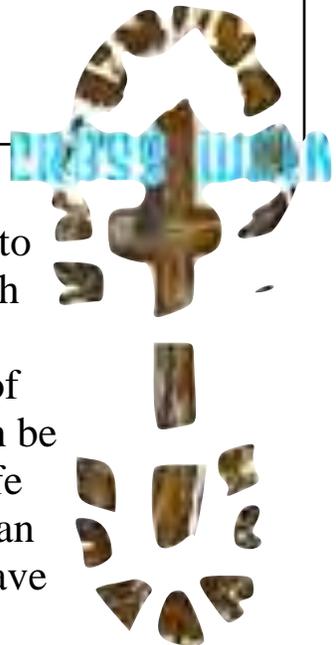
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8

But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:5

As we are approaching the season of Lent I encourage us all to make some time for a bit of introspection. Truly how is your heart? Listen to what you say to others. Are you uplifting or critical? Are you happy for others' successes or are you full of envy? Are you receptive of new ideas and suggestions or resentful and dismissive? Don't get stuck in a spiritual rut. We've got to open our hearts, clean up our attitudes, make our hearts a pure home for God's love to occupy and operate in. Only through good communications and working together led by His love can we truly achieve His goals for each one of us. So you see brothers and sisters it really is a "Matter of Heart".

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8

Humbled and Blessed In His Grace  
Dulcie



### CrossWalk for Youth and Young Adults

All high school youth and young adults up to age twenty are invited to come to the church on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:30, beginning Sunday, February 21 for a time of fellowship, learning, and worship. Life can be

tricky at times, join other's in this age group as we journey through life and faith together, one step at a time; come to CrossWalk! If you are an adult and you would like to volunteer in this new ministry or if you have any questions, please see Pastor Amy.

Ash Wednesday Service  
**Feb 10th @ 6 PM**





**WATCH WHAT GOD DOES, AND THEN YOU DO IT,**

like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.

**MOSTLY WHAT GOD DOES ...**

**IS LOVE YOU!**

KEEP COMPANY WITH HIM AND LEARN A LIFE OF LOVE.

**OBSERVE HOW CHRIST LOVED US.**

*His love was not cautious, but extravagant!*

HE DIDN'T LOVE IN ORDER TO GET SOMETHING FROM US  
BUT TO GIVE EVERYTHING OF HIMSELF TO US.

**Love like that.”**