



DCC February News Letter

February 2017

Dixon Community Church 955 E. A St., Dixon, CA 95620

We love because
he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

Join Us

- Sundays 9:45am Meet and Greet, 10:00am Church Service
- Wednesday Nights 7:00pm Family Night/Bible Study
- Check out future dates below for more events at DCC

Upcoming Events

Feb. 19-2017 Annual Congregational Meeting/Lunch and Meeting to follow service

February 21-6:30pm Night of Worship

February 26-Kidz Club Meeting, Rm. 4, 5 Month in review following service

From the Pastor's Desk-Rev. Dan Vraa Happy St. Valentine's Day

St. Valentine (A.D.176-273) was an authentic historical figure who died for his faith in Jesus Christ. His legacy is one of selfless, courageous love. Valentine, a Christian pastor, had been known to perform weddings for Roman soldiers (at the time, forbidden under Roman law) who had converted to Christianity. He lived in a cottage outside Rome, where he tended a beautiful flower-filled garden, in which he performed weddings. His flowers added to the beauty of these weddings, and were a source of joy to the children in his neighborhood.

About 270AD, the Roman Emperor, Claudius II, began a persecution of Christians because they did not worship the Roman gods (which included the Emperor as a deity). Valentine refused to commit idolatry, and was thrown into prison as a result.

After Valentine's arrest, the children in his neighborhood continued to care for his garden, and often sent flowers to him in his cell. The children knew the jailer's daughter, a blind girl, and gave the flowers to her to pass on to Valentine. She and Valentine became very good friends.

In the course of time, Valentine prayed for God to give the little girl her sight, and she was healed. As a result, the girl, her father, and 44 other people in their extended family gave their lives to Christ, and were baptized.

When word of this reached the Emperor, he was furious, and ordered Valentines, execution. Valentine's last act before being beheaded, was to write an encouraging note to his dear young friend, the jailer's daughter. He signed the note, "from your Valentine". Since then, Christians have honored his life and death by exchanging affirming notes of genuine affection, signed, "your Valentine."

Today, Valentine's Day has morphed into a "sweetheart date night". But of higher significance, is the love and courage of the historical St. Valentine. He could have taken the "easy way," bowed to the whims and gods of his age, and not suffered at all. He put Christ first, put others before himself, and through his suffering and love, others were blessed. This kind of selfless love is the kind of love Jesus has for us: "Greater love has no one that this: that he lay down his life for his friends: (John 15:13). This is why Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Much more than mere

Future Upcoming Events

March 1-6:30pm Ash
Wednesday Service,
7:00 Family Night/Bible
Study

March 5-DCC New
Website will be launched

March 12-Daylight
Savings, Spring Forward

March 17-6:00pm-St.
Patrick's Day Dinner &
Family Game Night

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infatuation, it is His courageous and selfless lack of love. Because we are loved this way, we can, in turn love others in this way. We can put Christ first in our lives, and love those in need in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, jobs, church, Dixon, and beyond.

Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, so you can know and experience this amazing love. If you don't have a "church home," please join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM, and Bible Study/Family Night Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

In Christ's love, Rev. Dan Vraa, Pastor, Dixon Community Church, 955 "A" Street Dixon.

DCC Valentine Dinner Review



What a great time speed dating with our elders, having a wonderful dinner and then quizzing them and a great devotion. Thank you Miranda and family for all your hard work and thank you for the elders participation and last but not least thank you to all who came to enjoy the evening.

Rummage Sale Thank You



Thank you to all who came out to support our rummage sale. If you donated, helped price, organize, work at the sale, helped clean up, or bought things, we appreciate you. We couldn't have done it without you!

Recipe of the Month

1 can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained and rinsed
¼ cup lemon juice (1 lemon, juiced)
2 tablespoons olive oil + more for serving
1 teaspoon cumin

2 ripe avocados
2 garlic cloves
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon paprika + more for serving

Place all ingredients in a food processor or high-speed blender and blend or puree until very smooth. Transfer to a serving bowl and enjoy with Blue Diamond Flax Seed Artisan Nut Thins and/or Multi-Seed Artisan Nut Thins, pita chips, raw veggies and/or use the hummus as a sandwich/wrap spread and add a little water to use as a salad dressing.