

DISPATCH MARCH 2021

A Message from Pastor Melissa...

Dear Dunlap friends and family,

Where have you seen God this week? Where has God been at work in your life or in the lives of others? Where has God's glory been reflecting in the actions of others or in the world around us?

In just a couple of days since we first talked about God sightings on Sunday, the stories have been flooding in. We have heard about the kindness of strangers who cleared the rest of a driveway without being asked or even known. We have seen people surviving and thriving after a very dangerous wreck. Healings have abounded where one can eat solid food again. I have heard stories where everything was set up to go wrong, yet it didn't, with God's help.

I think it is very important that we ask these questions of one another on a regular basis. Where has God been at work? The reality is that God is always at work in our world, whether we can see it or not. Nothing we do or don't do will stop God from shining his love and grace into our world. That said, the ability to see God's glory around us can transform us.

It is easy and so very human to focus our attentions on the things going wrong around us. Between politics, weather, and COVID, this has not been an easy time for any of us. Many of us are grieving right now: grieving loss of those we love, loss of work or income, loss of ability or freedom, loss of what used to be or should have been. This pain, fear, and hurt is very real, and we cannot deny it. It is good and healthy to feel and live the pain of life. Even Jesus wept. The danger comes when we ONLY see what is wrong, and we cannot see where God is at work.

During this last year, we have been forced to give up so much. As we are moving through the season of Lent, fasting from one more thing may seem impossible. Whether you are choosing to fast or unable to do so, I invite every person in this congregation to pick up the practice of identifying God sightings. Commit to naming weekly where you see God at work. Share it with a loved one, send it to the prayer chain, post it on Facebook, or even just say it out loud at home, and give God thanks. Let us learn once again to see where God is working in our world in both big and small ways.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Melissa

We are working diligently to create a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration for the kids this year. We are currently looking for some gray sheets and a tent to use to create an empty tomb.

Do you have some that we could borrow?

If you do, Alice Morris would love to hear from you!

Holy Week Celebrations

March 28th Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 AM - In Person or Online

April 1st Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
*Please note: This service will not be streamed online

April 2nd Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00 PM - In Person or Online

April 4th Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM in the church parking lot

*Please note: This service will not be streamed online

- Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration at 9:00 AM - outside

*In the event of inclement weather,
these events will be held indoors.*

- Worship Service at 10:00 AM - In Person or Online

There will be NO Easter Breakfast this year

CELEBRATING IN MARCH

Birthdays

2nd	Trenton Miller
8th	Marcia Gard
15th	Susan Kime
31st	Randall Vollmar

Anniversaries

22nd	Don & Joyce Metzler-Smith
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MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

7th	Terri Ganger	
14th	Jane Hunsberger	To the glory of God
21st	Wes & Jennifer Davis	In honor of Emily's Birthday
28th	Kay Adkins	In memory of Dad, Walter Lienhart

Easter Candy Needed

The Easter Egg Hunt is just over a month away and we need your help getting ready.

We need bags of individually wrapped Easter Candy that can be used to fill the Easter Eggs. You can bring your donation and place it in the box in the back of the Sanctuary by Palm Sunday (3/28). If you can help with the hunt let Alice know!

COMING UP IN MARCH

1st	Staff/Parish Meeting	7:00 PM
8th	Church Council	7:00 PM
16th	Preschool Meeting	6:00 PM
23rd	Trustees	6:30 PM

MARCH LITURGISTS

7th	Dave Vollmar
14th	Karen Newland
21st	Kay Adkins
28th	Andrea Nelson

Our web site is getting an overhaul!
Check back often to see what's new!



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