

Dunlap United Methodist Church
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Methodist Church

*Growing in Christ-like Love
through intentional
Outreach and Worship*

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www.elkhartdunlapumc.org
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Wonder what time your meeting is?
Want to pay your tithe?
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on our web site!

DISPATCH MAY 2021

A Message from Pastor Melissa...

Last week, I took my son to his first t-ball practice. While he has done soccer skills and swimming lessons, he has never played on a team sport. I wasn't quite sure what to expect of a t-ball practice, but I have to tell you, it was one of the funniest things I have seen recently. The coach looked at these nine boys between four and six years old like they were tiny aliens exploring our planet for the first time. A minute into the boys entering the field, he looked out at the parents and said "You all are welcome to come help." In the end, there were almost as many dads out there as there were kids.

These kids were so confused. Each was given a turn to bat, and they each could hit 5-6 balls off the tee. After the last ball, they were supposed to run to first base. One boy went running to first base bat in hand...then turns around, runs back, put down the bat, and ran again. Two boys (my son included) dropped their bats, ran to first base, and promptly ran straight back to home. The funniest little boy had clearly been practicing at home. He was able to get the ball all the way to the outfield, but every time he hit the ball, he took off running. He ran around every base, got close to home plate, and promptly belly flopped in the dirt. I haven't stopped laughing at the picture of nine confused little boys entering the world of t-ball for the first time.

Sometimes in this world, I feel a lot like these little boys. We don't have an instruction manual that addresses every single obstacle that comes our way. Much of living in this world requires learning from our own experience or the experience of others, if we are wise enough to listen to them. Unfortunately, when it comes to many things (pandemics, unexpected grief, loss of freedoms, and more), we may feel like a 4 year old swinging a baseball bat at their first t-ball practice.

Like that 4 year old, though, we have an invaluable resource. We have a Coach who understands the game better than we ever can. We have a Good Shepherd who leads us through the darkest of valleys. We have a True Vine who keeps us connected to what really matters most. We have the Living Water and the Bread of Life. We are not approaching overwhelming or confusing times alone. In Jesus, we can approach whatever life throws at us and know that with faith in the Father, strength from the Spirit, and hope in Christ, we are well equipped through it all.

It's time for spring training. We are going through life figuring it out as we go along, but we have the best coach we could ever need. Play ball! Let us step forward in faith.

God Bless,
Pastor Melissa



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4th Debra Lienhart
 May 9th Nathan Wheeler
 May 10th Jane Hunsberger
 Robert Wise
 May 11th Ethlyn Sternberg
 May 16th Rita Ritzler
 May 19th Dhina Hoffman
 Rosa Rodarte
 May 24th Kenneth Lienhart
 May 28th Drake Weatherholt
 May 30th Lois Kime
 Alice Morris
 May 31st Dennis Kline

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 20th Larry & Sherry Moore
 May 24th Mike & Shana Dines
 May 25th Delfino & Teresa Flores

MAY LITURGISTS

May 2nd Dave Vollman
 May 9th Karen Newland
 May 16th Carolyn Anderson
 May 23rd Carolyn Vollmar
 May 30th Youth Sunday

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

May 2nd Stan & Jane Hunsberger
 Praises to God!
 May 9th Carol Glick
 In memory of Don
 May 16th Joan Zehr
 In memory of Lowell Zehr
 May 23rd Shana Dines
 May 30th Keith Miller
 For June Miller

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning our altar each Sunday morning have become a special part of our worship service. Each week these flowers are placed by individuals or families who wish to honor or remember a loved one or a special occasion. If you would like to be a part of this special program you can sign up on our website (www.elkhartdunlapumc.org) under the Get Involved @ DUMC menu or by signing up of the flower chart at the back of the sanctuary, **but don't wait too long as there are only a few dates left**. We request a \$20 donation for each date you sign up for and the flowers are yours to take at the end of the service that day.

DUMC Shut In Ministry

*Some information concerning our Shut-Ins has been updated.
 Contact the church office for the updated copy of the Shut-In list,
 or pick up a paper copy of the newsletter
 in the church lobby on Sunday Morning.*

<div> <div>May 2021</div> <div>Dunlap United Methodist Church</div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday Morning Worship 5pm: Bible Study	3 7pm: Staff/ Parish Meeting	4	5	6 6:30pm: Scouts	7	8
9 Mother's Day Sunday Morning Worship 5pm: Bible Study	10 6pm: WON Meeting 7pm: Church Council Meeting	11	12 1pm: S.W.A.N.	13 6:30pm: Scouts	14	15
16 Sunday Morning Worship 5pm: Bible Study	17	18	19	20 6:30pm: Scouts	21	22
23 Sunday Morning Worship 5pm: Bible Study	24	25 6pm: Preschool Meeting 6:30pm: Trustee Meeting	26	27 6:30pm: Scouts	28	29
30 Sunday Morning Worship 5pm: Bible Study	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					