

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](http://www.elkhartdunlapumc.org)**

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Need a bulletin?  
Wonder what time your meeting is?  
Want to pay your tithe?  
All of this and MORE is available  
on our web site!

# DISPATCH OCTOBER 2021

## *A Message from Pastor Melissa...*

Dear Church,

Last week, I took my son to pick out his costume for trick or treating. He went through a few ideas over the last couple of weeks, but he finally settled on one and insisted that he was absolutely going to be a ninja for Halloween. With ninjas in mind, we went out to the Halloween store, and he carefully decided on a ninja costume that was black with blue dragon details. Don't be surprised if you see me walking through the grocery store with a ninja in tow, because the boy loves his costumes!

I have always enjoyed Halloween myself. There were many years when I dressed up like the wicked witch from Oz or a dalmatian like the 101 dalmatians. Year after year I would walk to my neighbor's houses and say "trick or treat" as they filled my little bucket with more candy than I would be allowed to eat between then and Christmas.

As an adult, I still enjoy Halloween, but the reason is a bit more nuanced. In modern trick or treating, I see a mass expression of grace, imitating in a very small way the grace of God. In trick or treating, when it is done right, we give candy or treats to every child we see. Some may be in expensive costumes with all the bells and whistles, and others may have pulled something together from the clothes in their closet, but they all get the same free gift of candy. Nothing they do earns these special treats, but they get them anyway, simply because they are willing to accept. That is grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." The grace of God is a free gift. We cannot earn it. No clothes we wear or good deeds we choose will earn us the love of God. The very best and worst of us are all offered this free grace and love through Christ.

This year, as we come into the month of October, let us consider the grace of God that is given to each of us freely. We cannot earn it, but it is offered to each of us in turn. Thanks be to God!

God Bless,

*Pastor Melissa*

P.S. If you would like to be a part of trick or treating at church, we are collecting individually wrapped candies and small treats. Please feel free to start bringing these at any time!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 4th	Mike Bushman Hannah Davis
October 6th	Kellie Wheeler
October 7th	Andrea Nelson
October 22nd	Tobi Price
October 23rd	Helen Glick
October 25th	Marcia Brothers
October 26th	Steve Kilmer
October 30th	Donna Miles

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 22nd	Ron & Laura Utley
October 24th	Steve & Ruth Kilmer
October 26th	Jerry & Kay Adkins Dave & Paula Kercher
October 27th	Mike & Pam Garber
October 28th	Bruce & Tammy Hill

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN OCTOBER

October 6th		October 20th	Diana Kado
October 13th	Kay Adkins	October 27th	NO Wednesday Evening Ministries - Fall Break

If no one has signed up to prepare a meal, the meal for that week will be cancelled. Feel free to contact the office on Wednesdays to see if we will be serving a meal that week.

## OCTOBER LITURGISTS

October 3rd	Karen Newland
October 10th	<b>The Helmsmen Performance</b>
October 17th	Karen Weeber
October 24th	
October 31st	YOUTH SUNDAY

## SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

October 3rd	Wes & Jennifer Davis <i>In honor of Hannah's Birthday</i>
October 10th	Carolyn Anderson <i>In memory of Linda</i>
October 17th	Helen Glick <i>In memory of LeRoy</i>
October 24th	Jerry & Kay Adkins <i>In honor of our 47th Anniversary</i>
October 31st	Arlen & Shirley Troup <i>In memory of our daughter, Nancy Troup</i>



**The 2021 CROP Walk**  
**Ending Hunger**  
**One Step at a Time**  
**Sunday, October 3rd**  
*Immediately Following Worship*

You are invited to support the CROP Walk by:

- 1. Making a financial donation:** You may put a check or cash in the envelope in the sanctuary or you may donate online.
- 2. Praying for the walkers and those who will receive the much needed help.**
- 3. Join the walk:** If you would like to walk, please talk to Bruce Hill or Alice Morris.

**Or you can do all three!**

Thank you so much for supporting our community!

**It's time for Trick or Treat...and we need your help!**

We are hosting a drive-thru Trick or Treat time for our community on

**Sunday, October 31st from 6-7 PM**

Each child will receive: a Bag of popcorn, a craft to do at home, and bag of candy



**You can help make this possible by:**

- Donating Trick-or-Treat candy (individually wrapped). Please have it to the church by October 24th.
- Making a financial donation for the craft materials.
- Signing up to volunteer to hand out the bags.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the back or talk to Alice Morris.

## THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

### OCTOBER READING SCHEDULE & REFERENCES

DATE	TOPIC	REFERENCE
10/3	<b>Ch. 5:</b> New Commands And a New Covenant	Exodus 19-40
10/10	<b>The Helmsmen Performance</b>	
10/17	<b>Ch. 6:</b> Wandering	Numbers 10-21, Deuteronomy 1-9 & 9-34
10/24	<b>Ch. 7:</b> The Battle Begins	Joshua 1-11, 23-24
10/31	<b>Ch. 8:</b> A Few Good Men...And Women	Judges 2-8, 13-16



# October 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <b>CCS Sunday CROP Walk</b> Sunday Morning Worship THE STORY: Chapter 5 5 PM: Bible Study	4	5 6:30 PM: Worship Committee	6 <b>Wednesday Ministries:</b> 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	7	8	9 <b>Concord Firemen's Appreciation Breakfast</b> 8:30 AM @ CCFD on CR 18
10 Sunday Morning Worship <b>The Helmsmen Performance</b>	11	12	13 <b>SWANS: 1 PM</b> <b>Wednesday Ministries:</b> 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	14	15	16
17 Sunday Morning Worship THE STORY: Chapter 6 Choir in Worship 5 PM: Bible Study	18	19 6:00 PM: Preschool Committee 7:00 PM: Finance Committee	20 <b>Wednesday Ministries:</b> 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	21	22	23 <b>Charge Conference</b> @ Faith United Methodist Church 10:00 AM
24 Sunday Morning Worship THE STORY: Chapter 7 5 PM: Bible Study	25 7:00 PM: Youth Education Committee	26	27 <b>NO Wednesday Ministries</b>	28	29	30
31 Sunday Morning Worship THE STORY: Chapter 8						