

DISPATCH MARCH 2022

A Message from Pastor Melissa...

Dear Church Family & Friends,

When I was in Hanover, there was a wonderful couple who was in church almost every Sunday unless health made it impossible. When I arrived there, she had been in a wheelchair for several years due to a stroke, but she still found ways to be active in the church. We always held worship committee meetings in her home, because she was an important member of that committee, and it was easier for her. Something that I noticed as I entered her home each month was that the decorations in her home never stayed the same. In December, Santa graced each surface. In February, there were red hearts or pink doilies under silk roses. In March, green washed over everything as leprechauns peeked out over decorative plates. As the seasons changed, this woman would carefully and lovingly decorate her entire house in a new way, sending her husband to fetch boxes or place items on high shelves under her watchful eye. By walking into her home, you knew which season we were in and which holiday was imminent.

In much the same way, the sanctuary's "decorations," more properly known as "paraments," are changed with the seasons. The colors found on the altar, pulpit, lectern, banners, and even my stole tell a story. Each color means something and is put in place to shape our attitude of worship in any given season.

- White is a color of celebration. It reminds us of the fact that our souls are washed clean by God's grace. When you see white, we are celebrating something special: Christmas, Easter, baptism of the Lord, etc.
- Blue is a color of hope, and so it is attached to Advent, the season leading up to Christmas, when we hope and wait for the coming of Christ.
- Red is the color for the Holy Spirit. This color is used rarely in our calendar, but you will see it on Pentecost, at ordination services, and occasionally on other days.
- Green is the color we see the most often during the church year. It marks ordinary time. This is a time that is neither a specific celebration, nor hope, nor penitence.
- Finally, the last color we will see in just a few days is purple. Purple marks a time of penitence. It marks times of fasting and prayer, times of repenting from sin and preparing for renewal in Christ. We use purple in the season of Lent, and some churches will use it during Advent.

In just a few days, on Ash Wednesday, we will enter the season of Lent. We will mark it by naming our mortality and sin with a cross of ashes on our head or hand. Some may choose to spend the season fasting by limiting food, or distractions, or a single item that pulls them away from God. Some may choose to add a spiritual practice of daily prayer or Bible reading, weekly volunteering, journaling, or creating art for the glory of God. However we choose to do it, let us all find a way to let the purple of the season, the penitence and prayer, become a part of our daily lives as we move toward the pain, horrors, and ultimate celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

God Bless,

Pastor Melissa

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARY

March 22nd	Don & Joyce Metzler-Smith
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MARCH LITURGISTS

March 6th	Karen Weeber
March 13th	Jane Hunsberger
March 20th	
March 27th	Carolyn Anderson

MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

March 6th	Terri Ganger <i>In memory of Millicent Morros</i>
March 13th	
March 20th	Jana Workman <i>In memory of my sisters</i>
March 27th	

Save The Date!

Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 23rd - 10 AM - 2 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

IN MARCH

March 2nd	
March 9th	Kay Adkins
March 16th	
March 23rd	

March 30th

**If no one signs up to prepare the meal there will be no meal that evening. Be sure to watch your e-mail or check with the office to see if we will be serving a meal that evening!*

Holy Week Activities

Sunday, April 10th

Palm Sunday & Palm Processional

Thursday, April 14th

Maundy Thursday Service, 6 PM

Worship, Supper & Communion

Friday, April 15th

Good Friday Service, 7 PM

Saturday, April 16th

Walk Thru The Bible, 10 AM - 2 PM

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 AM

Outdoors, weather permitting

Easter Breakfast after Sunrise Service

Easter Egg Hung, 9 AM

Easter Worship Service, 10 AM

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.

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Dunlap United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Wednesday Ministries: 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ash Wednesday Service <i>Choir & Handbells following service</i>	3	4	5
6 CCS Sunday Communion Sunday Fellowship Time 5:00 PM: Bible Study	7 7:00 PM: Staff/Parish Committee	8	9 SWANS: 1 PM Wednesday Ministries: 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	10	11	12
13 5:00 PM: Bible Study	14 6:00 PM: W.O.N. Committee 7:00 PM: Church Council	15 6:00 PM: Preschool Committee	16 Wednesday Ministries: 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	17	18	19
20 5:00 PM: Bible Study	21	22 6:30 PM: Trustee Committee	23 Wednesday Ministries: 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	24	25	26
27 5:00 PM: Bible Study	28	29	30 Wednesday Ministries: 6PM: Meal 6:30 PM: Ministries 6:30 PM: Choir 7:30 PM: Handbells	31		

T H E S T O R Y

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

MARCH READING SCHEDULE & REFERENCES



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
3/6	Ch. 20 The Queen of Beauty And Courage	Esther 1-9
3/13	Ch. 21 Rebuilding The Walls	Ezra 7, Nehemiah 1-2, 4, 6-8 Malachi 1-4
3/20	Ch. 22: The Birth of the King	Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2 John 1
3/27	Ch. 23 Jesus' Ministry Begins	Matthew 3-4; 11, Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4



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Preschool Director	Cindy Covey
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