

# DISPATCH DECEMBER 2022

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

For the past half a year, we have spent time together as a church learning, praying, and worshipping together as we explored difficult questions about the future of Dunlap United Methodist Church. We worked together to determine what we believe and why regarding human sexuality. We listened to one another, learning of our differences and similarities. We looked carefully at whether this church would best serve God in or out of the United Methodist Church. It has been a difficult but important time of discernment together.

Just before Thanksgiving, the Ad Council met to discuss the question: do we as a church wish to vote on whether to remain United Methodist. After hearing some passionate pleas, the Ad Council, the leadership of this church, decided by consensus that we do NOT wish to continue towards a vote. This means that at this time, this church is remaining United Methodist.

This decision was not made lightly, and it was not a financial decision. This decision was made because the leadership of this church highly values the community and family that is in place at Dunlap UMC. We know that there are many strong feelings, opinions, and emotions regarding the conversations we have been having and whether or not to vote. If you would like to further discuss what this means and what Dunlap's options are moving forward, please contact me. My door is always open.

As we move towards a new year, I would like to use 2023 to build upon the discussions we have started. Who is God calling this church to be in a post-pandemic, post-[this discussion], year-2023-and-beyond world? What comes next for this church? Please keep an eye out after the winter snows pass for the ways you will all be invited to engage in further opportunities for discernment.

God is calling this church to new and wonderful things. Let's step forward and be The Church!

Have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Pastor Melissa

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 3rd	Josiah O Englehart
December 3rd	Karen Weeber
December 7th	Kaye Scheetz
December 7th	Joan Zehr
December 9th	Abigayle R Montgomery
December 9th	Morgan Weatherholt
December 10th	Kay Adkins
December 14th	Judy Wells
December 18th	Gene Rosenberry
December 18th	Lacey Utley
December 19th	Jim Kuhn
December 21st	Kristen Weatherholt
December 24th	Delfino Flores
December 27th	Paula Kercher
December 27th	Ron Pressler
December 30th	Patsy Hartwick

## DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

December 4th	Poinsettias
December 11th	Poinsettias
December 18th	Poinsettias
December 25th	Poinsettias

## DECEMBER LITURGISTS

December 4th	Karen Newland
December 11th	Wes Davis
December 18th	Carolyn Anderson
December 25th	Andrea Nelson

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 18th	Dennis & Teresa Kline
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# December 2022

Dunlap United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Christmas Luncheon	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 11:00 Worship
25 10:00AM Fellowship Hall Service 	26 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	27 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	28	29	30	31

# **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 5th immediately following Morning Worship. If you can bring a side or a dessert to share, great! If not, we still want you there! We look forward to celebrating the season as a church family!

## **DUMC PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Join us December 13th at 6PM for our preschoolers Christmas program! Each class will sing a few songs each and then we will have refreshments in the parish hall to follow!

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Make plans to join us for a special time of worship at our Christmas Eve Service. Service will begin at 11:00PM. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends and family to welcome in Christmas Day with a time of worship.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

Make plans to join us for a special time of worship at our Christmas Service. Service will begin at 10:00AM, it will be held in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends and family to welcome in Christmas Day!

## **DUMC PRESCHOOL HAT, SOCK & MITTEN TREE**

Wishing you the joys & blessings of the season!

Once again we will be accepting donations for our Hat, Sock & Mitten tree the weeks of December 1st thru 17th. All donations will go to families in need. Items should be new and unwrapped. The tree will be on display in the preschool hall and you can place your donations there. Thank you for joining us in this season of giving! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! - DUMC Preschool Staff & Committee

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# 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.*



Dunlap United  
Methodist Church  
*Growing in Christ-like Love  
through intentional Outreach  
and Worship*

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Mon. - Thurs.: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*(closed 12-1)*

Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Melissa Englehart
Education Director	Alice Morris
Preschool Director	Cindy Covey
Office Manager	Brianna Primm
Custodian	Laura Utley
Choir/Bell Choir Dir.	Kim Dooley
Organist	Lois Coney

## Find us online!

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

Want to watch a service you missed?

Need a bulletin?

Wonder what time your meeting is?

Want to pay your tithe?

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on our web site!

# CHRISTMAS CANTATA

It's Christmas! Emmanuel has come! Each December we are drawn again to the season of joy, yet no matter how many times we tell it, no matter how familiar the words become, our hearts are still stirred by the wonder of it all. We invite you to experience a true Christmas celebration, at 10:00 am on December 18, 2002, when the choir presents "Christmas – The Story That Never Grows Old". Narration by Pastor Melissa.

## COOKIE WALK 2022

The results of the Cookie Walk survey are in and because of your strong support there **WILL** be a Cookie Walk 2022! To provide a safe environment some modifications are necessary. All cookies will be prepackaged in both small and large boxes and gloves must be worn.

Cookies should be small, approximately 2 inches. The cookies must be delivered to the church by Noon, Friday, December 9th. Lots of volunteers will be needed to package cookies on the afternoon. And, on Saturday, December 10th, we will also need many hands to work at the Cookie Walk as well.

More details will be coming as the committee finalizes plans. Thank you for completing the survey, and for your upcoming cooking and time donations.

The Cookie Walk Committee