

DISPATCH SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

With the coming of Labor Day and the imminence of autumn, I find myself looking back over the summer we have had at our church. Traditionally, summer is a quiet time for the church. There are few events, attendance and giving are down, and we take a break from our regularly scheduled activities. Many of us take our vacations over the summer. With that said, the church does not close! I want to take a few minutes of your time to celebrate many of the wonderful things that DID happen over the summer.

The Nelson's Chicken BBQ in June raised some much needed money for the ministries of this church. Around \$1500 in profit was raised with the work of over a dozen volunteers.

Vacation Bible School was a hit with our Food Truck Party! More than 30 kids came to our church to learn about faith, fun, fellowship, and food. Behind all those kids, we had volunteers who came in during the months leading up in order to decorate and cut shapes and fill bags. Other volunteers served in registration, the kitchen, crafts, games, stories, songs, technology, and more! Many of you contributed financially, through physical donations, and by praying us through the week.

We sent five children and one adult to camp at Camp Lakewood this summer. Split over three different camp weeks, their summer camp experiences were powerful! Our church offers scholarships that pay a portion of the camp costs for those who wish to attend. The money for this fund is raised on Super Bowl Sunday with our sub sales.

Our Block Party reached about 60 kids plus their families as we worshipped outside, played games, ate hot dogs, and gave out school supplies. Volunteers cooked hot dogs, worked the registration booth, staffed the games, and just interacted with the families we met.

Our mission at Southside Elementary continued with the delivery of well over a thousand school supplies. At their back to school ice cream social, about a dozen volunteers from our church shared love and ice cream with the families of our community.

Dunlap United Methodist Church is not a large church with unlimited resources. We do not have dozens of staff members and a huge campus. Out of necessity, we take the summer as a Sabbath from some of our regularly scheduled activities. BUT. This church has done some amazing work for the kingdom of God between Memorial Day and Labor Day this year. Never be discouraged by the things we cannot do; instead celebrate, because we are doing the work to which God has called this church. As fall begins, what will come next?

God bless,
Pastor Melissa

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1st	Tammy Hill
September 2nd	Vaughn Leedy
September 5th	Sam Nelson
September 7th	Lois Weaver
September 11th	Teresa Kline
September 13th	Doug Krugh
September 13th	Donnie Weatherholt
September 14th	Ron Utley
September 20th	Lois Coney
September 21st	Merry Ferguson
September 24th	Barbara Stutsman
September 27th	Michael Kime

SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

September 3rd	Marcia Brothers in Memory of Ken & Mary Green
September 10th	
September 17th	
September 24th	Terri Ganger

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 2nd	Mike & Barbara Bushman
September 10th	Wes & Jennifer Davis
September 16th	Robert & Linda Wise
September 22nd	Stan & Brenda Wogoman

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

September 3rd	Carol Robinson
September 10th	Carolyn Anderson
September 17th	Tobi Price
September 24th	Carolyn Vollmar

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Dunlap United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 LABOR DAY! 	5 Staff/Parish @ 7PM	6 Meal @ 6PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	7 SWANS @ 1PM Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM Scouts @ 7PM	8	9
10	11 WON @ 6PM Church Council @ 7PM	12	13 SWANS @ 1PM Meal @ 6PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	14 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM Scouts @ 7PM	15	16
17	18	19 Preschool @ 6PM	20 66 Meal @ 6PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	21 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM Scouts @ 7PM	22	23  Trivia Night @ 6PM
24	25	26 Trustees @ 6:30PM	27 Meal @ 6PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	28 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM Scouts @ 7PM	29	30

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you all so much for the **school supplies** that you donated. We had a great time at the Block Party – worship outdoors is always wonderful, and we followed that with food (always a good thing!), and games, and lots of fellowship.

About 60 kids received school supplies, we had around 1,840 school supplies donated! I know the teachers appreciate what we give – otherwise they have to buy supplies out of their own pockets. And the kids appreciate it, too. They were so excited on Sunday!

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

Trivia Night : September 23rd @ 6PM

Epworth Forest 100'th Anniversary: September 30th from 12-4 (please let Pastor Melissa know if you plan to attend)

Dunlap United Methodist Church

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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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Custodian	Laura Utley
Choir/Bell Choir Dir.	TBD
Organist	Lois Coney

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