

DISPATCH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

Can you believe November is already upon us? Spooky season has passed, and our culture shifts to a focus on thankfulness. In our church and many like us, October was also a month of thankfulness. We gave thanks for our laity, and we especially recognized our teachers. These people sacrifice to be here week after week to lead our church through the Bible. They are there for your support and questions, and I am incredibly grateful for them.

Then, on the last Sunday of the month, you thanked me as your pastor. I received a card and gift cards. Thank you very much for your words and your generosity. I also want to say to you, thank you for all the love you have shown me over these last 4.5 years. This appointment has been a blessing to my son and to me, and I hope it continues for many more years.

This month, I want to take some time in our newsletter to thank the rest of our paid staff. Much of what they do every day is not visible to the congregation, and I am incredibly grateful for their work.

Lois comes in front of us week after week to play the organ. What you don't see on Sunday morning is the hours of practice during the week. If you drop in at the right time during the week, you might get to hear the sounds of the organ as she practices preludes and postludes or reviews hymns that she has played for many decades. Thank you, Lois!

Laura spends 15 hours a week cleaning our church. This is a big church, yet each week, Laura is here cleaning bathrooms, taking out trash, vacuuming floors, and more. If you come by the building at the right time, you may turn around to find her quietly working to make this church a healthier and cleaner place for each of us. Thank you, Laura!

Brianna is our newest staff person, but she has been here for over a year working diligently in the office. On Sundays the church sees her work on the bulletin and the PowerPoint, but her work goes beyond that. She is the first face that any person sees when they visit our office, and she is the first voice they hear on the phone. She records every new member and every death. Brianna pays bills, collects signatures, and generally deals with all the paperwork required to keep us going. Thank you, Brianna!

Alice's job has changed some over the years as the needs of the church have shifted, but she has been a blessing in her willingness to figure out the next steps. On Sundays, you see her leading children's messages and teaching the Bible Study, but her work goes much farther than this. On any given day, you can find her dreaming about ways to help our congregation become better disciples through retreats, events, and take-home materials. A few years ago, she also accepted the additional role of treasurer. She keeps our finances in line, which is NOT an easy task. It is because of her we can guarantee that the money you give is used correctly. Thank you, Alice!

Cindy is the director of our preschool and the teacher of the 4-5 year old class. If you step into her office, you will find toys and games, materials for the coming week, and dreams about what can come next. Cathy teaches our 3-4 year olds. Cindy and Cathy work tirelessly to help these children transition from toddlers when they enter to new kindergartners when they leave us. They learn to count and begin to learn to read, but they also learn to love Jesus. They get to go on field trips, have parties, play games, do crafts, and generally have the best time. Thank you Cindy and Cathy!

We have many incredible volunteers as well. They play piano, run the tech, lead the musical groups, and organize the ushers—to name just a few of the many jobs needed to keep our church running. Thank you to all of you for your small and big faithfulness's that keep us going in this time!

This November, please take some time to thank the people who do incredible work in our church, often in unknown ways.

God bless,
Pastor Melissa

Announcements:

Please return your pledge cards by November 12 to be dedicated to the work of God during the worship service. Extras are available in the church office.

Lindsey and Steve Poulson will be in worship on November 19 to share about their ministry in Honduras. Please plan to attend to hear from these missionaries we support!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2nd	Faye Oesch
November 3rd	Carolyn Anderson
November 6th	Howard Ritzler
November 6th	Carol Robinson
November 9th	Beth Gonzales
November 15th	Sherry Moore
November 21st	Kim Anderson
November 21st	Carol Glick
November 25th	Beverly Kuhn
November 28th	Shana Dines
November 30th	Norah Adkins

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 25th Jim & Beverly Kuhn

NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

November 5th	Terri Ganger in Memory of Louise Tenney
November 12th	Carol Robinson in Honor of Birthday
November 19th	Carolyn Anderson Glory of God
November 26th	

NOVEMBER LITURGISTS

November 5th	Carol Robinson
November 12th	Carolyn Anderson
November 19th	Karen Newland
November 26th	Carolyn Vollmar

November

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

			1 Meal @ 6:00PM Choir @ 6:30PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	2 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM	3	4 Women's Retreat (10-2) 9:00-3:00
5	6 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM Staff Parish @ 7PM	7	8 SWANS @ 1PM- Meal @ 6:00PM Choir @ 6:30PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	9 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM	10	11 Resource Fair -Open to the Community 10-2
12	13 WON @6PM Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM Church Council @ 7PM	14	15 Meal @ 6:00PM Choir @ 6:30PM Kids Club @ 6:30PM	16 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM	17	18
19	20 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	21 Preschool @ 6PM	22	23 	24 	25
26 Tree Lighting @6 	27 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	28 Trustees @ 6:30PM	29 Choir @ 6:30PM	30 Cub Scouts @ 6:30PM		

BLESSING TREE MINISTRY

This Advent we will be providing Christmas joy to 2 families in the community who were selected by the Elkhart Salvation Army to be adopted by a local family, business, or organization. We do this through our Blessing Tree Program. The Blessing Tree, with the items needed, will be in place at the back of the sanctuary on November 19th. More information and the date for the return of those items to the church will be announced at a later date. We hope you can help in this ministry for Christmas. Questions may be directed to Dave & Carolyn Vollmar.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- Canned soups, meat & vegetables
- Cereals (hot & cold)
- Crackers
- Rice
- Hamburger Helper-like meal helpers
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Boxed potatoes
- Cash donations allow the pantry to purchase items at an unbeatable price of 18 cents a pound.
- Diapers
- Personal care & hygiene items

COOKIE WALK 2023

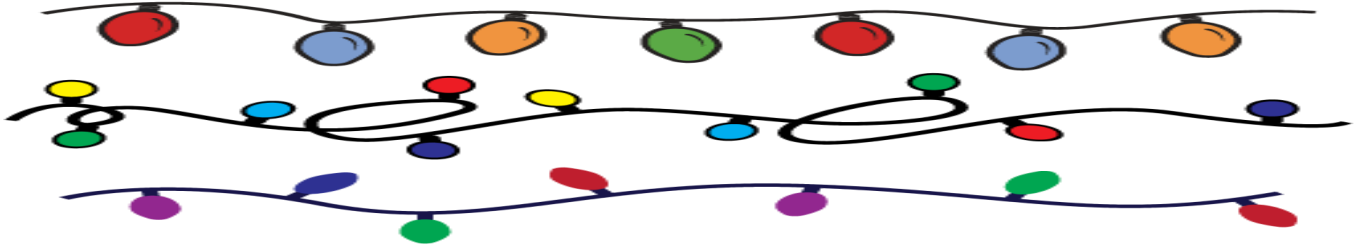
Several congregation members came to the Cookie Walk Committee with concerns of the high cost of baking ingredients and wondered if we would get enough cookies to make the Cookie Walk worthwhile this year. We sent out a questionnaire to find out if we had support for the Cookie Walk.

From the questionnaires 75% wanted Cash Donation.

So this year there will NOT be a Cookie Walk.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us on **Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 PM** for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting! We will sing carols, and switch the lights on. Afterwards, join us inside for treats and fellowship!



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

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Wonder what time your meeting is?
Want to pay your tithe?
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