DISPATCH JUNE 2024

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

As many of you know, I am generally willing to participate in a lot of things. I will sometimes play my flute with the Instruments of Joy. I will make name tags for VBS. I will help with the chicken bbq if I am in town. One thing I have never done and will never do is sing in the choir. I love our choir too much for that! While I can sometimes sing, it is not consistent due to allergies; the ongoing quality of my singing is questionable at best. I will never forget going to my church choir director as a teenager to say I was dropping out, and he reacted with a look of relief.

This week, I have been receiving emails frequently in preparation for the upcoming Indiana Annual Conference session. When I received a messaged entitled "Clergy Choir at Annual Conference," I expected to politely recuse myself from that opportunity. Instead, I opened the email to find the words "YOU are the choir for our Celebration of Ministry Service." Clergy of all orders and statuses were informed this week that we have all been appointed to a choir for the service where new pastors will be Commissioned and Ordained.

Anticipating any concerns, the email finished with, "What if you can't carry a tune in a bucket? 'Sing lustily and with a good courage. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan,' as John Wesley advised."

Sometimes in our lives, we get called upon to serve God in ways we would NEVER volunteer. In those moments, it is hard to say yes. I have learned, however, that when we are called upon to serve God in a new and uncomfortable way, it can be an incredible blessing. In a few weeks, when I attend the Annual Conference, I will sing with the clergy choir as I have been instructed. In that moment, I know God will be at work. My new colleagues in ministry will see the overwhelming support of the connection around them,

As we head into summertime, I invite every person to look to where God may be calling you to serve, even when it is far outside your comfort zone. Sign up for something new, and try a new way to reaching out. In the end, God will be at work, and your service will be a blessing.

God bless, Pastor Melissa

JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2nd

June 4th	Wayne Stutsman		
June 5th	Bruce Brothers	June 9th	Jana Workman & Family In
June 5th	Aiden Wheeler		Memory of Jerry
June 13th	Jackie Pressler	June 16th	Mike & Sue Kime In Honor
June 20th	Holly Snook		of 49th Anniversary
June 22nd	Stan Wogoman	June 23rd	Terri Ganger in Memory of Max Ganger
June 24th	Betty Myers		
June 25th	Drayton Nelson	June 30th	Kim Anderson in Memory of John
June 25th	Arlen Troup	JI	JNE LITURGISTS
June 25th June 27th	Arlen Troup Bruce Hill		
		June 2nd	J NE LITURGISTS Andrea Nelson
June 27th			
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	4 Worship @ 6:30PM	5	6 Annual Conference	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference
9	10 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	11	12 SWANS @ 11:00AM	13	14	15 Nelson's BBQ
16	17 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	18 Finance @ 6:30PM	19	20 Grief Group @ 1:00PM	21	22
23 Christian Ed @ 11:00AM	24 Boy Scouts @ 6:30PM	25	26	27	28	29
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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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Rev. Melissa Englehart or Alice Morris or Cindy Covey Brianna Primm Laura Utley Dir. Dave Kitchell Lois Coney

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Want to watch a service you missed? 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! **Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be July 15th through July 19th. "Give us this day our daily bread." This verse reminds us that everything we have comes from God-but it also calls us to turn to God in prayer for our daily needs. Because God loves and cares for us, we, in turn, can love and care for the rest of the world. We care for others because God first cared for us. In this way the Church becomes the hands of God, ensuring that everyone's needs are met. Each session focuses on a different way God has met the needs of God's people and reminds us that God is still doing this today through.

<u>Chicken BBQ:</u> The annual Nelson's chicken barbeque and bake sale fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 15, starting at 10:00AM. We will be asking for your help in providing baked goods and working the event. The cost is \$10.00 per chicken half and \$5.00 per Pit-Tatoe serving. Baked goods vary in cost.

Fathers Day: Women will be preparing breakfast, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Annual Conference: June 6th-8th

<u>Amish Dinner:</u> Saturday, October 5th Adults—\$20/per person Children 6-10—\$12/per person Under 5—Free Maps available + rides to the home of Richard & Betty Miller can be arranged. Children's Sunday School...During June, July, and August, we will not be having Sunday School for children or youth. Attendance is always very low during the summer, plus we want to give our new Christian Education Director (hopefully, we'll have one by then) time to settle in and get going. See you in the fall!

I can't believe it's here. I've been waiting for and anticipating my retirement for a long time, and now it's finally here – and I'm so glad and so sad! The last seven years have been such a blessing for me. I'm so grateful to God that He sent me to DUMC at just the right time. You are my family (I'm already starting to cry), and I love you all. Thank you for letting me serve you as Christian Education Director, and thank you for letting me continue to serve with you in the years ahead. I'm not sure I know how to sit in a pew and just worship, but I'm willing to give it a try! Thank you, thank you, thank you – and thank You, God, for my church family!

Love, Alice

We will start accepting school supplies needed for the Block Party, the items listed below are what is needed:

- #2 Pencils
- Pencil boxes
- 24-count crayons
- Scissors
- Eraser, pink & pencil-top
- Markers, broad tip
- Markers, thin tip
- Elmers glue
- Glue sticks

- Spiral-bound notebook, wide-ruled, plain cover
- Colored pencils
- Wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- Highlighters
- 2" 3-ring binder
- 3 x 3" sticky notes
- Pens-red, black, blue NO gel pens
- Large box of Kleenex
- Childrens headphones

THANK YOU for your gifts. School supplies will be handed out at the Block Party; left-over supplies will be given to Concord South Side School.