

Dispatch March

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

Five years ago, the world was shut down. Nothing looked like normal life. When Easter came, I wanted my 3 year old to have some normal Easter experiences, so I bought a dozen easter eggs, filled them with candy, and hid them around the backyard in some very easy spots. I gave him his basket, and I let him loose...but something was wrong. He came back with 11 Easter eggs, one of which had a hole in it. The hole was strange, but the missing egg was even stranger. I went to look for myself, and I spotted the missing egg...in the hands of a squirrel up in the nearby tree. When it eventually dropped the egg, half of the plastic was chewed away, and the snicker wrapper inside was empty. Apparently squirrels like snicker bars. In an already strange year, having a backyard Easter egg hunt disrupted by a squirrel was simply absurd. You could laugh or cry, and I just laughed, because it was so unbelievable.

This month, we are going to walk through the story of the strange, the tragic, and the unbelievable. In the end, we will be asked to believe. Jesus will enter Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, SAVE US!, in a declaration that he is king. The shouts will be so loud and so disruptive that people will ask Jesus to make them stop...but he will refuse, because if they are silent, the rocks will cry out. Then Jesus, having made this incredible statement, will go disrupt all trade in the Temple...turning over tables of money traders and merchants who are taking advantage of worshippers. Things will quiet down a bit as Jesus celebrates the Passover with his closest followers...where he tells them the bread is his body and the cup his blood. Then while praying, he is arrested, taken away, and horribly executed. It is a strange, horrible, and unbelievable week. No one who cared for Jesus was laughing by Friday.

And yet...

Sunday came.

Christ Arose.

He is alive.

It is an unbelievable thing that the followers of Jesus witnessed in those days and weeks that start on Easter Sunday. It is an unbelievable, impossible thing. And yet...it's real. We can choose to believe and let it transform our lives, or we can choose to walk away.

As for me, I choose to believe what others call unbelievable. I believe because my life has been transformed. I believe because I have experienced the work of God in my life. I believe because I have heard the stories from people who I trust with my life. I believe the otherwise unbelievable, how about you? Will you join me in walking through the week of strange, horrible, and unbelievable things? At the end of it all, join me in celebrating the moment when God changed the unbelievable to something very very real.

God bless,

Pastor Melissa

UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather
- \$3 for the cost of sponges and shipping

Announcements

UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

Lets make a tangible difference to these recovering from disasters. A full list of needed items is at the back of the sanctuary.

Lenten Breakfast Volunteers

Sign up sheet for Lentens breakfast volunteers are in the back.

Lenten Breakfast: @ 8:30AM

4/5 @ Dunlap UMC

4/12 @ Jimtown UMC

Save the Date

4/17— Maundy Thursday @ 6

4/18— Good Friday @ 7

Easter Eggs

It's that time again! If you can donate candy or trinkets for our Easter Egg hunt please bring them by 4/13

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - April 13

Worship @ 10 AM

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Soup Dinner and Worship @ 6 PM - Fellowship Hall

Good Friday - April 18

Worship @ 7 PM - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - April 20

Sunrise Service @ 7 AM - Outside at Fire Pit

Breakfast @ 8 AM - Fellowship Hall

Egg Hunt @ 9 AM - By the Playground

Worship @ 10 AM - Sanctuary

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/03	BRENDA WOGOMAN
04/04	MARY HESSE
04/05	ALEX NELSON
04/08	KAREN NEWLAND
04/08	CRYSTAL ADKINS
04/11	JERRY ADKINS
04/19	MIKE GARBER

APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

04/06	
04/13	KAREN WEEBER
04/20	EASTER LILLIES
04/27	KAYE SCHUETZ IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER

APRIL LITURGISTS

04/06	LUKE YEAZEL
04/13	CAROLYN ANDERSON
04/20	
04/27	

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Worship @ 6:30	2 Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00	3	4	5 Lenten breakfast Dunlap UMC
6 Bible Study @ 5:00	7 Scouts 6:30	8	9	10 Cub Scouts 6:30	11	12
13 Bible Study @ 5:00	14 Scouts 6:30	15 Preschool @ 6:00 Finance @ 6:30 Endowment @ 6:30	16 choir and bell practices @ 6:30 NO WED DINNER	17 Cub Scouts 6:30 Maundy Service @ 6:00	18 Good Friday service @ 6:00	19
20 Happy Easter	21 Scouts 6:30	22	23 Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00	24 Cub Scouts 6:30	25	26
27 Bible Study @ 5:00	28 Scouts 6:30	29	30 Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00	1 Cub Scouts 6:30	2	3

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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
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through intentional Outreach
and Worship*

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Custodian	Laura Utley
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Organist	Carol Robinson

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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!

