

Dispatch May

Dear Dunlap family and friends,

As May arrives, we are preparing for the arrival of the Indiana Annual Conference session that is just a month away. It is an exciting and important session, so I want to highlight some of the changes and decisions that are coming before us in Indiana.

This will be our first Annual Conference session with a new bishop. Bishop Tracey Smith Malone has been working hard during her first year to visit each District, meet with leaders, and learn the culture of our Annual Conference. This session in June will allow us a chance to get to know her leadership style, which will be important for the next 4-8 years. Please pray for her as she prepares to lead us through some big decisions and big changes. If you would like to sign up to pray for her on a specific day and send her a card during this first year of leadership in Indiana, you can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AB2EAAFAC70-50565104-welcome#/>

There will be some major organizational changes within our Annual Conference. Most notably, we will be going from 10 districts to just 5. This allows the Annual Conference to more faithfully keep to a budget in a season when many churches have left the denomination. In our case, we will be a part of the Northern Lakes District, and our District Superintendent will continue to be Rev. Marti Lundy. This means some district events and Charge Conference sessions will now be a little farther away, so please take advantage of any opportunity to carpool to events.

At the Annual Conference, delegates like Karen Newland, Terri Ganger, and myself will be voting on the Constitutional Amendments from last year's General Conference. You can find the official information on these here: <https://www.inumc.org/annual-conference/constitutional-amendments/>

In short, there are 4 amendments that we will or will not ratify.

Worldwide Regionalization - This will change the structure of our denomination to have Regional Conferences that have many of the privileges Central Conferences have right now. They can make a few changes to rules that most affect only their area, especially in the area of committee structures of educational requirements for pastors. These may need to be different in the US than in Africa or the Philippines, simply because the cultures are very different. The fear if this is passed is that we will not longer be united around the world.

Including Gender and Ability in membership protections - Currently, we cannot deny someone from membership in a church based upon their race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition. This amendment would add "gender" and "ability" to this list. That means that no one can be denied membership in a church solely based on the fact they are a woman (or man) or have a disability.

Racial Justice - This amendment strengthens our language condemning all forms of racism. It changes the language from saying that the UMC ""shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice," to the UMC "commits to confronting and eliminating all forms of racism..."

Educational Requirements for Clergy Members - This specifies that clergy who can vote on Clergy delegates to the General Conference must receive their education from a University Senate approved school. This basically makes the rules consistent across the Book of Discipline.

This Annual Conference will be an important one, and if you would like to discuss any of the changes or proposed changes, please reach out at any time! In the meantime, please keep the delegates in your prayers as we prepare for this important work.

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.

Spring Potluck Dinner

May 18th right after Sunday Worship

Save the Date:

5/18 - Music Sunday and Potluck

7/14 - VBS

Open House:

Aiden Wheeler

Saturday, June 7th from 1:00PM—4:00PM

24493 Elmhurst Dr

574-849-8919

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/04	DEBBIE LIENHART
05/05	LANDON ADKINS
05/07	BRIAN ADKINS
05/09	NATHAN WHEELER
05/10	JANE HUNSBERGER
05/10	ROBERT WISE
05/11	KATHY GASPER
05/16	RITA RITZLER
05/19	DHINA HOFFMAN
05/19	LIAM ADKINS
05/19	ROSA RODARTE
05/21	DALE HENDERSON
05/24	KEN LIENHART
05/28	DRAKE WEATHERHOLT
05/30	LOIS KIME
05/30	ALICE MORRIS

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/20	LARRY AND SHERRY MOORE
05/24	MIKE AND SHANNA DINES

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

05/04	KIM ANDERSON IN MEMORY OF MIKE GEYER
05/11	
05/18	JERRY & KAY ADKINS
05/25	SHANA & MIKE DINES

MAY LITURGISTS

05/04	ALICE MORRIS
05/11	CAROLYN ANDERSON
05/18	DAVE VOLLMAR
05/25	JANE HUNSBERGER

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Bible Study</i> @ 5:00	5 <i>Scouts</i> 6:30	6	7 <i>Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00</i>	8 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30	9	10
11 <i>Bible Study</i> @ 5:00	12 <i>Scouts</i> 6:30	13	14 swans 11:00am <i>Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00</i>	15 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30	16	17
18 <i>Bible Study</i> @ 5:00 <i>Pot Luck Dinner after service</i>	19 <i>Scouts</i> 6:30	20 <i>Endowment</i> 6:30	21 <i>Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00</i>	22 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30	23	24
25 <i>Bible Study</i> @ 5:00	26 <i>Scouts</i> 6:30	27	28 <i>Wed night dinner and practices @ 6:00</i>	29 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30	30	31

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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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Closed Wednesday

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Preschool Director	Cindy Covey
Office Manager	Brandy Slabach
Custodian	Laura Utley
Choir/Bell Choir Dir.	Dave Kitchell
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
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