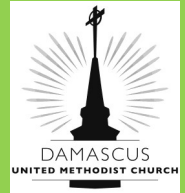


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# THE BEACON

## APRIL 2016



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### ***Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples***

Dear Easter People,

This very day we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. Our liturgy speaks to the very core of our faith – that Christ died for our salvation, conquered the power of sin and death, and made possible for us new, abundant, and eternal life. No wonder trumpets play and we sing alleluia.

Easter is a vivid reminder of just how important Jesus is to our lives. He teaches us ways of living that lead to happiness and peace. He comforts our troubled souls. He brings healing to our bodies. He hears our petitions and answers our prayers. All of this is amazing and wonderful. None of this is why Jesus is so important to us, though. What Jesus does, which no one else can do, is free us from the grip of sin and thus the grip of death.

Jesus makes us the people of the resurrection. This includes, of course, being raised to life in our eternal home. It also includes resurrection from other “deaths” in our lives. We all know the expression all good things must come to an end. I do not know if it is true or not that all good things must end, but it is true that we all experience good things ending in our lives. Maybe a best friend moves out of state, and you stay friends and you stay in touch, but it is not the same as when you could be together on an ongoing basis. Children grow up and leave home. Parents pass away. Jobs change. The community changes. Our health changes. Maybe things we have loved to do we can no longer do. Just think of times when it felt like a loved piece of your life or a piece of your soul was taken away. It feels like a death and we grieve and mourn. We might suspect that after enough of these losses we would simply wither away. Christ, though, continuously brings new life, new light, new joy, and the possibility of a new way of being. We see things we have not seen before and discover things previously hidden. Christ raises us up, refusing to allow death to have the last word. In real and significant ways, every day is Easter day. Every day Jesus brings new life. Every day is a day for trumpets and alleluias.

We will be lifting up many Easter themes in our worship during this season. Amanda and I are speaking on the topic, Lies and Idle Tales. Come hear what that is about. We will be lifting up mission stories, hearing about resurrections on the mission front. Our chancel choir will be presenting Vienne's C# Mass and our children presenting the musical “Storytelling Man.” Our Spiritual Formation Team will provide some insights on the Christian Home for Mother's Day, May 8. Each Sunday is a Sunday you do not want to miss.

Speaking of which, why not let your Facebook friends know you are not missing. Post a check-in at church and afterwards maybe post some pictures or comments. One of this month's articles makes this suggestion and I think it is a great one. What an easy way to give witness to your faith and to let others know that church is a happening place. Who knows, that simple act may lead someone to Christ who is incredibly important in our lives. Christ is risen. Spread the word.

- David

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## You aren't going to want to miss a single Sunday in April!

The month begins with a 2-part worship series called "Lies and Idle Tales." We are all familiar with the story of Easter and Resurrection, but there are details we rarely get to investigate. Join Amanda and David as they continue to reflect on the resurrection story through the lens of untruths and misdirection.

Then, on April 17 join us in worship put on by our Missions Committee. You won't want to miss hearing about mission opportunities near and far, and the puppets will perform.

We close out the month with a special Music Sunday! The choirs will perform Vienne's C# Minor Mass.

*Clever lies, idle tales, missions, puppets and music!  
How can you miss a moment!*

**Note:** Communion will be served on April 10 and April 24.



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### Learn to Facilitate a Class

Anyone, that's right anyone, can be a facilitator of a Sunday school class, bible study, or book club. Don't believe me? Then let me prove it to you!

For those of you who have been asked, but don't feel like you know enough; for those of you who would like to teach, but aren't sure where to start; for those of you who think we could be doing more at DUMC...this workshop is for you. Just meet one time for 2 hours with Pastor Amanda and you will be ready to go!

Please join me on either Sunday, April 17 from 2 pm - 4 pm or Thursday, April 21, 10 am - 12 pm (both dates in the Great Hall). Completely free and you need only bring an open mind and willing spirit!



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### Church Family & Friends,

Kolash Belete, a member of our church, lost her home to fire this past Monday night in Damascus. EVERYONE got out safely, but only with the clothes they had on. Needless to say, they will be needing our support.



We are helping Kolash look for a place to live as she and her adult children are temporarily housed at a local hotel. At present we are taking monetary donations to help the family relocate and meet immediate needs. Cards and gift cards are also being accepted.

To make a monetary donation, you can drop checks in the offering plate, at the office or mail them to the Church. Checks should be made payable to "DUMC" **w/notation that says "Kolash."** Thanks for any support you are able to give and continue to keep Kolash and family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Christian Formation



### Pleasant Plains Preschool

a ministry of  
Damascus United Methodist Church  
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301-253-9798

This picture is just too cute to keep to myself. During letter "P" week, our 4-year old class wore their pajamas to school and made pancakes for a snack. Each child created his/her own self portrait. The details in Gavin's are incredible. My favorite part is the yellow spikes on his stegosaurus. If you would like more information about the preschool, please contact Cora Horst at 301-253-9798 or [pleasant.plains@verizon.net](mailto:pleasant.plains@verizon.net).



One of our preschool parents is organizing a fabulous event, **Breeze Thru the Trees**. It's a 5k cross-country run in Laytonsville, MD, with a mission of bringing kindness and inclusion to our community. Proceeds benefit Red Wiggler Community Farm, a sustainable farm where people with and without developmental disabilities come together to work, learn, and grow healthy food. The race is sponsored by the Ruppert Family and will be run on their 500-acre tree farm on June 12. Visit [www.breezethrutehtrees.com](http://www.breezethrutehtrees.com) for more information and to register. See you there!

## United Methodist Men's News

It's here ! Time to sign up for the **Annual Men's Retreat on April 29 - 30, 2016**, at Hallwood Retreat Center, 7300 Banner Road, Comus, MD. Registration form is available on **page #4** of this Beacon.

We **WILL NOT** have a Men's Breakfast in the month of April and the men will skip their monthly Men's Night Out in April due to the Men's Retreat.

## REMINDER for the YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH Group will travel to Gettysburg, Sunday, April 3 to see "*Cherish the Ladies*," to be performed at the Majestic Theatre (*tickets were pre-purchased*).

Showtime is at 3:00 pm at the Theatre, and we will meet for lunch at 1:30 pm at the Gettysburg Hotel. Carpool info will be forthcoming.

For further information contact Jacque Janss at 301-620-7276.

## The Connection Café

DUMC's Coffee Hour

Held Sunday mornings between services.

Come and enjoy a hot mug, a few nibbles, and relaxed fellowship. All are welcome.



The Connections Café is  
located in the back half  
of the GREAT HALL.

Joyfully, Marcia Hofman, Kathy Jones, Gloria Maready, Kim Ferguson, Gabrielle Hulcher, Lora Maynard, Nancy Counts, Eunice Rush and Jacque Janss have been using their gifts of hospitality to create this time of fellowship for our congregation. We would welcome more hands to assist, even if it is just **an hour here and there on any given Sunday**. We would also be grateful for food donations like baked goods and fresh fruit. Just stop in or call Marcia Hofman at 301-253-2960 or email her at [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com) to sign up to help and/or provide food. We could use you!

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!**  
**ANNUAL SPRING MEN'S RETREAT**  
HALLOWOOD RETREAT CENTER,  
COMUS, MARYLAND  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 29 & 30, 2016



**Mark your** **Calendar**  
**and Sign Up now !!!**

*Join us at the Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, Maryland,  
for a day apart for fellowship and spiritual growth.*

*Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men*

*Contact: Ted Ross, Chair, at 301-704-7992*

We will be gathering at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 29 and having dinner at the Hallowood Retreat Center. Staying overnight in rooms for two (private rooms available for \$15 extra), we will have both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We will end about 4:30 pm.

The cost is \$135 for room, meals, towels & bedding including sheets, blankets, and pillows. **Please complete the registration form below and turn it in to the church office no later than April 15, 2016.** If you have any questions, call Linda Stastny in the church office (301-253-0022, ext. 102).

*Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men*

*For more Info Contact: Ted Ross, Chair, at 301-704-7992.*



**Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus, MD / April 29 – 30, 2016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation : ☐ I can drive (# passengers I can transport \_\_\_\_\_) ☐ I need a ride

Registration fee is attached: ☐ \$135 ☐ \$150 (Private room)



**Young at Heart to visit Strathmore  
Thursday, March 31**

**You can still Sign-Up**

Join us for a FREE private, guided tour of the beautiful Strathmore Mansion in North Bethesda! This tour for adults illuminates the history, architecture and personal stories of Strathmore. The tour lasts approximately an hour and will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Strathmore has handicap accessibility for those who have difficulty maneuvering steps. Please let Sue know ahead of time if you need accommodations, in order for her to inform the tour guide.



*The Mansion at Strathmore*

Before the tour, we will meet for an early lunch at 11:00 am at the Brio Tuscan Grille in North Bethesda (only a few miles away from the mansion). Be prepared to experience the flavors of Tuscany without leaving the country, with chef-inspired Tuscan recipes that are sure to tempt your palate! The restaurant is willing to accommodate separate checks for large groups, so each person can pay individually. **NOTE: If you plan on joining us for lunch you will need to make a menu selection ahead of time. To view their lunch menu, go to [http://www.brioitalian.com/lunch-at-polaris\\_fashion\\_place.html](http://www.brioitalian.com/lunch-at-polaris_fashion_place.html) and then contact Sue with your selection.**

If you would like to carpool, meet at the church ready to leave by 10:30 am. Please RSVP to Sue Constantinides, 301-253-6591, **NOW!** in order for her to get a final head count of attendees. Hope to see you there!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
*Isaiah 9:2*

"I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
*John 8:12*

**Arise!  
Shine!**

**Vacation Bible School 2016**

**Damascus United Methodist Church**  
**July 25 – 29, 2016**  
**9am – 12:15pm**

We welcome all children from age 4 through 6th grade to come to this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS is the week of July 25-29, 2016 from 9am to 12:15pm each day. Please print a registration form, complete it, and turn it into the church office as soon as possible. Form is on page #23 of this Beacon.

Youth helpers going into 7th - 12th grade are also needed and most welcome to help. They will receive Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for the week. Youth helpers need to complete a Youth Helper Registration form and a Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement form, and turn them into the office no later than June 24, 2016.



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**Damascus United  
Methodist  
Women News  
April, 2016**

The Susanna Wesley/  
Esther JOY Circle  
officially voted, and after thorough  
discussion and compromise,  
has decided to change their name to:  
**The Susanna JOY Circle**

**UMWomen Circle Dates**

**Susanna JOY Circle**  
will meet Monday, April 11 at 10:00 am  
in the Dining Hall

**WWJD Circle Meeting**  
This Circle WILL NOT meet  
in the month of April  
(See **Ladies' Night Out & Women's Retreat** arti-  
cles)

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:**

**Thursday, April 14:** General Meeting for UMW at 7:30 pm in the Great Hall. Hosted by WWJD. Topic: Holy Land sharing. Additionally, Yasuko Walcott will demonstrate how to fold Palms into Crosses.

**Friday - Saturday, April 29 - 30:** Annual Women's Retreat. See **page #7** of this Beacon to sign-up.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016:** Lions Club Dinner, DUMC Dining Hall. Need help in both the kitchen and the dining hall, before and after meal. Also need deserts.

**Sunday, May 8, 2016:** Mother's Day. Need volunteers to help give out flowers.



## Women's Spring Retreat

The planning committee for our 2016 Women's Retreat is excited to offer a new site for our Friday, April 29, to Saturday, April 30, Spring Retreat – one that provides motel-style lodging (so you can leave your sleeping bags and linens at home). Please mark your calendar now for a chance to spiritually renew and refresh yourself with both old and new acquaintances.

We will leave Damascus by 5 p.m. Friday and travel not quite an hour to our new site, Potomac Park Retreat and Conference Center, which is within walking distance of the Potomac River. The retreat center includes a Prayer/Nature Trail, *Potomac Perks*, where you can find a variety of snacks and ice cream, and *Granny's Attic*, which houses a gently used/vintage boutique. The per person cost for meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies is \$95.

Our weekend will begin with dinner together Friday evening. We will have planned activities and times of reflection Friday evening and throughout the day Saturday, ending with dinner and a closing service.

Please consider joining this 2016 retreat. Simply fill out the attached application and include the registration fee. A copy of the application may also be found on the DUMC website. In order to plan for programming, materials, and retreat center accommodations, we ask that registration forms be submitted by Tuesday, April 5. Questions? Contact Jan Mullinix at 301-482-1122 or [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto:jmullinix74@yahoo.com).

Spread the word and come join us for a great getaway weekend with just the girls...



# Women's 2016 Spring Retreat Registration

**WHEN:** 5 p.m., Friday, April 29 to Saturday evening, April 30

**WHERE:** Potomac Park Retreat and Conference Center

11 Tabernacle Way  
Falling Waters, WV 25419  
[www.PotomacParkRetreat.org](http://www.PotomacParkRetreat.org)

**WHO:** Women, Friends, Daughters, Mothers, ...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: (please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motel Style Lodging** - all linens are provided ☺

**4 Meals** - served Buffet Style (a separate building houses a snack bar and ice cream)

## Please check all that apply below:

☐ Double room (a few triple rooms available also)

If you have a roommate(s) already, please share the name(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
Otherwise, the planning committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ Handicap accessible room on ground level, no climbing stairs (3 beds in one room, 2 in another)

If you have a roommate(s) already, please share the name(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
Otherwise, the planning committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ Scholarships are available if financial support is desired (or speak to a member of the planning committee)

☐ Transportation: ☐ I can drive (# of passengers I can transport \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ I will need a ride

☐ \$95 Registration Fee is attached.

Make checks payable to **DUMW** (Damascus United Methodist Women).

**Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 5.**

# LADIES' NIGHT OUT



**WHEN:**  
**Thursday, April 21 @ 6 pm**

**WHERE:**  
**Longhorn Steakhouse @ 6 pm**  
**20017 Century Blvd.**  
**Germantown, MD 20874**

**RSVP by April 19**

**Fellowship • Conversation • Companionship • Fun •**  
**Sisterhood • Everyone Invited • New Event Each**  
**Month**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**TUESDAY,**  
**May 10**

**Mt. Airy Inn @ 6 pm**  
**1401 S. Main Street**  
**Mt. Airy, MD 21771**  
**RSVP by May 8**

**MONDAY,**  
**June 20**

**GrillMarx @ 6 pm**  
**12011 Snowden Farm Pkwy.**  
**Clarksburg, MD**  
**RSVP by June 18**

**TUESDAY,**  
**July 19**

**Music Café @ 6 pm**  
**26528 Ridge Road**  
**Damascus, MD**  
**RSVP by July 17**

**CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA**  
**AMANDA.MCMURTREY**  
**@VERIZON.NET**  
**Call 301-253-0022 or**  
**Text 970-231-5123**





# WOMEN *of the* BIBLE

*A Dramatic Presentation by Anita Gutschick*



Come be challenged to look deep within yourself, and see  
how faith can strengthen your life and  
relationships in...

*For Such a Time as This*

Sunday, April 17, 2016 | 2pm

*Join Us At Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church*

961 Johnsville Road , Eldersburg, MD 21784

Admission: \$25

Refreshments and Biblical period foods will be served after the Performance

For more information call: Church Office 410.795.2777 or

Lynda Wilhelm 410.491.8818

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# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS— 6 to 12 Grade

April 2016

Tom Baldridge, Youth Director | 301-802-4775 | redheaders@verizon.net

## Mission Activity

Making blankets for the needy. The youth really got tied up in this activity.



I hope everyone had a great Easter and Spring break. The Saturday confirmation service was such a wonderful time as we witnessed the faith growing in a number of our youth. I assume everyone will have some great stories from Spring break and we all look forward to hearing about them. Now that the weather is warming up, we have a lot of great activities planned for the month of April. We will be decorating cupcakes, looking at what it means to really be hungry at our fasting event, and hitting around some golf balls at Putt-Putt. If you do not get my FUN informational weekly emails, please email me and I will add you to the list.

God bless you all. – Tom

## **Youth Overnight – April 8 - 9** *24 Hour fasting – Raising money for missions*

The youth 24-hour-fasting event is all planned and is going to be a great and a meaningful time. We will be raising money for our sister families in La Danta, Nicaragua. If you have not donated to this mission, it is not too late to pledge support for a participating youth. Just look for a youth around the church or myself after each Sunday service. Checks can be made payable to DUMC noted *24 Hour Fast* and given to me (Tom) or placed in the offering.

## ***Hallelujah From the Heart*** **CWS Summer Youth Mission Tour**

It is time to sign up for this summer's Charles Wesley Singers Youth Mission tour to Ohio and Michigan. The dates are from June 22 to 30. We are making many plans and we need to know if you are going. Send me an email if you are interested so I can get you on the list. Spots are filling up fast. Rehearsals begin the Sunday after Easter at 4:30 pm on Sundays

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:15 am Charles Wesley Singers lead in worship  
9:30 am Youth Blend Café: Breakfast, Praise Band, Breakout Group Discussion in Youth Chapel

### **Wednesday Schedule during Lent**

6:45 am Devotional and Breakfast time  
5:45 pm Dinner with our church community  
7:00 pm Youth Bells – looking for new members – getting ready for handbell concert on May 22

### **Sunday, April 3:**

3:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal – Youth Chapel  
4:30 pm Charles Wesley Singers – Choir Room  
6:00 pm Youth Dinner: TBD  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Youth Activity: Cupcake decoration contest. Bring your own toppings.

### **Friday, April 8 and 9:**

Youth 24 hour fasting event.  
Meet at church at 5:00 pm on April 8 (DH)

### **Sunday, April 10:**

4:30 – 6:00 pm Charles Wesley Singers – Choir Room  
**No Youth Fellowship Activity – Family Dinner Night**

### **Sunday, April 17:**

3:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal – Youth Chapel  
4:30 pm Charles Wesley Singers – Choir Room  
6:00 pm Youth Dinner: TBD  
6:30 – 8:55 Youth Fellowship Activity: Putt-Putt Golf in Gaithersburg

### **Sunday, April 24:**

3:00 – 4:00 pm Marin and Micah Senior Recital – Sanctuary  
4:00 pm Outdoors games - Church  
4:30 – 6:00 pm Charles Wesley Singers – Choir Room  
**No Youth Dinner or Evening Activity**

### **Sunday, May 1:**

3:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal – Youth Chapel  
4:30 pm Charles Wesley Singers – Choir Room  
6:00 pm Youth Dinner: Dennies  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Youth Activity: Mystery Activity – everyone needs to come. **You will not want to miss this event!**

# Worship Arts News and Events

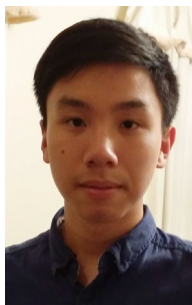
April 2016

Polly Edmonds Baldridge, Minister of Music and Worship Arts | 240-750-8287 | [redheaders@verizon.net](mailto:redheaders@verizon.net)  
Stephen Kalnoske, Organist

## April 24: Music in Morning, Music in the Afternoon

Vierne C# Mass will be shared Sunday, April 24 at the 8:15 and 11 am services in a liturgical context, with movements interspersed throughout worship. – not too late to join Chancel Choir to present this special work featuring SATB choir and virtuoso organ accompaniment.

## Spring 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Concerts and Evensong...



## GRADUATES IN

### Sunday, April 24, at 3 pm in sanctuary

Marin Williams, bassoon, and Micah Tsoi, piano, assisted by Katherine Williams

## Looking ahead...

### May

- *Story-tellin' Man* Musical to be shared Sunday, May 1, at 8:15 and 11 am services by the Choristers and Sunday School classes – all children invited to participate.
- You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile: SPRING RING CONCERT, featuring DUMC's three handbell choirs and special guest vocalists and string quartet: Sunday, May 22, at 7 pm. Sacred and secular music favorites are sure to bring a smile.

### June

- Thursday, June 30, at 7 pm: Charles Wesley Singers Hallelujah! From the Heart Summer Youth Mission Tour Homecoming Concert.

## Calling All Creative Spirits!!

The Praise Artisan's Guild is in need of a few committed people to support the DUMC Worship Programs with creative displays and décor. This is not a full time job, no regular meetings, just decorating seasonally by the UMC calendar. Your creative ideas and time commitment are needed.

Please contact Connie Ross / 301-633-9504  
[connie@tedrossconsulting.com](mailto:connie@tedrossconsulting.com)

## WORSHIP ARTS ENSEMBLES\*

New members always welcome!

### WEDNESDAYS

#### 4:00 pm Colorful Hands of Jesus

Puppet Troupe for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades

#### 4:30 pm Cherubs

Vocal Choir for 4 ½ years to 1<sup>st</sup> grade

#### 5:00 pm Choristers

Vocal Choir for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades

#### 5:00 pm Puppets, Inc

Puppet Troupe for Middle Schoolers

#### 6:30 pm Inspiration Ringers

Handbell Choir for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades

#### 7:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir for Middle and High School

#### 7:00 pm Men's Choir

Vocal Choir for changed voices of all ages

#### 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Mixed voice choir for changed voices

### SUNDAYS

#### 3:30 pm Youth Praise Band

Band meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of month

#### 4:30 pm Charles Wesley Singers

Vocal Choir for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and up

### MONDAYS

#### 7:30 pm Ring of Joy

Advanced handbell ensemble



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

**Chair:** Carol Yocum, [carolyocum@msn.com](mailto:carolyocum@msn.com)  
301-829-4822/301-788-6446

**Between Cultures:** Shared ministry with people of Nicaragua. Kathy Jones, 301-580-4591 or [kathyjones@mrjs.com](mailto:kathyjones@mrjs.com).

**Blood Drives:** Red Cross Blood Mobile collections. Cathy Heinbaugh, [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net) or 301-253-0742.

**Damascus HELP:** Provides food, financial assistance, furniture, clothes, holiday needs, and other necessities: 301-253-4100 or [DH20872@aol.com](mailto:DH20872@aol.com).

**Earth Angels:** Short term assistance, i.e. yard work, transportation. Kim Briglia, call/text: 240-731-9296 or [kim.briglia@marriott.com](mailto:kim.briglia@marriott.com).

**Earth Stewards:** Adopt-a-highway environmental program. Jeff Heinbaugh, 301-253-0742 or [heinbjc@comcast.net](mailto:heinbjc@comcast.net).

**Faith Connections:** Healthy Choice Program, community ministries. Debbie Tomlinson, 301-482-0522 or [debtom3@msn.com](mailto:debtom3@msn.com); Holiday baskets, Jane Webb, 301-253-0022 or [great.jane@verizon.net](mailto:great.jane@verizon.net).

**Habitat for Humanity:** Summer home building in Western Maryland--youth involvement. Anita Duvall, 240-485-7650 or [anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov).

**Harwood House Thrift Shop:** Work times—Tues. (8 am to 2 pm, plus evening) & Thurs. evening; Open: Thurs.—Sat, 11 am to 3 pm. Nancy Counts, [ncounts@verizon.net](mailto:ncounts@verizon.net) or 301-253-6284; Debbie Stone, 301-253-6536 or [dafstone@aol.com](mailto:dafstone@aol.com).

**Meals on Wheels:** Drivers for delivering meals to homebound. Pam Rust, 301-414-5447 or [pamela.rust@comcast.net](mailto:pamela.rust@comcast.net).

**Pleasant Plains Preschool:** Preschool classes & chapel for 2, 3 & 4-year olds. Cora Horst, Director, 301-253-9798 or [pleasant.plains@verizon.net](mailto:pleasant.plains@verizon.net).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Shawls & lap robes given as a sign of God's love. Cathy Heinbaugh, 301-253-0742 or [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net); Jan Mullinix, 301-482-1122 or [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto:jmullinix74@yahoo.com).

**Hopi Volunteers in Mission:** Annual week in July serving on the Arizona reservation. Sign up in April. Norm & Cheryl Minekime, [nminekime@yahoo.com](mailto:nminekime@yahoo.com) & [cminekime@verizon.net](mailto:cminekime@verizon.net) or 301-414-0098.

**Travel Toiletries for Homeless Women @** the Montgomery Ave. Center. Red basket in the Narthex. Wanda Miente, [wmiente@verizon.net](mailto:wmiente@verizon.net), 301-972-1876.



## Commissioning Banquet

Several of us attended the commissioning banquet at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington on March 14, held in honor of the Stephen Ministers who recently finished their training.



Many of you were present when Carol Martin and Jan Mullinix were commissioned at DUMC on March 13. Jan Mullinix has served as a leader of the ministry since its inception here. She and Pam Richardson Shepp attended leadership training together so they could return to DUMC and train our first group of Stephen Ministers.

Jan, who has completed her ministry training by virtue of having taught the entire course, is now a leader and a minister. Several members within DUMC's Stephen Ministry serve dual roles. Pastor Amanda spoke at the banquet. Her message was poignant, moving and very-well-received. She will be asked back!

Please congratulate Carol as she begins her service as a Stephen Minister, and Jan Mullinix, as she expands her role to be both a minister and a leader.



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

*How to counter the negative view of Christians in our society*

*and give a sagging faith some pep - - - all at the same time . . .*

## **BE IN MISSION TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT SURE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM!**

On April 17, join the Damascus Church family for a morning of worship focused on being in mission to others. Damascus UMC has wonderful opportunities to serve in mission, and there will be more short-term opportunities for being in mission (a day or half day) this summer. There are already many people at DUMC involved in mission, but the Mission Committee would like to expand the circle of people serving in mission ministries.

Mission is sharing God's love in word and deed, by helping people who have spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and relational needs—our model for missions is Jesus who addressed all the needs people have. When we share God's love with others, amazing, miraculous things happen as God's Holy Spirit is given a place to work in our lives and the lives of others. We will have "tales to tell" about God and what God is doing in human lives.

Mission is not forcing what we believe on other people; rather mission is loving people God loves and being involved by meeting needs, sharing our own struggles and faith journey, and sometimes just showing up and being present for people who think nobody cares anymore. Keep yourself and our congregation in prayer so that we may discern where God wants to work through each of us in Mission.

Serving with you in the name of Jesus,

Carol Yocum, Mission Chair

## **Summer Delegation to Nicaragua July 16 - July 23, 2016**

We are planning our summer delegation to Nicaragua. Please join us on Sunday April 10 after the 11 am service for information regarding this mission trip. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our relationship with the community of La Danta and experience the realities of their lives. If you are not able to go on the trip, please join us to learn more about how you can be involved without having to travel.



If you cannot attend the meeting and would like more information please contact Mike Wahl, [wahlm50@msn.com](mailto:wahlm50@msn.com) or Kathy Jones, [kathyjones@mrjs.co](mailto:kathyjones@mrjs.co) 301-580-4591.

## ***A Missions Fundraiser . . . . .***



**DUMC's Annual  
Flower & Plant Sale  
begins Saturday, April 30**

**Hours: Saturdays & Sundays,  
9 am - 5 pm  
Weekdays, 6 pm—9 pm**

The Missions Committee is looking for volunteers for the flower and plant sale. We still need help watering and selling the plants thru May 15. This is a very successful fundraiser for the mission programs in the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Please contact Kathy Jones @ [kathyjones@mrjs.com](mailto:kathyjones@mrjs.com) or 301-580-4591 to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to earn credit for when you may want to go on mission trips.

# MISSIONS / CARING MINISTRIES

## ***About Our Prayer Shawl Ministry . . . .***

The **DUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry** combines a love of knitting and crocheting within a caring ministry to provide comfort during times of illness, bereavement, or other challenges. Each item is made to offer tangible evidence of God's love to each recipient through prayer while the person is making the item. When completed, the item is blessed before it is wrapped and presented to the recipient.

### ***JOINING THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY***

If you love to knit, crochet, or have other gifts you'd like to offer, or you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, you are welcome to come to a Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting. We meet every third Monday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Annex Conference Room. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, instruction and supplies are available. For more advanced knitters, instructions and patterns can be provided.



### ***HOW TO REQUEST AN ITEM FOR A LOVED ONE***

The prayer Shawl Ministry creates and provides the following items:

- **Hand-knitted or crocheted Shawls** worn over the shoulders, these are great for providing warmth.
- **Hand-knitted or crocheted Lap Robes.** Worn over the lap and alternative for males.
- **Fleece Blankets with hand-knotted fringe.**  
This is another alternative to the shawl.
- **Hand-knitted or crocheted Prayer Squares.**  
These can be carried in a pocket or purse as a constant reminder of God's warmth and care.

To request a shawl or other item for a loved one in need, contact one of our pastors, Cathy Heinbaugh at [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net), or Jan Mullinix at [jlm.jan3@verizon.net](mailto:jlm.jan3@verizon.net).

### ***HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY***

The Prayer Shawl Ministry accepts donations of yarn, fleece, knitting and crocheting supplies, as well as financial donations throughout the year. You may drop off donations to the church office and mark packages Prayer Shawl Ministry.

**FYI: In April, the monthly prayer shawl meeting will take place in the Church Office at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 18.**

### Greetings from your Finance Committee

We continue on track to meet our basic budget objectives for the year. Having said that, we would like to ask you to consider:

- Last month we mentioned that the dramatic decline in the cost of filling up our gas tanks and heating our homes gave us an opportunity to increase our giving. This is a good time for each of us to give prayerful thought to increasing our weekly offering by \$5.00 to \$10.00, as we are able. The additional funds will help our church further God's work in this community.
- E-GIVING – If you are comfortable with the process of electronic transactions, E-GIVING frees you from the need to write a check each week and it helps the Church have a more stable and predictable cash flow. Currently, 53 families/members are E-Givers; let's try to double that number. There is more information on E-GIVING elsewhere in this Beacon and on our website.

A little factoid – did you know that in 1729, while students at Oxford University, John and Charles Wesley were members of a small student group that followed a strict **method** of religious practice and study. The group called themselves the Holy Club, other students call them Methodists.

Sincerely,  
David A. Rust, Chairman

### E-GIVING

Do you E-Give? E-giving is a wonderful way to support your church home without worrying about making up for vacations and snow days. There are many ways to sign up and also to change your E-giving amount:

1. Fill out the form included in the Beacon and return it to the church office.
2. Go to <http://www.damascusumc.org/> and click on the "E-Giving" link at the bottom of the home page, and fill out the request.
3. Call our church bookkeeper, Debbie Benson, in the church office at 301-253-0022 ext. 106.  
Any questions? Call the church office.

### DONATIONS OF STOCK

Did you know that you can donate shares of securities to your church? Donating appreciated stock is a great way to give, while avoiding paying capital gains tax incurred when selling shares. Please contact our church bookkeeper, Debbie Benson, in the church office at 301-253-0022 ext. 106, and she will give you more information and provide you with a form to use.



### Did you know?



The Upper Room Living Prayer Center has a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week intercessory prayer ministry staffed by Christian volunteers. When you call 1-800-251-2468, a person will answer the phone, receive your prayer request and pray with you. After your call, your prayer concern will be forwarded to one of 300 Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups located all over the world. On the Web, requests can be submitted by visiting [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), click on "pray" in the green box. Your request will be e-mailed to the Prayer Center within 24 hours and sent out to Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups as well. More than 30,000 prayer requests are received each month.

## Announcements

### NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' MEMORY BOOKS



DUMC Family,

Every year, we like to present each High School senior from DUMC with a special binder on Senior Sunday (May/June 2016). These binders can contain photos, favorite memories, scripture, encouraging words or any other creative pages for your special senior. Pages should be 8x11 inches and delivered to Wendy Hembrough or Tom Baldridge by May 8, 2016, in order to be included in the binders.

Please feel free to contact family, friends, mentors, teachers, scout leaders, etc. to submit pages for a binder. We are hoping our seniors will find these binders as a source of inspiration and comfort throughout the upcoming new chapters of their lives! Thanks in advance for helping us create these special gifts for our graduating seniors. This year's seniors are:

Logan Abernethy  
Jenna Bacon  
John Billig  
Madison Bowe  
Kyle Boyer  
Claire Dobrzanski  
Chris Gaylord  
Cameron Horst  
Rose Hulcher  
Quil Kiback  
Ian Kinnaman  
Bethany Maczka  
Jessi Marshall  
Austin Mollard

Riley Murray  
Kelsey Najaka  
Keith Packard  
Gabe Russell  
Cody Sander  
Corbin Sander  
Teddy Schlee  
Marci Senires  
Lucas Sicard  
Jack Stull  
Rachel Taylor  
Micah Tsoi  
Patrick Walker  
Marin Williams

### Prayer Requests

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to write  
any prayer requests  
on the prayer cards located in the pews.

Prayer cards should then be placed in the prayer  
box in the Narthex.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at  
[www.damascusumc.org](http://www.damascusumc.org).

### "Shampoos for the Center" Help Women in Need

The Damascus United Methodist Women (DUMW) have an outreach program to help women at the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center in Rockville. As you travel for work and pleasure throughout the year, why not bring home those small unused bottles of shampoos and conditioners from your trip and place them in the specially marked "red" basket in the Narthex. The toiletries will be provided to women in need at this walk-in day shelter. DUMW contact: Wanda Miente at 301-972-1876.

### **Going to buy something on Amazon.com?**

**Don't forget to go through the DUMC link  
located at the bottom of the home page on the DUMC website  
([damascusumc.org](http://damascusumc.org))**

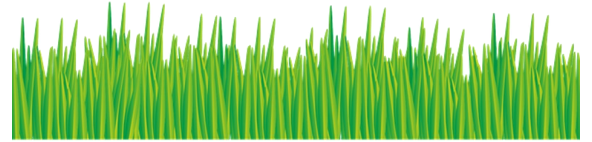
**The Youth Program here at DUMC gets a  
contribution for all purchases made through this link,  
with no additional cost to you!**





## Announcements (cont'd)

**The groundhog said that we'd have an early spring . . .  
that means it is time to think about mowing!**



Although we have many volunteers who mow the church grounds, we could use you, too. The more people who volunteer, the less often each has to mow. No experience necessary; safety training is provided. The church provides the equipment and gas. Also, we need a volunteer to coordinate the mowing schedule and remind whoever is supposed to do it that week. Please contact Jane Clarke for more information and to volunteer at [jjclarke57@gmail.com](mailto:jjclarke57@gmail.com) or 406-599-1591 (cell).

### Check-in at DUMC every Sunday

Every day our Facebook friends post check-ins at restaurants and events. Why don't more check-in at church? Let's change that and show everyone that we are as excited to attend DUMC as we are to eat at a new restaurant or see a new show! Before you silence your phone for church, update your status with a check-in at DUMC. You can add a comment or photo after the service. It would be fun to see how many of us participate. Maybe our other friends will be intrigued enough to attend as well.

Don't forget to like the DUMC page on Facebook!



### Sign Up for Flowers on the New Calendar



Flowers, as signs of life and beauty, have traditionally been offered to the glory of God to adorn the Sanctuary. The 2016 Flower Calendar is now hanging in the Narthex, in the back of the church. As you come to church, don't forget to stop and sign up to provide flowers for the altar. Please indicate: name, phone number, and whether or not you are picking up your flowers after church. The earlier you put in for your special dates, the better! **You can order your flowers from Beall's Florist of Damascus (301-253-2840). They are glad to assist you with your order (mention they are for the DUMC altar) at a special rate and will have them delivered here on Saturday.**

Any and all questions will be gladly answered by Linda Stastny in the church office.

### Faith Connections needs volunteers . . . .

to answer the help-line phone calls 2-3 days per month. This ministry provides assistance and referrals to families in need in our Damascus-Clarksburg community.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in need in your own local community. **For more information please call Debbie Tomlinson, Faith Connections Program Director at 301-512-5130 or [Debbie@Faith-Connections.org](mailto:Debbie@Faith-Connections.org).**

Faith Connections provides emergency service to families in crisis situations and works in advocacy to support efforts to empower the individual family toward self-reliance. Faith Connections is a collaboration of the churches in the Damascus-Clarksburg area.



### Between Cultures Mission Fundraiser



On the first Sunday of every month (April 3) we will be in the Narthex selling a variety of fresh and delicious Krispy Kreme donuts. All funds raised go to support our **Between Cultures** mission team and the outstanding work they do in Nicaragua on behalf of the poor, and in the interest of building a more just world. You can purchase a dozen donuts (\$8), a half dozen (\$4), or just a single donut (\$1). All the donuts are delicious and made fresh the same morning. Consider taking a dozen home with you, or to Sunday School, or to a social event, or to work on Monday morning.

## Announcements (cont'd)



### Welcoming Wednesday Dinners Mark Your Calendar!

The *Welcoming Wednesday Dinners* are now available in the Church Dining Hall. We serve from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm. The suggested donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. This is a chance to connect with your church family mid-week. It is also a **great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to fellowship at DUMC!**

**April 6:** Pork Chops with Sauerkraut, Stewed Tomatoes, Roasted Potatoes, Salad & Dessert

**April 13:** South of the Border Meal: Enchiladas, Rice Casserole, Citrus Salad, Mexican Chocolate Cake

**April 20:** Baby hamburgers & Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Coleslaw, Spinach Salad, Fruit Salad & Ice Cream Sundaes.

**April 27:** Breakfast for Dinner!

Like to cook? Want to help this ministry? You can volunteer for only a few hours on Wednesdays. We need helpers for dishwashing, general preparation, cooking or baking. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays, come by during dinners, or email [gabriellehulcher@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellehulcher@gmail.com).

**\*NOTE** – Menus subject to change.

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## CHAMBLEE TRAINING AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

9700 New Church Road, Damascus, Maryland 20872

\$1,000 – Scholarship Offer

The Wayne Chamblee Scholarship Fund Committee, through Damascus United Methodist Church, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to assist in the cost of education in a recognized program for landscaping, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, building maintenance and/or any engineering field. Any church member or church attendee is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The Wayne Chamblee Training and Education Scholarship is being offered through the Depro Sunday School Class. Wayne was an inspiration to many here at Damascus United Methodist Church, and his tireless work ethic to keep the church in good running and working order was known by many.

The Scholarship will be awarded based on the applicant's educational goals and financial needs. The award may be used for tuition, books, transportation or other expenses related to training. Applications are available by request from the Wayne Chamblee Scholarship Fund Committee (contact Mike Ferguson at [kmfcolonial@hotmail.com](mailto:kmfcolonial@hotmail.com)) or church narthex, church office **or the church website [www.damascusumc.org](http://www.damascusumc.org), Events tab, then Scholarships.**

Proof of registration is required before funds can be disbursed.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS May 1, 2016.

### SCRIPTURE FROM WAYNE'S FUNERAL BULLETIN

*A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

- Proverbs 10:4



*Music & Lyrics by PAUL WILLIAMS*

*Book by ALAN PARKER*

Fri April 29 at 7:30pm

Sat April 30 at 2 & 7:30pm

Sun May 1 at 2pm

at Damascus United Methodist Church  
9700 New Church Street  
Damascus, MD 20872



**Directed by Jerilyn B. Nacht**

**Music Direction by Keith Tittermary**

**Produced by Eli Swink**

**Choreographed by Karen Fitch & Megan McNellage**

**Tickets:    \$14 General Admission, \$12 DTC Members**  
**\$10 Seniors, Students K-12, and Children ages 2-5**

**Tickets available for purchase at the door or on our website**

**[www.damascustheatre.org](http://www.damascustheatre.org)**

*BUGSY MALONE JR*

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

## Announcements (cont'd)

### **The Academy of St. Cecilia - 2016 Spring Concert Series**

Friday, May 6 at 7:00 pm

#### **First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg**

200 West Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Flute Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Youth Orchestra

Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 pm

#### **Weinberg Center for the Arts**

20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Symphonic Band and Youth Orchestra

Sunday, May 8 at 4:00 pm

#### **Damascus High School Auditorium**

25921 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872

Symphonic Band and Youth Orchestra

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm

#### **Damascus United Methodist Church**

9700 New Church Street

Damascus, MD 20872

Beginning Band, Advanced Band, Prep Orchestra, Symphonic Band

Academy of Saint Cecilia Youth Orchestra

9700 New Church Street

Damascus, MD 20872

## A Special Thank You

Dear Mrs. Scarborough, DUMC Sunday school Children  
Sunday school teachers, Parents and DUMC Members,

I want to express my heart felt appreciation for your generosity in support of Tseganish to Ethiopia Medicine Box Project of DUMC. Your personal commitment in preparing and organizing this program was incredibly helpful and will allow us to reach so many young children and families. Your assistance means so much to me and even more to the children your kindness reaches, and restores faith in their fellow human beings.

At this moment I would like to sincerely extend my gratitude to everyone in the Damascus United Methodist Church. Also, I would like to especially thank the DUMC Sunday school children, Mrs. Scarborough, all the Sunday school teachers, parents and members of the church who participated. You helped our children to meet the goal of helping the children in Ethiopia.

The Damascus United Methodist Church Sunday school children raised over \$4,000.00, reaching out in love to help less fortunate children in Ethiopia. God bless every one of you!!!

Again, please accept my heartfelt appreciation,

Kolash Belete and  
The Ethiopian Medicine Box Committee



# Remaining Young at Heart Schedule for 2016

## Friday, MAY 13 OR Saturday, MAY 14\*

Visit to Historic Ellicott City for short tour, shopping, and lunch. Will carpool from the church.

**Contact person:** Jane Webb / 240-620-6920



**\*State your preference on the date**

## Friday or Saturday, SEPTEMBER 17 or 18

Trip to the Maryland Wine Festival in Westminster.



**Date and time TBD.**

**Contact person:** Jane Webb / 240-620-6920

## Sunday, JUNE 12

Travel to the Gaithersburg Arts Barn to see *The Drowsy Chaperone* play, with early dinner after in Gaithersburg (Coastal Flats?) . Will be a 2:00 pm Matinee

**Contact person:** Sue Constantinides: 301-253-6591

## Sunday, JULY 3

Holiday Concert Rehearsal on the west front lawn of the Capital, Washington, DC. Departure time TBD.

**Contact person:** Kathy Jones / 301-580-4591

## Other July possibilities:

Frederick Keys Baseball Game  
Visit to Raven's Training Camp & Lunch

**Dates to be determined for both of above.**

**Contact person:**  
**Mike Springirth / 240-832-2404**



## August

Picnic & swimming at the home of Bill & Lora Maynard, Damascus. Date TBD.

**Contact person:** Lora Maynard / 301-253-5868.

Pontoon Ride at Blackhills Park, Clarksburg. Date TBD.

**Contact person:** Kathy Celli / 301-253-9652.

Toby's Dinner Theater to see Sister Act.

**Coordinator/Contact person needed.**

Call Ted, Sue or Jane to volunteer.

## OCTOBER

Tour of Brookside Gardens and *Wings of Fancy* Butterfly House, Wheaton. Lunch afterwards nearby. Date TBD.

Tour of Kingsley School house on Clarksburg Road and lunch to follow (heavy walking involved). Date TBD.



**Coordinator/Contact person needed for both events listed**  
Call Ted, Sue or Jane to volunteer.

## NOVEMBER

Tour of Channel 7 Newsroom in Arlington, VA, followed by a lunch out. Date TBD.

**Contact person:** Mike Springirth / 240-832-2404.

## DECEMBER



St. Cecilia Christmas Concert at the Weinberg Center, following a dinner out in Frederick. Exact date TBD.

**Contact person:**  
Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

Disney Cruise December 3 - 10, 2016. Departure is from Port Canaveral, Florida. Booking now and openings still available. **Contact person:** Kelly Bratburd: / 301-831-7435

Festival of Lights or Zoo Lights.

DUMC Dinner & Christmas Party.

**Coordinator/Contact person needed for both events listed.**  
Call Ted, Sue or Jane to volunteer.

## Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held  
**Sunday, April 17, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Church Parlor.**

## Office Information

**PASTORS:**

**David S. Cooney, ext. #103**  
**cell: 240-529-8887 / [david.cooney@verizon.net](mailto:david.cooney@verizon.net)**

**Amanda P. McMurtrey, ext. #104**  
**cell: 970-231-5123 / [amanda.mcmurtrey@verizon.net](mailto:amanda.mcmurtrey@verizon.net)**

**STAFF:**

**Polly Edmonds Baldrige,  
Minister of Music & Worship Arts  
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**Tom Baldridge,**  
**Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry**  
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**Jane Webb, Office Manager**  
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**Linda Stastny, Office Administrator**  
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**Lisa Marshall, Property Manager**  
cell: 301-253-5241 / [lisamarshall.dumc@verizon.net](mailto:lisamarshall.dumc@verizon.net)

**Debbie Benson, Bookkeeper**  
ext. #106 / [dumc\\_finance@verizon.net](mailto:dumc_finance@verizon.net)



THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED FOR  
EASTER MONDAY  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 28.

WE WILL RE-OPEN ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29 AT 9:00 AM

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## Administrative Meetings For April, 2016



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| April | 6  | Office Staff Meeting<br>10:00 am in the Annex/CR  |
| April | 7  | First Thursday Ministries Meeting<br>7:00 pm in the <b>Sanctuary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Trustees Meeting to follow<br/>in the <b>Great Hall/back</b></li><li>▶ Missions Meeting to follow<br/>in the <b>Great Hall/Stage Side</b></li><li>▶ Finance Committee to follow<br/>in the <b>Sacristy</b></li></ul> |
| April | 14 | SPPRC Meeting<br><b>7:00 pm</b> in the Annex/CR   |
| April | 20 | Technology Committee Meeting<br>7:00 pm in the Annex/CR   |
| April | 28 | Administrative Board Meeting<br>7:00 pm in the Dining Hall/back   |

**NOTE:** The Christian Formation Committee **will NOT** meet in the month of April.

The UMYFO **will NOT** meet in the month of April.

## IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING  
ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION  
IN THE APRIL BEACON **WILL BE**  
**WEDNESDAY, April 13**

(For Beacon to publish on Sunday, April 24).

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY AND ALL ARTICLES BY THIS DATE AT THE LATEST.**

## Office Hours

**The office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 6:00 p.m. On Friday, we open at 8:00 a.m., sometimes close for lunch (approx. an hr.) and occasionally close for the day at 4:00 p.m. Additionally,**

**Pastor David is off on Fridays.**

**Pastor Amanda is off on Tuesdays.**

**Jane Webb is off on Mondays.**

**Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.**

**Please keep this in mind when waiting for a response to e-mail or phone messages. Thank you.**

**DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Pre-K (Age 4) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**July 25 – 29, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**(Please fill out one form for each family, and return it to the Resource Room  
or the Church Office: DUMC, Attn: VBS, 9700 New Church St., Damascus, MD 20872)**

Name _____	Grade entering _____	T-shirt size: Y _____	(S/M/L) _____	(S/M/L/XL) _____
Name _____	Grade entering _____	T-shirt size: Y _____	(S/M/L) _____	(S/M/L/XL) _____
Name _____	Grade entering _____	T-shirt size: Y _____	(S/M/L) _____	(S/M/L/XL) _____
Name _____	Grade entering _____	T-shirt size: Y _____	(S/M/L) _____	(S/M/L/XL) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Work (specify person) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (please indicate which child) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Our kitchen staff will purchase the snacks and drinks that will be served during VBS, and peanut-related items will not be bought. However, if your child has severe food allergies, it would be best for you to send in a snack each day for your child. We are not able to guarantee a complete peanut-free kitchen.)

Other concerns or requests for class placement (sometimes there are 2 classes/grade)

In case of an emergency, I give permission for Shady Grove Hospital to treat (please list names if more than one child)

for any accident or injury that occurs while attending Vacation Bible School.

Name of Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## About Our People

### Your Connection to Care

When you are facing a difficulty, faith issue, or serious illness, your pastoral care team is here for you. Pastors David and Amanda are easy to reach and available to you. Their contact information is below:



**David S. Cooney, ext. #103** Amanda  
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### ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** Pennie Adams (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Catherine Cramer**, (Randy Anderson's sister with pregnancy complications), **David Bellefleur** (Hank's brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Helen Boyer**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Joyce Dooley** (Carol Taylor's mom), **Pat Duvall**, **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Diane Fry** (having complications from her hand surgery recovery), **Marianne Goldup**, **Patsy Kressig** (Judy's mom), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson's brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back surgery), **Nancy Nickerson** (recovering from neck/back surgery), **Neal Pardini**, **Sue Pratt** (Amy Bilello's mom), **Jane Snapp** (recuperating from a broken shoulder), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus).

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer** including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Mike Bowman** (Roz Bowman's son), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Mickey Cochran**, **Pam Compton**, **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Kathy Geehreg**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Marilyn Kinsey** (melanoma), **Dave Lingrell**, **Tanner Matney**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister), **Greg Sacco** (Gina Wilson's brother), **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle), and **Sharon Stern** (Sandra Malley's sister).

**Continue to pray for all who serve in the military:** The following are stationed in the United States: **John Clayton** – Army (Cathy Heinbaugh's brother), **Thomas LaMaster** – Navy (Ted & Esther Samakouris' grandson), **Gregory Lee** – Army (Cara Hardick Lee's husband), **Benjamin J. Saunders** – Navy (son of Connie Ross), **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly), and **Kossi (Alfred) Setodji** –Army (son of Philip and Mary Davi Avudutu).

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