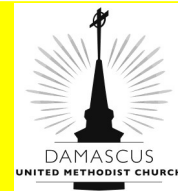


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Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

Blessed Easter Season,

I was going to offer the salutation of happy spring but I do not know. I thought spring had come exceptionally early this year, but I am writing this from my home office while it continues to snow and sleet outside. With April upon us, perhaps spring is both officially and actually here. I hope.

What I do know is that Easter is just a few weeks away. Not long ago we gathered to begin the season of Lent by receiving the mark of ashes and remembering our mortality. Now we prepare to gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the promise of eternal life. What a difference a few weeks make.

I do hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to make this season one of spiritual blessing. On April 9 our worship will begin with the waving of palms in grand procession along with bright and soul-stirring music. We will gradually move toward a more somber tone as the cheers welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem become jeers seeking his crucifixion. On Thursday the 13th we symbolically gather in the Upper Room to share the bread and cup and will move from there to the Garden of Gethsemane. On Friday we will follow Jesus from the garden to the house of the high priest for his mock trial and then to Pilate's Hall and ultimately to Golgotha. (We have services at noon on both Thursday and Friday for those who cannot come in the evening. The evening services are at 7:30). Easter morning begins at the cemetery literally for sunrise service at 6:30. We will meet at the cemetery figuratively at 8, 9:30, and 11:00. To shouts of He Is Risen, we will share the greatest news ever told.

On Saturday evening we are honoring the ancient church tradition of receiving our confirmands into church membership. This is a beautiful service and a significant time in the lives of these young people. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Week this year is also spring break for some of our school systems. I know this means that some of you will be traveling. Be safe and enjoy yourselves. Let me encourage you to find a church wherever you are and check for services so that may participate in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Much happens after Easter. Later in the month we have the Women's Retreat. (Have you registered yet?) Upcoming on Sunday mornings is a Children's Sabbath, a Women's Day, a Mission Celebration Sunday, and Senior Sunday (graduating seniors, not the life-experienced seniors). The bottom line is that you want to be here every Sunday that you possibly can

Pastor's Article (cont'd)

because there is always something unique and special happening that you just don't want to miss.

As always, remember to pray for your church. Ask God to help us to reach new people with the good news of the gospel, and to be faithful in mission, and to be joyful in worship, and to be united in purpose. We have a great church. We want to keep it that way and be even stronger. This requires from everyone what we promise when we become a part: support of the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Don't ever think we do not need you. We do. Together we are better.

Get ready for a blessed Easter season and see what God has in store for us next.

In the name of the Risen Savior,

David



Children's Easter Service and Egg Hunt

**On Easter Sunday Morning, April 16, 2017,
Please come upstairs to the Great Hall at 9:30am
for our annual Children's Easter Service.**

**Then, children and parents will go downstairs
to the Dining Hall for crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt.**

***We are asking the parents to stay with their children and
enjoy the service and egg hunt with them.***

9:30 am: Start in Great Hall for Children's Worship Service

9:45 - 10:30 am: Move to the Dining Hall for crafts and egg hunt

Everyone is welcome to come!

Our newest Stephen Ministers!



Gabrielle

Hulcher and

Mary Nieter were
commissioned at DUMC on Sunday, March 19.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU!

HOLY WEEK 2017

DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017

Festival Services

8:15 and 11 am
Sanctuary

*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.*

In our annual tradition of re-enacting Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, cries of Hosanna are shouted amidst the lively rhythms of flutes, brass, and percussion. Excitement soon gives way to sober quietness, calling us to devotion.

*Child care will be available in the nursery
for both services.*



Holy Wednesday

April 12, 2017

Morning Communion

6:45 am
Sanctuary

Join Pastor Amanda for a time of prayer, devotion, and communion, with a light breakfast to follow.

*(There is no Welcoming Wednesday night dinner.
However adult evening rehearsals will still take place.)*

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

12:00 noon
Sanctuary

Service of prayer, meditation and communion.

Maundy Thursday Service

7:30 pm
Sanctuary



Join us in the "Upper Room" as communion is celebrated along with the elements of the Seder meal in this remembrance of the Last Supper, followed by the ceremonial stripping of the sanctuary's adornments. Music will be shared by the Ring of Joy Handbells and Women's Choir.

*Child care will be
available in the nurse-
ry.*

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

Good Friday Service

12 noon
Sanctuary

Come and hear an account of the passion story and reflect on Jesus' way to the cross.

Good Friday Service

7:30 pm
Sanctuary

We will retrace Jesus' way to the cross with readings, music, reflection, and visual depictions. The Chancel Choir and Men's Choir will lead in this time of worship.

Child care will be available in the nursery.

Holy Saturday

April 15, 2017

Confirmation Service

7:30 pm
Sanctuary

As the second century Church welcomed new believers on Easter Eve, so we welcome our confirmands in this ancient tradition. All singers in attendance are invited to sing "Order My Steps" and "Omnia Sol" during the service.

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 am Gathering

DUMC Cemetery, adjacent to Harwood House Thrift Shop

(Inclement weather: Meet inside Boyer Chapel)

See the sunrise and feel Christ's power in this outdoor service with communion led by first-year confirmands.

Children's Program & Egg Hunt

9:30 am
Great Hall/Dining Hall

Easter story is shared interactively and music is led by the puppets. Parents, please accompany your children to the Great Hall. Afterwards, parents & children ages 2 years to 5th grade are invited to the Easter egg hunt.

Services of the Resurrection

8, 9:30, 11 am
Sanctuary

On this great day of celebration, voices, organ, and brass make music to uplift the resurrection and presence of our living Lord in the gathered company of believers. All are invited to come forward for singing of Hallelujah Chorus at close of service.

Child care is provided in the

nursery for the

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am services.





Calling all Heros!!

Save these dates for VBS 2017, July 24 - 28!

Don't miss this exciting chance to discover your strength in God. Any adults or youth willing to volunteer can contact Pastor Amanda at amanda.damascusumc.org or 301-253-0022.

YOUTH HELPER Registration Forms are on Page #28 of this Beacon.

NOTE: VBS Registration form for CHILDREN is on Page #28 of this Beacon.



United
Methodist
Women
Faith · Hope · Love in Action

March United Methodist Women News

Susanna JOY Circle will meet **Monday, April 3**,
in the church Dining Hall at 10:00 am.

The **WWJD Circle** will **NOT** meet in April.

However, we encourage our members and all women of the church to participate in the Women's retreat to be held April 28 & April 29.

Registration information is included on page 6 of this Beacon
or you can contact the church office for more information.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Fellowship · Conversation · Companionship · Fun · Sisterhood · Everyone Invited

When: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

Where: Ledo's
9805 Ridge Road.
Damascus, MD

Time: 6:00 pm
Please RSVP by May 9

When: WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

Where: The Vintage Restaurant
8 W. Main Street
New Market, MD 21774

Time: 6:00 pm
Please RSVP by July 17

CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA / AMANDA.MCMURTREY@DAMASCUSUMC.ORG
Call 301-253-0022 or Text 970-231-5123

Giving to Others during Lent 2017 Sunday School Mission Project

Instead of "giving up" something for Lent, once again this year we are encouraging our Sunday School classes to "give to others" by bringing in food items to help needy families in our area. We want to help stock the shelves of Damascus Help in preparation for spring and summer needs.

We would like our students to do extra tasks or chores to earn money towards the food donations they will give each week. Then, it would be great if the children could help select their favorite foods to buy and donate to Damascus Help.

You can donate food items too! All basic, non-perishable foods with valid expiration dates are welcome. Please join us in "giving to others" during Lent.

For the children, each week of Lent will have a special focus for donations based on the current needs of Damascus Help's food pantry.

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|----------|---|
| March 5 | - peanut butter and GRAPE jelly,
tea bags |
| March 12 | - spaghetti sauce and pasta,
baby diapers (size 3, 4 & 5 needed most!) |
| March 19 | - hot or cold Cereal,
canned fruit |
| March 26 | - bars of soap, individually wrapped,
toilet paper |
| April 2 | - canned meat, canned tuna,
canned mixed vegetables |
| April 9 | - laundry detergent,
baby diapers (size, 3, 4 or 5) |

Damascus Help always welcomes gift cards to Weis, Safeway or Walmart.

Thank you and God bless you!

Spiritual Formation (cont'd)

Men's Night Out for April

The Men of DUMC
(and male friends, family & neighbors)
are invited for a Men's Night Out on



Mon-

day,

April 10, 2017

at 6:30 pm at

CarterQue Barbeque & Grilling Company

1310 S. Main Street

Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Phone: (240) 686-2060

RSVP to Ted Ross at 301-704-7992.

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.

Reminder: We always 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 and speak with either Marcia Hoffman or Gloria Maready to sign up to help and/or provide food. We could use you!

Invitation: Women's Spring Retreat

Ladies: You need this! A time for you to relax and regenerate — physically and spiritually. An invitation to all women of the church!

Our weekend will begin Friday evening, April 28, to Saturday evening, April 29. You only need to pack an overnight bag; the rest is provided for your comfort. We will leave Damascus by 5 pm on Friday and travel about 40 minutes to The Brethren Center. The cost per person includes meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies.

Building connections with each other begins Friday evening. We will have planned activities, choice activities and times of reflection Friday evening through Saturday evening, ending by 5:15 pm on Saturday. You may choose to have dinner with friends on the way home!

Please consider joining this 2017 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 Wednesday, April 5.

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



Women's 2017 Spring Retreat Registration

WHEN: 5 p.m., Friday, April 28, to Saturday evening, April 29

WHERE: Brethren Center

Zigler Hospitality Center, 500 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776
<http://www.brethren.org/ziglerhospitality>

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 ☺

3 Meals - served buffet style (We will depart on Saturday at 5:15 pm for home OR have dinner with friends.)

Please check room selection below:

☐ Single room (3 single rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis.)

☐ Double room

If you have a roommate already, please share the name: _____.
Otherwise, the Planning Committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ Quad room (3 available, first-come first served)

If you have roommates already, share the names: _____.
Otherwise, the Planning Committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ List any mobility concerns _____

Need financial assistance? Contact Robin Cooney (301) 882-4165.

Transportation: ☐ I can drive (# of passengers I can transport _____)
☐ I will need a ride

☐ **\$100 Registration Fee is attached, \$120 for a single room.**
Make checks payable to DUMW (Damascus United Methodist Women)

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 5.

Women's 2017 Spring Retreat

Registration *(cont'd)*

We Love to Tell the Story

We are pleased that you will be joining us April 28-29 at the Brethren Center for this year's Damascus UMC women's retreat. In order to complete our purchases and planning, the Retreat Committee would like you to select an option for the activity time described below.

The Story of New Things... Select **ONLY ONE** of these 4.



1. _____ **New Art**

Join Kitty McNaughton-Ayres as she guides you step by step through a Paint Nite experience. Each participant will create her own personalized canvas version of the selected artwork.

2. _____ **New Games**

Ever want to learn the ins and outs of Mahjong or other fun group games? Then this group is for you as you learn new games and have time to enjoy playing them with old and new friends.



3. _____ **New Scenery**



Enjoy a hike and walking tour through the quaint town of New Windsor. A major attraction of the town in the early 1800s was a sulphur spring at the foot of Main Street. The waters were thought to have medicinal benefits that helped to draw guests to the town inn.

4. _____ **New Service**

Want to engage in an activity that reaches out to others? Come write notes to shut-ins, missionaries, and others, and include a homemade hug (pictured below).



ATTENTION ALL MEN!
ANNUAL SPRING MEN'S RETREAT
HALLOWOOD RETREAT CENTER,
COMUS, MARYLAND
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 9 & 10, 2017



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

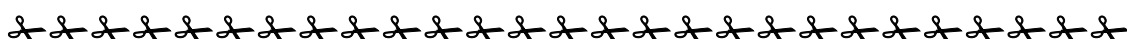
Contact: Ted Ross, Chair, at 301-704-7992

We will be gathering at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 9 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 May 26, 2017.**

Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men

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



Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus, MD / June 9 & 10, 2017

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)

Make checks payable to DUMC with notation: Men's Retreat

Worship Arts News and Events

April 2017 Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
240-750-8287 | polly.baldrige@damascusumc.org
Stephen Kalnoske, Organist | 240-832-2112 | stephenkarnoske@gmail.com



New England 2017: Charles Wesley Singers Summer Youth Mission Tour / June 20 - 27

Charles Wesley Singers are once again preparing for their annual Summer Youth Mission Tour. Can you believe this will be the 30th year our DUMC youth will go on Tour ?? So we all know it takes a lot of hands, a lot of work, and a lot of connections to make this happen each year. So there are two ways you can help out NOW!

- 1) If you have any family and friends in New England that might host our choir (we will be visiting Andover, MA; Mystic, Ct; Beth, ME; and Branford, CT), please contact with Polly so we can put them in touch with our host church for that area.
- 2) We are having a Ticket Fundraiser at the Baltimore Orioles game on May 20. For more information on participating in this, see article on page #16 for the details.

Thank you in advance for ANY support you can give to make this trip happen each year for our youth!

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:00 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall Stage Side
Puppet troupe for elementary students 2nd grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder
- 4:30 pm **Cherubs** Great Hall Back Half
Choir for children 4 ½ years-olds thru 1st grade led by Celia Hembrough and Lydia Turner-Little
- 5:00 pm **Youth Puppets** Great Hall
Puppets/drama for 6th grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough
- 5:00 pm **Choristers** Music Room
Choir for children 2nd thru 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige (with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)
- 6:30 pm **Inspiration Ringers** Stage (September – February – April)
Handbells for students 2nd thru 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige
- 7:00 pm **Men's Choir** Music Room
For all male changed voices, directed by Curt Shiflett with Kathryn Smith, piano
- 7:00 pm **Women's Choir** Great Hall
For all adult treble voices
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Music Room
SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accompanist

SUNDAYS

- 3:30 pm **Youth Praise Band** 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month; Shares each Sunday @ 9:30 am
All instruments and vocals needed for this student led group facilitated by Polly and Tom Baldrige
- 4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** Stage
Handbells for youth 6th thru 12th grades led by Tom Baldrige
- 5:00 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Music Room
SATB choir for 6th thru 12th grades and up led by Polly Baldrige with accompanists Stephen Kalnoske and Katherine Williams.

MONDAYS

- 7:30 pm **Ring of Joy** Stage
Adult 5-octave handbell ensemble led by Polly Baldrige

All singers are invited to rehearse and share with the children and adult choirs of DUMC during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. All those who know the *Hallelujah Chorus* are also invited to sing it on Easter Sunday.

Special Opportunities

Palm Sunday April 9

8:15 and 11 am services
(Children's Choirs, Charles Wesley Singers, and Chancel Choir - including festival procession)

Maundy Thursday April 13

7:30 pm service
(Women's Choir & Ring of Joy Bell Choir)

Good Friday April 14

7:00 pm service
(Chancel Choir, Men's Choir)

Saturday April 15

7:00 pm Confirmation service (pick-up choir will sing *Order My Steps* and *Omnia Sol*)

Easter Sunday April 16

8, 9:30, & 11 am services
(Chancel Choir and Charles Wesley Singers)

Damascus United Methodist Church Worship Arts Ministry



2016-2017: 4th Sunday Concert Series



HANDBELL RING CONCERT

A Swinging, ringing, singing good time...

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Damascus UMC | 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD | damascusumc.org | 301-253-0022

RING OF JOY



YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR



INSPIRATION RINGERS

Interested in joining a Sunday morning Welcome Team?



Have you observed the Welcome Team members on duty at each service? Have you thought that you would like to be a part of one of the teams? If so, please read the brief summary of the various roles and complete the form at the bottom. (There is a greater need for team members at our 11:00 services.)

Welcome Team members (greeters, ushers and host) are asked to arrive 30 minutes before and stay 10 minutes after the service.

Greeter - greet people as they arrive and exit the service

Host - stand at the Welcome Station to answer questions, provide informational brochures, and distribute welcome gifts to guests

Usher - distribute bulletins, collect offering, and 'dismiss' pews during communion

Place the completed bottom half of your form at the Welcome Station or leave it at the church office. Thank you! Questions? Contact the church office OR Robin Cooney (301-882-4165 or robinscooney@gmail.com).

I want to join a Sunday morning Welcome Team!

Name: _____

Phone contact: _____ E-mail: _____
(This contact information will be shared with all Welcome Team volunteers.)

I am committing to join a Welcome Team as: _____ Greeter,
_____ Host, and/or
_____ Usher

Service Time: _____ 8:15 _____ 11:00

I am committing to join a Welcome Team: _____ one Sunday a month OR
_____ two Sundays a month

DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Youth Chapel Sundays @ 9:30 am

Breakfast/Music/Classes by age

April 2017 - Youth Fellowship Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

Sunday 4/2

Youth Fellowship Game Night

Sunday 4/9

Youth Scavenger Hunt @ DUMC

Sunday 4/16

Happy Easter! No Youth Activity

Sunday 4/23

Spring Ring Concert (7 pm in the GH)

Sunday 4/30

HiTech/LowTech Game Night

May 2017 - Youth Fellowship Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

Sunday 5/7

Destination UnKnown

Sunday 5/14

Happy Mother's Day! No Youth Activity

Sunday 5/21

Party in the Park - Youth will travel to Seneca Creek State Park for Picnic & Disc Golf

Sunday 5/28

Senior Sunday - No Youth Activity

Nick will be in England from March 25 to April 8 taking two doctoral-level classes @ Cambridge University and preaching at Maidstone Methodist Church on April 2.

*Tom Baldrige will be leading Youth Activities on March 26, April 2 & April 9. Tom can be reached at 301-802-4775 for questions.

**Youth Praise Band
Sundays @ 3:30 pm
1st & 3rd weeks
of the month**

**Youth Bell Choir
Sundays @ 4 pm
on the Stage**

**Charles Wesley
Singers Practice
Sundays @ 5 pm
in the Choir Room**

**Youth Puppets
Wednesdays @ 5 pm
in the Great Hall**

**There will be
NO UMYFO Meeting
in the month of April.**

**The next UMYFO meeting
will be on Sunday, May 7 @
4:00 pm. Be sure to at-
tend as we will be finaliz-
ing the plans for our Sum-
mer Ministry.**

New England Search . . .

Charles Wesley Singers are traveling to New England on tour from June 20 to 27, 2017.

If you have any family and friends in New England who might host our choir, please be in contact with Polly to share suggestions and names.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
carolyocum@msn.com / 301-788-6446

***We serve and witness to a Risen Savior!
Jesus has given us the privilege of being witnesses
to the power of God for good and
the power of God's love for the transformation of people's lives.
God uses our service and witness as an opportunity
to be at work in the lives of others and to be at work in our lives as well.
We can affirm that as we serve and witness to our living Lord,
our own faith is strengthened and our capacity to love others is deepened.
It is good to be a community of faith in service to others!***

Report your service for Lent...

The Missions Committee gave a Lenten Challenge to all DUMC individuals and groups. We hope that challenge has born much fruit for God's Kingdom during the six weeks of Lent. Deadline for the May Beacon will be about Easter. Would all individuals and groups "report back" to the Missions Committee their service projects? Tell us what you did so we can all hear about what is happening in the name of serving Jesus. Thank you for "washing some feet" and "loving neighbors" during Lent!
(Send accounts to carolyocum@msn.com Thank you!)

Volunteer In Mission trip to Virginia Beach is on for September 3-9, 2017:

DUMC has committed to a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trip in September to help people recover and rebuild from Hurricane Matthew. Interested? Contact Carol Yocum at carolyocum@msn.com or Doug Marshall at dougandlisamarshall@yahoo.com. The team will be looking for people with skills in the trades, painting, outdoor clean-up. A VIM team to VA will travel by vehicles so the costs will be relatively low. Scholarships to participate are available for those who need them. Plans are in the early stages and definitive costs have not yet been determined. Hope you can get involved!!

Rock the House Update

Thanks to all who provided snacks for the Rock the House after school ministry by Faith Connections. Our congregation collected 100 servings per week of snacks for the month of April.

Anyone interested in The Baltimore Christian Workcamp?

The BCCW was founded by two United Methodist ministers in 1984. In 2017, the week will be July 16 -21, our 34th year. There is a kick-off dinner on Sunday evening at Hunt's UMC, the host church. Each work day starts with breakfast prepared by members from a local church at the host church. The volunteers then prepare their own bagged lunches, go out to sites, and then have dinner that evening at local churches. All types of work (e.g., ramps, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, roofing, interior and exterior painting, caulking, inside and outside clean-up) are performed by workers of all ages. Sleeping accommodations at the host church can be available only for supervised large groups traveling from out of the region. Individuals must have their own medical/health insurance to participate.

Anyone over 16 and willing to work may register. Fee is \$25 per week or \$6 per day. Church groups are asked to donate at least \$100 for building materials. (In addition, there are planning meetings held throughout the year at Hunt's Memorial UMC.)

DUMC's annual Garrett County Habitat for Humanity trip will be July 16 to July 21 this year. Mark your calendars now. Applications are available on the church website. See article on Page #17 of this Beacon for more information.

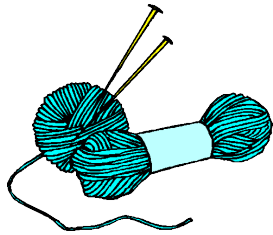
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
carolyocum@msn.com / 301-788-6446

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Monday, April 17
at 12:30 pm (Church Office)**

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a creative way to combine the love of knitting and/or crocheting with ministry to people in need of comfort. The shawls we make offer tangible evidence of God's love to each recipient. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone whom you know, you can contact one of the pastors, or Cathy



Heinbaugh, cheinbaugh@comcast.net, 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, jmullinix74@yahoo.com, 301-482-1122.

Missions Fundraiser

**DUMC's Annual
Flower & Plant Sale begins
Saturday, May 6, 2017**



**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 20. This is a very successful fundraiser for the mission programs in the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Please contact Kathy Jones at 301-580-4591 or kathyjonesrgpm@gmail.com to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to earn credit to use when they go on mission trips.

Announcements

Summer Camps for 2017

Remember to check out the Summer Camp selections and calendar for our local UMC locations. These are vibrant places for summer camp programs, retreats and special events. They offer the opportunity for rest and renewal, wonderful vistas, outrageous fun, and opportunities to connect with God and each other. You are invited to explore the beautiful scenery, comfortable facilities, versatile meeting spaces, and warm hospitality that comprise each of these unique settings. The staff is eager and willing to make your next event the best one yet. For more information go to <http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/Home.html>



Camp Harmison: A 50-acre camp and retreat site near Berkeley Springs, WV. Located along the banks of Sleepy Creek, this site offers quiet, serene surroundings.

Manikodan Camp and Retreat Center: Over 300 acres bordered by the Potomac River and C&O Canal (across the river from historic Harpers Ferry, WV). Located just 20 miles west of Frederick, MD, an hour from Washington, DC and two hours from Baltimore, MD.

West River Center: Located in southern Anne Arundel County, West River is 45 beautiful acres on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Just 20 miles south of Annapolis, MD, and an hour away from both Baltimore and Washington, DC.

Announcements

Orioles Ball Game Ticket Fundraiser Saturday, May 20 at 4:05 (versus Toronto BlueJays)

**Ticket are \$20 each, plus it's a Jersey Giveaway Day!
We have reserved 150 tickets in Section #312.**



Purchase tickets to benefit Charles Wesley Singers Summer Youth Mission Tour. With the Orioles' *High 5 Program*, \$5 from every ticket benefits Tour! Contact Linda Nardone at linda.m.n.us@gmail.com, or you can purchase tickets in the Narthex after either after the 8:15 am service or before the 11:00 am service. Make checks payable to Damascus UMC, with "Youth tour" in the memo line. Contact Polly Baldrige with any other questions: 240-750-8287.

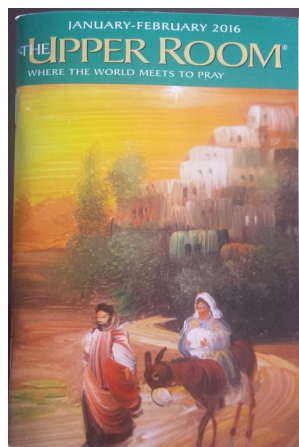


Damascus Heritage Society Museum *Gary Richard's Collections continues . . .* Open February - May 2017

Gary has been saving history since he was a child. We have all heard that one man's trash is another man's treasure. This old adage fits Gary to a tee. Gary considers himself a collector, not a hoarder, and, in fact, he has even written a brief paper on how he feels about collecting. He has organized his exhibit into "themes" such as church, Christmas, the Peter Pan Restaurant, and even secret business records. Uh-oh... As some of you know, Gary has even restored a train caboose, including track, signals, and street lights, but sadly this will not be part of the exhibit as it is bigger than our building and not easily transported.



NOTE: The museum is located behind the Senior Center @ the Damascus Library. The museum is open Wednesdays & Saturdays noon to 4:00 pm.



The Upper Room

Please feel free to take
a copy of
the Upper Room
which is kept in the
pew hymnal racks
in our Sanctuary.

Better yet, take a
couple of copies
and share with friends
and neighbors.

This publication is a
wonderful way
to encourage daily scripture reading!

Updated Cartridge Info

Friends,

Thank you for your support over the past years by contributing your used ink cartridges for recycling as a fundraiser for the youth.

With the wide variety of cartridges and the sorting process that is required, we have found it to be rather labor intensive with a minimal return. Therefore, we will no longer be collecting them.

I know Staples will accept used cartridges. We hope you will be good earth stewards and find a convenient location to recycle them.

Thank you,
Linda Stastny, Office Administrator

Announcements (cont'd)



**Young @ Heart
DUMC**

YOUNG-AT-HEART OUTING

Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2017

Learn to waltz! \$10

No experience necessary and you don't even need a partner!

Get in touch with your inner Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers!

Join us at the **Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom!!**

The afternoon starts off at 2:45 p.m. with a 45-minute introductory waltz lesson, followed by an afternoon of waltzes to live music. Dancing runs from 3:30 to 6 pm but we plan on leaving the ballroom around 5:00 to head next door for dinner at the Irish Inn.

We will meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Kathryn Smith (301-540-1191) so she can make dinner reservations at the Irish Inn. However, last minute attendees are welcome because no reservations are needed for the Spanish ballroom. Pay \$10 at the door as you arrive.



The Spanish Ballroom is a beautifully restored 1933 Mediterranean style Art Deco building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD



The Irish Inn is a traditional pub serving familiar Irish & American comfort food in relaxed rooms or on the deck.
6119 Tulane Ave. Glen Echo, MD

Habitat for Humanity Help Build a House This Summer



Join us as we travel once again to Garrett County, MD to help build houses for low - income people in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. This is an unforgettable experience to work alongside future homeowners for one week, and then to return the following year to see them working in their yard or their children playing on the porch of a home that you helped build!

Our trip will be July 16 through July 21 with a MANDATORY pre-trip meeting on June 14 at 7 pm in the Annex/Office conference room. Anyone 14 or older is welcome to join us although 14 and 15 year olds may not be able to fully participate in all aspects of construction. The trip is \$75 for DUMC members and \$125 for others. Look for applications on the church website under missions. For more information, please contact Anita Duvall by cell/text at [240-485-7650](tel:240-485-7650) or by email at anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov.

Damascus Theatre Company presents



A DTC KIDS production

*Music and Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice
Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer
Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi
Based on the Broadway Production Directed by Julie Taymor*

Directed by Jerilyn B. Nacht

Performances at Damascus United Methodist Church:

Friday, April 28, 2017, at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 10:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 2:00 pm

\$14 General Admission

\$10 Seniors, Students K-12, Children 2-5

damascustheatre.org

*Disney's THE LION KING JR is presented through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by
MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.*

Announcements (cont'd)



YOUNG-AT-HEART OUTING: "SPRING IN THE VILLAGE / ART AT THE FURNACE" SUNDAY, MAY 7 @ 1 - 5 pm

Celebrate spring by enjoying an afternoon outside in the traditional atmosphere of a historic village at the Catoctin Iron Furnace, located on the grounds of Cunningham Falls State Park, south of Thurmont. Enjoy tours, blacksmith and artist demonstrations, juried Maryland arts, handmade crafts, flowers, heirloom plants, herbs, a gardener's yard sale, beekeeping display and honey products, music, baked goods, and food! Hot lunch items will be available for purchase. The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society will also have it's historic cottages open for public tour, along with vendors and local wines from Springfield Manor. Stroll the village at your leisure and visit what interests you the most! A portion of the proceeds from the festival benefits the restoration of the historic structures on the property. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Catoctin Furnace is a Frederick County Landmark. Admission to the festival is free. Parking and shuttle service available at the Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area.

Those who wish to carpool can meet right after church in the parking lot at 12:30. You may purchase lunch in the village. Call Sue Constantinides to RSVP: (Home) 301-253-6591 / (Cell) 301-651-1178/ Email suehcon@yahoo.com or instant message on Facebook.

History Nugget: When hematite ore was discovered in the Catoctin Mountains in the 1770's, the Catoctin Furnace was constructed to produce pig iron. It is reported that during the Revolutionary War, cannons and cannonballs were cast at this furnace for George Washington's Army and 100 tons of shells were used at Yorktown. Iron made at the Catoctin Furnace was also used to make machinery for the invention of the steamboat, metal plates for the Civil War Vessel Monitor and the manufacture of car wheels. The Furnace was blown out for the last time in February 1903. The Catoctin Furnace is a remnant of a thriving-iron industry. It remains a stark reality to the life and death of a part of history eliminated by technological advances and the economics of business. Come experience this piece of living history for yourself!



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12525-12625 Catoctin Furnace Rd.
Thurmont, MD 21788

Catoctin



Iron Fur-

Announcements (cont'd)

'Tis the Season!

The groundhog notwithstanding, spring will be here before we know it. 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 will be provided. The church provides the equipment and gas. Please contact Jane Clarke for more information and to volunteer at jjclarke57@gmail.com, 301-253-4913 (home), or 406-599-1591 (cell). Many thanks to our 2016 mowing team!

Also, we are looking for volunteers to tend the many planting beds on the church property. This entails removing sticks and debris, cutting a clean edge around the bed, mulching, and weeding. Contact Lisa Marshall to "adopt" a bed or to tell her that you will maintain the same bed as last year. Her contact info is

lisa.marshall@damascusumc.org or 301-253-5241.



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 2017). These binders can contain photos, favorite memories, Scripture, encouraging words or any other creative pages for your special senior. Pages (hard copy only please) should be 8x11 inches and delivered to Wendy Hembrough by May 8, 2017, 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 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:

Julia Bratburd
Torie Brooks
Ashley Corbin
Lauren Dallas
Caitlyn Dennie
Megan Dunham
Clark Farley

Sydney Fennington
Katherine Hanlon
Cecelia Hembrough
Christina Hernandez
Sean Keaner
Sheridan Maxwell
Olivia Renauer

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.

Announcements (cont'd)

ROBERT M. TREGONING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Description

The Robert M. Tregoning Memorial has been established to encourage and support a deserving student in his/her quest for a higher education. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who will be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited university/college for the fall term. The recipient will be selected based upon demonstrated leadership, community service, character and academics. The scholarship can be used for tuition, books, or room and board, and is set up directly with the college. The scholarship will be awarded in June. Awardees who successfully complete each academic year may be eligible for additional scholarship grants.

Application must include:

- 1) a completed application stating the name of the school of your choice
- 2) two letters of recommendation
- 3) student transcript for grades 9-12 and official SAT or ACT scores
- 4) an essay of no more than 500 words describing the applicant's educational and personal goals and why he/she deserves the award.

Application deadline: Application must be postmarked by April 15

Number of Awards: 1

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000

Contact: Robert L. Tregoning, 1620 Rainbow Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20905
(301) 879-1772 / rtregoning@verizon.net

NOTE: Additional information and applications are available on the DUMC website. Go to www.damascusumc.org and click on the Events tab (center line, far right), then click on Scholarships. Hard copies are also available in the office and the Narthex of the church.

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) or church narthex, church office **or the church website 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, 2017.

SCRIPTURE FROM WAYNE'S FUNERAL BULLETIN

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- Proverbs 10:4

Announcements (cont'd)



JOIN US FOR OUR FRIED FISH DINNER !



Friday, April 14, 2017

11:30 am - until ??



Fried Fish
Coleslaw
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Potato Salad
Applesauce
Cake
Roll / cornbread
Only \$12 per person

Friendship United Methodist Church
27701 Ridge Road
Damascus, MD 20872
Phone: 301-253-3411
Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith,



Important Cemetery Information



Christmas displays will be removed from our Cemetery began **Ash Wednesday (March 1)**. Those made of permanent material will be placed at the end of their row under the arborvitae trees where you may recover them. Any display remaining by Easter will be donation to the Thrift Shop.



Welcoming Wednesday Dinners for April

The **Welcoming Wednesday Dinners** are 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 5:** Roast pork, squash casserole, stir fried vegetables, salad, dessert
April 12: No dinner this week. **Easter week break.**
April 19: Teriyaki beef, rice, sautéed asian veggies, salad, dessert
April 26: Chicken fajita bake, black beans, steamed broccoli, salad, dessert



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 and baking. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays, come by during dinners, or email gabriellehulcher@gmail.com.

***NOTE** – Menus are subject to change.

Sunday, April 2, 2017 2:45 - 6:00 pm \$10

Social dance which features waltz lessons, followed by dancing and live music in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Bethesda. No partner or experience needed. We'll gather for dinner afterwards at the Irish Inn. **See article on page #17 for more info.**

Contact person: Kathryn Smith 301-540-1191

Sunday, August 20

Picnic & Swimming at the home of Bill & Lora Maynard, Damascus.

Contact persons: Lora & Bill Maynard / 301-461-0850.

Sue Constantinides: 301-253-6591.

SEPTEMBER

Pontoon Ride at Blackhills Park in Clarksburg with dinner to follow. More info to come.

Contact person:

Kathy Celli / 301-253-9652

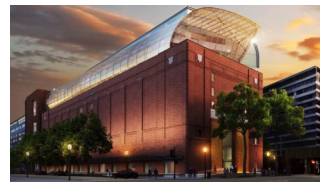


OCTOBER

"Steam into History," 1860's replica steam locomotive Civil War train ride, New Freedom, PA.

Contact person: Sandra Malley / 301-518-2220

NOVEMBER



Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC. A 430,000 sq. ft. museum that invites all people to engage in the Bible. Scheduled for completion this fall, grand opening is advertised for November, 2017! **Contact person:** Sandra

DECEMBER

Traditional Young at Heart Christmas Dinner & Party, held at DUMC, Dining Room???

Coordinator/Contact person needed for this event to take place. Call Ted, Sue or Jane to volunteer.

Sight and Sound Theater's *Miracle of Christmas*, Ronks, PA. **Contact person:** Sue Constantinides / 301-651-1178.



NOTE: Young at Heart activities are open to all adults in our church and community. We try to plan a variety of events that appeal to people, but please feel free to make suggestions, and possibly sponsor or co-sponsor an event. Contact Ted, Sue or Jane.

Sunday, May 7 12 - 4 p.m.

Catoctin Furnace Spring Arts & Crafts Festival.

Food, live music, demonstrations, heirloom plants, tours, baked goods and handmade arts & crafts. See article on page #19 of this Beacon.

Contact person: Sue Constantinides/ 301-253-6591

JUNE

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

Contact person:

Sharon Walton / 301-253-4860.



Wednesday, June 28:



Potluck Lunch and Fellowship at the **Tea Room, Gambrill State Park**, Frederick, MD.

Contact person: Jane Webb / 240-620-6920

JULY

Frederick Keys Baseball Game. Date TBD.

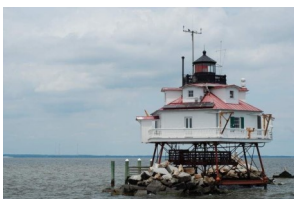
Contact person: Mike Springirth / 240-832-2404



Thursday, August 10

Annapolis Bay Cruise 11:00- 3:00 \$45

Cruise the Chesapeake Bay, see historic lighthouses and hear tales of smuggling and piracy on the Chesapeake Bay. Time afterward to explore historic Annapolis.



Contact person:

Sue Constantinides / 301-651-1178.

Announcements (cont'd)



Use Social Media to your Benefit

As part of their silver award, Troop 2755 will be teaching a 2-part series on Social Media. All are welcome to one or both of these classes.

Session 1: April 19, 6:30 - 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Using your smart phone to your advantage - how to text, upload photos, download apps, how to use FaceTime, a listing of apps you may be interested in downloading (track exercise, health, diet,...), and phone settings for security.

Session 2: April 26, 6:30 - 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Using your computer to keep in touch - how to use Facebook to share with family, how to join groups of interest, how to search for friends, and security information for Facebook. Also, Skype will be demonstrated via computer.



Flowers for Easter - 2017

Easter Lilies and/or Tulips may be ordered in advance for placing in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. Flowers may be placed in honor of or in memory of loved ones or special persons.

Lilies: \$11.00 each

6" pot with
4 - 6 blooms

Tulips: \$10.00 each

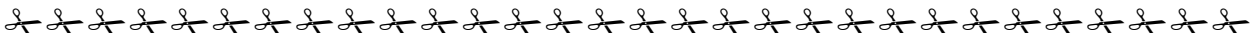
6" pot - will come in a variety
of colors, subject to availability)

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER

Complete and return the order blank below by **April 7, 2017.**

Orders cannot be accepted after this date!

Please make checks payable to DUMC and mail to the office:
c/o Linda Stastny, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD 20872.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

No. Lilies (\$11.00) _____

No. Tulips (\$10.00) _____

Total Cost: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ I will pick up my flowers after the 11 am worship service on Easter Sunday.

_____ My flowers may be delivered to a sick or shut-in person.



Office Information

PLEASE NOTE:

Main office: 301-253-0022

PASTORS:

David S. Cooney, ext. #103
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amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org

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Linda Stastny, Office Administrator
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Lisa Marshall, Property Manager
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lisa.marshall@damascusumc.org

Steve Malley, Bookkeeper
ext. #106 / steve.malley@damascusumc.org

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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 !

Administrative Meetings For March, 2017

- April 5 Office Staff Meeting
10:00 am in the Annex/CR
- April 6 Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm in the **Great Hall/back**
Missions Committee Meeting
7:00 pm in the **Great Hall/stage side**
- April 19 Technology Committee Meeting
7:00 pm in the Annex
- April 27 Administrative Board Meeting
7:00 pm in the Dining Hall/back

NOTE: There will be NO UMYFO MEETING in the month of April.

IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING
ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE MAY BEACON
WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
(For Beacon to publish on Sunday, April 30).

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

The Office will be closed on
Monday, April 17 for
the Easter Holiday and will
re-open Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 am.





Damascus United Methodist Church
VBS Registration Form

(Pre-K (age 4) through 6th Grade

July 24 - 28, 2017 / 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

(Please fill out one form for each FAMILY, and return it to the church office:
DUMC, Attn: VBS, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD 20872)

Suggested Donation: \$30/per child

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

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Home Church _____ Friends of Your Child* _____

(*Please list additional friends of additional children on the back)

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.

In case of 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 Contacts:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Dismissal Information - Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS:

Person #1 _____ Person #2 _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Other Info (For Church Use Only)

Hero Group _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with VBS Hero Central? _____

If yes, where? _____

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
cell: 240-529-8887
david.cooney@damascusumc.org



Amanda McMurtrey, ext. #104
office: 301-253-0022
amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org

They can also help connect you to a Stephen Minister.

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), **David Bellefleur** (Hank's brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Linne Carrier**, **Ann Cochran**, **Don Cosman**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Anita Duvall** (recovering from a torn meniscus surgery), **Pat Duvall**, **Lynn Engel** (recovering tracheal surgery), **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Hazel Hoyle** (shingles), **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), **Larry Mullinix** (recovering from brain surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law) liver disease and candidate for a transplant, **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield) undetermined medical issues, **Randy Smith** (Sally Boyer Smith's husband) recovering from heart surgery, **Dorothy Stull**, at home under hospice care, **Karen Taylor** (recovering from a broken collarbone), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), **Mary Walcek** (recovering from infected wound on leg), **Bill Walcott**, and **Matthew Works** (Nick's brother) surgery and radiation on spine tumors.

Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Linne Carrier**, **Mickey Cochran**, **Natalie Cosman** (Don & Rita's granddaughter), **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Jan LaDuke** (Julie Kinnaman's cousin), **Leroy** (friend of the Malley's going thru kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister) and **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle).

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).



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, 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. 27

Damascus United Methodist Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
2017 VBS -- Form for Youth Helpers

(Please fill out a form for each youth helper and return to the Resource Room or the Church Office)
Return this form no later than June 25, 2017

DATE OF VBS WEEK: **July 24 – 28, 2016** (Please plan to work 8:30am-12:30pm each day)

Name _____ T-Shirt Adult Size S M L XL
(Please circle one)

Grade Entering _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Allergies or other concerns _____

In case of an emergency, I give permission for Shady Grove Hospital to treat (name of youth)
_____ for any accident or injury that occurs while attending Vacation Bible School.

Name of Doctor _____ Telephone # _____
Emergency Contact _____ Telephone# _____

As a youth helper for VBS, I understand that:

- ***I must attend the mandatory training meeting on July 23rd, 2017 (Time: 3-4:30pm),***
- ***I must complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form with parent signature,***
- ***I will be a role model for the children at all times during VBS week,***
- ***I will fulfill my duties as described at the training meeting,***
- ***I will act appropriately at all times, keep my cell phone turned off during VBS hours, and***
I will call the adult leader, with whom I am working, if I need to be absent any of the days during that week.

Signed (youth): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate any dates/times you will **not** be able to help during VBS: _____

Please indicate your preference for assignment (note that you will be assigned where we need you the most):
Booth Helper / Class Helper / Acting / Audio-Visual / Music / Safety Patrol

(Also remember to complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form, which must be turned in with this application.)
Any questions? Please call the church office at 301-253-0022 or email amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org