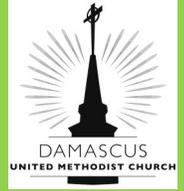


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AUGUST 2017



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Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

Grace and Peace,

In July I preached a two part series called "Take a Breath." The first week I spoke about worry and the second week about fear. As part of this series we sang two of my favorite hymns: *Be Still, My Soul* and *It Is Well with My Soul*. I like both the words and tunes to these hymns. As is true with most, I also like them because I connect them to a particular experience in my life. One of our daughters was in a sledding accident when she was young and she sustained a head injury. All was eventually fine, but it was a very tense and scary forty-eight hours. I often sing hymns as part of my prayer time and centering times, as well as stressful times. I sang these two hymns often during those forty-eight hours. They helped to calm me.

Hymns and anthems have that power for us. Songs we sang at church camp experiences or a choir tour, hymns sung at a funeral of a loved one, anthems that moved us at an important time during a worship service stay with us and flood us with memories and affect our hearts and minds. The same can be said for certain scripture passages or memorized prayers or perhaps a poem (once learned, of course.) Still, music can stir us in ways that words alone cannot. It is why music is such an important part of our worship experiences.

At the end of July and the first weeks of August we are doing a series called "Preaching *by* the Choir," a take-off of "Preaching *to* the Choir." Favorite anthems of the choir and congregation will be sung. In addition, many will be sharing why these anthems are favorites. How has the anthem touched them? What has the anthem meant to them? Why is the anthem important to them? Together we will explore the faith giving power and meaning of Christian music. We will conclude the series with a hymn sing during which you can choose a favorite hymn to be sung AND give witness to what it means to you. Be prepared to say why you love it so much.

Vacation Bible School has just ended. I am writing this before it has started, but I just know it went well and that the lives of many children were touched. This is a big endeavor as over one hundred children fill our church for a week. Thanks to all who planned, set up, taught and helped all week, and cleaned up. This is a very important ministry. It could not happen without many hands.

Remember we will be worshipping in the Great Hall for the next two and one half months as our sanctuary gets refreshed. Watch for signs and greeters to direct you to the best entrances and routes. As we often see in other buildings being worked on: "Pardon our Dust." We will be back in the sanctuary before we know it. In the meantime, we will have fun trying worship in other locations.

Yours in Christ,
 David



Rally Day is almost here !!

**Join the DUMC community on Sunday, August 27
following the morning worship service (10:45)
in the Great Hall & Dining Hall.**

This is your chance to hear about some of the ministries of our church, sign up to help out various committees and groups, and/or register for Sunday School.

- ~ What Bible studies will be offered this year?
- ~ What musical groups can I join?
- ~ What Sunday School classes are available?
- ~ How do I join the Heavenly Hosts?
- ~ Can I be an acolyte?
- ~ Can I help serve communion?
- ~ When do the youth meet and what will they be doing?

All these questions and more can be answered at Rally Day.

Help us kick off the year with joy and enthusiasm!
Light refreshments will be provided.

Sunday School Kick-Off

Our annual *Sunday School Kick-Off*
is in the Dining Hall at 10:45 a.m., on August 27, 2017.

Come and meet your wonderful Sunday School leaders, register for Sunday School and meet the pastoral staff.



Our first day of Sunday School classes will be September 10.

We ask for new registration forms each year for every child and youth in order to keep our records accurate and updated.

Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held
Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm
in the Church Parlor.



All who have healing needs and prayer requests for others are invited to come for this time of Eucharist (Holy Communion), laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:14-15).

NEXT LADIES' NIGHTS OUT

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

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
EITHER 301-253-0022 OR
OFFICE @DAMASCUSUMC.ORG**

When: Sept. 11

**Where: Senor Tequilas
20021 Century Blvd.
Germantown, MD**

**Time: 6:00 pm
Please RSVP by Sept. 8**

When: Nov. 7

**Where: Mama Angela (Mt. Airy)
5 Ridgeside Ct.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**Time: 6:00 pm
Please RSVP by Nov. 5**

Men's Night Out for August

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



Mon-

day,

July 31, 2017

at 6:30 pm at

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill

390 Spectrum Avenue

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Phone: (301) 284-1770

RSVP to Ted Ross at 301-704-7992.

Please plan to join us ! ! !

August United Methodist Women News



United
Methodist
Women
Faith · Hope · Love in Action

The Susanna JOY Circle
and
the WWJD Circle
WILL NOT meet
in the month of August.

**Look for their Fall meeting dates
in the September Beacon.**

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.

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.



**A THREE-HOUR CRUISE!
(YOUNG AT HEART OUTING)
Cruises on the Bay by Watermark
Thursday, August 10, 2017
11:15 am - 2:15 pm Cost: \$45**



Ahoy Matey! Join us for a *Chesapeake Bay Trio Cruise* as we explore the Severn River, two historic lighthouses and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Hear tales of the Chesapeake from a live interpreter. Your guide delivers a connection with the waters of Annapolis (the crown jewel of the Bay) through rich and diverse legends and lore. Hear tales of smuggling, rum running and piracy plus the legend of Chessie, the Chesapeake Bay Sea Monster. Also included will be a short history of Kent Island including information on its original North American inhabitants.

Bring a bag lunch to eat on the boat. Drinks are available for purchase on the boat. Don't forget a hat and sun screen! No, this boat isn't "The Minnow!" The boat is large, well-equipped and holds 90 people. It leaves from City Dock (1 Dock Street) in Annapolis promptly at 11:15 am. Handicap parking is available right on the dock (with a 4-hour maximum.) Otherwise, parking is available at the Noah Hillman Garage, 150 Gorman Street. For those who want to extend their Annapolis experience, feel free to explore and shop the historic downtown area afterward. Perhaps an early dinner at one of their nearby restaurants? Make a day of it!

If you are computer savvy and want to order your own tickets, go to <http://cruisesonthebay.com>. Select the "Annapolis" location and type in "August 10" under the search bar. The Chesapeake Bay Trio Cruise will pop up. Then click on "Purchase tickets" at the top and you are set. If the idea of ordering tickets online gives you cold sweats, contact Sue Constantinides at 301-253- 6591 (Home) or 301-651-1178 (Cell) and she will do it for you. Be sure to get the \$45 fee to her or you will owe her a nice dinner.

If you want to carpool, meet at the church ready to leave at 9:30 am sharp. Whether you are buying your own tickets or not, please RSVP to Sue no later than Sunday, July 30, so she will have a head count and can order tickets. See you on the bay!



**Young At Heart
Cookout and Pool Party
Sunday, Aug. 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm**



You are invited for a cookout at Maynard home.

We will provide the main dish and paper products.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please call or text us if you plan to attend this Young at Heart gathering.

Looking forward to your attendance and a sunny day!

Worship Arts News and Events

August 2017

Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts
240-750-8287 | polly.baldrige@damascusumc.org

Stephen Kalnoske, Organist | 240-832-2112 | stephenkalnoske@gmail.com

You are invited to a Chancel Choir potluck BBQ poolside party!

All singers currently in or interested in joining the Chancel Choir this year and spouses/family are invited to attend this special event to celebrate the close of summer and the impending start of the choir year. Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6 @ 7:30 pm in the music room.

Please bring your family and a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, iced tea, and cake will be provided. Bring a swimsuit and towel if you plan to swim or go in the hot tub.

Who: Chancel Choir and their families
What: Potluck BBQ and Pool Party
When: Sunday August 20, 2017 at Noon
Where: Liz and Peter's house in Germantown
Why: Chancel choir fellowship, of course

To RSVP please contact Liz at vandercation@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Calling everyone interested in BRASS!



In the Great Hall every Sunday, there will be group brass lessons from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm for \$25 per session, starting on July 30. The group will be performing in the service on August 27.

For more information, email Ben Constantinides (bencon09@gmail.com). Updates will be emailed out and posted.

Fall News

Rehearsals for all DUMC worship arts ensembles will resume after school begins after Labor Day. There are choirs for all ages, puppet groups for elementary and teen students, and handbells for all ages. Contact Polly Baldrige with questions and watch for a full ensemble schedule in the September Beacon. More information about the ensembles is always available on DUMC's website: damascusUMC.org

Youth Praise Band - let's get ready for the fall!

We need pianists, guitar players, drummers, singers, and even solo band instruments.

All current and potential members of the Youth Praise Band are invited to the Baldrige family's home on August 29, 30, and 31, for weeknight jam sessions to learn new music and review the old stuff.

Come at 7 pm any or all nights - drinks and light snacks will be provided. Bring your instrument and amps.

Polly and Tom Baldrige,
10775 Middleboro Drive,
Damascus.

Contact Polly with
questions
at 301-750-8287.



DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - SUMMER 2017

Hiking Expedition to Cunningham Falls State Pk.

Sunday, August 13

Leaders: Tom & Polly Baldrige

Movie Night

Sunday, August 20

Leader: Pastor Amanda

Hershey Park Trip

Wednesday, August 23*

Leader: Nick Works

***We will need to pre-purchase tickets so if you would like to come please email Nick by August 15th !!!**

**For questions or
more information,
contact Pastor Nick
at**

**nick.works@damascusumc.org
or 240-751-6695.**

Sunday, August 27 @ 6 pm
Pavilion/Dining Hall

YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF EVENT

BIG, HUGE, GARGANTUAN

things are going to happen this year in the
Youth Ministry at DUMC.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS
GOING TO HAPPEN????

COME TO THE KICKOFF PARTY
To Grill, Chill and a
Back to School THRILL !!!

- Everyone is welcome including parents to enjoy an evening of fun.
- We will be talking about the upcoming year's schedule and signing up to help out.
- Dinner will be provided.
- Event will be held in pavilion and outside at Damascus UMC, weather permitting.



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)

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



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson

- **The local School Supply Drive continues** see article below.
- **Crop Walk will take place on October 8, 2017.** See info below to participate/register.
- **The Missions Committee will meet Sunday, August 13** at 10:30 am in the Church Annex/Office.
- **The VIM Mission Trip to Virginia Beacon participants will meet on August 20** at 10:30 am in the Church Annex/Office. (For trip planned September 3 through September 8 to Virginia Beach.)
- **A Special Thank You** below from one of our recently completed Mission projects.

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## Damascus-Clarksburg Area School Supply Drive

Help needy students in our area have a bright start to the new school year by donating new school supplies. Collection bins have now been placed in both the Narthex (back of church) and the church office. The collection will continue until mid-August. We are collecting:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Backpacks               | Lined paper (college and wide ruled) | Safety scissors        |
| Spiral notebooks        | Composition books                    | Pocket folders         |
| Pencils                 | Pens (blue, black and red)           | Dividers (5-7 subject) |
| Crayons                 | Glue sticks (not regular glue)       | Colored Pencils        |
| Erasers and eraser caps |                                      | Markers                |



Thank you again for your continue support of our community and our school children!

Blessings, Jill Ochs, Faith Connections, Inc.

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CROP WALK IS COMING

Damascus Help is sponsoring its 47th Crop Walk starting at Damascus Regional Park on Sunday, October 8th. Register between 1:30 and 2:00 pm. Save the date on your calendar!

Walk down and back to Magruder Branch Park which connects to Damascus Regional Park. Have water and a snack. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and the camaraderie of like-minded people. The path is free from automobile traffic and is monitored by the Damascus Emergency Communications Team (DECT).

Funds raised go to Church World Service with 25% coming back to Damascus Help. Online options are available to register for the walk and to collect donations - crophungerwalk.org/damascusmd. Registering and donating using envelopes can also be made by contacting Kay Orr, [301-253-4901](tel:301-253-4901) or email DH20872@aol.com. We have materials available for you to advertise your part of the walk to your group and friends.

Kay Orr

KLKOrr@verizon.net / [301-253-4901](tel:301-253-4901)

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## Happy Summer Doug! (addressed to Doug Marshall)

Our residents and staff at the Laytonville Safe Haven have loved the garden the Damascus UMC team planted. They are enjoying watching it grow and eating it as soon as it's ready. Thank you for such a special gift, one that keeps on giving! We appreciate the care and support you and your team have provided for our MCCH clients. It makes a difference!

Lynn Rose, Community Engagement Specialist  
Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless  
600-B East Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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



## Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

*PLEASE LET US KNOW QUICKLY IF YOU FEEL CALLED.  
WE HAVE PASSED THE OFFICIAL SIGN-UP DEADLINE,  
HOWEVER PERHAPS WE CAN WORK YOU IN!  
GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!*

Damascus United Methodist Church, along with other churches in our network, will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning Monday, September 11, 2017. Classes will begin at 7 PM. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Rev. Janet Cornelius (240.418.0516), Jan Mullinix (301.518.2204), Bonnie Custer (301.606.2314), Ted Ross (301.704.7992), or Jan Jaremko (240.277.5884).

### Announcements

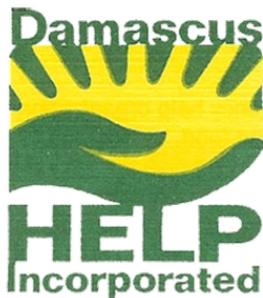
#### *Wanted: Gently Used Books*

In late August, I will be installing a Little Free Library near the back parking lots. This is my Silver Award project for Girl Scouts. I need books for all ages. I will have a container in the Narthex from August 8, 2017 until September 3, 2017. I appreciate any and all donations. Thank you.

Kathryn Portwood  
Girl Scout Troop 104



## You can make a difference in our community!



### DONATIONS NEEDED NOW:

Peanut butter and grape jelly, size 3-5 diapers (esp. size 4), individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper, laundry detergent, tea bags, canned fruit, canned meat, vegetables, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles. We can always use gift cards from Walmart, Weis and Safeway to buy items that are not donated.

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Damascus HELP also needs volunteers (over age 18 due to insurance restrictions) to help in various capacities. HELP is a non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance to those needy individuals in the 20871(Clarksburg), 20872(Damascus), and 20882 (Gaithersburg and Laytonsville-north of Brink Rd) zip codes.

We are in need of Officers of the Day, Food Drivers, and people to help with the Furniture Committee.

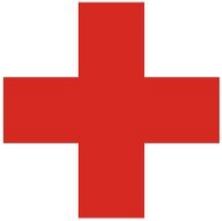
If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call 301-253-4100 or e-mail [dh20872@aol.com](mailto:dh20872@aol.com) or [www.damascushelp.org](http://www.damascushelp.org) for more information.



**Announcements (cont'd)**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

The DUMC Blood Drive is  
**Thursday, August 24, from 1:00 - 6:30 pm**  
 in the church Dining Hall



Our third Blood Drive of the year is about to take place for 2017. So please check your calendars and **sign up**. Walk-ins may not be able to fit into the schedule so we strongly recommend making appointments. The shortest waiting times tend to be for those with appointments between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

**Please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: Damascus UMC MD to schedule your life-saving donation!**

Thank you to all who have participated in the blood drives at DUMC in the past. We have a terrific community of donors and volunteers!

**Volunteers are also needed to help prepare for the blood drive. Please contact Cathy Heinbaugh 301-253-0742 or [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net) if you are able to help.** Thank you for helping us save lives !!

**New Montgomery County Tax Credit**

On March 7, 2017, the Montgomery County Council passed Bill 42-16, which will provide a tax credit for people who are over 65 years of age and who either: (1) have owned and lived in the dwelling that they own for at least 40 consecutive years, or (2) are retired from one of the United States' Armed Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy).

More information may be found at this link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/bill-42-16.html> Please let all qualified people at the church, in your neighborhood, and at your work places, know about this.



**2017 Summer Youth Mission Tour  
 Welcome Home Concert CD Order  
 June 28, 2017**

*Featuring...*

- ◆ Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*
- ◆ Songs from 55th Chapter of Isaiah
- ◆ Congregational Singing
- ◆ Sacred Choral Anthems

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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|------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| Number of CDs @ \$20 each    | _____ | =             | \$ _____        |
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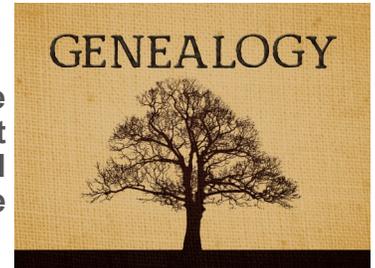
*Checks should be made payable to "DUMC"*

## Announcements (cont'd)

### Genealogy Club Gathering

If you are interested in researching your family tree, whether you are a beginner or expert, this club is for you! Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the church office. However, we will not meet in the month of August. Our next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 5.

Questions? Contact Liz Vanderham [301-648-4493](tel:301-648-4493) or [vandercation@gmail.com](mailto:vandercation@gmail.com) for details.



## Remaining Young at Heart Activities - 2017

**SEPTEMBER 8 or 9** (Let Kathy know your date preference when you RSVP)

**3:00 pm:** Join us for a boat ride at Blackhills Park in Clarksburg, with dinner to follow.

Enjoy Little Seneca Lake from the “Kingfisher” pontoon boat (max. cap. 30 persons). A 45-minute pontoon boat tour is a great way to experience the beautiful, 505-acre lake. The ADA-accessible *Kingfisher* can accommodate up to 8 people using wheelchairs. Cost for the boat ride is minimal. You will need to pay for your own meal. You will need to RSVP by Friday, September 1.

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 Malley / 301-518-2220.

### DECEMBER



**Traditional Christmas Dinner & Party**  
**December 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm**  
DUMC - Dining Room

More details to come in future Beacons.

Contact person: Bob Newlin at 301-631-6840.

**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.**

## Announcements (cont'd)



*Friendship United Methodist Church*  
**Community Yard Sale & Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, August 5**  
**9:00 am until 2:00 pm**

Donations are needed: gently used items, toys, clothing, items in good working condition.

Bake Goods Sale (cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)

Tables are \$15 for anyone wishing to bring their own items to sell at this event.

Please drop-off donated items at Friendship or contact Betty or Teresa Spencer at 301-831-5732 for additional information.



## Thank You's

Dear DUMC Friends,

I want to thank you for your support as I have been recovering from shoulder surgery. The meals, transportation services, cards, emails, and prayers (and even specially designed shirts) have been greatly appreciated. It has been an adjustment to function with only one arm for this period of time, but things are improving. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my therapy, working hard to regain use of my shoulder.

Blessings to all,

Robin Cooney

## *Harwood House Thrift Shop*

We would like to thank everyone who visited our Shop on Damascus Days! For those who came and shopped, for the many compliments, and for all the tireless volunteers who came to help. You are the backbone of our operation! Again, many blessings and thanks to everyone!

With Summer days upon us please stop by the Shop and see the many picnic and cookout items, plus bathing suits and summer clothes, or other poolside items we have for sale.

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Pray for Rev. Jim Archibald and family** with the passing of his wife **LaVerne** on June 17 In Penney Farms, FL.

**Pray for Susan Poole and family** with the passing of her husband, **Jack**, on July 9 in Frederick, MD.

Pray for the family of **John Witmer, Jr.** who died peacefully on 5/7/17. He was 97-1/2 years old. John was the grandfather of **Kelly & Barry Bratburd**, and great-grandfather to **Julia and Charlie**.

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Marylyn Anderson** (diagnosed with myasthenia gravis), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Bob Braden**, **Barry Bratburd** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Linne Carrier**, **Ann Cochran**, **Don Cosman**, **Annabelle Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's aunt with medical issues), **Susan Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Pat Duvall**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **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 shoulder surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law with liver disease and candidate for a transplant), **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield with undetermined medical issues), **Dorothy Stull** (at home under hospice care), **Karen Taylor** (recovering from a broken collarbone), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), **Bill Walcott** and **Matthew Works** (Nick's brother with spine tumors).

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer** including **Carol Ackeman** (Mary Nieter's sister with terminal cancer), **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 Feullet**, **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).

### 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](mailto:david.cooney@damascusumc.org)



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