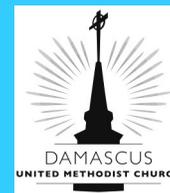


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THE BEACON AUGUST 2019



Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

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 Minister of Music & Worship Arts**

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Brittnay Tarpley / PM Custodian

Bob Tarpley / AM Custodian

It's in the message



Whether it is an urban, suburban, or rural context the message of the gospel is the same. That is the lesson I have learned after completing my first year at DUMC. Wow, where has the year gone? I digress. Having spent my entire life living an urban and somewhat suburban reality, I would have never considered pastoring in a small town with farm land and tractors riding in the streets. Although I'm still adjusting, I suppose my reality set in, as I found myself walking in the Celebrate Damascus parade and thought to myself, yeah, we are really doing this. That thought was confirmed by a few shouts of "Pastor B!" from the crowd along the parade route. Here I was walking in a parade as the Associate Pastor of DUMC in this small town and having a great time. Is this a dream or someone's idea of a bad joke? What is happening? But I remembered the words of scripture that confirmed my call to ministry found in gospel of John, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8, NRSV)

What was happening was that I was experiencing a profound—often unrecognized and or ignored—way in which the Holy Spirit was at work. Yes, at the parade in the street God was present, because we were being the church and having a great time doing it. We decided that we would be a part of this community event. No, it was not the first, but my first time. But we presented our church without a band or a decorated float—we did have a nice new van—or anything thing that we thought was necessary to draw attention in a parade. ⇨⇨⇨⇨

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Remember the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey? Our decision to be in this community event, one that people get really excited about yearly, was simply to be present. What was profound—where the Holy Spirit was at work—was in the message that was given to us to share with the community. The message was, from my perspective, simple, irrefutable, and captivating. Moreover, it spoke to the very foundation of our faith. Just as God did for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we too must make “Love is our first response.” What a powerful and uncontroversial message for a church to proclaim to the community today!

I couldn't really tell if my energy and excitement came from the shouts of “Pastor B”—they could only be heard faintly over the shouts of “Miss Cora!”—or being out in the community with the people, or seeing the faces of people light up when they read the message on our signs. It was as if the message gave people a reassurance and, I dare say, reminded them that the church has not forgotten its mission, to spread the message of God's love in the world. Their faces said yes, that church gets it! Now, that's the church, in the small town, that I am proud to say that I have the privilege to be a part of the pastoral staff.

Pastor B.

NOTE: Artwork designed and provided by Jonathan Colborn for our “Love is our First Response” signs.

The Monetary Gift in Honor of Martin Carr has exceeded our goal!

The goal was \$3,500, which will allow DUMC to hold a meal packing event on Sunday, August 25 after worship and provide lunch for the works. As of July 18, the gifts have reached \$4,488.05! Extra funds will also be contributed to Rise Against Hunger. The funds provide:

- ◆ \$10 will provide 29 meals
- ◆ \$34 will provide 100 meals
- ◆ \$100 will provide 294 meals
- ◆ \$350 will provide 1,000 meals

Our donations for Rise Against Hunger are above and beyond our support for our local congregation's ministry obligations.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event in Honor of Martin: On Sunday, August 25, following the 9:30 am worship hour, DUMC people of all ages are invited to the Dining Hall for a 2-hour meal packing event to help stop global hunger. We will pack 10,152 meals (34 cents/meal) in approximately 2 hours. We need a minimum of 50 volunteers: adults, youth, and *children. Sign up sheets will be available in the pew pads. (*Children, preschool & elementary, whose parents are volunteers, are welcome to participate.) This time of serving the hungry will be followed by a simple lunch for those who have worked. For information about Rise Against Hunger: <http://riseagainsthunger.org/>

Young at Heart Fall Event
Duckpins at Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes
Saturday, September 28
10:00 am - 11:30 am

\$4 per game / \$4 shoe rental

Lunch to follow at Mt. Airy Tavern from 12 - 2 pm.
Please RSVP to the church office by 9/15 at 301-253-0022.



Women's 2019 Fall Retreat - DUMC/Friendship UMC

Saturday, September 14 - 9-1 o'clock - Continental Breakfast

"Praying in COLOR - Drawing Close to God"



DUMC Great Hall
9700 New Church Street
Damascus, MD 20872

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address: (please print legibly) _____

Please list any dietary restrictions: _____

We are very fortunate to have Christy Mossburg as our guest Facilitator, Artist, Writer, and Christian Director from Calvary Church in Frederick, MD. She has led many retreats!

Child care needed **yes**

Registration fee is attached: \$ 25, includes supplies and a Continental Breakfast. Make checks payable to **DUMW**

Deadline for registration is Friday, September 6, 2019

**Please take your registration/check to the (Annex/CHURCH OFFICE)
or mail your registration and check to:**

DamascusUMW, 9700 New Church Street Damascus, MD 20872, Attn: Linda Stastny



Bring Christ's Care to Hurting People – Become a Stephen Minister

Are you looking for a way to share Christ's love and compassion? Stephen Ministry provides the opportunity to receive training in listening and caring. A Stephen Minister at DUMC and Friendship is part of a vibrant support group of trained care givers. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a care receiver to meet one-on-one for about an hour a week. The role of the Stephen Minister is to listen, encourage, and support. Stephen Ministers are not "fixers of problems" and are not expected to have all the answers but are trained to walk beside a hurting person who is finding his or her way through a difficult period.

Active Stephen Ministers currently meet once a month to continue our education and to support each other. All areas of this ministry are completely confidential.

Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to become a Stephen Minister. We are currently filling positions in the 2019/2020 training session, which meets once weekly from Sept. through February.

If you'd like to explore the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister at Damascus UMC, contact Jan Mullinix at the information provided to see how you can get involved in this compassionate ministry.

Please contact Jan Mullinix at jmullinix74@yahoo.com or call at 301-482-1122. You can pick up an application at the Annex and return it by **Friday, August 9** to our SM box at the Annex or mail to DamascusUMC, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD 20872, Attn: Jan Mullinix.

Calling All Women !!!

With the ultimate goal of refreshing and revitalizing our women's group, formally known as the WWJD Circle, interested women are meeting at the home of Marcia Hofman, [29 Clearwater Ct. Damascus](#), on Wednesday, August 7, at 7:00 pm. We will organize 3 groups to plan for meetings or activities in the areas of service to our church or community, study-reflection which could include Bible study or book discussions, and social activities which is totally wide open for all sorts of events. We hope that a variety of activities in these areas will be of interest to women of all ages. If you'd like to be a part of this planning or have ideas for meetings, programs, or activities of any kind, please join us and bring a friend! Email Marcia @ marciahofman67@gamil.com for further information or questions.



DUMC Men's Group — 2019 Remaining Schedule

August : NO Men's Night Out

Sept. 10: Men's Night Out @ Carrabbas, Germantown, MD

Oct. 12: Annual Men's Picnic @ Ted Ross' House, Gaithersburg, MD

October and November - Men's Mission Focused Project

Worship Arts News and Events

August 2019

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



Side by Side

Come Sunday, August 11 at 2:00 pm to see a short musical with a powerful message about meeting people at a personal interest level, which helps us not to put people in categories, but rather to meet individuals.

It's fun and lively, especially watching our talented senior citizens march around. A joint production between the Music and Worship Arts program and our Young at Heart folks, directed by Mary Nieter, it's bound to lift your spirits !!

Share Music This Summer . . . As a soloist and/or in Summer Choir

SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL & FELLOWSHIP

The Summer Choir sings at the 9:30 am service through Labor Day Sunday (September 1). We gather weekly on Sunday morning in the Music Room at 9:00 am to rehearse.

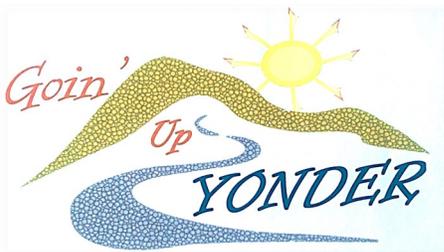
8/4: Ho! Everyone Who Thirsteth

8/11: Keep Your Lamps

8/18: Soon and Very Soon

8/25: How Firm A Foundation

Goin' Up Yonder – Charles Wesley Singers Homecoming Concert CDs



CDs are available – email Polly Baldrige @ polly.baldrige@damascusumc.org to get one made for yourself or a friend. You can make a contribution (amount of your choosing) to support future CWS Mission Tours – make check payable to Damascus UMC and indicate CWS Tour at the bottom.

New Praise Artisans Guild Volunteers/Leaders Needed!

We are moving toward a special Sunday/Season-based leadership model, where one person will organize decorations for a single event/season in the church calendar, rather than having responsibility for the whole year. Look at your calendar and decide when you might like to sign up!!

- ◇ World Communion Sunday (October)
- ◇ All Saints Day (November)
- ◇ Thanksgiving Day (November)
- ◇ Advent/Christmas (December)
- ◇ Epiphany (January)
- ◇ Ash Wednesday (February)
- ◇ Lent (March/April)
- ◇ Palm Sunday
- ◇ Maundy Thursday
- ◇ Good Friday
- ◇ Easter Sunday
- ◇ Pentecost

Watch for the Fall Ensemble Schedule in the September Beacon!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
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SUMMER/FALL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- August 25th after worship (Mission serving opportunity for All): a 10,152 meal-packing event at DUMC; followed by a pizza lunch (see info page #2 of this Beacon).
- Crop Walk in Damascus; October 6, 2019, with 25% of money going for food for Damascus HELP food bank.
- Fall Volunteers in Mission trip to Fayetteville, NC; October 6-12, see Carol Yocum for more info.
- Fall Mission Sunday; October 27
- Missionary visit from Dr. Belinda Forbes, (dentist from Nicaragua); November 17
- Possible Kenya trip Fall, 2020

Pray for those who serve and share God's love

- 1) Amanda Jones-Dominguez & Memo Dominguez and daughters Sofia & Julia currently in MD from Nicaragua (Between Cultures)
- 1) Dr. Belinda Forbes & husband, Dr. Gerardo Gutiérrez & daughters, General Board of Global Ministries Missionary & dentist with Accion Medica Cristiana in Nicaragua, serving rural eastern villages
- 2) Nan McCurdy & Miguel Mairena serving in Puebla, Mexico, with *Give Ye Them to Eat*
- 3) The Ndere children @ St. Stephens School and the Joint Partners Medical Clinic in Kenya

HOPI VIM Update

A team of 4, representing 3 churches in the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference, traveled to the Hopi reservation from July 5 through July 15. The team cleaned, sorted and organized 2 classrooms and 3 store-rooms of the Peace Academic Center (formerly the Hopi Mission School) in Kytosmovi village on Third Mesa. The school is the only Christian school on the reservation. It currently offers a GED program in cooperation with the Coconino County Community College and plans to hold classes for preschool and kindergarten when school opens on August 12.

At the request of The Hopi Foundation, the team also helped public radio station KUYI setup signs and stage equipment for a fund raising concert.

The team consisted of Norm and Cheryl Minekime (DUMC), Jill Maisch (Covenant UMC) and Belinda Norton (Mt. Zion UMC.)

Dr. Belinda Forbes, dentist ministry, in Nicaragua: Visiting DUMC, Sunday, November 17

As a congregation we provide salary support for Dr. Forbes out of our Mission Budget (\$1,500) along with a number of other congregations across our denomination. Belinda is from New England and has been doing dental mission work in Nicaragua for more than 25 years. She works with a team of people who provide assistance to nine rural communities in eastern Nicaragua on the Caribbean side of the country. There are no roads to these villages. Her team consists of a dentist, a physician (her husband), an agriculturalist, a social worker, and a disaster relief coordinator. We also made a commitment to support the training of new dental assistants @ \$1,000 a year in these rural communities for 5 years.

Belinda will be with us in worship and during the Sunday School hour will dialogue with us and share recent information on the ministry in Nicaragua.

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Between Cultures Nicaragua Updates

Dear DUMC community,

As many of you know, Memo, Sophia, Julia & myself are continuing to reside in Damascus as we discern and pray for the situation in Nicaragua. **Between Cultures** continues its work in Nicaragua despite the current hardships. I'm excited to share with you some of the latest news. In gratitude, Amanda Jones-Dominguez

At the beginning of July Church of the Covenant in Boston sent a delegation of 4 to Nicaragua to hear about the new reality of the country since April 2018, and to visit their sister community of Dulce Nombre de Jesus.



DUMC's sister community of La Danta sends greetings & gratitude for the donation of 900 pounds of rice and 900 pounds of beans, benefitting 47 families and providing food for roughly a month. This donation was made possible thanks to the coffee and donut sales at DUMC the first of each month.

La Danta's community letter:

May God pour blessings on you all, especially the children and youth. And may God look on you with love in your schooling and work, both inside and outside of the home. We know we are one family participating in the same culture of working together to bring about the Kingdom and People of God. We thank you with love for your show of solidarity during this difficult time that our country is facing. We think of all those who have visited here often in our community. We also want to share that we have put down a beautiful tile flooring in our church and now have better electricity in the building. We hope that you would send a delegation soon. We are also managing the revolving agricultural loan program well. We started it with \$2,200 and now because of the interest collected over the years have a total of \$4,087 to loan out for the first and second harvests of 2019.

Sincerely,

The Looking for New Horizons Church Community



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Thank You's

- To those who pray for and support financially with extra gifts for our missionaries
- To Pam Rust and her team of volunteers who deliver meals to people who need them for Meals on Wheels
- To Anita Duvall and her team of youth, young adults, & adults for their week of work in Western Maryland for Habitat for Humanity
- To Norm and Cheryl Minekime for getting the school ready on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona for this fall's teachers and students
- To all in the congregation who made donations in Martin Carr's honor for the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on August 25. Our goal was \$3,500. To date the gift is \$4,488.05!
- To the 36 adults and teens signed up for packing meals on August 25. Only 14 more volunteers needed!!
- To the Charles Wesley Singers who shared the good news through music to many people during their June choir tour.
- To all who donate toiletries for women's shelters in our area and to Cora Horst who delivers them.

DAMASCUS HELP NEWS

In May Damascus HELP made 52 food deliveries serving 176 people and helped 7 families with financial assistance and gave a ride to 2 persons. Volunteer News: Damascus HELP thanks all the volunteers for their services to help the community. We are in great need of ODs, transportation drivers and furniture moving teams. If you know of anyone who might be interested in these opportunities and other positions, please have them contact HELP by telephone (301-253-4100), or email (dh2087w@aol.com or www.damascushelp.org) for additional information.

A MISSION MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN MEXICO WITH NAN MCCURDY AND MIGUEL MAIRENA

Come and join us on an AWARE Mission Trip! **AWARE** stands for Alternative Work-Study And Reality Experience. This program provides educational and work experiences for Mexican and international visitors, volunteers, and teams. The AWARE program is designed for adults of all ages, immersing them in the reality of life in rural Mexico as it relates to the issues of hunger, poverty, development and global awareness. This cross-cultural experience focuses on the needs of villagers and farming families and the Church's response through Christian outreach; sustainable agriculture; community development; health issues; creation stewardship; and church and faith development.

There are two new proposed options for attending with an AWARE group this year; **September 20 - 28** and another from **November 29 - December 7**. The September dates are an accompaniment delegation with the new class of Health Promoters. We hope you will give this careful consideration. If you decide to come, please try to bring a friend(s).

If you are interested in participating with this group, we have more printed information to pass on regarding the daily schedules, work options, costs and how to sign up. Please contact Jane Webb in the church office at 301-253-0022.

Give Ye Them to Eat is an Integrated Development Program sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Signed Nan and Miguel

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FROM THE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

**On Sunday, June 30 the Board asked all UM congregations to observe
A Sunday Of Solidarity for Suffering Children. DUMC participated in that national call.
The special Sunday observance asked all of us to do the following:**

In light of the recent news about children in U.S. government holding facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has received numerous requests to respond. We have heard the plea for action from the church. Unfortunately, the facilities in question are managed in such a way that precludes even UMCOR's assistance. Access to these government facilities is extremely limited. As the arm of The United Methodist Church mandated to cultivate and promote mission, the General Board of Global Ministries offers tools to use as you confront the frustration and helplessness that this situation evokes. While this particular case is in the U.S., we recognize that migration is a global issue and the breadth and depth of our Global Migration programming at UMCOR and Global Ministries reflects that fact. As a church that is united on the need to care for children, we can be in mission together in three ways:

PRAY--We encourage you to pray for children. Below, you will find a prayer to use in your personal devotion practice or in a group gathering.

ACT--We encourage you to act on behalf of children. While we cannot take UMCOR hygiene kits to the U.S. government holding centers, we are distributing UMCOR hygiene kits at transitional shelters all along the US-Mexico border. In the last three months, UMCOR delivered 46,128 hygiene kits to six church-run transitional shelters. Instructions on how to make and send these kits are on the UMCOR website.

You can also act by calling or writing your U.S. elected officials. The General Board of Church and Society, our sister United Methodist agency responsible for advocacy, will give you some suggestions on issues to raise with these officials.

GIVE--Finally, we encourage you to give on behalf of children. Through the [Global Migration Advance](#), UMCOR provides grants to organizations along the U.S. border and elsewhere around the world that are working to fill gaps in the needs and rights of migrants. Jesus implored his disciples to welcome the children. **This is our mission:** to make sure the children are welcomed. Thank you for your prayers, your actions and your gifts.



A PRAYER FOR SUFFERING CHILDREN

God of all Children Everywhere,

Our hearts are bruised when we see children suffering alone.

Our hearts are torn when we are unable to help.

Our hearts are broken when we have some complicity in the matter.

For all the times we were too busy and shooed a curious child away,
forgive us, O God.

For all the times we failed to get down on their level & look eye to eye with a child, forgive us, O God.

For all the times we did not share when we saw a hungry child, forgive us, O God.

For all the times we thought about calling elected officials to advocate, but didn't, forgive us, O God.

For all the times we thought that caring for the children of this world was someone else's responsibility, forgive us, O God.

With Your grace, heal our hearts. With Your grace, unite us in action.

With Your grace, repair our government. With Your grace, help us to find a way to

welcome all children everywhere, that they may know that Jesus loves them,

Not just because "the Bible tells them so" but because they have known Your love in real and tangible ways, and they know that nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate them from Your love. Amen.

DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST, 2019

Sunday, August 11 @ 4:00 pm

UMYFO Meeting

in the Annex/Church Office. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan out the 2019-2020 Youth Year!

Sunday, August 18

CWS Choir trip/Float Trip to WV

The Charles Wesley Singers will sing in St. James Catholic Church Sunday morning, eat lunch and then tube/float down the Shenandoah River. There are several price options from \$34-44. Also bring money for dinner n the way home.

Sunday, August 25

6th Grade Welcome Event

Welcoming for all 6th graders to get to know the UMYFO officers and Youth Leaders. Meet at church at 5pm. Find out how 6th graders can participate in Youth Fellowship and Charles Wesley Singers this year.

Tuesday, September 3

First Day of School

(For Montgomery County Students)

Begins September 8

Youth Fellowship, Sundays @ 6:00 pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

Youth Bell Choir, Sundays @ 4 pm

in the Great Hall

CW Singers Rehearsal, Sundays @ 5 pm

in the Choir Room

Youth Puppets, Wednesdays @ 5 pm

in the Great Hall

Start Date TBD

Youth Praise Band

Rehearsal times TBD by group

in the Youth Chapel

**Sunday, September 8, 2019
at 5:00 pm**

YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF EVENT



**WHO 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.
- Location TBA

**For questions or
more information,
contact Pastor Nick at
nick.works@damascusumc.org
or 240-751-6695.**

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A Plea from Your Finance Committee



This is an appeal for volunteers to serve the church. We are in desperate need of volunteers to count the offering. It requires only the abilities to count, add and write. And, if we get 4 volunteers, you may be needed only about 1 to 2 hours every two months. If your interested, and I hope you are, please contact Anita Duvall at 301-972-6419 or habitatdumc@gmail.com.

ABOUT e-GIVING

Just a reminder that the DUMC offers the capability of giving your weekly or monthly offering by e-Giving. You don't have to remember to bring your envelope, checkbook or carry cash.

It's a convenient way of making sure your donation gets to the church in a timely manner whether you're at church or not. You can call the church bookkeeping department (Steve Malley) at 301-253-0022 to find out more or get an e-Giving form in the Narthex.

Announcements

Earth Stewards Street Clean-Up Saturday, August 10



If you have noticed the litter along Woodfield Road near Safeway and the Post Office, now is your chance to do something about it. We will pick up the litter along Woodfield Road from Bethesda Church all the way to 27 and it usually takes less than 2 hours. We have gloves, orange vests, trash bags, and pick-up sticks. The group will meet in the parking lot near Woodfield Road at 8 am on Saturday so we can divide and conquer! If you would like to join us, please let Jeff Heinbaugh know so he can contact you in case of inclement weather. heinbjc@comcast.net or 301-253-0742.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The DUMC Blood Drive is
Thursday, August 22, from 1:00 - 6:30 pm
in the church Dining Hall

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 and use sponsor code: DamascusUMC 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 if you are able to help.** Thank you for helping us save lives ! !

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 offering plate.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at www.damascusumc.org.



Sunday, August 18 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for this service held monthly, now being held in the Parlor. This service is a time for sharing Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:15).

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

All are invited and you may come to ask for healing for others.

Announcements (cont'd)

Save the Date !!!
November 2, 2019

PIG OUT

Chesapeake Style & Fall Bazaar

The making of a "new" tradition ??
Who knows ?? ?
But we do know you will want to be here!
So "Save the Date" on your calendars NOW !!!
More details in the near future

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS
are taking a break for the summer.



PLEASE NOTE AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

In order for Wednesday night dinners to continue, we need new volunteers!

Some of our faithful helpers are less available this fall.

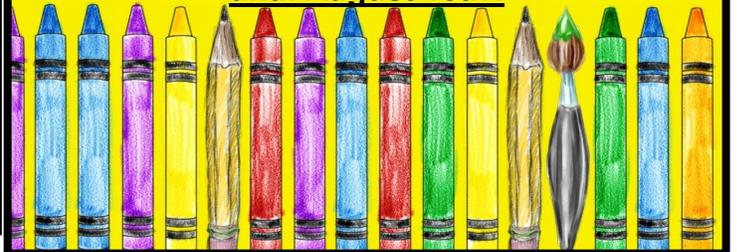
Think about helping out once a month
in the fall for this worthy mission
of fellowship and food!

Contact Kenny Sue Robertson at 301-253-5405.

School Supply Drive

Faith Connections continues to collect school supplies for needy students in the Damascus-Clarksburg area. Please buy extra supplies when you are shopping during this summer. Donations can be placed in the labeled blue bins located at many local businesses and churches. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Donations will be collected from early July
until August 18th.



We are collecting:

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

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, August 19 at 12:30 pm— in the Annex (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.

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Administrative Meetings

August, 2019

Aug. 1: Trustees Meeting at 7:30 pm
in the **Great Hall - stage side**

Aug. 26: Missions Committee Meeting
at 7:15 pm in the **Church Annex**

The Administrative Board, Technology Committee and the Finance Committee **WILL NOT** meet in August.

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 early. Additionally, Pastor Kathryn is off on Fridays. Pastor B. is off on Mondays. 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.

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!



IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE SEPTEMBER BEACON WILL BE WEDNESDAY, August 21

(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, September 1**).

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

Thank You !

Thank You's

Dear DUMC friends and family,

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and well wishes I have received. I have been blessed with lunch and treats. My church family is strong and continues to hold me in the palm of their hands just as Jesus is doing. I am out of the hospital and starting to build up some strength. I hope to see everyone soon.

Thank you my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Nancy Nickerson

About Our People

Pray for Pat Duvall and family as they grieve the loss of **Bill** on July 6 to leukemia; **Mary Walcek and family** with the loss of her mother, **Vivian**, at the age of 102; and **Tom & Cathy Scarbrough and family** with the passing of Tom's mother, **Hazel**, on June 30.

Please pray for the family of **Lauren Strader**, a good friend of Jane Webb's, who passed away July 22. Lauren was a 40-year old single parent. She leaves behind a 12-year old daughter, Aliana, and both of her parents, Shelia and Lee Strader. Her service was held yesterday in Ellicott City.

Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery: **Pennie Adams**, **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Sylvia Bellefleur** (vocal chords), **Jessica Bowers** (Chris Adams' girlfriend), **Bob Braden**, **Martin Carr**, **Ann Cochran**, **Judy Dalrymple** (sister-in-law to Jackie Perry), **Bill Duvall** (undergoing treatment of leukemia), **Pat Duvall**, **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Debbie Hoar**, **Pat Hunt** (Liz Vanderham's mom following mini strokes), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella**, **Nancy Nickerson** (recuperating at home), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield with undetermined medical issues), **Dorothy Stull** (at home under hospice care), and **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus).

Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Linne Carrier**, **Michael Donaldson** (liver tumor), **Ethel Frear** (under hospice care), **JP Feuillet**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Dave Lingrell**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew), **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister), **Kristen Smith** (Gina Wilson's niece), **Marie White** (Pat Duvall's sister-in-law).

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.