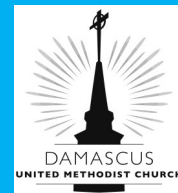


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THE BEACON

JULY 2016



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Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

Dear Friends,

June, usually a joyful time of budding flowers, lengthening days, graduations and weddings, has this year also included much sadness. In addition to funerals we have held for loved church members and community friends we experienced the community tragedy of three Clarksburg High School youths dying in an accident and the three horrific events in Orlando with a young woman being shot, a small child killed by an alligator in Disneyworld and, of course, the unspeakable shooting at a nightclub. This is not an inclusive list of the sad and tragic events in June locally, nationally, and internationally.

These are all heart-shocking, mind-numbing reminders of the fragility of life. The funerals remind us that our bodies are mortal, health cannot be taken for granted, and we always have only the day which we are living. The accident reminds us that we are at risk every time we are in a vehicle and what a dangerous time of year this is, especially for our young people. Too often the prom-graduation-beach week season claims another victim and promising lives end too soon. A child killed by an alligator? Another nearly killed by a gorilla? Everything can change in a matter of seconds.

The shootings yet again lift up the ever present violence in our society. Much is being said about the mass killings in the night club. Some are calling it a hate crime. Some are calling it an act of terror. I consider it both.

Oh that we could say this is a one-time, isolated, highly unusual incident. Instead, though it is shocking, it is not surprising. Lisa Marshall and I recently attended an all-day training event around security issues in churches. Part of the training including thinking about what to do in the case of an "active shooter." The presentation began with a collection of news stories about just such events in the last few years. You know them. A theatre in Aurora, Colorado, Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut, the campus of Virginia Tech, the Navy Yard, a church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the list goes on. Given the real threat of Muslim terror groups internationally it is tempting to say that this is Muslim caused, especially since the latest shootings in San Bernardino and Orlando have been by those related to radical Islam. The fact is, though, that shooters have been U.S. born, white, black, and brown, of different faiths or no faith, and targeted victims have been children, students, movie-goers, bible study goers, colleagues, employers, and those of the LGBT community. This kind of violence has no boundaries of race, ethnicity, nationality, economic status, religious preference, or gender. It is opposite the will of God.

What can we do? There is nothing we can do to completely eliminate evil. That will happen when Christ brings God's reign to earth in all of its fullness. This does not mean we are helpless. We can, finally, get serious about stopping easy access to assault weapons, the kinds used in mass killings. Assault weapons are not used for ➡➡➡➡

Pastor's Article (cont'd)

hunting, for home protection, or for shooting sports. They are used for what their name implies: assaults. They make mass killing possible. With precious few exceptions, anyone can legally and easily buy these weapons and a substantial amount of ammunition for them.

It goes deeper than gun laws, however. We are in a time when hate rhetoric is common. Those who disagree are not considered as those who disagree but rather as enemies. National debates are not about respectful disagreement but disgusted disagreement. The words we use shape attitudes and beliefs and the attitudes and beliefs being shaped are that others are bad or worthless or less than human, or not to be cared for, or something other than children of God.

We are also exposing ourselves to "fictional violence," on a regular basis. This cannot be helpful. Most video games, played for hours by young people and adults, are primarily related to destruction. Regular, prime time television shows and certainly movies depict violent murders almost by the minute and they become even more graphic every year. My favorite sport, football, lifts up the bone rattling hits one player puts on another. I fear we have de-sensitized ourselves to violence and taught violence as an acceptable response to anger or disagreement. Does this turn us all into mass killers? Of course not. But it does contribute to road rage, domestic violence, and broken relationships. A youth in one of the churches I served, now 31, a nice young man from a great family, was just killed in Ocean City when an argument was settled by a fight and he hit his head. Violence is not just in mass shootings. It manifests itself in multiple ways to the point we are no longer surprised.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do is to continue to witness to what we believe. Core to our faith is that God loves us and we are to love one another. We can give witness by our words, our attitudes, and our actions that each person is a child of God and thus worthy of our love. Christ is the answer to the terrible brokenness we are experiencing and we are Christ's ambassadors. It is for us to set a different tone and to model a different way. Will that end violence in the world? No. Only God alone can do that. But it may stop someone from bullying another and change someone's heart from hate to love or prevent a fight or bring healing to a broken relationship, or keep someone from getting to the point that they pick up an assault weapon and wreak havoc.

That's what we can do until Jesus comes again. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

- David

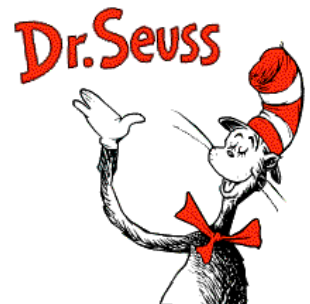
Welcome to SummerTime !!

No need for summertime blues baby because DUMC worship will rock your summer! Don't forget we will have one worship service on Sunday at 9:30 am and David will kick off our Sundays with a sermon series called, "the Good, The Bad and The Ugly." That's right, our own "Clint Eastwood" will lead you on an interesting and insightful journey through some of our wisdom literature found in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job.

Traveling over the weekend? Worried about missing worship? Well fret no more because we will also be offering Wednesday night worship. Potluck dinner at 6:15 pm followed by casual worship at 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Amanda and David will be leading your through the "Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." The legendary Dr. Seuss did a lot more than write cute books for children, he also created insightful, thought-provoking social commentaries around issues of war, power, racism, the environment, dreaming, the journey of life and more! Join us for a rhyming good time each week as we share a different Dr. Seuss story.

Wednesday Nights

- July 6: Yertle the Turtle
(Also the Canadian Boys Choir will join us for worship)
- July 13: Horton Hears a Who
- July 20: "Christmas in July !!" - How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
- July 27: The Lorax



CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS

IN CONCERT

Summer Youth Mission Choir Tour 2016 - Ohio and Michigan, USA

REJOICE IN THE LAMB
BENJAMIN BRITTEN

SACRED ANTHEMS

STRING ENSEMBLE



THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016
7:00 pm

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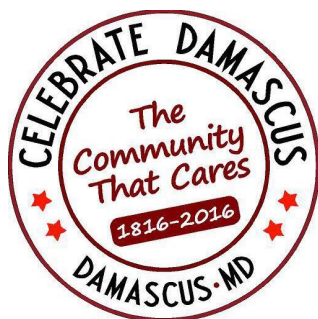
Upcoming Events



***We could use your donations
for the Youth ! ! !***

Please consider donating goodies for the CWS after-concert pool party! Items can be dropped off at the time of the concert on the table just outside the church entrance, or can be brought to the Damascus Pool after the concert. ***Thanks to All in advance !***

***Come “Celebrate Damascus”
with your Church Family ! !***



Friday, July 8 @ 7:00 pm

Kick-off Parade & Fireworks

CALLING ALL PARADE WALKERS

(Parade Line-up is 6:00 pm SHARP at Damascus High School)

Following the parade there will be a fireworks display (around 9:15 pm) sponsored by Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. They will also have food for sale outside & chicken dinners served in the Activities Hall.

Saturday, July 9:

7 am - 11 am:

Community Pancake Breakfast served by the Lions Club in the **DUMC Dining Hall.**

10 am - 2 pm:

Pony rides and Moon Bounce on the **DUMC front lawn.**

12 noon - 2 pm:

Bubble Ball Soccer on the front lawn of the church.

11 am - 3 pm:

Harwood House Thrift Shop open -
EVERYTHING 50% OFF TODAY!

On Saturday, there will be FREE TRANSPORTATION around town, provided by the Montgomery County Fair Trams, with assistance from Gladhill Tractor. Town Activities will start at 10:00 am at various locations including, *Damascus Community Bank, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, The Artist Corner—The Gazebo, the Library & Senior Center, McDonalds, Damascus Motor Company, Jimmie Cone / Damascus Heritage Museum, and Pet Value.*

Save the Date . . .

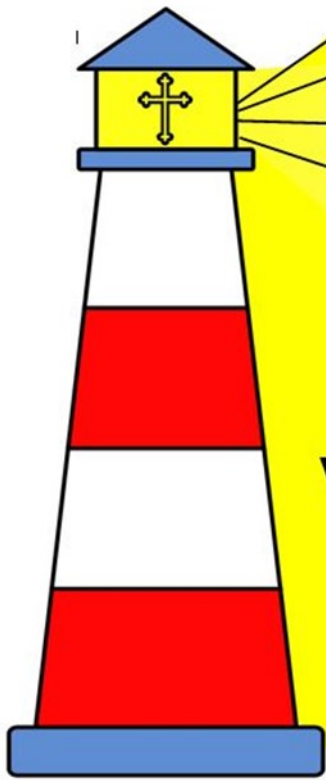
Friendship United Methodist Church has re-scheduled their

Annual BBQ, Bake Sale, and Yard Sale

for Saturday, August 13 at 11:30 am.

Please mark your calendar and Save the Date !

P.S. To reserve a yard sale table, contact Betty Spencer at 301-831-5732. Cost of tables is \$15.



Arise! Shine!

Vacation Bible School 2016

Damascus United Methodist Church

July 25 – 29, 2016

9am – 12:15pm

**“I am
the light
of the
world.”**

It's time to register for this year's Vacation Bible School. Classes are starting to fill up, so please send in your registrations soon (*see page #16 of this Beacon*). If possible, a \$30 donation per child would be appreciated to help offset our costs. We welcome students ages 4 through 6th grade. And, we welcome youth helpers going into grades 7th-12th. Youth helpers can earn SSL hours for their time spent at VBS. Youth helpers need to complete a Youth Helper Registration form and a Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement form, and turn them into the office asap.

I need an adult to help with driving students to/from Damascus Gardens apartments each morning of VBS. **Please let me know if you are able and willing to drive the church van.** I also have a need for someone to be at Damascus Gardens from 8:30 - 9:00 am each morning of VBS to help “check in” students and direct them to the correct vehicles. Please give me a call if you can help. Thanks and God bless you.

Cathy Scarbrough (301) 972-6844

Couples' Retreat



Living Gracefully . . . with family, with community, with God

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 30, 6 pm – Saturday, Oct. 1, 4:00 pm

WHERE: Brethren Service Center
New Windsor, MD

WHO: Couples (We've had men's retreats and women's retreats.
This is a couples' retreat, not a marriage enrichment weekend.)

Join David & Robin Cooney for this overnight couples' retreat. Together we will explore the meaning of **living 'grace-fully'** in our lives. Each couple will have a private room and bath (double beds with linens provided). Dinner, breakfast, lunch, and coffee/tea service are included in the cost of \$170/couple. There are limited spaces and a \$35 nonrefundable deposit is needed to reserve your space (checks should be made payable to DUMC). Registration forms may be submitted at the church office.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____(phone)

Please list any dietary restrictions:

_____ My \$35 nonrefundable deposit is attached.

Damascus-Clarksburg Area School Supply Drive

Once again Faith Connections will be collecting school supplies to benefit needy students in the local Damascus-Clarksburg schools. Last year, with the generosity of our community, we provided new school supplies and backpacks to 180 students who, without help, may not arrive at school with necessary supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks and paper.

We will have collection bins starting the first week of July, in both the Narthex (back of church) and the church office. The collection will continue until mid-August.

Help needy students in our area have a bright start to the new school year by donating new school supplies.

We are collecting:

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.



Young at Heart Activity for July 2016 **FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME**

On Saturday, July 2 everyone is invited to join us at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick to see the Keys (Orioles affiliate) play Winston-Salem (Red Sox affiliate). This is the perfect event to include your kids & grandkids. However, since these are reserved seats, the tickets are all the same price. Those interested in driving or riding in a carpool, please let us know.

Gates open: 5:00 p.m. - Game Time: 6:00 p.m. - followed by Fantastic Fireworks

Bring the whole family and join us for a night of fun.

Great seats!! Good Food!! Great Fun!!

Great price!! \$12 per ticket

For tickets please call Mike Springirth 240-832-2404 / springirthdog@netscape.net

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS TUESDAY, JUNE 28

*A UMW Summer Project
using study book by Bishop Peggy Johnson*
“The Church & People with Disabilities”

DUMC church family, let's keep our eyes and ears open for improvements in our response to vision, mobility, deaf, hard of hearing, autism, mental health, etc.

Try this draft survey.

Church

yes no entrances step free and on level
yes no curb cuts onto sidewalks
yes no bathroom in Narthex wheelchair assessable
yes no do you know where the wheelchair assessable is located?
yes no pew cutouts for wheelchairs
yes no individual hearing devices
yes no Braille hymnbooks
yes no elevator
yes no altar and choir area step free
yes no hand rail for all steps, including altar area
yes no does the Sunday School have a “Buddy Program”
yes no large print worship materials
yes no “stand if able” used

Your Home

yes no entrance step free and on level
yes no no loose scatter rugs
yes no kitchen: rubber mat in front of sink
yes no bathroom grab bars by toilet or tub
yes no hallways and doors wide enough for ambulance gurney

Community

yes no Library: audio books, large print
yes no shelters at bus stops
yes no Sidewalks: curb cuts
yes no sidewalk from Valley Park Terrace to Mt. Vernon Ave?
yes no handrails non-metal so they are not too hot to hold on hot

**If you have suggestions where actions is needed, please contact Bernardine Beall,
bernardinebeall@verizon.net or 301-253-2014.**

Our Prayer:

***That the DUMC family will be sensitive to the needs of people with
disabilities and respond with ACTION.***

Remaining Young at Heart Schedule for 2016

August

August 14: Picnic & swimming at the home of Bill & Lora Maynard, Damascus. **See article below for details.**
Contact person: Lora Maynard / 301-253-5868.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs., September 15: Tour of Brookside Gardens and *Wings of Fancy* Butterfly House, Wheaton. Lunch afterwards nearby.

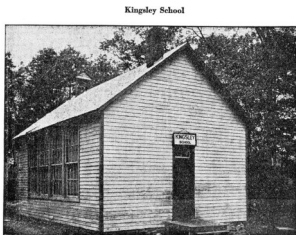


Contact person: Sharon Walton / 301-253-4860.

Saturday, September 24: Pontoon Ride at Blackhills Park, Clarksburg, with dinner to follow, more info to come.

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

OCTOBER



October 20: Tour of Kingsley School house on Clarksburg Road and lunch to follow. Van transportation to the school house will be provided.

Contact person: Bernardine Beall / 301-253-2014.

Young At Heart Cookout and Pool Party Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm

You are invited for a cookout at our house. We will provide the main dish and paper products. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks.

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

Looking forward to your attendance and a sunny day!

Lora & Bill Maynard, [301-461-0850](tel:3014610850), 25108 Silver Crest Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

don't forget your swimsuits & towels!

NOVEMBER

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

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



DECEMBER

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

Contact person:

Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

Disney Cruise December 3 - 10, 2016. Departure is from Port Canaveral, Florida. Booking now and openings still available.

Contact person: Kelly Bratburd: / 301-831-7435



Festival of Lights or Zoo Lights.*

DUMC Dinner & Christmas Party.*

***Coordinator/Contact person needed for last two events listed.**

Call Ted or Sue Constantinides at 301-253-6591, or Jane Webb at 240-620-6920 to volunteer.

join us for a summer celebration!

Christian Formation / Women's Ministry



Damascus United Methodist Women News July, 2016

UMWomen Circle Dates

Susanna JOY Circle

will meet **NOT MEET** in the months of July or August.

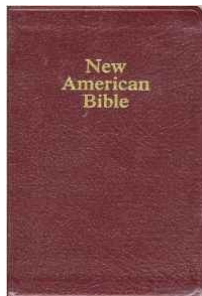
The WWJD Circle will travel on Sunday morning, July 17 to Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, Baltimore to attend their morning service, tour the church, visit Mt. Olivet Cemetery and have lunch at a Catonsville Restaurant. If you would like to go on this trip to learn about our Methodist heritage, please call Marcia Hofman at 301-253-2960 or email her at marciahofman67@gmail.com.

Lovely Lane UMC, Baltimore



OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

Special Project: Bibles for the Troops at \$5.00 each. We invite any and all members to join in this project (see order form below). Please see Pennie Adams, Esther Samakouris, Joy Schwab and Kathy Jones to help out in the worthwhile endeavor.



SPECIAL PROJECT FOR JUNE - BIBLES FOR THE TROOPS - \$5.00 EACH

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Name: _____

Number of Bibles: _____ @ \$5.00 each

TOTAL COST: _____

Thanks you for your help with this project.

Orders may be turned into the church office ,
with a check made payable to: ***Damascus United Methodist Women***



LADIES' NIGHT OUT



WHEN:

Tuesday, July 19 @ 6 pm

WHERE:

**Music Cafe @ 6 pm
26528 Ridge Road
Damascus, MD 20872**

RSVP by July 17

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

FUTURE EVENTS

**THERE WILL BE
NO Ladies' Night Out IN THE
MONTH OF AUGUST**

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

**Mangia E. Bevi @ 6 pm
8927 Fingerboard Road
Frederick, MD 21704 (Urbana)
RSVP by Sept. 27**

CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA

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



**2016 Summer Youth Mission Tour
Welcome Home Concert CD Order
June 30, 2016**

REJOICE IN THE LAMB

By Benjamin Britten

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Number of CDs @ \$20 each _____ = \$ _____

Shipping (optional) \$4 each _____ + \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to "DUMC"

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Three New Mission Opportunities Summer 2016

Thank you to all who submitted Mission Commitment Cards on Mission Sunday! Your prayers and your service to others are a gift to our congregation. We will be stronger in our faith as we see God at work in our prayers and service.

July 23 (Saturday) 8:00 am Harwood House fix-ups

Contact person: Doug Marshall-- dougandlisamarshall@yahoo.com, 301-253-5241

Did you know Harwood House with its sale of used items supports mission efforts at Damascus UMC plus another 28 outreach projects in the area?

- Asbury Foundation
- Board of Child Care
- CALMARA (Intellectually disabled adults)
- Carol Jean Cancer Foundation
- Damascus Help
- Damascus Volunteer Fire Department
- Faith Connections
- Fisher House (Wounded Vets @ Walter Reed)
- Frederick Rescue Mission
- Frederick Soup Kitchen
- Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
- Heartly House, Inc. (Battered women)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospice Caring
- Hospice of Frederick County
- Jill's House (in MD and VA, respite facilities for parents of disabled children)
- Laytonsville Havens (homeless women)
- Mackenzie's Place
- Montgomery Avenue Women's Shelter
- Montgomery Hospice
- Our House (teen boys)
- PET Project (transportation for people)
- Rebuilding Together
- Salvation Army
- Special Olympics
- Susanna Wesley House
- Therapeutic & Recreational Riding
- UMCOR

Lets support this vital mission ministry!

August 10 (Wednesday) 8:00 am: Meet at DUMC parking lot to carpool to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, MD. Return by 5:00 pm. Lunch included. We will work 3 hours in the am and 3 hours in the pm packing boxes to be shipped with needed items for relief.

Contact person: Carol Yocum - carolyocum@msn.com, 301-788-6446. Please make your reservation for both lunch and carpooling. Thanks!

August 15 (Monday) 7pm: Meet in the DUMC Great Hall to meet missionary Dr. Belinda Forbes. Dr. Forbes is home for a couple of months from Nicaragua, meeting with support congregations. This is the first year we have provided funds to Dr. Forbes who is a public health worker and dentist working with her physician husband. They have two daughters. We will have a wonderful time hearing of Dr. Forbes' work and ministry and have a time of conversation together. Dessert will be served at the beginning of the evening as we gather.



Please visit with DUMC Stephen Ministers in the parlor after each Sunday service! We are available to talk with you and to pray with you. You may come for yourself or for another. We are here for you. Don't hesitate to drop in!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

A Message from Nicaragua

We hope that everyone is enjoying the beginning of summer. We have started to receive rain, both in Managua and in La Danta, a hopeful sign for the possibility of a first harvest in August.

Between Cultures hosted a great retreat with La Danta at the end of April, analyzing the components of living in a Christian community, and where the community's weaknesses and strengths lie. After the retreat, many of the members have made the commitment to help Don Juan more in organizing the church services and participating in the different areas of it.

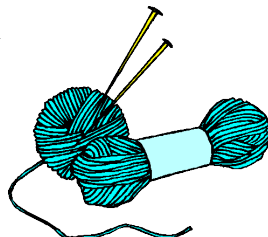
The prayer partner program between DUMC members and La Danta church members is up and running. It has been a great way for those who can't travel to Nicaragua/the U.S. to get to know one another, or to renew relationships for those who have. If you would like a prayer partner in La Danta, please email me at aman-da@betweencultures.org.

We know that there is concern about how the mosquito-borne Zika virus is affecting Nicaraguans. We want to recognize the government's social work in fumigating homes and public buildings, creating health brigades to educate people on prevention, and make sure that people are clearing clutter from their homes where mosquitos could lay their eggs. Nicaragua currently has the second lowest rate of the virus in Central America, with 196 cases diagnosed. Of those cases 38 were pregnant women; nine have had healthy babies, and the rest who are still pregnant have had ultrasounds that show that the babies appear not to be affected. Prayers are appreciated for those affected by Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

Thank you for your continued support,
Amanda Jones Dominguez, on behalf of Between Cultures

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Monday, July 18 @ 12:30 / 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, Cathy Heinbaugh, cheinbaugh@comcast.net, 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, jmullinix74@yahoo.com 301-482-1122.



Habitat for Humanity – ***Help Build a House This Summer !!***

Can't attend the Habitat Trip? We are in need of donations of the following for the Habitat Trip to Garrett County (July 10 - 16).

- Small notepads (for example, the ones realtors sometimes send in the mail)
- Colored pens or thin markers
- Individual bottled waters
- Individual bottles of sports drinks
- Non-Perishable, heat-tolerant snacks (for example, chips or crackers, anything that does not need refrigeration and can stand being inside a car all day).

Please contact Anita Duvall (240-485-7650 call/text or anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov) if you plan to donate so we can coordinate donations.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS— 6 to 12 Grade

July, 2016

Nick Works, Youth Director | 240-751-6695 | nick.works@damascusumc.org

DUMC SUMMER YOUTH Fellowship Schedule

Thursday Night Bible Studies

Middle School

NOTE: All Studies at 6 pm except
for Aug. 11 Movie Night.

- July 7: At the church
- July 14: TBD
- July 21: Elliott home
- July 28: Taylor home
- Aug 4: Hulcher home
- Aug 11: Turner-Littles/Movie Night (7 pm)
- Aug 18: Baldrige home 6pm

High School

NOTE: All Studies at 8 pm except
for Aug. 11 Movie Night.

- July 7: At the church
- July 14: Marshall home
- July 21: Elliott home
- July 28: Taylor home
- Aug 4: Hulcher home
- Aug 11: Bratburds /Movie Night (7 pm)
- Aug 18: TBD

Homecoming Concert

Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 pm
Pool Party to Follow at
Damascus Rec Pool, 9 - 11 pm

Hershey Park Trip, Hershey, PA

Tuesday, July 19
Cost \$43 per person
Please RSVP to
nick.works@damascusumc.org

Movie Night (Off Campus)

Sunday, July 10
Meet at Church at 5:30 pm

Vacation Bible School

July 25 - July 29
Contact Cathy Scarbrough
to help out, 240-274-2195

Float Trip at Harpers Ferry, WV

Sunday, July 31
Meet at Church Parking Lot at 12:30
pm. Cost \$34.

Announcements

A Special Thank You

On behalf of Alice's family, I would like to thank everyone at DUMC who worked so hard at putting together the beautiful services and luncheon for Alice on May 13th. From all the preparation and setting up to all the execution and clean-up, you made the celebration of Alice's life a wonderful part of that day. The many comments I heard about how well it all went reflected on how well you all did. Thank you for making it possible for us to pay tribute to someone we loved so much.

- George Moy

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Brian and Joan Hartle's father, **Paul Hartle**, passed away Tuesday, June 21. His funeral and burial will be held on Tuesday, June 28 at Quantico National Cemetery.

Angie Frear (daughter-in-law of **Ethel Frear**, married to son **Walt**), who is due with a baby boy on July 12, following an emergency room visit for early contractions.

Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery: **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Catherine Cramer**, (Randy Anderson's sister with pregnancy complications), **David Bellefleur** (Hank's brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Casey and Brandi Berry** with chronic cases of Lyme disease, **Helen Boyer**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Joyce Dooley** (Carol Taylor's mom), **Pat Duvall**, **Linda Evans**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Diane Fry** (having complications from her hand surgery recovery), **Patsy Kressig** (Judy's mom), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson's brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back surgery), **Nancy Nickerson** (recovering from neck/back surgery), **Neal Pardini** (recent fall causing additional leg vascular problems), **Sue Pratt** (Amy Bilello's mom), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law) liver disease and candidate for a transplant, **Jane Snapp** (recuperating from a broken shoulder), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus) and **Roy Wood** (Kim Briglia's brother-in-law) in rehab after a serious car accident.

Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Mike Bowman** (Roz Bowman's son), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Mickey Cochran**, **Pam Compton**, **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Kathy Geehreg**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Leroy** (friend of the Malley's going through kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Hazel MacKenzie** (radiation treatments), **Tanner Matney**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister), **Greg Sacco** (Gina Wilson's brother), 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).



Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service
will be held.

Sunday, July 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm
in the Church Parlor.

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PLEASE NOTE:

*All are new e-mail addresses
effective immediately.*

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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 hour) 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.



THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED FOR
THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016.

WE WILL RE-OPEN ON
TUESDAY, JULY 5 AT 8:00 AM

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

Administrative Meetings For July, 2016

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| July | 6 | Office Staff Meeting
10:00 am in the Annex/CR |
| July | 7 | Trustees Committee Meeting
7:30 pm Great Hall/back |

NOTE: All other committees not listed
will NOT meet in the month of July.

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

Pre-K (Age 4) through 6th Grade

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

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

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

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____
Work (specify person) _____

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

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

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

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

Name of Doctor _____ Phone Number _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____