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Lisa Marshall / Property Manager

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Julio Pedraza /
Weeknight & Sunday AM Custodian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After months of knowing that this day would come, in just a few days I will be your new Senior Pastor. I am so excited and feel so blessed to have this opportunity to serve such a wonderful congregation. I have spent my life in the Baltimore-Washington Conference and have heard many good things about the people and the ministry of Damascus UMC.

I am also extremely happy to be serving with Rev. Sherwyn Benjamin (aka "Pastor B") as your Associate Pastor. Pastor B brings many gifts and talents to his work at Damascus. We are looking forward to working together as a Pastoral Team, as well as working in harmony with the staff of Damascus UMC.

I am so grateful to everyone who submitted an information sheet, telling your new Pastoral Team about you and your family. This is so very helpful! Another thing that will be extremely helpful to Pastor B and I as we arrive is for you to wear your nametags in worship and at meetings. We really want to get to know you and this will help us to learn your names more quickly.

This is a big transition for all of us — your new pastors, our families, the congregation, and the church staff. Pastor B and I have already begun to work with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to set goals for our ministry together and work to finalize these goals in the next month. I fully trust that God is with us and that the Spirit will guide us as we begin our work together in ministry.

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday, July 1, at 9:30 am!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kathryn

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Tarwater Woodrow

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FIRST SUNDAY FOR OUR NEW PASTORS – JULY 1

**Join Us for a Meet & Greet
 following the 9:30 am service**



We are excited to welcome our two new pastors to DUMC on Sunday, July 1. Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Kathryn Woodrow (Pastor Kathryn) and Associate Pastor Sherwyn Benjamin (Pastor B) will be leading us in worship.

A welcome reception will be held in the Great Hall following the 9:30 am service. Please join us for this informal gathering to meet them and their families and welcome them to DUMC.

Dear Congregation,

Robin and I want to thank you for the wonderful farewell reception and many gifts. Beautiful flowers, a thank you banner, delicious brunch, expressions of thanks and a poetic tribute, accompanied with a signature quilt, alpaca prayer shawls for each, chalice, leather journal, cool personalized flight jacket, a great camera for pictures on our travels, and a generous love gift truly filled our hearts. It felt like Christmas, birthdays, anniversary, and Valentines all rolled into one. Your generous outpouring has left us with feelings of deep gratitude. You went above and beyond and then above again. This, coupled with an amazing retirement party, has left our heads large and hearts humbled. We cannot thank you enough.

Our prayers are with you as you now welcome your new pastoral team. We know you will love them both and that you will share in many years of fruitful ministry together. We have full confidence that the years ahead hold great things in store for you. Be devoted servants, drawn to Jesus, and dedicated to making disciples.

Godspeed,
David and Robin Cooney

Donations Needed for Our Returning Youth . . .

Every year, the CWS youth, chaperones and their families gather to celebrate their successful mission. This year, the pool party will be held at the Shipe Residence located at [8720 Hawkins Creamery Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882](#).

We are requesting donations of food and drinks for the kids. Their welcome home concert is at 7:00 on Wednesday, June 27, and they will be at the church an hour beforehand so the kids will be hungry when they are done performing. Donations of main dishes, sides, salads and drinks would be greatly appreciated (there are some peanut allergies in the group so all prepared and donated food must be nut free).

We will have a table set up outside the sanctuary by 6:00 pm for people to drop off donations.

Mark Your Calendars !!!

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHINCOLOR DREAM COAT

**Reminder: DUMC will share
performances
on August 24-26, 2018.**

**Contact Polly Baldrige, director,
to participate.**

All Youth, Children, Adults invited!

Polly cell: 240-750-8287

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.

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME HAS CHANGED FOR THE SUMMER

SUMMER Sunday Worship Time IS 9:30 am.

We will continue with this schedule through Sunday, August 26.



United Methodist Women News

Susanna Wesley JOY Circle will meet July 9

VIA INTERNET - check your Email

UMW missions funded for many decades by Damascus UMW will be highlighted using the 2018 Prayer Calendar.

Pray this day for work in Antigua, Hong Kong, & Arlington TX
Birthday greetings sent to Mrs. Neva Perdue, Tucson AZ

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The WWJD Circle will not meet during July and August.  
Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Thursday, September 20.**  
Have a lovely summer!

United Methodist Men News

### Men's Night Out

will take place on **Monday, July 9**

at **Firebirds Wood Fired Grill @ 6:00 pm**

390 Spectrum Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

**Please RSVP to Steve Malley at**

[steve.malley@damascusumc.org](mailto:steve.malley@damascusumc.org) or 240-805-0593.

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*Men's Weekend Retreat - Hallowell Retreat Center
June 8 & 9, 2018*



The Stephen Ministry team welcomes
our new pastors,

**Rev. Dr. Kathryn Woodrow
and Rev. Sherwyn Benjamin.**

Thank you both for embarking upon this next
path in your journey here at Damascus UMC!



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.



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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT is presented by arrangement
with The Musical Company, LP.

Polly Baldrige, director

240-750-8287 cell/text | polly.baldrige@damascusumc.org

Please fill out information below, indicate days you are not available by crossing them out on this page, scan this page, and send to Polly Baldrige at phone/email above.

Name: _____

Best way to reach you

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Desired roles/jobs: _____

CAST ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE BY JUNE 8

Please contact Polly with any questions!

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT –

All youth, children, and adults
invited to join the cast and crew.

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

2018

Sunday, 7/1	1 – 4 pm
Sunday, 7/8	1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, 7/10	6 – 9:30 pm
Thursday, 7/12	6 – 9:30 pm
Saturday, 7/14	9 am – 1 pm
Sunday, 7/15	1 – 4 pm
Sunday, 7/22	1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, 7/24	6 – 9:30 pm
Thursday, 7/26	6 – 9:30 pm
Saturday, 7/28	9 am – 1 pm
Sunday, 7/29	1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, 7/31	6 – 9:30 pm
Thursday, 8/2	6 – 9:30 pm
Saturday, 8/4	9 am – 1 pm
Sunday, 8/5	1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, 8/7	6 – 9:30 pm
Thursday, 8/9	6 – 9:30 pm
Saturday, 8/11	9 am – 1 pm
Sunday, 8/12	1 – 4 pm
Monday, 8/13	TIME TBD
Tuesday, 8/14	TIME TBD
Thursday, 8/16	TIME TBD
Saturday, 8/18	TIME TBD
Sunday, 8/19	TIME TBD
Monday, 8/20	TIME TBD
Tuesday, 8/21	TIME TBD
Thursday, 8/22	TIME TBD

PERFORMANCES

Friday, August 24	7 pm
Saturday, August 25	7 pm
Sunday, August 26	3 pm

This is a tentative rehearsal schedule –
times of day may change/shift depending
on cast availability and all cast may not
be called each day for practice.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

SPRING/SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- Volunteering at Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- July 1 — Nan McCurdy & Miguel Mairena begin their assignment in Puebla, Mexico, with Give Ye Them to Eat which serves the marginalized residents of Puebla
- Painters needed at Harwood House for some outdoor trim painting
- Habitat Work week July 8-13, 2018
- VIM trip — October 7-13, Tarboro, NC
- Safe Haven work — Fall
- Change for Change — end-of-year holiday season
- Nicaragua & possible Kenya trips winter 2019

Volunteers in Missions Fall Trip

FIRST TEAM MEETING JUNE 24, 10:30 AM (after worship) -- ANNEX

This fall, October 7-13, a team of volunteers will travel to Tarboro, NC, to work on homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew in the fall of 2016. This hurricane did \$15.09 billion in damages from Venezuela, north to NYC. The hardest hit states were Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. People who want to help with all manner of repairs, and if any have bonafide trade skills, or no trade skills, are invited to participate. We will be staying at a center in Tarboro, outfitted with bunk beds by UMCOR; we will prepare our own meals. Cost is \$150 per person for room, board, and travel. Call or email Carol Yocum if you are interested: carolyocum@msn.com or 301-788-6446.

In response to the overwhelming devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016, the NC Conference United Methodist Disaster Recovery Ministries has set up 5 disaster centers in eastern NC. Hundreds of volunteers have mucked out hundreds of flooded homes and reconstruction is in progress. Some homes still need to be mucked out and sprayed for mold. While in other cases, volunteers are needed to repair houses: replace floors, insulation, ceilings, roofs, drywall, porches, decks. Disaster Response has begun building new replacement homes. Each center has a site manager, construction manager, and case manager who coordinate and oversee the volunteer work.

Habitat opportunity

Our trip is scheduled for July 8-13 to go to Garrett County to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Please consider supporting those on the trip in one or more of the following ways:

- Pray for us
- House sit/pet sit/provide child care for a team member
- Donate individually wrapped snack food items (heat tolerant such as chips, granola bars, etc.)
- Donate bottled water (6-packs, cases, etc.)
- Donate funds to buy supplies used on the job site
- See Anita Duvall if you have questions or interest as a first-timer. Thank you for all your support!

****NEW** Women's Shelter Donations**

The mission committee is adapting our collection of travel size toiletries to support the Laytonsville Safe Haven Shelter. Residents are homeless and typically spend up to a year at the shelter. Upon arrival, the shelter would love to provide clients with a NEW pillow, twin sheet set, comforter or bedspread, towel, 2 wash cloths, a bar of soap or body wash, shampoo, and a comb or hairbrush. There is a collection box in the Narthex closet for toiletries. If you are able to provide larger items or money to purchase them, please contact Cora Horst, cora.horst@damascusumc.org or 301-529-3047.

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
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Thank You's

- Thanks to the office staff, **Jane Webb and Linda Stastny** for the help they provide Missions, especially this past Mission Sunday. Grateful too, to **Ron Adams** for all his work on sound and visuals. We couldn't do it without you!
- To all who supported the Neema Kenya Yard Sale on June 9
- To all who contributed to the \$5 Baby Shower for Julia Isabella Jones-Dominguez. We collected \$380.
- To the 79 people in worship on June 3 who filled our Mission Commitments Cards. The team is grateful for your prayers, service and donations!

Pray for our missionaries and our mission projects overseas

- Amanda Jones-Dominguez & Memo Dominguez and daughters Sofia & Julia in Nicaragua (Between Cultures)
- 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
- Nan McCurdy & husband, Miguel Mairena beginning a new assignment in Puebla, Mexico, July 1.
- The primary school children at Ndere Orphans School, Gem, Kenya. Supporting the Joint Partners Clinic
- Pray for the Habitat volunteers
- Pray that the concerts given on the youth choir tour will impact the hearts and minds of people.
- For the **people being helped though UMCOR** after natural disasters: East coast, Puerto Rico, Louisiana, Texas, California, Hawaii.
- For the families/individuals in Damascus who use the Harwood House to make ends meet
- Pray for Kathy and Stan Jones traveling in Nicaragua during an unsafe time.

Damascus HELP—June report:

Thanks to the following groups and individuals for food donations made in April: Shannon Fleisher, Hyattstown United Methodist Church, Montgomery United Methodist Church, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, and Weis Market.

In April Damascus HELP made 44 food deliveries serving 171 people, helped 17 families with financial assistance, and gave 4 people rides to appointments.

Volunteer News: Thank you all for being such great volunteers! We want to welcome Frank Lerardi as our new Recording Secretary. He will begin his position this month. We are continuing to look for additional volunteers. Please ask your friends and neighbors. Our opportunities include ODs, food drivers, pantry pick up helpers, and volunteers to be part of a furniture delivery team. We are also in need of another financial caseworker to work with the clients and their utility bills. Transportation drivers seem to be a high priority. Volunteers for special projects are also needed. For all volunteer opportunities, please contact HELP at 301-253-4100, or email dh20872@aol.com or www.damascushelp.org for additional information.

Below is a link from the Baltimore Washington Conference newspaper about Nan and Miguel (see page #8)

http://78455c2ccb400d517780-dac10a94c714bbb9d8050040bb216432.r90.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/m/0e7298183_1525280970_may-2018-issueforweb.pdf

Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena, Missionaries, ADVANCE #10801Z/12877Z
Global Ministries, United Methodist Church 949-397-4729/33.

Being informed about the unrest in Nicaragua helps us in our prayers for our missionaries and the challenges they face in serving. *The following is an article from the Washington Post:*

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/the-people-lost-their-fear-how-nicaraguas-new-revolution-took-shape/2018/04/26/5e48b40c-48e8-11e8-8082-105a446d19b8_story.html

Two articles sent by missionary, Dr. Belinda Forbes from Managua:

<https://www.economist.com/news/americas/21741216-without-venezuelan-aid-president-can-no-longer-buy-support-potential-adversaries> & <https://afgj.org/unrest-nicaragua-nicanotes> & <http://tortillaconsal.com/tortilla/node/2538>

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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Neema Kenya Mission:

A big "Thank You" to all who made our DUMC Community Yard Sale a big success. Not only was it a productive fundraiser for the mission, it was a great opportunity to welcome our Damascus neighbors to our church. We hope to do this again, and to focus our efforts on introducing our Damascus Community to all the fabulous activities of our Church Community!



"Let's Make a Deal"



The Harwood House brings its sales skills!

Announcements

Do you receive Offering Envelopes ?

Anyone that currently receives offering envelopes can pick up their third quarter envelopes in the Great Hall hallway. They are in boxes sorted by last name alphabetically. If you currently get envelopes and don't want them please call the church office and let us know. If you currently don't get offering envelopes but would like to receive them call the church office to be put on the list to receive them. Thank you.

COFFEE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE BETWEEN CULTURES MISSION TEAM

As with most coffee-producing countries, almost all of Nicaragua's coffee is exported raw. Along with the raw coffee beans goes jobs, skills and culture. The Twin Engine Coffee Company is changing this and challenging these norms by creating jobs IN NICARAGUA. Twin Engine processes and packages their coffee in Nicaragua and, of course, pays a fair-trade price to the local small-lot coffee farmers who produce some of the best coffee beans Nicaragua has to offer.



Twin Engine coffee produces great Nicaraguan coffee in a variety of blends and roasts. Coffee purchases can be made directly from the Twin Engine Coffee Company website for shipment directly to your home. When ordering on line, just go to www.twinenginecoffee.com and be sure to apply the promo code **CULTURE** at checkout. The Between Cultures Mission Team will then receive a portion of your purchase which will support the great work they do in La Danta and other rural communities throughout Nicaragua. Enjoy, and thank you for your support.

Announcements (cont'd)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

"CELEBRATE DAMASCUS"



Friday, July 13

- 7:00 pm Kick-off Parade starts at Damascus High School
9:00 pm Fireworks sponsored by the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.

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 inside the air-conditioned Activities Hall.

Saturday, July 14

- 7:00 am – 11:00 am Community Pancake Breakfast by the Lions Club – DUMC Dining Hall
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Damascus Lions Club Yard Sale on the front lawn.
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Pony Rides, Moon Bounce and Children's Games on DUMC front lawn.
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Food Truck on site for Lunch
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Harwood House Thrift Shop open - **Everything 50% OFF TODAY !**

*Gary Richard is looking for help with the pony rides and moon bounce activity.
If you can volunteer, please contact him at 301-253-2287.*

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, Children's Activities - Art & Kids Cars, McDonald, Damascus Motor Company, Jimmie Cone and Damascus Heritage Museum.

Come and enjoy the whole day with your family with many activities and events all around the town!

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Monday, July 16 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.



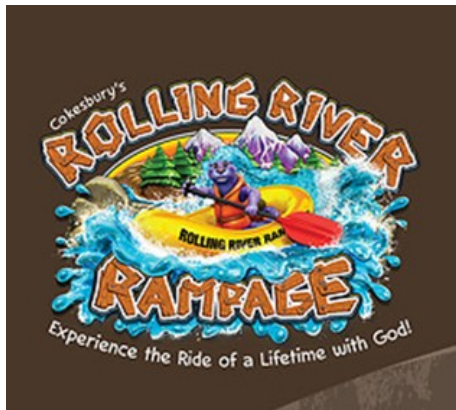
**The Genealogy Club
is on break for the
Summer.**

**They will resume
meetings in the
Fall, 2018.**



**Questions, contact Liz Vanderham
@ vandercation@gmail.com
or 301-428-2873.**

Announcements (cont'd)



Save the date for VBS 2018, July 23 – 27!

We welcome all children from
age 4 through 5th grade to attend.

Hours will be 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day.

Theme: Rolling River Rampage
Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Register Now !!!

VBS Registration form for CHILDREN is on [Page # 14](#) of this Beacon.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Saturday, November 3, 2018

The annual DUMC Craft Bazaar (& dinner)
will be held on
Saturday, November 3, 2018.

We need YOU to make it a success! We will happily
accept crafts of any kind! We also encourage you
to eat with us that day.

For more information will be forthcoming.

Questions?

Crafts: Contact Mandy Sellers at
mandysellers@outlook.com

Food: Contact Hazel Strahorn at
hazelstrahorn@verizon.net

SUMMER CHOIR – FOR ALL AGES

NO ROBES | NO PROCESSIONAL |
NO ONE EXCLUDED

9:30 am Sunday Service in July and August

All singers are invited to sing during worship over the summer! Come 20 minutes before services each week for a quick rehearsal to review anthem. Both choirs, Charles Wesley Singers & Chancel Choir, will join to share in the single 9:30 am service – some mornings there will be more than one anthem to feature both groups. This is also an opportunity for children and youth to sing with their parents and other adult friends. Come join us – anthems will be picked from familiar repertoire.



Altar Flowers for 2018

A sign-up notebook to provide altar flowers for this year has been placed in the rack in the narthex next to the Welcome Station.

The sooner you sign up for your special dates, the better!

You may order the flowers yourself from one of two local florists:

Blossoms and Basket at [301-829-8300](tel:301-829-8300)
or Beall's at [301-253-2840](tel:301-253-2840)

NOTE: Both florists charge a \$5 delivery fee to DUMC.

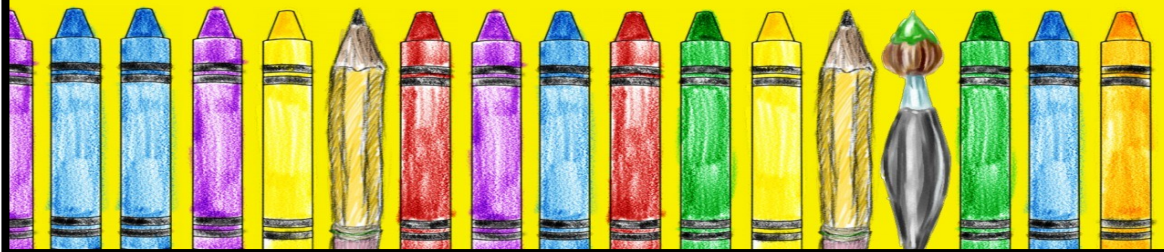


Announcements (cont'd)

School Supply Drive

Faith Connections will be collecting 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 20th .



We are collecting:

Backpacks

Lined paper (college and wide ruled)

Spiral notebooks

Composition books

Pencils

Pens (blue, black and red)

Markers

Colored Pencils

Erasers and eraser caps

Safety scissors

Glue sticks (not regular glue)

Dividers (5-7 subject)

The **Welcoming Wednesday Dinners** have ended for the summer so that our fabulous kitchen volunteers can take a break over 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 Gabrielle Hulcher (301-414-7468), Kenny Sue Robertson (301-253-5405), Tina Soule (301-540-5943) or Lora Maynard (301-253-5868) for details.

Announcements (cont'd)

POST-HIGH SCHOOL/YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

(Ages 18-23)

Sunday Nights at 8:00 pm thru August 5.

Weekly location by text from Tom/Polly.

Text Tom Baldrige (301-802-4775) or Polly Baldrige (240-750-8287) for details.

June 24: Hembrough's home, 24336 Newbury Road, Gaithersburg

July 1: Bowe's home, 25220 Chimney House Court, Damascus

July 8: Marshall's home, 24761 Showbarn Circle, Damascus



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Thursday, July 12 7:00 pm

Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. Seeking Justice—A Living History Presentation featuring the re-enactment of Eleanor Roosevelt (as part of the Chataqua Series). Free Admission.

Sunday, July 22 12:00 noon

Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre, Rockville Campus. We will see *West Side Story*. Buffet lunch starts at noon, play at 2:00 pm. Contact Person: Sandra Malley - 301-518-2220.

Friday, October 5 12:30 pm

Maryland Fleet Week 3 hr. boat tour of Baltimore Harbor and Thunderbird Airshow.

RSVP'S WILL BE NEEDED BY AUGUST, 2018.

Contact: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

NOVEMBER, 2018 Date and Time TBD

Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and lunch.

Contact person: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

DECEMBER, 2018 Date and Time TBD

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

Coordinator/CONTACT PERSON NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT to take place. Call Sue or Jane to volunteer.

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 Sue, Sandra or Jane.

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.

Announcements (cont'd)

Congratulations to Our Graduating College Seniors

Rachel Nicole Braden who earned her Bachelor of Science degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Christopher Newport University, Joseph W. Luter School of Business. She is the daughter of **Bob, Sr. & Lisa Kump Braden** and granddaughter of **Bob and Julie Braden**.

Amy Nicole English who graduated with honors from Montgomery College with an Associate of Arts degree. She will be attending Towson University in the fall majoring in Music Education. Amy is the daughter of **Jennifer Braden Morgan** and granddaughter of **Bob and Julie Braden**.

Nicholas Robert English who earned his Masters of Science degree from the University of Michigan in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. He will be reporting to the Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC. He is the son of **Jennifer Braden Morgan** and grandson of **Bob and Julie Braden**.

Ryan Hecht who graduated from the University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology. After graduation, Ryan's jazz funk band, Juicy Connotation, toured the east coast for 10 days. Presently working at the University of Rochester for the summer, will be headed to Guatemala for a year-long community program teaching English and running the music and rec program, and will then be going to grad school. Ryan's parents are **Don and Nadine Hecht**.

Taylor Hallin, a 2014 graduate from Damascus High School, graduated from Towson University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Taylor is the son of **Cathy and Robert Hallin**.

Jay Kinnaman who graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Environmental Science and Technology. Jay will be working for the Chesapeake Conservation Corp. and is the son of **John and Julie Kinnaman**.

Austin Mollard who graduated boot camp from the US Navy on May 18 in Great Lakes, IL. Austin will be stationed in Pensacola, FL and is the grandson of **Kathryn Smith**.

Chris Nickerson who graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. Chris is the son of **Nancy Nickerson** and will be searching for a career in the Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice system.



Sunday, July 15 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for this service held monthly, **now being moved back to the Parlor location**. This service is a time for sharing Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:14-16a).

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

**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!**

The Upper Room

Please feel free to take a copy of the Upper Room which are located in the **NARTHEX** by the **WELCOME BOOTH**.

Better yet, take a couple of copies and share with friends and neighbors.
This publication is a wonderful way to encourage daily scripture reading!

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

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

July 23 – 27, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Grade entering _____
Grade entering _____
Grade entering _____
Grade entering _____

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 my child/children for any accident or injury that occurs during VBS 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 _____

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

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

July 23 – 27, 2018 • 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

(Notes to parents --- please keep this page!)

1. A donation of **\$30** per child is requested at the time of registration or may be made during the week of Vacation Bible School to help offset our costs. Cash, or checks made out to Damascus UMC, are greatly appreciated.
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3. Our primary mode of communication to parents will be via email, which is why we request your email address. A week before VBS, you'll receive an email indicating the class to which your child is assigned and the classroom location.
4. If you would like to volunteer to co-teach or help with a class or booth during VBS, please send an email to Cora Horst, cora1214@verizon.net. Adult helpers are most welcome! You will need to complete Safe Sanctuary training and associated forms, so please sign up early. You can also volunteer to be a floater to help for one, two, or more days during VBS as your schedule allows. Thanks!
5. We welcome **Youth helpers** (grades 6th -12th) to help us during Vacation Bible School. Students can earn SSL hours, and have a great time helping the children. Youth helpers need to complete a *Youth Helper Registration* form and a *Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement* form, which are available in the Resource Room and online at <http://damascusumc.org>.

Feel free to contact Cora Horst at (301) 253-5878
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