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Dear Congregation,

This will be my last Beacon article. The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Woodrow, your new senior pastor, will be writing for the July issue.

Let me begin by saying thank you from the bottom of my heart for the awesome retirement celebration you hosted. The food and flowers, video and program made for a special day. Your generosity and kind words touched my heart and Robin's heart. We were warmed and humbled. Lay Leader Vanessa Leiby said your goal, along with past congregations, was to get us to India, one of our bucket list destinations. You did just that. Just as importantly, maybe more, you made it possible for us to get back. We are both deeply appreciative. Robin also expresses her gratitude for the beautiful harp music box. The entire afternoon meant more to us than you can know.

It has been a privilege to serve this church for the past five years. I know there was great trepidation about my coming. Many wondered what this new, unknown person might do to the church. I trust that at some point over these years the trepidation gave way to calm as you determined that maybe things would be alright. I know the comments I hear have gone from, "I can't believe you are coming," to "I can't believe you are leaving." To me that is a sign that we have done well together.

When I came to Damascus, my promise to you was, as it was to every church I have served, that you would have my full attention and that I would use my gifts to the best of my ability and with integrity. I believe I have done that. I did not claim to be perfect or infallible, and my tenure has proven that I am not. Everything, though, has been done with the goal of strengthening the church and deepening discipleship. I hope that you can agree that, in that sense, I have done my best to do what is best.

Which leads to my parting advice for every leader in this church. Do not be afraid of being wrong or failing. Do your best to do what is best. That is all anyone can ask of any one of us. When we prayerfully do that, God keeps us moving forward despite any missteps. When evaluating programs and traditions, always ask: does this win new disciples, or does this deepen our discipleship? After all, that is the stated mission. If the traditions help to win or develop disciples for Christ, cling tightly to them. If not, new traditions are needed. I have spoken with you often about how religious observance, or lack thereof, is rapidly

changing in our society and how unconventional strategies are needed if the church is to fulfill its mission. I want to encourage you to keep paying attention to the community, keep your eyes and minds open, and do your best to do what is best. The Lord needs the Church as much as ever.

On Sunday, June 3rd, our Mission Team will lead our time with a great celebration of the multiple ways this congregation touches the community, nation, and world. Mission is a hallmark of this church and you will not want to miss the inspiration this service will bring.

Sunday, June 10th, is Amanda's last Sunday with us. I know you will want to be here to hear her final message and to send her forth with a rousing celebration of her time with us. She will preach both services with a celebration during the 9:30 hour.

Sunday, June 17th, is my last Sunday with you. Beginning that Sunday, and then for the rest of the summer, there will be one service only at 9:30. I'll be sharing some final thoughts with you and I have promised it will be epic. That's a high bar to set for myself on the last day. Come see if I reach it.

The Rev. Carol Yocum, retired pastor and chair of our Mission Team, will lead worship on June 24. Remember, 9:30 only. My thanks to her for taking on this transition Sunday. She has a meaningful service planned and I know you will enjoy hearing her message.

Your new pastoral team will be with you on Sunday, July 1. Welcome them. Embrace them. Lead with them. Serve with them. Together do your best to do what is best. I know you will accomplish great things together in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for allowing me to serve among you over these years. Stay strong and stay vibrant and keep your eyes on Jesus. In all things, to God be the glory.

David

JUNE WILL BE A BUSY MONTH TWO GOODBYE'S AND TWO HELLO'S !!!

LAST SUNDAY FOR AMANDA

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 10, from 9:30 am to 10:45 am
for our farewell and send off for Pastor Amanda McMurtrey.

We will gather together in the Great Hall for a time of food and fellowship
and to share some special memories.

This will be Amanda's last day here at Damascus United Methodist before leaving
for her new appointment as Pastor at Mayo United Methodist Church in Edgewater, Maryland.

So plan to stay after the 8:15 service or come early for the 11:00 service.
We will all want to be present to bid Amanda a special farewell ! ! !

LAST SUNDAY FOR DAVID

Sunday, June 17, will be David's last Sunday with us.
As this is the day that we switch over to our SUMMER Worship schedule,
there will be a **9:30 am service only!**
A farewell reception will follow in the Great Hall.

FIRST SUNDAY FOR OUR NEW PASTORS

Our new pastors begin with us on **Sunday, July 1.**
Come to welcome and greet them!
A welcome reception will be held in the Great Hall following the 9:30 am service.



A Worship Service Note

The Charles Wesley Singers leave for their summer mission tour on Saturday, June 16. They will share in a dedication and some of their music in worship on Sunday, June 10, only at the 8:15 am service.



OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME IS CHANGING FOR THE SUMMER

**Beginning June 17, we will move to our
SUMMER Sunday Worship Time of 9:30 am.**

We will continue with this Sunday Worship time through Sunday, August 26.

TRANSITION MESSAGE

Dear Congregation,

The Conference requires that we publish paragraph 2412 of the Baltimore-Washington Conference Policy Manual related to returning to a previous appointment. It reads:

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral Counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.
2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

While we are required to print the above, we do so not simply because it is a rule. It is a policy with which we agree and to which we committed ourselves at our ordinations. It is part of our covenant with all other clergy in the Conference.

Frankly, this is a policy that is unpopular with many. We understand that. It is hard to grasp why any pastor with whom you have a close relationship is not allowed to share in a special or important moment in your life. We understand because it is hard for us to refuse to do so when we would like to be involved.

The issue is this: it is precisely in these moments when the relationship between pastor and parishioner is most firmly cemented. We may remember a particular sermon, or a program we loved, or working together on a committee with a pastor. Mostly, though, we remember who baptized our child, or visited when we were sick, or came in the night when there was a death, or counseled during a difficult time, or married us or our sons and daughters. These are the moments that make the relationship special. If a new pastor never gets to share these moments because a previous pastor continues to share in them, the new pastor is never able to build good and strong relationships and can never be an effective pastor in that church. The presence of a previous pastor also continues to remind US of what was and what used to be, which makes it difficult for a new pastor to introduce different ideas or to lead in his or her own unique way.

This is not helpful for the church. Experience over the years and throughout the Conference has proven that this hinders the movement and growth of a congregation. We support this policy because we care about the church. In other words, when we say no to an invitation to be part of these occasions, this does not mean we do not love you or care about you. It does mean that we love the church and care about the church. Ultimately, we want what is best for the body. Additionally, we do not want to, in any way, interfere with our successors building strong and special relationships with you. This is a covenant we hold with our colleagues and, despite what our desire may be, we will be faithful to our promise.

Please embrace and engage your new pastors. We want you to love them and for them to do well serving you. You honor us when you honor them. We will miss you. We will think of you. We will pray for you. We believe God has great things in store for you. God's blessings upon you.

David and Amanda



United Methodist Women News

The **Susanna JOY** Circle
will meet **Monday, June 11**
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 Phillipines, Webster Groves, MO,
Young Adult Volunteers (like Amanda Jones began),
and the birthday of Betsy Jack, Red Bird Mission, KY.

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The **WWJD** Circle  
will meet **Thursday, June 21**  
at 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall.

We will gather in the Dining Hall of the church for our annual end-of-season pot luck dinner.  
After our meal we will have a discussion about program ideas for our circle meetings  
beginning in September. Ideas can range from Bible study, service projects for our  
church &/or community, to activities that are just plain fun.  
Start your list of ideas and come to share with us as we share in good food and fellowship.  
Paper goods, utensils, and drinks will be supplied. Have a question?  
Contact Marcia Hofman (301-253-2960) or [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com). Come join us!



**Men's Night Out in May was our  
Retirement send-off for  
Rev. Dr. David Cooney**

Note: The Annual Men's Retreat is  
next week. Please see page #6  
of this Beacon for more information.

### **"Shampoos for the Center" Help Women in Need**

The Damascus United Methodist Women (DUMW) have an out-reach program to help women at the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center in Rockville. As you travel for work and pleasure throughout the year, why not bring home those small unused bottles of shampoos and conditioners from your trip and place them in the specially marked "red" basket in the Narthex. The toiletries will be provided to women in need at this walk-in day shelter.

**DUMWomen contact: Cora Horst at 301-529-3047.**

### **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](http://www.damascusumc.org).

## Spiritual Formation (cont'd)



### Rescheduled Young-At-Heart Outing!!!

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

48 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21705

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:00 am Cost: \$8.00



Follow in the footsteps of soldiers, surgeons and nurses to discover the harsh conditions, personal sacrifices, and brilliant innovations of Civil War medicine, innovations that continue to save lives today.

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine started as a private collection of medical artifacts. Inside the museum, you can see everything from an authentic Civil War surgeon's tent to a 19th century holding coffin. Additionally, dioramas detail life on the front, the recruiting process, and the procedure for medical evacuations. These exhibits together tell the story of what it was like for soldiers in the Civil War when they interacted with medical teams.

Your visit will include a one-hour guided tour through the museum with plenty of time afterward to explore on your own. The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator to transport visitors to both floors. There are also chairs and benches sporadically placed throughout the museum for visitors to rest on.

We will have lunch afterward around noon at OPA, an authentic Greek restaurant (only a five-minute walk from the museum) located at 50 Carroll Creek Way. Stir up your inner Greek passion as you taste traditional appetizers, salads, gyros, grilled meats, seafood and home style dishes!

For those of you who want to carpool, we will meet in the DUMC parking lot ready to leave at 9:15 a.m. Immediately past the museum on Patrick Street (on the left) is the Carroll Creek parking garage. The cost is \$1.00 per hour. The only other option is street parking.

**\*\*\*RSVP to Sue Constantinides by Sunday, June 10.**

**We need 10 attendees for the tour to take place!**

Home: 301-651-1178 Cell: 301-651-1178 Email: [suehcon@yahoo.com](mailto:suehcon@yahoo.com)

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### Young at Heart Activity



### FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME

**Play Ball! It's that time of year again!**

**On Saturday, June 30** everyone is invited to join us at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick to see the Keys (Orioles affiliate) play the Lynchburg Hillcats (Cleveland Indians 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!! \$12.00 per ticket**

For tickets, or more information, contact a former washed-up high school and college player, Mike Springirth 240-832-2404 / [springirth8@netscape.net](mailto:springirth8@netscape.net).

**DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS JUNE 22.**



# ATTENTION ALL MEN!

## ANNUAL SPRING MEN'S RETREAT

HALLOWOOD RETREAT CENTER,  
COMUS, MARYLAND

**NEXT WEEKEND !!!**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 8 & 9, 2018



***Mark your Calendar and Sign Up now ! ! !***

*Join us at the Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, Maryland,  
for a day apart for fellowship and spiritual growth.*

*Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men*

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

We will be gathering at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 8 and having dinner at the Hallowood Retreat Center. Staying overnight in rooms for two (private rooms available for \$15 extra), we will have both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We will end about 4:30 pm. **NOTE: We only have 12 beds available for this retreat so best to sign-up right away!**

The cost is \$135 for room, meals, towels & bedding including sheets, blankets, and pillows. **Please complete the registration form below and turn it in to the church office no later than May 25, 2018.**

*Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men*

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



**Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus, MD / June 8 & 9, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

# DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday Mornings in the Youth Chapel is  
on break until September, 2018**

Breakfast/Music/Classes by age

## **Sunday 6/3**

**1 - 4 pm: Pool Party at the Nardone Home**

**5 - 7 pm: Tour Rehearsal**

## **Wednesday 6/6**

**6:00 pm Welcoming Wednesday Dinner  
with visiting Youth Choir**

**Cost: \$7 pp**

**6:30 - 7:15: Tour Rehearsal**

**7:30 pm: Concert of the "Angel Choir,"  
visiting from Ohio**

## **Sunday 6/17 & 6/24**

**CWS on Tour**

## **Wednesday 6/27**

**7:00 pm: Homecoming Concert  
DUMC Sanctuary**

## **Monday 7/16**

**Hershey Park trip!!!!**

Help is still needed for Vacation Bible School this year !!!

The dates are: **July 23 - 27, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Youth Helper registration forms are on Page #25  
of this Beacon and can be given to Cora Horst  
or turned into the Church Office.

Questions? Contact Cora at [cora1214@verizon.net](mailto:cora1214@verizon.net)

**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!**

## **NOTE:**

**The Last Day  
of  
Sunday School  
for  
all children  
and youth is  
Sunday, May 27.**

Charles Wesley  
Singers Choir Tour  
June 16 - 26, 2018,  
destination Florida.



## **NEXT UMYFO MEETING**

**Sunday, June 10**

**@ 3:00 pm**

**in the Church Office.**

**For questions or  
more info,  
contact Pastor Nick  
at [nick.works@](mailto:nick.works@damascusumc.org)  
[damascusumc.org](http://damascusumc.org)  
or 240-751-6695.**

# Worship Arts News and Events

June 2018

Polly Edmonds Baldridge, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

240-750-8287 | polly.baldridge@damascusumc.org

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

## Charles Wesley Singers On Tour in NC/Florida – June 16-26, 2018

Please spread the word with your family and friend connections!!!



For as many of you were *baptized* into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 27-28

## UNITY CONCERTS

### Charles Wesley Singers – Damascus United Methodist Church

*Saturday, June 16, 7:30 pm – First UMC, 501 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC*

*Sunday, June 17, am Worship Services – First UMC, Charlotte, NC*

*Monday, June 18, 7:30 pm – Hope Lutheran Church, 250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages, FL*

*Wednesday, June 20, 7 pm – St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3395 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL*

*Thursday, June 21, 7:30 pm – Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL*

*Friday, June 22, 7:00 pm – Village on the Isle, 920 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL*

*Saturday, June 23, 11 am – First United Methodist Church, 104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, FL*

*Sunday, June 24, 2 pm – Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Boulevard, Penney Farms, FL*

*Monday, June 25, 7 pm – Wilkesboro United Methodist Church, 309 West Main Street, Wilkesboro, NC*

*Wednesday, June 27, 7 pm – Homecoming Concert at Damascus UMC, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD*

### Angel Choir In Concert

From First Presbyterian Church, Granville, OH



Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 pm

Damascus UMC Sanctuary

6 pm: Welcoming Wednesday Night Dinner

Overnight hosts needed – please contact Polly Baldridge at 240-750-8287 if you are willing to host two or more overnight guests in your home after the concert and feed them breakfast the next



### Charles Wesley Singers Tour Homecoming Concert

Wednesday, June 27, at 7 pm

Damascus UMC Sanctuary

Free-Will Offering to benefit





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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

## **Mission Prayer Need Immediately**

An uprising by citizens against President Ortega in Nicaragua has put our friends there in a difficult, perhaps dangerous situation. There have been protests, looting, and police and military conflicts. Amanda and Nemo are presently staying home within a gated community. Their grocery store was looted, but Walmart has provided supplies for the people. They have had to search for an alternate hospital where Amanda can have her baby, because the scheduled hospital is in an affected area. Many of their friends and co-workers in downtown Managua are in the midst of the conflict. Little news is coming from there since most of the media has been shut down. Please pray for safety and that the civil unrest will subside.

**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](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>

## **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. Add more here . . . . .
- Mission Sunday, June 3, 2018
- June 9, Saturday, yard sale to benefit Neema Kenya mission
- July 1—Nan McCurdy & Miguel Mairena begin their assignment in Puebla, Mexico
- Habitat Work week in Garrett County, July 8-13, 2018
- VIM trip—October 7-13, Tarboro, NC
- Nicaragua & possible Kenya trips winter 2019

## **Neema Kenya Missions Community Yard Sale**

Takes place Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information or to reserve your table see page #15 of this Beacon.

## **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, those with 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. Contact info: carolyocum@msn.com or 301-788-6446.

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# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

Carol Yocum, Chairperson  
carolyocum@msn.com / 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 annual Garrett County Habitat for Humanity trip will be July 8 through 13 this year. Completed applications and payment are due to Anita Duvall no later than Thursday, June 14. Completed forms are signed and witnessed (everyone) and notarized (youth) where appropriate. The trip cost is \$80 minimum for DUMC members and \$130 minimum for others (though more is always welcome to defray the \$175/person charge from Garrett County). There are no exceptions to the deadline.

The application can be found on the church website – <http://www.damascusumc.org/get-involved/missions>.

There will be a pre-trip meeting in the basement of the Annex on Monday, June 11 at 7pm. Let me know if you have any questions or need more information. You can email me at [anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov) or call/text 240-485-7650. Please include your name in any message.

## Toiletry donations for the Frederick Women's Shelter

Travel sized toiletries may be placed in the labeled container in the Narthex closet. Ask a greeter if you are unsure where to put your donations. Thanks for helping homeless women in our region! **Cora Horst is the coordinator (301-529-3047).**

## Thank You's

Thanks to Kathy & Stan Jones for their leadership of the plant sale and to all who volunteered with staffing the plant sale: **Lisa Marshall, Stan Jones, Kathy Jones, Gabrielle Hulcher, Dawn Morawski, Kathy Leslie, Steve Leslie, Cheryl Minekime, Norm Minekime, Marcia Hofman, Inga Tokar, Mike Tokar, Sharon Walton, Mike Wahl, Kathleen Dennis, Hazel Strahorn, Carol Yocum, Amira Berry, Nancy Berry, Joyce Szekelyi, Carol Martin, Linda Stastny, Jane Webb.** The \$4,054.00 in profit will support Mission trips and supplies/materials for those trips.

Thanks to **Ron Adams** for his AV and tech help with missions speakers and **Cathy Dobrzanski** for her kitchen coordination with the luncheon for Nan and Miguel. Thanks to **Amy Nisonger** for coordinating the lunch and for all on the **Mission Team** who provided food.

Thanks to the office staff, **Jane Webb, Linda Stastny, & Lisa Marshall** for the help they provide Missions—we couldn't do it without you!

**Cathy Heinbaugh** for coordinating the local Blood Drives—the gift of life!

Team leader **Doug Marshall** and volunteers **Elizabeth Bradley, Carol Martin, Patty Lewis, Paul Lewis, Bonnie Custer, Dave Custer, Stan Jones, Steve Leslie, Lisa Marshall.**

## Notes of Appreciation

**Nan McCurdy & husband, Miguel Mairena, who visited on April 29:**

*Hi Carol,*

*We are on the move and I am writing with my phone.*

*We feel so grateful to Damascus UMC. The turnout was terrific and people asked such thoughtful questions. Yes, we hope you all make it to Puebla!*

*Please stay in touch.*

*Affectionately,*

*Nan*

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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

## Notes of Appreciation (cont'd)

### **From Laytonsville Safe Haven staff following the April 28 DUMC team of volunteers Saturday Work Day:**

*Your team is amazing Doug! I trust you appreciate how powerful a message of care you are sending to both our residents and staff. Not only that, they will enjoy the "fruits" of your labor all summer long. Thank you for such generous attention to our Safe Haven home. A beautiful space is such a boost to people who have experienced the trauma of homelessness.*

*Lynn Rose, Community Engagement Specialist, MCCH*

## From Damascus HELP in May

**Thanks to the following groups and individuals for food donations made in March:** Damascus Elementary School, Hyattstown United Methodist Church, Damascus United Methodist Church, Montgomery United Methodist Church, Providence United Methodist Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, and Safeway.

**In March Damascus HELP** made 44 food deliveries serving 162 people and helped 15 families with financial assistance, 4 families with household items, and gave 4 people rides to appointments.

**Volunteer News:** Happy Spring! 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. Another financial caseworker is needed to work with the clients and their utility bills. Transportation drivers seem to be a high priority. Special project volunteers are also needed. A new recording secretary will be needed as Bettianne Quinn will be relocating out of the area in the future. For all volunteer opportunities, please contact HELP at 301-253-4100, or email [dh20872@aol.com](mailto:dh20872@aol.com) or [www.damascushelp.org](http://www.damascushelp.org)

## Pray for:

- **Nan McCurdy & husband, Miguel Mairena** soon to be reassigned to a new mission ministry by the General Board in Puebla, Mexico, July 1.
- The primary **school children at Ndere Orphans School**, Gem, Kenya.
- Joint Partners Clinic in Kenya which meets the medical needs of many families.
- The **homeless women** served by the Laytonsville Safe Haven and the Frederick shelter.
- For the **people in remote villages of eastern Nicaragua** served by the team which includes **Dr. Belinda Forbes & husband, Dr. Gerardo Gutiérrez**, UM missionary and dentist.
- **Amanda Jones-Dominguez & Memo Dominguez and daughter Sofia, Nicaragua;** Amanda is in the final weeks of her pregnancy with her second child due in June.
- For the **people being helped through 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.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS:

The Mission Team is having a \$5 shower for Amanda Jones-Dominguez and husband Memo Dominguez for their second child to be born in June. They live in Nicaragua working through Between Cultures. (Nicaragua is in major political turmoil at the moment which impacts all its citizens and their movement day to day. Pray for the safety of all.) If you would like to participate, put \$5 in an envelope and mark it BABY SHOWER. Include your name on the envelope. This is DUMC's way of sending a bit of love during a stressful time.



## Announcements

The Stephen Ministry wishes both David and Amanda many blessings on their wonderful new journeys, new paths, and their new directions. Thank you for your time and support here at DUMC. May God bless you and keep you.



### Welcoming Wednesday Dinners ! ! !

**Wednesday, June 6:**

Grilled Chicken Kabobs, Pork and Beans' Macaroni and Cheese, Carrots and Green Beans, Orange Spinach, Salad & Dessert

**THIS WILL BE OUR LAST Welcoming Wednesday Dinner BEFORE BREAK FOR THE SUMMER.**



The **Welcoming Wednesday Dinners** are served in the Church Dining Hall.

We serve **at 6:00 pm.**

The suggested donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12.

This a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to fellowship at DUMC!

Hopefully, dinners will resume in September, 2018.

**HOWEVER,** In order for weekly 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.

***Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry***  
**Monday, June 18 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](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net), 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vandercation@gmail.com)**  
**or 301-428-2873.**

## Announcements (cont'd)

### Bike to Church Day: June 3!

Pete and I enjoy bicycling to church, but don't like locking our bike to the concrete bench at the front door. So, we purchased a metal bike rack and donated it to the church. It is located in the lower parking lot on the concrete pad in between the shed and the dumpster. It can accommodate 9 bicycles. If a miracle happens and more people start riding, we will buy another rack! [Disclaimer: Please note that you must provide your own lock. DUMC and the Clarkes are not responsible for theft or damage to your bicycle.]

In honor of this new addition to the parking lot, I am declaring the first Sunday in June to be Bike to Church Day. Join us in exercising our bodies and souls on June 3<sup>rd</sup> or any Sunday morning! - Jane Clarke



Pete Clarke with the new bike rack. The rack has since been moved to the concrete pad.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### "CELEBRATE DAMASCUS"

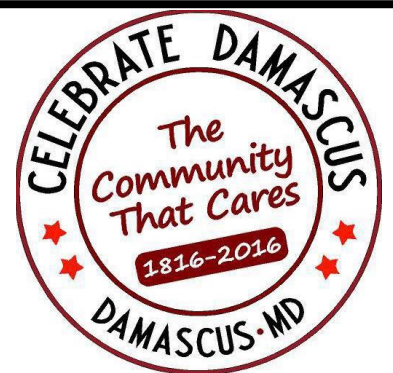
##### Friday, July 13

- 7:00 pm Kick off Parade and Fireworks at 9:15 pm
- 9:00 pm Fireworks sponsored by the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.

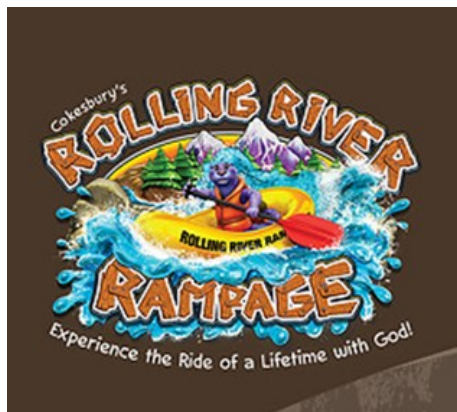
##### Saturday, July 14

- 7:00 am – 11:00 am Community Pancake Breakfast by the Lions Club – Dining Hall
- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Pony rides and Moon Bounce on DUMC front lawn.

*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.*



## 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 # 18** of this Beacon.

**YOUTH HELPER** Registration Forms are on **Page #24** of this Beacon.

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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPONSORED BY NEEMA KENYA MISSIONS



Date: Saturday, June 9

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (set-up at 8:00 am)

Place: DUMC Front Lawn

Reserve your space now for \$20, tables available for \$5 extra

For more information please see Linda Rice (ricelinlu@aol.com),  
Gina Wilson (mozzarellarn@gmail.com or Jackie Perry (jackiedalr@yahoo.com)

RESERVATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT CHURCH OFFICE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#OF SPACES \_\_\_\_\_ # OF TABLES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to DUMC, with **Kenya Missions** on memo line.



## Announcements (cont'd)



### COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

On Sunday, June 3, the fundraiser for the Between Cultures Mission Team will include delicious Krispy Kreme doughnuts AND fabulous 100% Nicaraguan coffee from the Twin Engine Coffee Company.

Like the Twin Engine puddle-jumpers of years gone by, Twin Engine Coffee is connecting remote Nicaraguan coffee and communities to coffee lovers wherever they are. As with most coffee-producing countries, almost all of Nicaragua's coffee is exported raw. Along with it goes jobs, skills and culture. Twin Engine Coffee company is changing this and challenging these norms by creating jobs IN NICARAGUA, educating and expanding the coffee culture in the local community. Twin Engine also, 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.



All your purchases and proceeds from the doughnut and coffee sales go to support the Between Cultures Mission Team and the great work they do in La Danta and other rural communities throughout Nicaragua. Enjoy, and thank you for your support.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! TO COUNT THE OFFERING**

**WHEN? – After the 11:00 am Service**

**HOW OFTEN? – About once every 8 weeks**

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE? – About 2 hours**

**DO YOU WORK ALONE? – No, you will have a partner**

**TRAINING? –Of Course! We will show you the ropes**

**WHO TO CONTACT – David Rust – [darust@comcast.net](mailto:darust@comcast.net) or 301-414-5447**

### **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.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Stastny in the church office.





## Announcements (cont'd)

Attn: Post High School/Young Adult/College Age students  
(ages 18/19 - 22/23 approximately)

Sunday Night Gatherings @ 8:00 pm  
Every Sunday Night from June 3 - August 5

Location will be announced weekly.

Christian Fellowship and Conversation.

Text Polly Baldrige (240-750-8287)  
or Tom Baldrige at 301-802-4775 for  
additional information or to volunteer to host a gathering.



## Young at Heart Activities - 2018

Wednesday, June 13 Time TBD

National Museum of Civil War Medicine.  
Will include a one-hour guided tour with extra time  
afterward to explore. Will join together afterward  
for lunch. Contact person: Sue Constantinides /  
301-253-6591.

See article on page #5 for more details.

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

Saturday, June 30 6:30 pm

Don't strike out! Hit a home run  
when you join us for an evening with  
the Frederick Keys. Contact person:

Mike Springirth at 240-832-2404.

See article on page #5 for more details.



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.**

Thursday, July 12 7:00 pm

Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. Seek-  
ing 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.

### **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.*



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

Age 4 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.
2. 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.
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 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>) 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  
or email her at cora1214@verizon.net if you have any questions.



## ***You Have a Bright Future Ahead!!***

### **Graduating High School Seniors**

**Heather Bacon** - graduating Damascus High School, attending the University of Maryland - College Park, studying aerospace engineering.

**Julia Beall** - graduating Clarksburg High School, attending Honors College at Towson University, majoring in Accounting.

**Hayley Bonnett** – graduating Seneca Valley High School, attending DeSales University in PA, studying Musical Theatre with an Education Minor.

**Charlotte Bowe** - graduating Damascus High School, attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA, planning to study Exploratory Studies.

**Brandon Champagne** – graduating from Linganore High School, attending Frederick Community College in the fall, studies undecided.

**Miranda Clay** - graduating Damascus High School, attending University of Maryland, majoring in Information Science.

**Anne Elliott** - graduating Damascus High School, attending Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA studying engineering.

**Autumn Johnson** - graduating Damascus High School, attending University of Maryland College Park, studying Criminal Justice and Criminology.

**Adam Lenker** - graduating from Urbana High School, attending Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA , focusing on Computer Science/Cybersecurity.

**Chloe Lenker** - graduating from Urbana High School, attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, to studying Chemical/Biomedical Engineering.

**Noah Lenker** - graduating Urbana High School, attending University of Richmond, majoring in Business Administration.

**Maddy Marshall** - graduating Damascus High School, attending Montgomery College Scholars Program major is undecided at this time.

**Matthew Martin** - graduating Damascus High School, attending Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, studying Biology.

**Lucas Martinho** – graduating Damascus High School, plans are still coming together for him to attend Montgomery College special education program in Arts and Music.

**Dyllan Ramirez** – graduating Damascus High School, attending Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, studying Physical Therapy.





## Graduating High School Seniors (cont'd)

Ana Schobitz – graduating Damascus High School, attending University of Maryland Baltimore, studying Animation and Theater.

Nik Schobitz – graduating Damascus High School, attending McDaniel College, studying Vocal Music and History.

Cody Swigart - graduating Urbana High School, attending University of Maryland with the Marine ROTC program. studying Atmospheric and Oceanic Science.

Lauren Taylor - undecided.

Bryce Taylor - graduating from Poolesville High School with a certificate in music attending DePauw University in the fall as a Vocal/Education major with a focus in Music Composition.

Christian Vlastic - graduating Damascus High School, attending Montgomery College, major is undecided at this time.

Alice Walker — graduating Poolesville High School, attending the University of North Carolina, Ashville, NC, intended major in Business with a minor in Communications.

Lindsey Whitmeyer – graduating Damascus High School, attending University of Alabama, studying either Communications or Nursing, undecided at this time.



**Sunday, June 17 @ 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.

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### *A Special Thank You . . . .*

Many thanks to Brian Stone who donated slate for minor repairs to the roof of Boyer Chapel in 2016, and again recently.



Thanks also to Bernardine Beall for coordinating this effort.

- Sally Boyer Smith

GRADUATION Greet the  
future with  
anticipation  
Dream big  
& work hard  
Remember  
your roots,  
manners &  
the way home

. . . .to DAMASCUS !!

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## Office Hours

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

**Going to buy something  
on Amazon.com?**



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

**For June, 2018**

Missions Meeting to follow  
in the **Great Hall - back side**

June 20 Technology Committee  
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR

June 28 Administrative Board  
7:00 pm in the Dining Hall - back

## THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

WILL BE

(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, June 24**).

**DATE AT THE LATEST.**

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## Your Connection to Care

When you are facing a difficulty, faith issue, or serious illness, your pastoral care team is here for you. Pastors David and Amanda are easy to reach and available to you. Their contact information is below:



**David S. Cooney, ext. #103**  
cell: 240-529-8887



**Amanda McMurtrey, ext. #104**  
office: 301-253-0022

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Pray for those families in mourning:** **Dick Bennett** with the passing of his wife Carolyn Bennett; **Kelly Bratburd** with the passing of her grandmother Adele Witmer; **Mary Gene Martin** with the passing of her father Eugene Klein; **Val Willis** with the passing of her father Erwin Baas; and **Ruth Bishop's family** after her recent passing.

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Jessica Bowers** (Chris Adams' girlfriend), **Bob Braden**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Don Cosman**, **Pat Duvall**, **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jim Maggio** (recovering from rotator cuff surgery), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella**, **Amy Nisonger** (recuperating from ankle surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Bill Roberts** (rotator cuff surgery), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law with liver disease and candidate for a transplant), **Sue Seabold** (P/T following shoulder replacement thru summer for use of arm recovery), **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield with undetermined medical issues), **Randy Smith** (recovering at home from shoulder surgery), **Dorothy Stull** (at home under hospice care), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), and **Bill Walcott**.

**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**, **Mickey Cochran**, **Melinda Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Natalie Cosman** (Don & Rita's granddaughter), **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Ethel Frear**, **JP Feuillet**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Jan LaDuke** (Julie Kinnaman's cousin), **Leroy** (friend of the Malley's going thru kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister) **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle) and **Matt Works** (Nick's brother).

**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), **Gregory Lee** – Army (Cara Hardick Lee's husband), **Benjamin J. Saunders** – Navy (son of Connie Ross), **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly), and **Kossi (Alfred) Setodji** – Army (son of Philip and Mary Davi Avudutu).

## Did you know?

The Upper Room Living Prayer Center has a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week intercessory prayer ministry staffed by Christian volunteers. When you call 1-800-251-2468, a person will answer the phone, receive your prayer request and pray with you. After your call, your prayer concern will be forwarded to one of 300 Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups located all over the world. On the Web, requests can be submitted by visiting [www.umc.org](http://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.

**Damascus United Methodist Church**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
**2018 VBS -- Form for Youth Helpers**

*(Please fill out a form for each youth helper and return to the Resource Room or the Church Office)*

***Return this form no later than June 24, 2018***

DATE OF VBS WEEK: **July 23 – 27, 2018** (Please plan to work 8:30am-12:30pm each day)

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

Grade Entering (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other concerns \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

*As a youth helper for VBS, I understand that:*

- *I must attend the mandatory training meeting on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** (Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm),*
- *I must complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form with parent signature,*
- *I will be a role model for the children at all times during VBS week,*
- *I will fulfill my duties as described at the training meeting,*
- *I will act appropriately at all times, keep my cell phone tucked away during VBS hours, and*
- *I will call the adult leader, with whom I am working, if I need to be absent any of the days during that week.*

Signed (youth): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate your preference for assignment (note that you will be assigned where we need you the most):

**Booth Helper / Class Helper / Acting / Audio-Visual / Music**

**(Also remember to complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form, which must be turned in with this application.)**

**Any questions? Please call the office at 301-253-0022 or email Cora Horst, cora1214@verizon.net.**