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# THE BEACON

## JUNE 2019



*Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples*

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## A Call to Prayer

Dear Damascus UMC congregation,

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. - Roman 12:9-12*

One of the great blessings and fruits of serving here at DUMC is the privilege of gathering with the volunteers at Harwood House for prayer. It is not only a great time and place to receive information about some of the cares and the joys of the congregation, but also a reminder that prayer is one of those great equalizers. We all stand in the need of prayer. I know that we list names of persons in our weekly bulletin for whom we should pray. However, I would like to encourage us to be in prayer for and with one another. Along with the names of persons that we list in the bulletin, pray for DUMC, our leadership (lay and clergy), our unity, our growth, our discussions on What's Next? (after the General Conference decision), relevance in our community, and that God would continue to use us to be a saving station and mission sight in our community; pray for the Choir Tour and the upcoming VBS; our ministry to young adults; pray for the Men's retreat; pray for our mission project with Rise Against Hunger; pray for Damascus High School, as they are in transition with their administration; pray for our denomination; and pray for the upcoming Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, described below, that all we do be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ.



Holy Conferencing is a spiritual discipline, a sacred act. Next week, more than 1,700 United Methodists will gather in Baltimore for the [235th Annual Session](#) of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. It is our hope that you, and every member of your congregation, will lift all of these people, and those their actions will affect, in fervent prayer.

The church is living through a potentially turbulent time of change. We invite you to call upon the Holy Spirit to be present with God's church as we seek to live as Christ would have us live. Won't you pray for the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference who will meet in holy conferencing May 29-June 1? Pray for wisdom, for courage, for God's will to be done.  
- Pastor B.

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## HONORING MARTIN CARR AND SERVING OTHERS IN HIS HONOR

The Missions Team is inviting the DUMC congregation to participate in three (3) opportunities this Summer:

**FATHERS' DAY, JUNE 16:** During the 9:30 am worship hour we will honor Martin Carr for his decades of work through Habitat, Between Cultures, Volunteers in Mission and other mission ministries Martin has supported with his time, talent and treasure. Following the worship hour there will be a reception in Martin's honor in the Great Hall. Anyone willing to help Marcia Hofman with the reception can contact her (301-253-2960 or [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com)). The Charles Wesley Singers will also share a brief concert before their summer choir tour, at 11:15 am that day in the Sanctuary.

**A MONETARY GIFT IN HONOR OF MARTIN WILL BE RECEIVED:** The goal for this gift is \$3,500 which will allow DUMC to hold a meal packing event on Sunday, August 25 after worship. Donations will be collected through the summer beginning June 16.

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

Friends and Church Family at DUMC,

Carla, Jonathan, Kate and I have been a part of the DUMC family for about 5 years now, and I have never been more grateful for this community than I have been the last two weeks. Thank you for the words of encouragement and prayerful remembrances you have offered to me during these past days.

Many of you know, although some may be unaware, that in December of 2016 my younger brother Matt was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. He was told at the time that about 50% of the people who contract this type of cancer live less than 5 years. Since Matt was 38 at the time and full of life and vigor we were very hopeful he would beat those odds. We did not factor in the devastation that repeated bouts of chemo therapy would have on Matt's vitality. On May 2 Matt had a bad reaction to an aggressive chemo treatment. This reaction or some factor, unknown to me, caused his liver and kidneys to shut down on May 8 and Matt joined the saints awaiting the resurrection on May 9. Matt was 40 years old and left behind a wife of 19 years and a 14-year old daughter McKenna.

My family is devastated. But we have found comfort from friends and family who have diligently prayed for us. I have been so thankful for the overwhelming graciousness that so many of you from our DUMC family have showered upon us. We are so grateful for your kind words and thoughtful prayers during this time. Thank you.

If you feel so led please continue to keep me and my sister-in-law Katie in your prayers. I am begging you to keep my mother and my niece McKenna in your prayers. McKenna is mourning the loss of her father at far too young an age and I pray that this will not derail her future development and happiness. My mother has lost a beloved child and will mourn Matt for the rest of her life. I continue to pray that God will comfort them both in ways beyond my understanding.

Having said all this, I again want to thank you for all you have and continue to do to hold my family in your prayers. Words will never be able to express how grateful I am to this community for being just that...a community of faith holding Carla and I up in difficult times.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Nick Works

## Sundays in June: Worship & More!!

### Summer Schedule:

One service only at 9:30 a.m. with a combined choir.

#### June 2: Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord Sunday

- ◆ Pastor Kathryn will preach on “The Ever-Widening Circle” (Acts 1:1-11)
- ◆ Baptism: Nathan Alexander Kalnoske, son of Stephen & Megan.
- ◆ Two Dedications: Prayer Shawls and Blankets and the new Church Van

#### June 9: Pentecost Sunday

- ◆ Pentecost is *always* a special day of celebration at DUMC!! In addition to our combined choir we will have a brass quintet. Please wear RED.
- ◆ This is Confirmation Sunday when we will receive our newest members who have completed their two-year confirmation program.
- ◆ We will celebrate Holy Communion in one large circle around the Sanctuary, emphasizing our unity in Christ.
- ◆ There will be a reception for the congregation in the Great Hall following worship. The Confirmation Class and their families will enjoy brunch in the Dining Hall.

#### June 16: Trinity Sunday, Father’s Day, Peace with Justice Sunday

- ◆ Pastor Kathryn will preach on “Hope in the Midst of Suffering,” (Ro. 5:1-5)
- ◆ Baptism: Ivan William Heitzler, son of William and Sarah.
- ◆ During worship we will recognize Martin Carr for his many contributions to Missions through the years. Following worship there will be a reception in Martin’s honor in the Great Hall.
- ◆ At 11:15 a.m., the Charles Wesley Singers will give us a preview of some of the songs they will sing on their Choir Tour which begins on June 17.

#### June 23: Second Sunday after Pentecost

- ◆ Pastor B will preach on “Restored to Wholeness,” Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Luke 8:26-39.

#### June 30: Third Sunday after Pentecost

- ◆ Pastor Kathryn will preach “Now is the Time,” (2 Ki. 2:1-14; Lk. 9:51-62)
- ◆ Following worship, from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., everyone is invited to meet in the Great Hall for a discussion on “The Way Forward: What Next?” Refreshments will be served.

There will be NO Men's Night Out  
for June, in lieu of the Annual Men's Retreat.



The Annual Men's Retreat will be held again at Hallowood Retreat and  
Conference Center from Friday, June 7 to Saturday, June 8.

Please see **page #5** of this Beacon for more information and to register.

DUMC Men's Group — 2019 Remaining Schedule

- July 15: Men's Night Out - Mt. Airy Inn, Mt Airy  
August : NO Men's Night Out  
Sept. 10: Men's Night Out @ Carrabbas, Germantown, MD  
Oct. 12: Annual Church Picnic @ Ted Ross' House, Gaithersburg, MD

October and November  
Men's Mission Focused Project

The WWJD Circle will gather in the church parking lot on **Tuesday, June 4, at 9:15 am** and will carpool to McCrillis Gardens in Bethesda, leaving at 9:30 am. We will tour the 5 acre gardens and then have lunch at the Cheesecake Factory Restaurant before heading back to Damascus.



As with all of our activities, anyone may join us. Please call or email Marcia Hofman if you'd like to attend, 301-253-2960 or [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com)

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There will be NO Ladies' Night Out  
during the months of June, July and August.  
We will resume again in September, 2019.

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Would you like to go to the  
Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany in 2020?



The play has been performed in this village every 10 years since 1634.

A group of DUMC members and friends is forming now and is planning to travel to see the play and visit several other major cities in July of next year. We will be traveling with Educational Opportunities Tours which has conducted Christian educational tours since 1974. Now is the time to sign up to secure your place. If you have an interest, email Marcia Hofman, [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com) or call her at 301-253-2960.



**ATTENTION ALL MEN!**  
**ANNUAL SPRING MEN'S RETREAT**  
**HALLOWOOD RETREAT CENTER,**  
**COMUS, MARYLAND**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 7 & 8, 2019**



***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 7, 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 sign-up right away!**

The cost is \$135 for room, meals, towels & bedding including sheets, blanket, and pillows. **Please complete the registration form below and turn it in to the church office no later than May 28, 2019.**

*Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men*

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



**Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus, MD / June 7 & 8, 2019**

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

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

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

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

Any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation :     ☐ I can drive (# passengers I can transport \_\_\_\_\_)     ☐ I need a ride

Registration fee is attached:   ☐ \$135 Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_   ☐ \$150 (Private room)

**Make checks payable to DUMC with notation: Men's Retreat**

# Worship Arts News and Events

June, 2019

Polly Edmonds Baldridge, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

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Stephen Kalnoske, Organist | 240-832-2112 | [stephenkarnoske@gmail.com](mailto:stephenkarnoske@gmail.com)

## WE ARE SO GRATEFUL . . .

to our awesome, talented, generous, and loving worship and Worship Arts Leaders who volunteer time and energy for planning, supporting, and leading ensembles for people of all ages and preparing DUMC for worship.

Tom Baldridge - Youth Handbells, Praise Band

Diane Fry - Choristers / Mary Nieter - Choristers

Jan Jaremko - Acolytes/Crossbearers/Communion

Connie Ross - Praise Artisans Guild

Nalynn Ryder - Colorful Hands of Jesus, Youth Puppets

Cathy Scarbrough - Colorful Hands of Jesus, Youth Puppets

Curt Shiflett - Men's Choir

Kathryn Smith - Men's Choir

Lydia Turner-Little - Cherubs / Stephanie Greer - Cherubs

## SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL & FELLOWSHIP

All singers are invited to attend a rehearsal on **Sunday, June 2**, following worship to practice summer anthems and visit. The Summer Choir sings at the 9:30 am service from Memorial Day Sunday (May 26) thru Labor Day Sunday (September 1). We gather weekly on Sunday morning in the Music Room at 9:00 am to rehearse.

**NOTE:** Colorful Hands of Jesus, Cherub Choir, Youth Puppets, Choristers, Inspiration Ringers, the Youth Handbell Choir, Charles Wesley Singers, Men's Choir & Chancel Choir will all resume rehearsals in Fall, 2019.

## Charles Wesley Singers on Tour

WV/KY/IN

June 17 - 23, 2019

Spread the word with your family and friends!

Follow *Charles Wesley Singers Tour* on the Damascus United Methodist Church's . . .

- **Facebook page:** Charles Wesley Singers Damascus United Methodist Church
- **Website:** [damascusumc.org](http://damascusumc.org)
- **Tour blog:** [www.dumccwstour.blogspot.com](http://www.dumccwstour.blogspot.com)

## Pre-Tour Events

Sunday, June 16 - 11:15 am: Tour Preview Music - following 9:30 am worship & Carr reception

## Tour Concerts

Monday, June 15 - 7:00 pm: Concert at St. Matthews UMC, 120 E. 3rd Street, Weston, WV

Tuesday, June 18 - 7:00 pm: Concert in WV Veterans Nursing Facility, 1 Freedoms Way, Clarksburg, WV

Wednesday, June 19 - 7:00 pm: Concert at Union Church, 200 Prospect Street, Berea, KY

Thursday, June 20 - 7:00 pm: Concert at Brandenburg UMC, 215 Broadway St., Brandenburg, KY

Friday, June 21 - 7:30 pm, Gobin Memorial UMC, 307 Simpson Street, Greencastle, IN

Saturday, June 22—7 pm, Cross Lanes UMC, 5320 Frontier Drive, Cross Lanes, WV

Sunday, June 23—AM Worship, Cross Lanes UMC, 5320 Frontier Drive, Cross Lanes, WV

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# CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS

Summer Youth Mission Choir Tour 2019 –WV, KY, IN

**HOMECOMING**

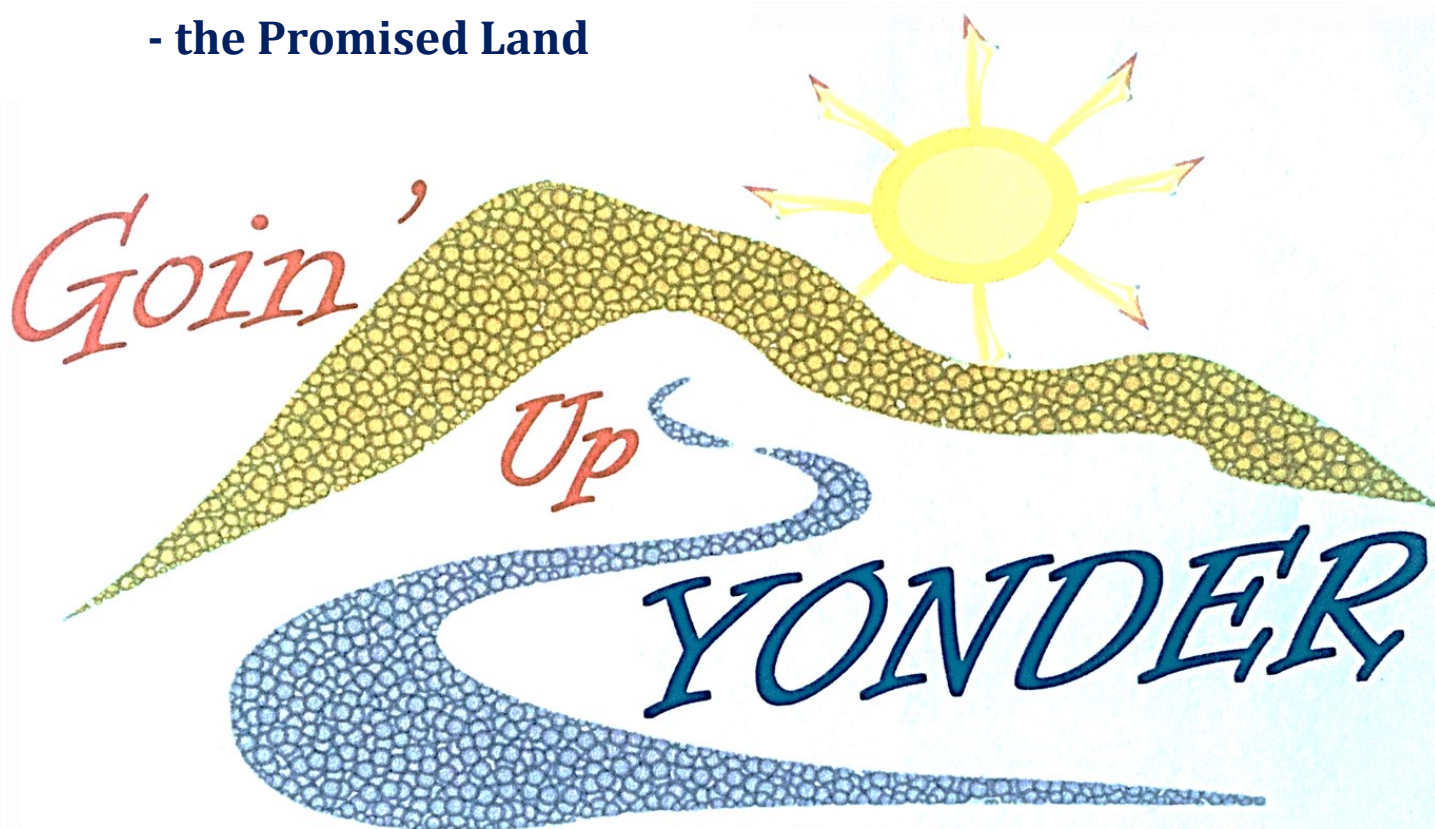
**CONCERT**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

**7:00 pm**



**A musical celebration of Heaven  
- the Promised Land**



*If anybody asks you where I'm goin' soon... I'm goin' up a yonder, to be with my Lord!*

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

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

- Neema Kenya Yard Sale: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm
- Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- Honoring Martin Carr in worship with reception to follow on Father's Day, June 16 (article page #2 this Beacon)
- Hopi VIM trip (Arizona) July 5-14; see Cheryl/Norm Minekime
- Habitat Work week July 14-19, 2019; see Anita Duvall (more info page #14)
- August 25th after worship: a 10,000 meal-packing event for all at DUMC; followed by a pizza lunch (page #2)
- Crop Walk in Damascus October 6, 2019 with some of food going to the Help Food Bank
- Fall Volunteers in Mission trip to NC, October 6-12, Fayetteville, NC; see Carol Yocum
- Fall Mission Sunday October 27th
- Possible Kenya trip Fall, 2020

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### **Pray for those who serve and share God's love**

- 1) Amanda Jones-Dominguez & Memo Dominguez and daughters Sofia & Julia currently in MD from Nicaragua (Between Cultures)
- 2) 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
- 3) Nan McCurdy & Miguel Mairena serving in Puebla, Mexico, with *Give Ye Them to Eat*
- 4) The Ndere children @ St. Stephens School and the Joint Partners Medical Clinic in Kenya

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### **Nicaragua Between Cultures**

#### **COFFEE AND DONUTS FUNRAISERS for Nicaragua**

Once a month on Sunday we will be in the Narthex selling Nicaraguan Coffee, from the Twin Engine Coffee Company, and also delicious Krispy Kreme Donuts to support the Between Cultures Mission Team. All funds raised will go to provide immediate basic food assistance (rice, beans, cooking oil) to our friends in La Danta, Nicaragua who have endured two recent poor harvests and are now in need of some assistance to get them through to the next harvest. Coffee can also be ordered online from Twin Engine and shipped directly to your home. When ordering on line, just go to [www.twinenginecoffee.com](http://www.twinenginecoffee.com) and be sure to apply the promo code CULTURE at checkout. Between Cultures will then automatically receive a portion of your purchase. Enjoy, and thank you for your support.

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### **Damascus UMC working with UMCOR rebuilding this October in Fayetteville, NC**

A Volunteer in Mission team from Damascus UMC is being recruited for a fall work project to help rebuild and repair homes damaged by the 2018 Hurricane Florence. The team will be working in the Fayetteville, NC, region near I-95. October 6 through October 12 is the time committed to the work. Contact Carol Yocum ([carolyocum@msn.com](mailto:carolyocum@msn.com) or 301-788-6446) if you are interested. The new team will have its first team meeting in late June. A willingness to work, and learn trade skills if you do not have them, is a first requirement to participation. People with any construction/trade skills are most welcome and needed. The need is great and there will be work to be done in North Carolina from this hurricane for the next 5 years.



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (CONT'D)

Carol Yocum, Chairperson  
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## In Focus: The Breadth and Impact of Mission (From Global Ministries)

*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:18-19 NSRV

At the intersection of the world and the church, Global Ministries goes from everywhere to everywhere crossing many boundaries while united in one mission, vision and spirit: *Missio Dei* (God's mission). Throughout the month of May, we will focus on the breadth and impact of this boundary-crossing work of God's mission.

One way we cross boundaries is through the nearly 400 United Methodist missionaries that come from many places and backgrounds to witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures. They are pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, volunteers in times of disaster, migrant advocates, community developers, agriculturalists, and doctors and nurses. This work represents a legacy of faith 200 years in the making. And the mission continues with yet another generation.

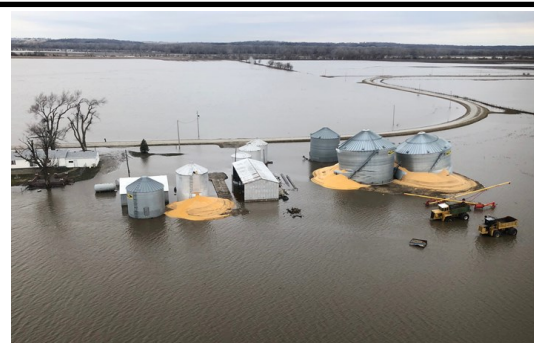
This July and August, we will commission more than 60 Global Mission Fellows (GMFs). **These young people, ages 20-30, coming from 35 countries with diverse backgrounds and cultures, will be commissioned and united in a common purpose led by faith. Each GMF will embark on a two-year fellowship and the work of all the GMFs will be as diverse as the work of their long-term missionary colleagues.** The story of GMFs encompasses many people who took the time to live in relationship with each of them: Sunday school teachers, parents, family and friends – all contributed to the journeys of these young people.

To be in mission is to be an expression of the love of Christ – and through your prayers and financial support, you are there alongside them in mission.

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### Dear Partners in Mission,

The United States has experienced more than 200 confirmed tornadoes, as well as a devastating blizzard, damaging winds, rainfall and hail this year. Today's superstorms need an organized response - and that is what UMCOR is doing. UMCOR's Board of Directors recently authorized the distribution on \$20,236, 883 in funds for U.S disaster response, touching 10 states from Iowa to Florida, Nebraska to Alabama, as well as Puerto Rico. Funding is provided by thousands of donors like you, each giving as they can. Your support is needed to ensure UMCOR continues its organized response. Please help our neighbors today !



*Farms in Nebraska & Iowa impacted by recent floods ; they are two of 10 states receiving UMCOR help in the rebuilding process.*

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### Thank You's

- To those who volunteer week-in and week-out at Harwood House
- To those who knit prayer shawls for those facing challenging places in life.
- Earth Stewards, for their street clean-up work on May 18
- To those who helped with cemetery headstone repairs on April 27: Steve Leslie, Cheryl & Norm Minekime, Brian Stone, Gary Richard, Paul Lewis, Lisa & Doug Marshall.
- To Cathy Heinbaugh and her helpers whose recent Red Cross Blood Drive received more than 40 pints of blood. Thanks to all those who donated! Both repeat donors and new donors!
- To Kathy Jones and volunteers for planning & staffing the Flower and Plant sale that raises funds for missions.
- Bill Duvall as he steps down as a Damascus HELP food driver. We appreciate the time that he devoted over the yrs.
- To those who pray for and support financially with extra gifts for our missionaries

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (CONT'D)

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## Damascus Help Report

Volunteer News: Happy Spring! Larry Seder will be volunteering for us as a food driver. In March, we made 32 food deliveries, serving 101 people and helped 9 families with financial assistance and 1 family with clothing, and gave a ride to 1 person.

HELP is in great need of ODs, transportation drivers and furniture moving teams. If you know of anyone who might be interested in these opportunities and other positions please have them contact Damascus HELP. Contact can be made through calling 301-253-4100, emailing dh20872@aol.com or [www.damascushelp.org](http://www.damascushelp.org) for additional information.

Damascus HELP is presently low on grape jelly, peanut butter and tea. Please donate when you can!

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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPONSORED BY NEEMA KENYA MISSIONS



Date: Saturday, June 8  
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](mailto:ricelinlu@aol.com)),

Gina Wilson ([mozzarellarn@gmail.com](mailto:mozzarellarn@gmail.com) or Jackie Perry ([jackiedalr@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

# Summer Youth Events & Fellowship

**NOTE: Please see all CWS rehearsal times below.**

**Sunday 6/2**

**6:00 pm**

**Youth Finale Event**

**Youth Dinner and Activity at the home Autumn & Ben Fritts,  
8550 Gue Road, Damascus**

**Saturday 6/17-Sunday 6/23**

**CWS Choir Tour West Virginia, Kentucky, & Indiana**

**Monday 6/24**

**7:00 pm**

**8:30 pm**

**CWS Homecoming Concert**

**Party to follow - TBD**

**Sunday 6/30**

**Cunningham Falls - Time TBD**

**Hiking & Swimming / Cost \$3 per person**

**Bring money for dinner on the way home**

**Sunday, 7/21**

**Bohrer Park — Time TBD — Swimming and/or Mini-Golf**

**Putt-n-Pool Pass \$20 / just swimming / just golf \$7**

**Sunday, 8/18**

**CWS and Youth Event**

**CWS Choir at St James Catholic Church in WV at  
11 am service. Lunch provided by St. James.**

**Followed by tubing at Harpers Ferry. Cost approx. \$35.**

**Bring money for dinner on way home, more details later.**

**Sunday, 8/25**

**5:00 pm**

**CWS 6th Grade Welcome Event at DUMC.**

**Dinner and intro session for Parents & 6th Graders.**

**REMAINING REHEARSALS FOR CWS CHOIR TOUR**

**Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 - June 5, 12**

**Sundays - added hour (4 to 6 pm) - June 2, 9**

**(no practice on Father's Day, 6/16)**

**For more info or if you have questions  
on Youth Events and Activities,  
please contact Nick Works at  
240-751-6695 or [nick.works@damascusumc.org](mailto:nick.works@damascusumc.org)**

## Announcements

**Helena Colborn** graduating from Northwest High School in Gaithersburg, will be attending University of Maryland to study Communications in the Fall.

**Jonathan Eckelberg** graduating Damascus High School, will enter the Scholars Program at Howard Community College to study Audio and Video Media Production.

**Jack Hembrough** graduating Damascus High School, will be attending Montana State University, Bozeman, MO, studying Cell Biology and Neuroscience.

**Megan Horst** graduating Damascus High School, attending Towson University to study Physical Education.

**Shane Johnson** graduating Linganore High School, attending Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, to study Computer Engineering.

**Duncan Maxwell** graduating Linganore High School, attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and studying Mechanical Engineering.

**Corinne Shifflett** graduating Clarksburg High School and will attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA to study Business.

**Lydia Turner-Little** graduating Damascus High School, will attend Roanoke College, Roanoke, VA to study Music, with a minor in Pre-law track.

**Elizabeth White** graduating Damascus High School, and will be attending Hood College in Frederick, MD to study nursing.



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

...to Damascus !!

### From the Tutoring Center:

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the scholarship fund in the past year. We have had four students on scholarship. One was a kindergartner and one was a senior. The other two were "somewhere in between." It is so great to be able to say that we have never turned away a student who needed assistance. Again, thank you.

Also, it has been a great help that several of you have donated TI-83 or TI-84 calculators. I suspect that there are still a few of them "in a drawer" with the batteries going bad. The scholarship kids usually do not have a one of them. Since MCPS requires them for high school, it presents a problem. And then, some of the students have lost them during ninth or tenth grade and their parents have decided to not replace them. In any case, it makes upper-level Math classes almost impossible. If you happen to have one in a drawer, the tutoring center can put it to good use.

We are in our fifteenth year... covering from "what's an 'a' " to "War and Peace" or... "what's a '2' " to "Integral Calculus."

And..... we love it !!!!!

- Marlin Heckindorn



## Announcements (cont'd)



**Victory Housing's Ground Breaking Ceremony  
for Victory Haven Senior Apartments  
(right next to the Church)**



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

**We hope to resume again in September, 2019.  
Please watch the Beacon for further information.**

## What Is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life; such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation and other important and difficult life changes, or separation from family and loved ones for any reason, including due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Since 1975, more than 650,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers.

Do you or someone you know need help? Please call Pastor Janet Cornelius at 240.418.0516 or contact the office at DUMC at 301.253.0022.



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## Announcements (cont'd)

### Habitat for Humanity Trip



Our annual Garrett County Habitat for Humanity trip is July 14-19. Come help us build houses for those in need in Western Maryland. Application forms are now available on the church website - <http://www.damascusumc.org/missions-ministries/missions/#Habitat%20for%20Humanity>. There is a MANDATORY pre-trip meeting on June 10 at 7:00 pm. All applications and payment are due June 13. Contact Anita Duvall ([habitatdumc@gmail.com](mailto:habitatdumc@gmail.com) or call/text 240-485-7650) for more information.

**FAITH CONNECTIONS** provides emergency service to families in our local community; and works in advocacy to support efforts to empower the individual/family towards self-reliance. Faith Connections is a collaboration of the churches in the Damascus-Clarksburg area.



- 1) Serve on Faith Connections Helpline (approximately one hour a month)
  - ~ Serves with a team of people called the "Good Shepherd team" and answer Helpline phone calls 3 days per month.
  - ~ Provide assistance and referrals to families facing financial issues such as eviction. (simple training provided)
- 2) Serve with the Faith Connections After-School Program for elementary age children; that live in Damascus area, 4 PM – 5:30 PM (Tues. & Thurs.) during the school year.

For more information, please send e-mail to [Debbie@Faith-Connections.org](mailto:Debbie@Faith-Connections.org) or visit [www.Faith-Connections.org](http://www.Faith-Connections.org)

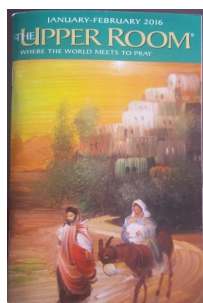
Dear Friends,

Lynn and the Gruner Family would like to thank everyone for their care and support during Bob's long journey.

- Lynn Gruner

***Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry***  
**Monday, June 17 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.



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## Announcements (cont'd)

### Loving One Another Group (LOA)

Join us for a trip to Chevy Chase UMC to see and discuss "The Hate U Give" on June 1 at 6:00. We plan to caravan. This movie is about an African American youth who is involved in an unfortunate traffic stop and the aftermath within his family and community. It is also a powerful portrayal of life for some in the inner city. Lisa Marshall is leading this event. Please let her know if you'd like to come with us. The address for this church is 7001 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Hope you can join us!

We will also have two meetings in June.

At the first, we will discuss "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by William Willimon on Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. The subject of this book is that we are called as Christians to radically love all people. This is our regular meeting time. Cora Horst will lead us in a discussion of this book in the conference room in the annex.

Our second meeting will be Wednesday, June 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church Annex conference room when we will discuss future plans and projects.

We welcome you to join us. For more information, please contact Charlotte Williams, 301-956-6056.



### *The next Young at Heart Activity*

#### FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME

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

**Tentative Date (subject to change):** Saturday, July 13 everyone is invited to join us at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick to see the Keys (Orioles 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**

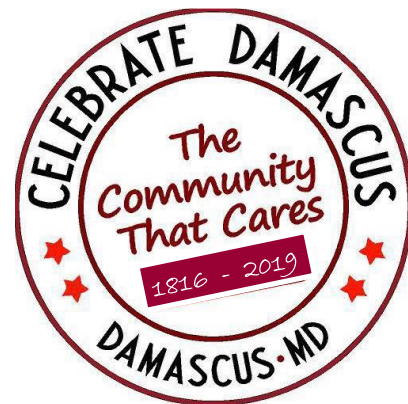
For tickets, or more information, contact a former washed-up high school and college player,

Mike Springirth 240-832-2404 / springirth8@netscape.net.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! "CELEBRATE DAMASCUS"

**Friday & Saturday, July 12 & 13**

***Parade through town on Friday night, Pancake breakfast by the Lions Club on Saturday, plus the Lions Club Community Yard Sale and lots of other activities in and around town, especially for kids. So be sure to "Save the Date!!!"***





## Save the Date!

VBS is on a mission to Mars this summer,  
July 22-26, 9 am – 12 pm

Contact Cora Horst, [cora.horst@damascusumc.org](mailto:cora.horst@damascusumc.org)  
or 301-529-3047 to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed NOW to help with planning, the week of VBS to lead classes, and the week after to clean up. It's going to take a lot of work to get us to Mars! Thank you for considering volunteering your time. It's going to be a BLAST!

**Registration Form for CHILDREN is on page #21 of this Beacon.**

**Registration for YOUTH HELPERS is on page #22 of this Beacon.**

### DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Age 4 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**July 22 – 26, 2019 · 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 help during VBS, please send an email to Cora Horst, [cora.horst@damascusumc.org](mailto:cora.horst@damascusumc.org). Adult helpers are needed and 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 a limited amount of **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, [cora.horst@damascusumc.org](mailto:cora.horst@damascusumc.org) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



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# June, 2019

June 6: First Thursday Ministries Meeting  
7:00 pm in the **Sanctuary**

Trustees Meeting to follow  
in the **Great Hall - stage side**

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

June 13: Finance Committee will meet  
7:00 pm in the **Annex/CR**

June 20: SPRC Committee will meet  
7:00 pm in the church Annex

**June 27: Administrative Board Meeting**

The Technology Committee **WILL NOT** meet in the months of June, July or August.

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.

# Reminder

## THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION  
IN THE **JULY** BEACON **WILL BE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12A,**  
(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, June 24**).

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

## Thank You !



Memorial Day, let us not forget what it's about.  
Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving in the military.  
This solemn occasion is a time to reflect on these American patriots who made the  
ultimate sacrifice while protecting and defending the country they deeply loved.  
Some "unknown" quotes for the day are:

*Land of the free, because of the brave.  
We don't know them all, but they died for all.  
Our flag does not fly because of the wind that moves it.  
It flies with the last breath of each soldier that died protecting it.*

## About Our People

**Congratulations to Randy & Sally Boyer Smith** on the birth of their new granddaughter, Lily Skosberg on February 5. Her parents are Rebeka and John Boyer Skosberg of Lake Ridge, VA. Lily is Helen Boyer's first great-granddaughter.

**Pray for Nick Work and family** with the loss of his brother Matt (40) to cancer on May 9.

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:**

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

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

**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), and **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly).



## 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 FORM**

Age 4 – entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**July 22 – 26, 2019 · 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child receive accommodations at school that would help them to have a more enjoyable VBS? Please provide details below so we can make arrangements.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**  
**2019 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 ASAP***  
***We can only use a limited number of youth helpers this year***

**DATE OF VBS WEEK: July 22 – 26, 2019** (Please plan to work 8:30 am - 12:30 pm each day)

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

Grade Entering (6<sup>th</sup> and up) \_\_\_\_\_

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 21, 2019 (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 VBS week.***

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

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

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

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, [cora.horst@damascusumc.org](mailto:cora.horst@damascusumc.org)