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Summer Past & Present

I love the month of July—it is the height of summer and a great time for vacation, rest, and recreation in God's good creation. Unlike June, school is out and graduation season is over. You don't have the feeling, as you do in August, that summer is almost over and it's time to shop for school clothes, pack the car for college, or begin to dream about Fall's cooler weather. When I was young, July always felt expansive to me, as if there were time enough to do anything I wanted before I had to get back to "business as usual."

I remember Julys past, as a child and youth, staying at my grandparents' old farmhouse in Maine, raising the flag on our tall, white flagpole every morning with my grandfather (and taking over that job for myself after his death), luxuriating in days at the lake or beach, the annual Fourth of July barn party with friends who were like family, eagerly crossing the road to the mailbox each day and being thrilled when I had a letter from a friend at home, eating fresh picked blueberries and corn on the cob, helping my grandmother put up jars of homemade raspberry jam and jelly, eagerly awaiting family members to arrive for their vacations with us, celebrating birthdays (mine and my grandmother's) and being amazed at the beauty of God's creation: the bright blue skies and white clouds, the green pine trees, the rocky coast, the warm sun on the open fields near the farmhouse, filled with wildflowers. What memories does July evoke for you? Where and how do you experience awe and wonder at the beauty of God's creation? What makes you pause to say, "Thank you, God."



July is a quieter time—if only slightly—at church. It is "ordinary time" on the church calendar (see the worship page to learn more). But there are still many wonderful things happening this month; read through the newsletter and see where you can join in. Our biggest event this month is Vacation Bible School which will be held July 22 – 26, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Cora Horst, our Children's Ministry Director, has been preparing for this year's VBS "Mission to Mars...and Beyond." Pray for the children, youth, and adults who will be involved that they may have a powerful experience of God's love. Memorize the VBS theme verse: "Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" (Ephesians 3:20)

May you experience the power of God and may it work within *you* this summer!

Peace,
Pastor Kathryn

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**DUMC's "Love One Another" Team presents
a community film and discussion:
"The Hate You Give"**

NOTE: In attendance will be Montgomery County Police Community Services Officer, Marcus Dixon, as well as advocate Tiffany Kelly & son, who moderated a similar event this past May at Chevy Chase UMC.

The Hate U Give is a 2018 American drama film based on the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller by Angie Thomas. "Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black, neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right." Questions, contact Charlotte Kibak at 301-956-6056.



Sunday, July 28
3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Great Hall
at Damascus United Methodist Church



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! "CELEBRATE DAMASCUS"

Friday, July 12

7:00 pm Kick-off Parade starts at Damascus High School
DUMC IS PARTICIPATING!! Call Hazel Strahorn to volunteer!
9:00 pm Fireworks sponsored by the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.
Following the parade there will be a fireworks display (around 9:15 pm) sponsored by Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. They will also have food for sale outside & chicken dinners served inside the air-conditioned Activities Hall.

Saturday, July 13

7:00 am – 11:00 am Community Pancake Breakfast by the Lions Club – DUMC Dining Hall.
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Community Flea Market hosted by the Lions Club on the Front lawn. Spaces, \$20.
For more info or to reserve your space, contact Tess Gladhill at 301-253-2141.
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Pony Rides—\$5, Moon Bounce, Bowling, and Duck Pan—FREE on DUMC front lawn.
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Food Truck on site for Lunch
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Harwood House Thrift Shop open - **Everything 50% OFF TODAY !**

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

On Saturday, there will be FREE TRANSPORTATION around town, provided by the Montgomery County Fair Trams, with assistance from Gladhill Tractor. Town Activities will start at 10:00 am at various locations including, Damascus Community Bank, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, Children's Activities - Art & Kids Crafts, McDonald, Damascus Motor Company, Jimmie Cone and Damascus Heritage Museum.



July Worship



One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. with Combined Choir

On the Christian calendar we are now in the Season after Pentecost, also known as “Ordinary Time.” That word *ordinary* is misleading. It does not mean commonplace or familiar; rather, it points to the word *ordinal*, referring to the way in which we number the Sundays after Pentecost until we reach Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Christian Year, just prior to beginning a new Christian Year with Advent.

During Ordinary Time, the lectionary readings (the three-year series of readings for Sunday worship) become semi-continuous, such that we are often reading through the same books of the Bible over several weeks. As you can see from the table below, during the month of July we will hear from the Prophets Amos and Hosea, and from Paul’s letter to the Colossians (Chapters 1 & 2) and the Gospel of Luke (Chapters 10 & 11). You may get more from worship and preaching in July if you take some time to read these passages in advance and learn a bit more about each of these books.



Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
July 7	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:1-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13

Amos’ main theme is social justice. In Hosea, the over-arching theme is God’s love for God’s people of Israel. In the Epistle readings, Galatians focuses on freedom in Christ while Colossians focuses on the supremacy of Christ. Luke’s Gospel tells us about the ministry of Jesus and in Chapters 10 and 11 we find several familiar stories: Jesus sends 70 of his followers ahead of him to prepare people for his ministry; a lawyer asks, “Who is my neighbor?” and is told about a good Samaritan; Martha busies about while Mary sits at Jesus’ feet; Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray. The readings from Luke will continue throughout the summer.

I hope that you will take time this month to ponder these words of Scripture in your minds and hearts and listen for the ways in which God is speaking something new to you from these ancient texts.

~ Pastor Kathryn

The Upper Room

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

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

Thoughts from the Men's Retreat

Where can men go to discuss very basic issues from a Biblical perspective? Where can they find a place where they can be surrounded by good men who are honestly attempting to bring clarity and a sense of perspective to issues in their own lives and in society around them? And would it be possible to do this in a benign environment which encourages transparency and mutual respect?

A group of men experienced this last month amidst the tranquility of nature and the beauty of rural Maryland. The conversations were open and friendly, but also poignant in that they were focused on basic issues impacting our society today and the ways a Christian man might act to have a positive effect on himself, his family, and the society around him. The occasion was the annual men's retreat of the Damascus United

Methodist Church, held each year in the spring from a Friday afternoon to the following afternoon, which occurred on Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, at a retreat center near Sugarloaf Mountain.

The retreat produced both good news and bad news. The bad news - fewer men attended the retreat than in previous years. The good news – the 6 men who joined me had all attended earlier retreats and they had a genuine level of comfort talking freely with each other. In the relaxed atmosphere of the Hallwood Retreat Center, each had a chance to discuss their faith journeys and the challenges many still face. Since there were only seven of us, we met in a casual living room setting that further enhanced our conversations. "Too few opportunities like this are available," said one of the men who was inspired by the discussions. "To be able to gather with other men in a friendly, welcoming setting and be transparent and know that your ideas and perspectives are being seriously listened to by other good men is a huge benefit. To do this and walk away with new or deeper friendships is a blessing," he said.

By Saturday afternoon the discussion inevitably drifted on to the topic of human sexuality and the fallout from the recent Special General Conference. The men had a lively discussion with views ranging from liberal to traditional, with many nuanced opinions in between. I very much appreciated the civil, respectful, and loving way they conducted this "debate" which was free of judgment and even showed occasional flashes of humor. Their discussion mirrored the debate going on across the United Methodist Church.

Just before the afternoon discussion ended, a suggestion was surfaced that the group get together at the end of summer and the titles of two books (Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Sit. Walk. Stand by Watchman Nee) were mentioned as possible topics for such a "reunion." The group agreed to meet again and a date was reserved for next year's retreat. We closed by administering communion to one another followed by a prayer.

Words from some attendees



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

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 Men's Picnic @ Ted Ross' House, Gaithersburg, MD

October and November - Men's Mission Focused Project

Worship Arts News and Events

July, 2019

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

SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL & FELLOWSHIP

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

7/7:	<i>I've Been Changed</i> , by Mosie Lister
7/14:	<i>Walk Worthy of the Lord</i> , by Joseph Martin
7/21:	<i>Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i> , by Kathryn S. Bonner
7/28:	<i>Come, Come Unto Me</i> , by Ken Dosso

Flute Choir

Did you play flute in high school or college and enjoyed it, but haven't played it in years (or decades)? Would you like to play your flute again with a group but have no place to play it? Do you need to look up the fingerings for anything above a high G or can't still reach a high G, lol? Then this group is for you!

The DUMC flute choir is now forming. We'll meet weekly or bi-weekly to practice together at a date/time convenient for the group and then share during worship service once we are ready. All levels of flute players are welcome to come for this flute fellowship; we will choose music accordingly. Contact Liz Vanderham by phone or text 301-648-4493 or by email vanderca-tion@gmail.com to join or for more info.

A Charles Wesley Singers Fundraiser . . .



Orioles vs Nationals

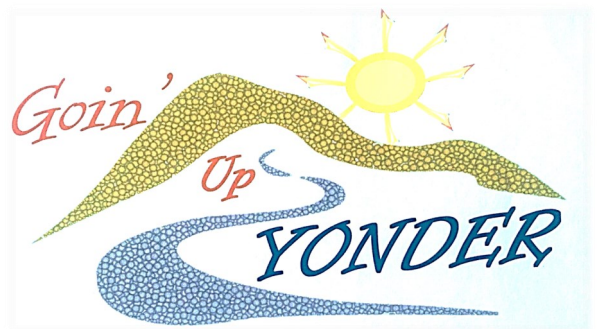
When: Wednesday, July 17
Time: 7:05 pm
Where: Camden Yards, Baltimore
Cost: \$20/ticket

Great seats!! Section 348

(upper section between 3rd base and home plate)

Giveaway – Hot Dog Race tee-shirt to first 20,000 fans. This is a fun way to hold a fundraiser for the Charles Wesley Singers. **Please come join us!** Please email Linda Nardone at nardone910@gmail.com to order tickets, or call her at 301-785-2650 if you have questions.

Goin' Up Yonder – Charles Wesley Singers Homecoming Concert CDs



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

Worship Arts News and Events (cont'd)

July, 2019

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Coming on August 11 here at DUMC

Side by Side, directed by Mary Nieter. This intergeneration piece is about senior citizens and today's youth. It is a short, light, musical that shows how we all can get along in today's world. Mary is still looking for a few volunteers to participate (singing, or non). Please give her a call if you'd like to take part in this show at 301-520-0143.



NOTE: Co-sponsored by Worship Arts & the Young at Heart.

New Praise Artisans Guild Volunteers/Leaders Needed!

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

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

DUMC Charles Wesley Singers on Tour . . .

In case you missed out on following your youth, young adults, and chaperones, while they were touring West Virginia, Indiana, & Kentucky this year . . . Check out the blog spot to read about their daily adventures and pictures. Lots of wonderful reading and smiles !!!!!
www.dumccwstour.blogspot.com



**Watch for the Fall Ensemble
Schedule in the August Beacon!**

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

- Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- Hopi VIM trip (Arizona) July 5-14; see article next page.
- Habitat Donations needed for July 14-19, 2019; see page #12.
- August 25th after worship (Mission serving opportunity for All): a 10,152 meal-packing event at DUMC; followed by a pizza lunch (see info below).
- Crop Walk in Damascus; October 6, 2019, with 25% of money going for food for Damascus HELP food bank.
- Fall Volunteers in Mission trip to NC; October 6-12, Fayetteville, NC; see Carol Yocum
- Fall Mission Sunday; October 27th
- Missionary visit from Dr. Belinda Forbes, (dentist from Nicaragua); November 24
- Possible Kenya trip Fall, 2020

Pray for those who serve and share God's love

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

Honoring Martin Carr and Serving Others in his Honor

The Missions Team is inviting the DUMC congregation to participate in two opportunities this summer:

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. Special envelopes will be available beginning June 16th and throughout the summer.

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

Your gift goal can be spread out over the summer months in June, July & August. Our donations for Rise Against Hunger are above and beyond our support for our local congregation's ministry obligations.

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

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Hopi Trip Update

After a hiatus of several years, a team of 5 from Hopi VIM is heading back to Arizona from July 5 through July 14. Please keep the team in prayer for safe travels and a fruitful trip. Norm and Cheryl Minekime will be representing DUMC. Other team members include Jill Maisch (Covenant UMC), Belinda Norton (Mt. Zion UMC) and Ken Mehrling. Updates will be posted at <http://altarsintheworld.wordpress.com> during the trip.

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 online, just go to 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.

Damascus UMC working with UMCOR rebuilding this October in Fayetteville, NC: DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP IS JULY 15

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 I95. The team will leave October 6 and return October 12. We will be working on homes Monday through Friday. Contact Carol Yocum (carolyocum@msn.com or 301-788-6446) if you are interested. The new team will have its first team meeting in late July/early August. A willingness to work, and learn trade skills if you do not have them, is a first requirement to participate. People with any construction/trade skills are most welcome and needed. **The cost is \$150 per person** to cover food, gas and pay a small amount for the facility where the team will sleep and eat. (If funds for the trip are a limiting factor, please talk to Carol Yocum.) The need is great and there will be work to be done in North Carolina from this hurricane for the next 5 years.

Thank You's

- To those who volunteer week-in and week-out at Harwood House
- To all who supported Neema Kenya's yard sale and worked hard so that the orphanage and clinic in Kenya can be supported — \$900 in profit! (See article, page #9)
- To those who knit prayer shawls for those facing challenging places in life.
- To Kathy Jones and volunteers for planning & staffing the Flower and Plant Sale that raises funds for mission projects; \$3,200 was this year's profit!
- To Marcia Hofman for her vision for an event to honor Martin Carr and for heading up the reception for his special day, and to Martin's family for all their help.
- To Ron Adams and Mike Springirth who helped with Martin Carr's event, providing technical support and video creation
- To those who pray for and support financially with extra gifts for our missionaries

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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The Community Yard Sale was a tremendous success, by all measures!

We had 29 vendors selling their wares . . . including Harwood House and Between Cultures (Missions supporting Missions)!

We welcomed hundreds of members of our Damascus community to "our house." What a site to see our front lawn so full of activity!

Gladys Otieno's brother Oscar, visiting from Kenya, got to experience for the first time the "Yard Sale" phenomenon, and see behind the scenes of Mission fundraising.

And we raised almost \$900 for the Neema Kenya Mission. What a fabulous day!

Thank you to Linda Rice for organizing this event, thank you to all who participated, and thank you all for your ongoing support. God is Great!



From Belinda Forbes, dentist in ministry, in Nicaragua: June 4

Hi Carol,

So lovely to hear from you and thanks for checking in.

I did do a Part 1 of my itineration during March - May in California, Texas and the Midwest to visit churches that I had not visited before. It was a great trip, and I am now back in Nicaragua working hard on designing a schedule for Part 2 which will include Baltimore Washington UMCs and 5 other conferences along the east coast.

The schedule is not complete but I am thinking of the week before Thanksgiving as the best time for visiting Baltimore Washington UMCs (you are five on my list) but if there are any particular dates that are not good for you, thanks for letting me know and thanks for your generous hospitality to host me!

Great to be in touch and I am looking forward to connecting with Damascus UMC later this year.

Grace and peace,

Belinda

DAMASCUS HELP NEWS

In May Damascus HELP made 47 food deliveries serving 156 people and helped 12 families with financial assistance and 1 family with furniture, and gave a ride to 2 person. Volunteer News: Damascus HELP thanks all the volunteers for their services to help the community. Let's welcome Tim Pizza back as a food driver. Tim volunteered for HELP a few years ago and has now returned. We are in great need of ODs, transportation drivers and furniture moving teams. If you know of anyone who might be interested in these opportunities and other positions, please have them contact HELP by telephone (301-253-4100), or email (dh2087w@aol.com or www.damascushelp.org) for additional information.

Summer Youth Events & Fellowship

Celebrate Damascus Parade

Friday, 7/12: 7:00 pm - DUMC will be participating and is looking for DUMC families to march in the parade. Contact Hazel Strahorn, 443-553-9848, for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

July 14-19: Pray for your youth friends & leaders as they travel to work on homes in Oakland.

Orioles vs. Nationals Baseball Game, Baltimore, MD

Wed., July 17: 7:05 pm - Camden Yards / \$20 per ticket / Great seats!!
Section #348 / Charles Wesley Singers Fundraiser !!
Please email Linda Nardone at nardone910@gmail.com to order tickets.

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

Sunday, 7/21: Putt-n-Pool Pass \$20 / just swimming \$16 / just golf \$7

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26: VBS Week at DUMC. Pray for the children, youth helpers, & adult volunteers as they journey "To Mars & Beyond."

CWS and Youth Event

Sunday, 8/18: CWS Choir at St. James Catholic Church in WV at 11 am serv. Lunch provided by St. James. Followed by tubing at Harpers Ferry. Cost approx. \$35. Bring money for dinner on the way home, more details later.

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, 8/25: Meal packing event in honor of Martin Carr. We will pack 10,152 meals beginning at 10:45 am and ending at 1:00 pm. To sign-up fill out a volunteer slip (found in the attendance pads or church office.)

CWS 6th Grade Welcome Event at DUMC

Sunday, 8/25 5:00 pm - Dinner and intro session for Parents and 6th Graders.

Announcements

Chautauqua Is Coming! Making Waves

FREE Young At Heart Sponsored Event

We had so much fun last year that we decided to try going to all 3 shows this year. The free events are at Montgomery College in Germantown at Globe Hall, 20200 Observation Drive at 7:00 p.m. Parking is also free. See dates and information below. Please sign up with the Church Office at 301-253-0022 .

Wednesday, July 10:



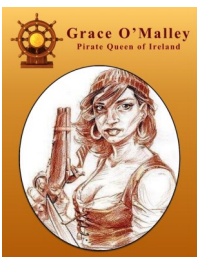
Matthew Henson, a polar explorer, craftsman, author and said to be the first African-American to reach the North Pole. **Keith Henley**, a historic interpreter and actor, will portray the Maryland native. Henley performs as Henry Box Brown, George Washington Carver, Langston Hughes, Sergeant Henry Johnson, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia and at Chautauquas in Colorado, Delaware, South Carolina, and Arkansas.

Thursday, July 11:

Jacques Cousteau, oceanographer, filmmaker, and scientist. He is known for his deep-sea explorations and his invention of the aqua-lung. **Doug Mishler**, an independent scholar and veteran Chautauquan, will portray him. Mishler has performed as P. T. Barnum, Theodore Roosevelt, William Lloyd Garrison, Henry Ford, Jefferson Davis, George Wallace, Upton Sinclair, Major General Robert Ross, and General Joseph Pershing at past Maryland Humanities Chautauquas. He also portrays Ernie Pyle, Billy Sunday, William Clark, and others at Chautauqua programs throughout the country.



Friday, July 12:

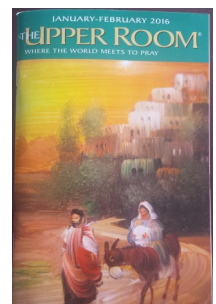


Grace O'Malley was a 16th century Irish Pirate Queen, who commanded ships, men, and the respect of Queen Elizabeth I. She will be portrayed by **Mary Ann Jung**, an award-winning actress who specializes in interactive history. Jung has portrayed Clara Barton, Rosalie Stier Calvert, Amelia Earhart, and Julia Child at past Maryland Humanities Chautauquas, and also performs as Margaret Brent, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and others.

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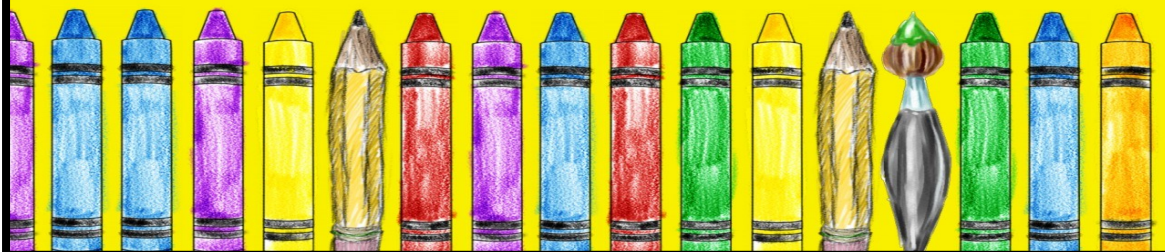


Announcements (cont'd)

School Supply Drive

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

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



We are collecting:

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

Support the Habitat Mission Team

A team from DUMC will be in Garrett County, MD July 14-19 to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Please support our team in one of the following ways:

- ♦ prayers
- ♦ donations of bottled water, soft drinks, or sports drinks
- ♦ donations of non-perishable, heat tolerant snacks such as chips, crackers, or granola bars
- ♦ monetary donations toward building supplies

Please contact Anita Duvall (habitatdumc@gmail.com; call/text 240-485-7650) to coordinate drop-off of donations of drinks or food. Thank you for anything you can do!



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.

Announcements (cont'd)

Save the Date !!!

November 2, 2019

PIG OUT

Chesapeake Style & Fall Bazaar

The making of a "new" tradition ??

Who knows ???

But we do know you will want to be here!

So "Save the Date" on your calendars NOW !!!

More details in the near future . . .

Mark Your Calendars!

**Bird Netting will be put up in our
DUMC PAVILION
on Saturday, July 27,
from 8 am to finish.**

Lunch and drinks provided!

**Please come help me with
my Boy Scout Eagle Project**

Questions? Call 240-294-9450.

Thank you, Arthur Hulcher



The next Young at Heart Activity



FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME

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

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.

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS JUNE 22.

Going to buy something on Amazon.com?

Don't forget to go through the DUMC link located at the bottom of the home page on the DUMC website (damascusumc.org).

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





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
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.

DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Age 4 – entering 5th 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. 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 6th -12th) to help us during Vacation Bible School. Students can earn SSL hours, and have a great time helping the children. Youth helpers need to complete a *Youth Helper Registration* form and a *Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement* form, which are available in the Resource Room and online at <http://damascusumc.org>.

Feel free to contact Cora Horst, cora.horst@damascusumc.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Thank You's

To: Cora and all the Boys & Girls Sunday School Classes at Damascus United Methodist Church
Hi Everyone!

My name is Marie and I run the Damascus Little Free Pantry here in town. I am writing to each and everyone of you to tell you how awesome I think it was that you collected diapers to help people who need that help so badly. That's what we do at the pantry! We are open all day & all nights, so anyone who needs help can come anytime without fear or feeling ashamed that they need assistance. Diapers are desperately needed and your compassion, giving spirits & willingness to help your community has already helped 20 families in our town and will continue to help so many more. I am bursting with pride in each of you for your loving hearts. You should be proud of yourselves.

Keep up your giving spirits, it is kindness like yours that makes a difference in the world. We are grateful to you all!

With Love,

Marie Myers
Damascus Little Free Pantry

**The children & youth here at
DUMC collected over 3,000
diapers to contribute!!!!**

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Ladies of Damascus United Methodist,  
Thank you for the Prayer Shawl. I appreciate so much that you prayed over it and for me. It was a thoughtful, unique gift, and I will treasure it and the love and concern behind it.  
Jackie Works  
(Nick Works' mom)

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Dear DUMC Members and Friends,
Thank you so much for your many kindnesses following my husband Don's sudden illness and hospitalization. Your kind words, cards, e-mails, meals, and especially your prayers, have been greatly appreciated. I am delighted to say that Don is continuing to improve and to regain his strength. Life is returning to normal (whatever that is!), despite his need for thrice-weekly dialysis.
Don, our granddaughter Sidney, and I feel so blessed to be part of this loving, faithful church family and we are grateful for God's many blessings during this challenging time.

In Christian love,
Pastor Kathryn

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday, July 15 at 12:30 pm— in the Annex (Church Office)

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a creative way to combine the love of knitting and/or crocheting with ministry to people in need of comfort. The shawls we make offer tangible evidence of God's love to each recipient. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone whom you know, you can contact one of the pastors, or Cathy Heinbaugh, cheinbaugh@comcast.net, 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, jmullinix74@yahoo.com, 301-482-1122.

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THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED FOR
THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
ON THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019.

Office Hours

The office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 6:00 p.m. On Friday, we open at 8:00 a.m., sometimes close for lunch (approx. an hr.) and occasionally close early. Additionally,

Pastor Kathryn is off on Fridays.

Pastor B. is off on Mondays.

Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

Please keep this in mind when waiting for a response to e-mail or phone messages.



IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE **AUGUST** BEACON **WILL BE**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17,

(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, July 28**).

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

Thank You !

Your Envelopes are ready for Pick-up

The offering envelopes for the third quarter of 2019 are ready to be picked up. They are located in the Narthex. You can find them sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick them up no later than Sunday, July 7, 2019. After that they will be mailed to the address we have on file.

If you haven't been getting personalized offering envelopes and would like them please contact Steve Malley in the bookkeeping office at extension #106 to request them. If you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes please let Steve Malley know. Thank you.

About Our People

Correction: The correct spelling of Randy & Sally Boyer Smith's new granddaughter (born February 5) is **Lily Skogsberg**. Her parents are Rebeka and John Boyer Skogsberg of Lake Ridge, VA. Lily is Helen Boyer's first great-granddaughter. Our apologies for the error.

Mary Walcek and family following the death of Mary's mother, *Vivian*, who died this week at age 102.

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** (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).

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.

Did you know?



The Upper Room Living Prayer Center has a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week intercessory prayer ministry staffed by Christian volunteers. When you call 1-800-251-2468, a person will answer the phone, receive your prayer request and pray with you. After your call, your prayer concern will be forwarded to one of 300 Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups located all over the world. On the Web, requests can be submitted by visiting www.umc.org, click on "pray" in the green box. Your request will be e-mailed to the Prayer Center within 24 hours and sent out to Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups as well. More than 30,000 prayer requests are received each month.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**

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**(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 _____