

# THE BEACON

## MARCH 2017



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

Dear Fellow Disciples,

The forty days (plus six Sundays) of Lent are about to begin. The forty days remind us of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted to follow a course different from the course God wanted him to follow. These are days we also are alert to course deviations and seek to get back on course with God. The forty days remind us also of the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness. During that time, they learned to trust and obey God and thus found their way to the Promised Land. Through Lenten disciplines, these are days we also learn or relearn how to trust and obey our Lord so we might find our way to the Promised Land.

This holy, penitential season begins with a day of repentance – Ash Wednesday. It is so called because the primary symbol of the day is ashes, smeared in the shape of the cross, upon our foreheads. Ashes are a thousands-of-years-old Biblical symbol of repentance. The burnt remains (in this case from the palms from last Palm Sunday) speak to us of death. We recall the old graveside words, “ashes to ashes and dust to dust,” and they are imprinted upon our foreheads with the stark, startling words, “You are dust and to dust you will return.” Boom. No sugar coating the truth there.

Why do we do such a depressing and upsetting ritual in the church? It is not just to remind us that we are mortal, although sometimes we need reminding. We all know that one day we will die. We try not to think about it, and we hope that day is a long way off, but we all know that day will come. We don’t need some glum pastor smearing ashes on us to know that.

The bigger point is that we will die, AND WITHOUT GOD, there is nothing that can be done about it. We die and, either by cremation or burial, we are reduced to ashes or dust. End of story. Except, when God is involved, the story does not end there. Oh, our mortal bodies still die. But God raises us from the grave and gives us new, eternal life in heaven! This is the ultimate good news of the gospel. Christ died for our sins. Christ rose from the dead. Christ shares his victory over death with us.

This is remarkably good news and we like to celebrate it. Not surprisingly, the church is packed on Easter Sunday – the day of resurrection. Not so much, though, on Ash Wednesday. Undoubtedly, this is because it is far more uplifting to hear brass bands and to see lots of spring flowers and to sing lustily about living forever, than it is to receive ashes and be told you are going to die.

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## ***Pastor's Article (cont'd)***

I get that. I do. But here is something to consider. We cannot truly appreciate what an amazing and powerful gift resurrection is until we grapple with just how final and inevitable death is. No one appreciates peace more than those who have actually fought in war. No one appreciates kindness more than those who have mostly been abused. No one appreciates friends more than those who have been very alone. No one appreciates life more than the one who has had a near-death experience. No one appreciates just what Easter is all about more than the one who has stood crying at the altar hearing that they are dust, and because of their sin they are mortal and there is nothing they can do to change that. That is our reality. That is the basic fact of life.

But then we hear that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life. Then we hear that Jesus took our sin upon himself. Then we hear that Jesus conquered the powers of both sin and death and rose from the grave and that God will raise us, too. This is good news to any who hear it. It is spectacular, astounding, amazing, sensational news to those who have truly grasped the alternative.

Sooooooo, I look forward to seeing you on Easter on April 16, but I also hope to see you on Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday. You can come for the imposition of ashes at 6:30 am or at noon – on your way to work or during your lunch time. You can come at 7:00 pm for a fuller service of ashes and communion. You pick the time, but come. It will not be uplifting. It will be cleansing. It will rightly begin your forty days in the wilderness preparing you for entrance into the Promised Land.

The holy season of Lent is about to begin. Make it meaningful. Make it count.  
Yours in Christ,  
David



## **Way to go Mary and Gabrielle!!!**

Mary Nieter and Gabrielle Hulcher will be commissioned as DUMC's newest Stephen Ministers on March 19 at both services.

Please congratulate them both and thank them for their service when you see them! Congratulations Mary and Gabrielle!



## **Tea Time Talk – March 19 @ 3:00 pm in the Great Hall**

Join us for tea and biscuits (aka cookies)  
and some time to listen and chat!

Ever feel like you can't be honest about your opinion or that you aren't being heard or that you don't understand why other people think what they do? Do you wish you could have an honest conversation in a safe place where the goal is to understand and to be understood instead of argue, persuade or judge? Then, Tea Time Talks are for you!

Join Amanda and David for the final talk of this series. Our focus topic will be on Issues of Race, including historical perspectives, issues of language and communication, and work around understanding the concept of privilege and how it is impacted by race. Can we be the Body of Christ in love and grace even if we don't agree? Come and learn how.

What this isn't:

- a place for extreme view points with no desire to understand other viewpoints
- a place to make decisions about how our church will respond
- a place to persuade or argue with others
- a place to judge others

*Feel free to ask Amanda or David for more information or to clarify expectations.*



# 2017

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28

5:45 - 6:30 pm - DUMC Dining Hall

Cost for dinner is: \$6.00 per person

## Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 am: Service of Ashes, followed by a light breakfast  
12:00 noon: Service of Ashes  
7:00 pm: Service of Ashes and Communion with Chancel Choir and Women's Ensemble participating

## Small Group Lenten Bible Studies

**Sundays @ 9:30 am** (Begins Sunday, March 5)

Join Pastor David for a deeper look at our sermon series "From Mountain to Garden."

Each week he will explore the Scripture readings used in worship and share insights beyond the sermon.

**Mondays @ 6:30 pm** (Begins Monday, March 6)

*Three Simple Rules That Will Change the World* by Rueben P. Job.

Join Pastor Amanda as she explores what John Wesley called the Three Simple Rules. They are simple to understand, but putting them into practice is another thing altogether. This is a 5-week study class. Books can be purchased on either [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) in both book and ebook format.

Please have your book for the first class.

## Morning Communion

Starting **Wednesday, March 8 at 6:45 am** for **six** consecutive Wednesdays.

A quick mid-week refocusing for the Lenten Journey.

Join Pastor Amanda each week for a time of prayer, devotion, and communion.

**We will be done by 7:00 am each week with a light breakfast to follow.**

*Stop by on your way to school or work!*

## Sharing My Holy Lands

Starting **Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm** in the **Dining Hall**  
for **five** consecutive Wednesdays through April 5.

We all know of the important places Jesus walked, preached, ministered and more, from mountain tops to hillsides to gardens. Join us each week and hear different members of the congregation share the stories of their "holy lands." The places that have been meaningful in their journey with Christ, the locations they feel close to God, and the spaces that connect them to the Holy.

**The Praise Artisans Guild presents our *Lenten Hallway Display*,  
the travels and missions of our wonderful own Martin Carr.  
Please wander through the Great Hall hallway and enjoy photos  
and paintings from his extensive missions and service to Christ.**



## Spiritual Formation (cont'd)

# MARTIN'S®

Who: **Young at Heart Group**

What: Martin's Potato Chip Factory (45 minutes). See how potato chips are made, enjoy fresh samples, and shop in their store. Additionally, we will enjoy a 1-hour tour of the Harley Davidson Factory where several of their motorcycle models are made. Shopping will be available on both tours. We will have lunch at a nearby restaurant after the tours.



When: **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

Time: **Depart** church parking lot at 9:00 am. We will carpool to Thomasville & York, PA, **returning** to the church parking lot at approximately **4:00 pm**.

Cost: Cost of your lunch. Tours are free.

**Reservations Required: Limited to 18 adults.**

**Contact Sandra Malley, [Sandra.malley@LNF.com](mailto:Sandra.malley@LNF.com) or 301-518-2220.**

**SPECIAL INFORMATION:** No jewelry is allowed, fully enclosed shoes with 1 inch or less heel required, no cameras in plant, no camera bags or backpacks, no sleeveless attire, and hairnets must be worn (supplied by Martin's).

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## *Invitation: Women's Spring Retreat*

Ladies: You need this! A time for yourself to relax and regenerate -physically and spiritually. An invitation to all women of the church!

Our weekend will begin Friday evening, April 28, to Saturday evening, April 29. You only need to pack an overnight bag; the rest is provided for your comfort. We will leave Damascus by 5 p.m. on Friday and travel about 40 minutes to The Brethren Center. The cost per person includes meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies.

Building connections with each other begins Friday evening. We will have planned activities, choice activities and times of reflection Friday evening through Saturday, ending by 5:15 on Saturday. You may choose to have dinner with friends on the way home!

Please consider joining this 2017 retreat. Simply fill out the attached application and include the registration fee. A copy of the application may also be found on the DUMC website. In order to plan for programming, materials, and retreat center accommodations, we ask that registration forms be submitted by Wednesday, April 5.

Spread the word and come join us for a great getaway weekend with just the girls...



# Women's 2017 Spring Retreat Registration

**WHEN:** 5 p.m., Friday, April 28, to Saturday evening, April 29

**WHERE:** Brethren Center

Zigler Hospitality Center, 500 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776  
<http://www.brethren.org/ziglerhospitality>

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

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

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

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motel Style Lodging** - all linens are provided ☺

**3 Meals** - served Buffet Style (We will depart on Saturday at 5:15 pm for home OR have dinner with friends)

## Please check room selection below:

☐ Single room (3 single rooms available on a first-come, first-serve basis.)

☐ Double room

If you have a roommate already, please share the name: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Otherwise, the planning committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ Quad room (3 available, first-come first served)

If you have a roommates already, share the names: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Otherwise, the planning committee will coordinate roommates.

☐ List any mobility concerns \_\_\_\_\_

**Need financial assistance? Contact Robin Cooney (301) 882-4165.**

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

☐ **\$100 Registration Fee is attached, \$120 for a single room.**  
**Make checks payable to DUMW (Damascus United Methodist Women)**

**Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 5.**

# Women's 2017 Spring Retreat

## Registration *(cont'd)*

### ***We Love to Tell the Story***

We are pleased that you will be joining us April 28-29 at the Brethren Center for this year's Damascus UMC women's retreat. In order to complete our purchases and planning, the Retreat Committee would like you to select an option for the activity time described below.

***The Story of New Things***... Select **ONLY ONE** of these 4.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ **New Art**

Join Kitty McNaughton-Ayres as she guides you step-by-step through a Paint Nite experience. Each participant will create her own personalized canvas version of the selected artwork.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **New Games**

Ever want to learn the ins and outs of Mahjong or other fun group games? Then this group is for you as you learn new games and have time to enjoy playing them with old and new friends.



3. \_\_\_\_\_ **New Scenery**



Enjoy a hike and walking tour through the quaint town of New Windsor. A major attraction of the town in the early 1800s was a sulphur spring at the foot of Main Street. The waters were thought to have medicinal benefits and helped to draw guests to the town inn.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **New Service**

Want to engage in an activity that reaches out to others? Come write notes to shut-ins, missionaries, and others, and include a homemade hug (pictured below).





## Calling all Heros!!

Save these dates for VBS 2017, July 24 - 28!

Don't miss this exciting chance to discover your strength in God.  
Any adults or youth willing to volunteer can contact Pastor Amanda at  
[amanda.damascusumc.org](mailto:amanda.damascusumc.org) or [301-253-0022](tel:301-253-0022).

**NOTE: VBS Registration form for CHILDREN is on Page #21 of this Beacon.**



### March United Methodist Women News

Susanna JOY Circle will meet in the church Dining Hall at 10:00 am on **Monday, March 13**.  
"LIVING IN A COVENANT COMMUNITY."

This 2017 Spiritual Growth Study will examine covenants in the Bible and how God works with, in and through us.

The **WWJD Circle** will meet on **Thursday, March 16 @ 7:30 pm in the Great Hall**, stage side.

Alicia Feuillet will be sharing her Peace Corps experiences from when she lived in a village in the African country of Malawi.

This meeting is open to anyone who's interested.

Please join us for what will be a very interesting evening!

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT

**When: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017**

**Where: Guapo's at The Rio**  
9811 Washingtonian Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD  
**Please RSVP by March 10**

**When: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017**

**Where: Ledo Pizza**  
9805 Main Street  
Damascus, MD  
**Please RSVP by May 9**

**THERE WILL BE NO**  
**Ladies' Night Out in April**

**Fellowship · Conversation · Companionship · Fun · Sisterhood · Everyone Invited**

**CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA / [AMANDA.MCMURTREY@DAMASCUSUMC.ORG](mailto:AMANDA.MCMURTREY@DAMASCUSUMC.ORG)**

**Call 301-253-0022 or Text 970-231-5123**

# Worship Arts News and Events

March 2017

Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

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

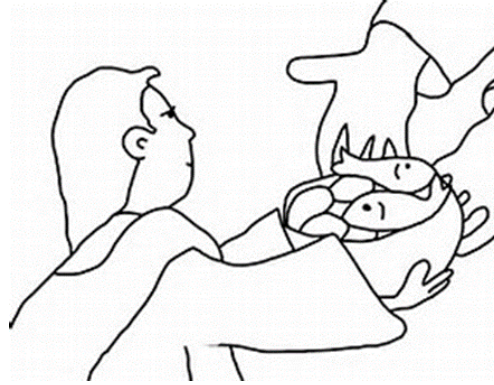
Stephen Kalnoske, Organist | 240-832-2112 | stephenkarnoske@gmail.com

## *Table for Five... Thousand* Children's Musical

The Choristers are preparing to share another musical on

Sunday, March 5, during  
the 8:15 and 11 am services.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to church with you.



All singers are invited to rehearse and share with the children and adult choirs of DUMC during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. All those who know the Hallelujah Chorus are also invited to sing that piece on Easter Sunday.

### Special Opportunities

#### **Palm Sunday**

**April 9**

8:15 and 11 am services  
(Children's Choirs, Charles Wesley Singers, and Chancel Choir - included festival procession)

#### **Good Friday**

**April 14**

7:00 pm service  
(Chancel Choir)

#### **Saturday**

**April 15**

7:00 pm Confirmation  
service (combined choir)

#### **Easter Sunday**

**April 16**

8, 9:30, & 11 am services  
(Chancel Choir and Charles Wesley Singers)

## **WEDNESDAYS**

4:00 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall Stage Side  
Puppet troupe for elementary students 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder

4:30 pm **Cherubs** Great Hall Back Half  
Choir for children 4 ½ years-olds to 1<sup>st</sup> grade led by Celia Hembrough and Lydia Turner-Little

5:00 pm **Youth Puppets** Great Hall  
Puppets/drama for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough

5:00 pm **Choristers** Music Room  
Choir for children 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Polly Baldrige (with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)

6:30 pm **Inspiration Ringers** Stage (September – February – April)  
Handbells for students 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Polly Baldrige

7:00 pm **Men's Choir** Music Room  
For all male changed voices, directed by Curt Shiflett with Kathryn Smith, piano

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Music Room  
SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accompanist

## **SUNDAYS**

3:30 pm **Youth Praise Band** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month; Shares each Sunday @ 9:30 am  
All instruments and vocals needed for this student led group facilitated by Polly and Tom Baldrige

4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** Stage  
Handbells for youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades led by Tom Baldrige

5:00 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Music Room  
SATB choir for 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades and up led by Polly Baldrige with accompanists Stephen Kalnoske and Katherine Williams.

## **MONDAYS**

7:30 pm **Ring of Joy** Stage  
Adult 5-octave handbell ensemble led by Polly Baldrige

## INFORMATION MEETING

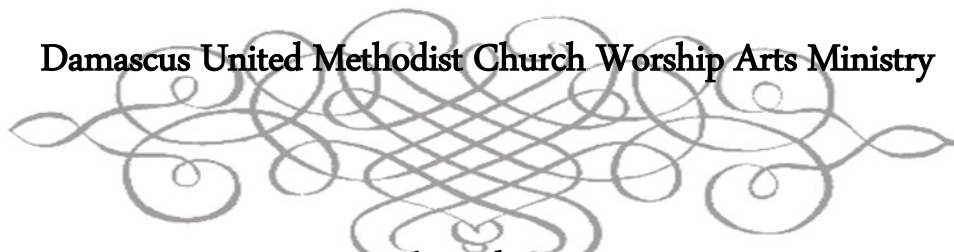
### **New England 2017**

*Charles Wesley Singers  
Summer Youth  
Mission Tour*

Sunday, March 26  
6:30 to 7:00 pm  
in the Great Hall



Damascus United Methodist Church Worship Arts Ministry



2016-2017: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Concert Series

# BACH REFLECTIONS

Organist Matthew Robertson

Sunday, March 26, 2017  
7:00 pm in Sanctuary



Organist Matthew Robertson is Director of Music at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. Highlights of his 2015-2016 season included Mozart's *Requiem*, Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*, Handel's *Messiah*, portions of J.S. Bach's *B Minor Mass* and Schütz's *Musicalisches Exequien* and collaborations with many of the finest musicians of his generation, including members of the National Symphony Orchestra, Seraphic Fire, Apollo's Fire, Trinity Wall Street, Conspirare, Opera Philadelphia, Washington National Opera, and more. Mr. Robertson directs the highly esteemed choral ensemble *The Thirteen* and has performed throughout the US and Europe.

Damascus UMC | 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD | [damascusumc.org](http://damascusumc.org) | 301-253-0022

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson  
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## Jesus' Mandate for Mission for Lent: John 13:14-16 & 34-35 (NRSV)

**14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. . . .

**34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## A Lenten Challenge from the Missions Committee to all DUMC individuals and groups

One of Jesus primary teachings during the days before his crucifixion was telling his disciples they are to be servants as he was a servant to others—exemplified by the foot washing. All of our groups and individuals at DUMC are challenged to do one project of serving outside of the DUMC faith community. Groups or individuals can pick their own project, but the Missions Committee offers a couple of possibilities that are very much needed.

A. From **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless**, a **Welcome Home Mini Kit** provides their clients with basic items needed to turn a house into a home, enabling people to begin the next chapter in their lives with dignity. To support one person:

- 1. CHOOSE** a category of household items: kitchen, cleaning, supplies linens and household items, toiletries, or food. <http://coalitionhomes.org/donate-other-items/> click on **You can make a HOUSE feel like a HOME** for Kit lists.
- 2. COLLECTING ALL OF THE ITEMS** in your chosen category—**new** items only.
- 3. DELIVER** the collected items to our MCCH office at 600B East Gude Drive in Rockville during business hours.

## B. Complete a Landscaping/Maintenance Project @ a Safe Haven House

MCCH welcomes well-organized groups to coordinate and complete landscaping maintenance projects at our housing sites located throughout Montgomery County, 301-217-0314.

## Rock the House Snack Collection Schedule for 2016 School Year

This school year has been a great opportunity for the 20 children attending Rock the House. They do enjoy the snacks and juice boxes provided by the churches in the community! Every week, the children thank God for the snacks; along with the program each time they individually take turns praying. **Church Snack Schedule: March Collections--** Damascus UMC. Bring snacks on **Wednesdays and Sundays!** Thanks !

**Snack Ideas:** Fruit Roll-Ups, Peanut and Cheese Crackers, Cookies, Granola Bars **Box Drinks** - Capri Suns, Apple Juice

## **Training to be a Volunteer in Mission in March 2017— Registration deadline March 1, cost \$40**

The Conference sponsored Leadership Days for our region is Saturday, March 11, at Reservoir High School in Fulton, 8am-3pm. The cost is \$40 and includes breakfast and lunch. One of the afternoon sessions is Volunteer in Missions training. This will be helpful for a planned trip in August and September to help rebuild areas hit by Hurricane Matthew. The registration deadline is **March 1**. Let Doug Marshall know ([301-325-9071](tel:301-325-9071) or [dougandlisamarshall@yahoo.com](mailto:dougandlisamarshall@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in attending .

## **Volunteer In Mission possibilities in August & September:**

DUMC is in the process of planning a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trip **in August or September** of 2017 (note date changes) to help people recover and rebuild in **Virginia Beach, VA**, who were impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Interested? Contact Carol Yocum at [carolyocum@msn.com](mailto:carolyocum@msn.com) or 301-788-6446. The team will be looking for people with skills in the trades, painting, outdoor clean-up. A VIM team to VA will travel by vehicles so the costs will be relatively low. Scholarships to participate are available for those who need it. Plans are in the early stages and definitive costs have not been determined as yet.

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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## **The Baltimore Christian Workcamp**

The BCCW was founded by two United Methodist ministers in 1984. In 2017, the week will be July 16 -- 21, our 34th year. There is a kick-off dinner on Sunday evening at Hunt's UMC, the host church. Each work day starts with breakfast prepared by members from a local church at the host church. The volunteers then prepare their own bagged lunches and volunteers go out to sites, with dinner that evening at local churches. All types of work (e.g., ramps, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, roofing, interior and exterior painting, caulking, inside and outside clean-up) are performed by workers of all ages. Sleeping accommodations at the host church can be available only for supervised large groups traveling from out-of-the region. Individuals must have their own medical/health insurance to participate.

Anyone over 16 and willing to work may register. Fee is \$25 per week, or \$6 per day. Church groups are asked to donate at least \$100 for building materials. (In addition, there are planning meetings held throughout the year at Hunt's Memorial UMC, Towson, MD)

**DUMC's annual Garrett County Habitat for Humanity** trip will be July 16 to July 21 this year. Mark your calendars now. Speak with Anita Duvall if you are interested in participating in the July trip.

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## **Just a bit on Kenya . . . for now!**

This past January a small group from the OMG Sunday School Class went to Kenya to go on safari and meet some members of the Otieno family. We visited an orphanage and a Women's clinic and worshipped at family churches. It was life changing! We hope to share more about the people and places that greatly impacted us. Stay tuned in April!



At the Ndere Orphanage



Beautiful Creatures





# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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**You can make a difference  
in our community!**



## **DONATIONS NEEDED NOW:**

Peanut butter and grape jelly, size 3-5 diapers, individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper and bar soap, bottles of laundry detergent, tea bags, canned fruit, hot and cold cereal, canned meat, canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce and

noodles. We can always use gift cards from Walmart, Weis and Safeway to buy items that are not donated.

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Damascus HELP also needs volunteers (over age 18 due to insurance restrictions) to help in various capacities. HELP is a non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance to those needy individuals in the 20871(Clarksburg), 20872 (Damascus), and 20882 (Gaithersburg and Laytonsville-north of Brink Rd) zip codes.

We are in need of Officers of the Day, Food Drivers, and people to help with the Furniture Committee.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call 301-253-4100 or e-mail [dh20872@aol.com](mailto:dh20872@aol.com) or [www.damascushelp.org](http://www.damascushelp.org) for more information.

## *A Missions Fundraiser . . . . .*

**DUMC's Annual  
Flower & Plant Sale  
begins Saturday,  
May 6, 2017**



**Hours: Saturdays & Sundays,  
9 am - 5 pm  
Weekdays, 6 pm—9 pm**

The Missions Committee is looking for volunteers for the flower and plant sale. We still need help watering and selling the plants thru May 20. This is a very successful fundraiser for the mission programs in the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Please contact Kathy Jones at [kathyjonesrgpm@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjonesrgpm@gmail.com) or 301-580-4591 to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to earn credit to use for when they go on mission trips.

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## **Volunteers Needed**

### **FAITH CONNECTIONS HELP LINE**

(Serve from your home)

- Serves with the Good Shepherd team to answer Helpline phone calls three days per month.
- Provide assistance and referrals to families facing financial issues such as eviction.

**FAITH CONNECTIONS** provides emergency service to families in crisis situations 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.

**For more information please call 301-512-5127  
or [Debbie@Faith-Connections.org](mailto:Debbie@Faith-Connections.org)**

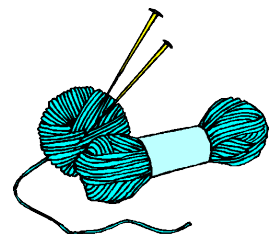
**"...Love your neighbor as yourself"**

Matt. 22:39

**Have you been searching for a ministry to serve  
in the Greater Damascus Community?  
[www.Faith-Connections.org](http://www.Faith-Connections.org)**

## ***Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry***

**Monday, March 20  
at 12:30 pm  
(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.



# DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

## Youth Chapel Sundays @ 9:30 am

Breakfast/Music/Classes by age

## March 2017 - Youth Fellowship

### Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

#### Sunday 3/5

Rockin Jump Trampolines in Gaithersburg

#### Sunday 3/12

Pie (3.14 ... Like the math equation)

Party and Devotions

#### Sunday 3/19

Highland Games

#### Sunday 3/26\*

Summer Youth Mission Tour Meeting

New England—2017 (In the Great Hall)

## April 2017 - Youth Fellowship

### Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

#### Sunday 4/2\*

Ice Cream Olympics w/Tom Baldrige

#### Sunday 4/9\*

“HOLY” Scavenger Hunt

#### Sunday 4/16

Happy Easter! No Youth Activity

#### Sunday 4/23

Earth Trek

#### Sunday 4/30

HiTech/LowTech Game Night

Nick will be in England from March 25 to April 8 taking two doctoral-level classes @ Cambridge University and preaching at Maidstone Methodist Church on April 2.

\*Tom Baldrige will be leading Youth Activities on March 26, April 2 & April 9. Tom can be reached at 301-802-4775 for questions.

Youth Praise Band  
Sundays @ 3:30 pm  
1st & 3rd weeks  
of the month

Youth Bell Choir  
Sundays @ 4 pm  
on the Stage

Charles Wesley  
Singers Practice  
Sundays @ 5 pm  
in the Choir Room

Youth Puppets  
Wednesdays @ 5 pm  
in the Great Hall

## UMYFO Meeting

Sunday, March 12,  
at 4:00 pm in the church  
office.

Be sure to attend as we  
will be finalizing the  
plans for our Summer  
Ministry.

## New England Search . . .

Charles Wesley Singers are  
traveling to  
New England  
on tour from  
June 20 to 27, 2017.

If you have any  
family and friends  
in New England who might host  
our choir, please be in contact  
with Polly to share  
suggestions and names.

## Announcements



### Damascus Heritage Society Museum presents *Gary's Collections* Open February - May 2017

As of February 1, 2017 the opening exhibit at the Damascus Heritage Museum is titled "Gary's Collections," but since we only have a small building instead of an airplane hangar, it will really be just a very small part of Gary's collections. Gary Richard comes to the museum often to look around to plan the layout for his exhibit but some of us get concerned when we hear him mumbling about removing ceiling tiles or light bulbs to make everything fit. Some old favorites may come back (Remember Gary's can collection during our Country Stores exhibit) along with new items and treasures that have been stored for years, just waiting for an opportunity to be shared with others.

Gary has been saving history since he was a child. We have all heard that one man's trash is another man's treasure. This old adage fits Gary to a tee. Gary considers himself a collector, not a hoarder, and, in fact, he has even written a brief paper on how he feels about collecting. He plans to organize his exhibit into "themes" such as church, Christmas, the Peter Pan Restaurant, and even secret business records. Uh-oh... As some of you know, Gary has even restored a train caboose, including track, signals, and street lights, but sadly this will not be part of the exhibit as it is bigger than our building and not easily transported.

**NOTE:** The museum is located behind the Senior Center @ the Damascus Library. The museum is open Wednesdays & Saturdays noon to 4:00 pm.



**Gary's Pennsylvania Railroad caboose was restored by Gary and his father in the early 2000's.**



**Here is Gary on top of the Peter Pan in Urbana. It was October 15, 2011, when Gary coerced Ray and Linda Olsen to accompany him to the Peter Pan to retrieve some "small" items he had purchased at the auction the previous day. It took two pickup trucks and three strong men**

## The Upper Room

Please feel free to take a copy of the Upper Room which is kept in the pew hymnal racks in our Sanctuary.

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

## Announcements (cont'd)



**Young @ Heart  
DUMC**

# YOUNG-AT-HEART OUTING

**Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2017**

**Learn to waltz! \$10**

*No experience necessary and you don't even need a partner!*

Get in touch with your inner Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers!

Join us at the **Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom!!**

The afternoon starts off at 2:45 p.m. with a 45-minute introductory waltz lesson, followed by an afternoon of waltzes to live music. Dancing runs from 3:30 to 6 pm but we plan on leaving the ballroom around 5:00 to head next door for dinner at the Irish Inn.

We will meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Kathryn Smith (301-540-1191) so she can make dinner reservations at the Irish Inn. However, last minute attendees are welcome because no reservations are needed for the Spanish ballroom. Pay \$10 at the door as you arrive.



**The Spanish Ballroom** is a beautifully restored 1933 Mediterranean style Art Deco building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.  
7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD



**The Irish Inn** is a traditional pub serving familiar Irish & American comfort food in relaxed rooms or on the deck.  
6119 Tulane Ave. Glen Echo, MD

## Summer Camps for 2017

Remember to check out the Summer Camp selections and calendar for our local UMC locations. These are vibrant places for summer camp programs, retreats and special events. They offer the opportunity for rest and renewal, wonderful vistas, outrageous fun, and opportunities to connect with God and each other. You are invited to explore the beautiful scenery, comfortable facilities, versatile meeting spaces, and warm hospitality that comprise each of these unique settings. The staff is eager and willing to make your next event the best one yet. For more information go to <http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/Home.html>

**Camp Harmison:** A 50-acre camp and retreat site near Berkeley Springs, WV. Located along the banks of Sleepy Creek this site offers quiet, serene surroundings.

**Manikodan Camp and Retreat Center:** Over 300 acres bordered by the Potomac River and C&O Canal (across the river from historic Harpers Ferry, WV). Just 20 miles west of Frederick, MD, and hour from Washington, DC and two hours from Baltimore, MD.

**West River Center:** Located in southern Anne Arundel County, West River is 45 beautiful acres on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Just 20 miles south of Annapolis, MD. And an hour away from both Baltimore and Washington, DC.

**FUN  
FRIENDS**



## Announcements (cont'd)

### 'Tis the Season!

The groundhog notwithstanding, spring will be here before we know it. That means it is time to think about mowing! Although we have many volunteers who mow the church grounds, we could use you, too. The more people volunteer, the less often each has to mow. No experience necessary; safety training will be provided. The church provides the equipment and gas. Please contact Jane Clarke for more information and to volunteer at [jjclarke57@gmail.com](mailto:jjclarke57@gmail.com), 301-253-4913 (home), or 406-599-1591 (cell). Many thanks to our 2016 mowing team!

Also, we are looking for volunteers to tend the many planting beds on the church property. This entails removing sticks and debris, cutting a clean edge around the bed, mulching, and weeding. Contact Lisa Marshall to "adopt" a bed or to tell her that you will maintain the same bed as last year. Her contact info is [lisa.marshall@damascusumc.org](mailto:lisa.marshall@damascusumc.org) or 301-253-5241.



### NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' MEMORY BOOKS

DUMC Family –

Every year, we like to present each High School senior from DUMC with a special binder on Senior Sunday (May/June 2017). These binders can contain photos, favorite memories, Scripture, encouraging words or any other creative pages for your special senior. Pages (hard copy only please) should be 8x11 inches and delivered to Wendy Hembrough by May 8, 2017 in order to be included in the binders. Please feel free to contact family, friends, mentors, teachers, scout leaders, etc. to submit pages for a binder. We are hoping our seniors will find these binders a source of inspiration and comfort throughout the upcoming new chapters of their lives! Thanks in advance for helping us create these special gifts for our graduating seniors.

This year's seniors are:

Tyler Allnutt  
Alyssa Argyropoulos  
Natalia Ceron  
Asley Corbin  
Lauren Dallas  
Caitlyn Dennie  
Amy Dunham  
Clark Farley  
Sydney Fennington  
John Greer  
Jacob Hamrick  
Katherine Hanlon

Alexander Hayden  
Cecelia Hembrough  
Sean Keaner  
Adam Lenker  
Sheridan Maxwell  
Christina Potter  
Olivia Renauer  
Hannah Ward  
Ross Ward

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### 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 prayer box in the Narthex.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at [www.damascusumc.org](http://www.damascusumc.org).



## Announcements (cont'd)



### Important Cemetery Information

Christmas displays will be removed from our Cemetery beginning **Ash Wednesday (March 1)**. Those made of permanent material will be placed at the end of their row under the arborvitae trees where you may recover them. Any display remaining by Easter will be donation to the Thrift Shop.



### Welcoming Wednesday Dinners for March

The **Welcoming Wednesday Dinners** are available in the Church Dining Hall. We serve from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm. The suggested donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. This is a chance to connect with your church family mid-week. It is also a **great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to fellowship at DUMC!**



**February 28:** Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

**March 1:** *Ash Wednesday* - Fried Chicken and fixins'

**March 8:** Macaroni and Cheese, Ham, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Dessert

**March 15:** Parmesan-Crusted Chicken, Garlic Potatoes, Parsley Carrots, Greek Salad, Dessert

**March 22:** Oven-BBQ Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert

**March 29:** Baked Cheese Manicotti, salad, dessert

Like to cook? Want to help this ministry? You can volunteer for only a few hours on Wednesdays. We need helpers for dishwashing, general preparation, cooking and baking. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays, come by during dinners, or email [gabriellehulcher@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellehulcher@gmail.com).

**\*NOTE** – Menus are subject to change.



### Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held  
**Sunday, March 19, 2017**  
**in the Church Parlor.**

*All who have healing needs and prayer requests for others are invited to come for this time of Eucharist (Holy Communion), laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:14-15).*



### Sign Up for Flowers on the New Calendar !

Flowers, as signs of life and beauty, have traditionally been offered to the glory of God to adorn the Sanctuary. The 2017 Flower Calendar is now hanging in the Narthex, in the back of the church. As you come to church, don't forget to stop and sign up to provide flowers for the altar. Please indicate: name, phone number, and whether you are picking up your flowers after church. The earlier

you put in for your special dates, the better! You may order the flowers yourself from the local florist Beall's at 301-253-2840. Any and all questions will be gladly answered by Linda Stastny in the church office.

## Announcements (cont'd)

## Young at Heart Activities - 2017

**March 21, 2017**

### TWO Factory Tours!

- 1) Martin's Chip Factory Tour, Thomasville, PA.
- 2) Harley Davidson Factory Tour, York, PA.

Trip will include touring, tasting & shopping. Both tours are free but you will need \$\$ for lunch on the road. Will depart DUMC at 9 am, returning at 4 pm. [See article on page #4 for more info.](#)



**Sunday, April 2, 2017 2:45 - 6:00 pm \$10**

**Social dance** which features waltz lessons, followed by dancing and live music in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Bethesda. No partner or experience needed. We'll gather for dinner afterwards at the Irish Inn.

**Contact person:** Kathryn Smith 301-540-1191

**Saturday, May 6 12 - 4 p.m.**

### Catoctin Furnace Spring Arts & Crafts Festival.

Food, live music, demonstrations, heirloom plants, tours, baked goods and handmade arts & crafts.

**Contact person:** Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

### JUNE

Tour of **Brookside Gardens and Wings of Fancy Butterfly House**, Wheaton. Lunch afterwards nearby. Date TBD.

**Contact person:**

Sharon Walton / 301-253-4860.



**Wednesday, June 28:**

Potluck Lunch and Fellowship at the **Tea Room, Gambrill State Park**, Frederick, MD.

**Contact person:** Jane Webb / 240-620-6920



### JULY

**Frederick Keys Baseball Game.**  
Date TBD.

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



**Thursday, August 10**

**Annapolis Bay Cruise 11:00– 3:00 \$45**

Cruise the Chesapeake Bay, see historic lighthouses and hear tales of smuggling and piracy on the Chesapeake Bay. Time afterward to explore historic Annapolis.

**Contact person:** Sue Constantinides / 301-651-1178.

**Sunday, August 20**

**Picnic & Swimming** at the home of Bill & Lora Maynard, Damascus.

**Contact persons:** Lora & Bill Maynard / 301-461-0850.

### SEPTEMBER

**Pontoon Ride at Blackhills**

**Park** in Clarksburg with dinner to follow. More info to come.

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



### OCTOBER

**"Steam into History,"** 1860's replica steam locomotive Civil War train ride, New Freedom, PA.

**Contact person:** Sandra Malley / 301-518-2220

### NOVEMBER

**Museum of the Bible**, Washington, DC. A 430,000 sq. ft. museum that invites all people to engage in the Bible. Scheduled for completion this fall, grand opening is advertised for November, 2017!

**Contact person:** Sandra Malley / 301-518-2220

### DECEMBER

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

**Coordinator/Contact person needed for this event to take place.** Call Ted, Sue or Jane to volunteer.

Sight and Sound Theater's **Miracle of Christmas**, Ronks, PA.

**Contact person:** Sue Constantinides / 301-651-1178.



## Office Information

### PLEASE NOTE:

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## Administrative Meetings For March, 2017

- March 1 Office Staff Meeting  
10:00 am in the Annex/CR
- March 2 First Thursday Ministries Meeting  
7:00 pm in the **Sanctuary**  
▶ Trustees Meeting to follow  
in the **Great Hall/back**  
▶ Children's Ministry Meeting to  
follow in the **Sacristy**
- March 12 UMYFO Meeting  
4:00 pm in the Annex
- March 17 Technology Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm in the Annex
- March 20 Harwood House Meeting  
1:30 pm at Harwood House
- March 23 Administrative Board Meeting  
7:00 pm in the Dining Hall/back

## IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE APRIL BEACON WILL BE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

(For Beacon to publish on Sunday, March 26).

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

## 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 for the day at 4:00 p.m. Additionally,

Pastor David is off on Fridays.

Pastor Amanda is off on Tuesdays.

Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

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

*Thank you !*

## Reminder:



Daylight

Savings

Time

Starts Sunday, March 12.

Remember to set your clocks one hour  
AHEAD before you go to bed Saturday night!

## 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**  
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**Amanda McMurtrey, ext. #104**  
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They can also help connect you to a Stephen Minister.

**Pray for Jane Webb, Doug Goldup and family** with the passing of **Marianne** (Jane Webb's step-mom) on Monday, February 20. A Memorial service will be held here at DUMC on Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 am.

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **David Bellefleur** (Hank's brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Linne Carrier**, **Ann Cochran**, **Don Cosman**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Anita Duvall** (recovering from a torn meniscus surgery), **Pat Duvall**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Patsy Kressig** (Judy's mom), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson's brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back surgery), **Larry Mullinix** (recovering from brain surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law) liver disease and candidate for a transplant, **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield) undetermined medical issues, **Randy Smith** (Sally Boyer Smith's husband) recovering from heart surgery, **Dorothy Stull**, at home under hospice care, **Karen Taylor** (recovering from a broken collarbone), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), **Mary Walcek** (recovering from infected wound on leg), **Bill Walcott**, and **Matthew Works** (Nick's brother) surgery and radiation on spine tumors.

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer** including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Linne Carrier**, **Mickey Cochran**, **Natalie Cosman** (Don & Rita's granddaughter), **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willia 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) and **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle).

**Continue to pray for all who serve in the military:** The following are stationed in the United States: **John Clayton** – Army (Cathy Heinbaugh's brother), **Thomas LaMaster** – Navy (Ted & Esther Samakouris' grandson), **Gregory Lee** – Army (Cara Hardick Lee's husband), **Benjamin J. Saunders** – Navy (son of Connie Ross), **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly), and **Kossi (Alfred) Setodji** –Army (son of Philip and Mary Davi Avudutu).

## 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  
**VBS Registration Form**

(Pre-K (age 4) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**July 24 - 28, 2017 / 9:00 am - 12:15 pm**

(Please fill out one form for each FAMILY, and return it to the church office:  
DUMC, Attn: VBS, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD 20872)

Suggested donation: \$30 / child

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

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Friends of Your Child\* \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Please list additional friends of additional children on the back)

**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.

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

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

Name of Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information - Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS:

Person #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Person #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Other Info (For Church Use Only)**

Hero Group \_\_\_\_\_

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with VBS Hero Central? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

## Giving to Others during Lent - 2017 Sunday School Mission Project

Instead of “giving up” something for Lent, once again this year we are encouraging our Sunday School classes to “give to others” by bringing in food items to help needy families in our area. We want to help stock the shelves of Damascus Help in preparation for spring and summer needs.

We would like our students to do extra tasks or chores to earn money towards the food donations they will give each week. Then, it would be great if the children could help select their favorite foods to buy and donate to Damascus Help.

You can donate food items too! All basic, non-perishable foods with valid expiration dates are welcome. Please join us in “giving to others” during Lent.

For the children, each week of Lent will have a special focus for donations based on the current needs of Damascus Help's food pantry.

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|------------------------|---|
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>  | - Peanut butter and <b>GRAPE</b> jelly,<br>tea bags                       |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup> | - Spaghetti sauce and pasta,<br>baby diapers (size 3, 4 & 5 needed most!) |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup> | - Hot or Cold Cereal,<br>canned fruit                                     |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup> | - Bars of soap, individually wrapped,<br>toilet paper                     |
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | - Canned meat, canned tuna,<br>canned mixed vegetables                    |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | - Laundry detergent,<br>baby diapers (size, 3, 4 or 5)                    |

Damascus Help always welcomes gift cards to Weis, Safeway or Walmart.

Thank you and God bless you!