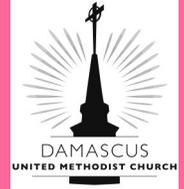


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Grace and Peace,

It is soon time for me to begin my retirement and for Amanda to begin her next appointment. Though the time is short, however, there is still much to share together, and I am looking forward to sharing some powerful experiences with you.

In worship alone, we have Senior Sunday during which our graduating seniors will lead us and share their messages with us. Mother's Day/Woman's Day follows and the women of the church will guide us. Pentecost is the third week of May. The sanctuary will be decked out in red, the brass players will get our toes tapping, and we will serve each other the Lord's Supper. Our confirmands have their special dinner and service Pentecost Eve and then these newest members will help lead our Pentecost experience. That will make a special day even more special! May concludes with our annual Memorial Day service followed by a pot-luck picnic and service of remembrance. Add in baptisms and a dedication of the restored harp stop for the organ and you can see that there is no Sunday this month you want to miss, nor do I. Don't forget the Children's Musical on May 16.

June includes a Mission Sunday, a taste of the music prepared for the Choir Tour, and the Men's Retreat, which I look forward to leading again this year. Amanda's last Sunday with us is June 10. She will be bringing the message that day with a farewell planned between services in the Great Hall. You will want to be sure to be there to send her forth with your best wishes.

On Sunday, June 17, we change to our summer schedule. This means that there is **one service only at 9:30**. That will be true for the rest of June, and all of July and August. Beginning June 17, **one service only at 9:30**. I know I just said that. I just want to make sure you noticed it. That Sunday will also be my last Sunday with you. I don't want to tip my message, but I plan for that morning to be epic. I hope you can join me.

Vacation Bible School is July 23-27. This is a huge event prepared for our children. I am very happy to announce that Cora Horst, director of our Pleasant Plains Preschool, has been hired now through September to direct the VBS, add programming to our children's ministry, and assure the Sunday School is ready for a strong beginning in the fall. Children's ministry is an area we want to add to and strengthen. Cora is providing the leadership we need during this time of transition as the new pastors, in conjunction with the Children's Ministry team and the Administrative Board, develop a long-range plan. The church will benefit from her talents.

I have been meeting with your new pastor, Rev. Kathryn Woodrow, working with her on transition issues and

preparing for the passing of the baton. The more I have gotten to know her the more I am convinced that you are going to be in capable hands. She is going to serve you well, and you are going to love and enjoy her. As I am writing this, no announcement has yet been made about who the new associate pastor will be. It is possible that by the time you read this, that announcement will have been made. When the person is known, he or she will also be included in transition planning so that your new team will be ready July 1. Our Lay Leader, Vanessa Leiby, and staff-parish team members are working hard coordinating a smooth change of hands. My thanks to them for the care they are giving this process.

I'm leaving but am not gone. The next weeks are loaded with great things. Stay close.

Yours in Christ,

David

PASTORAL CELEBRATIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

As we prepare for the upcoming changes in our pastoral leadership, we want to take the time to celebrate and thank David and Amanda for their wonderful leadership and welcome our new pastors into the fold. Please note the following special dates and plan to participate to show our gratitude for a job well done and support for our new leadership team. More information will be forthcoming.

Vanessa Leiby, Lay Leader,
Staff-Parrish Relations Committee Chair

May 5: 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Pastor David's Retirement Party (Celebrating 41 Years of Ministry)

June 10: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Pastor Amanda's Farewell and Send Off

June 17: 10:30 am

Pastor David's Farewell and Send Off

July 1: 10:30 am

Pastor Kathryn and Associate Pastor Welcome Meet and Greet Reception

Pastor Transitions

One of the greatest challenges for an incoming Pastor is figuring out who everyone is and what they participate in at our church, so our staff is working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible for all. Please help us to make this possible.

By now all church members should have received an email with an attachment, "Getting to Know You - Personal Profile Page." It is a simplified document that allows each family to fill in some basic info and add a picture. We will compile these into binders for our new clergy. Please take a few minutes to download, fill-out and return this document to us. Please return the attached document, completed, via email to: office@damascusumc.org by **Friday, May 11!** Please also contact the office if you need to receive the documents.

If you need help, Jane Webb will be available in the Connections Cafe between services on May 6.

NOTE: The informal directory will be for the Pastors only. It will NOT be a directory that we will distribute to the congregation or the public.



United Methodist Women News

The **Susanna JOY** Circle
will meet **May 14**

VIA INTERNET, check your Email.

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

Pray this day for work in Haiti, Utica NY
Ketchikan Alaska, & Jerusalem Israel,

Birthday greetings sent to Kristin Brown, Jerusalem



The WWJD Circle
will meet **Thursday, May 17**
at **7:30 pm** in the **Great Hall**.

We will welcome Renea Yates (Kathy Jones' sister-in-law) who is the Deputy Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery. Renea will be presenting an historical overview and look at current operations at the cemetery where our nation buries over 7000 service members, veterans and their eligible dependents annually. Renea's daughter Caroline will present her Girl Scout Gold Award Project which provides young visitors a guide to explore several historic figures who served our nation.

This should be a very interesting program and the circle encourages anyone who has an interest to join us.

*The Men of DUMC and male friends,
family & neighbors are invited for a*



Men's Night Out for May

**Contact Ted Ross for more
information at 301-704-7992.**

“Shampoos for the Center” Help Women in Need

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

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

Prayer Requests

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to write any prayer requests on the prayer cards located in the pews.

Prayer cards should then be placed in the offering plate.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at

www.damascusumc.org.

ATTENTION ALL MEN! ANNUAL SPRING MEN'S RETREAT

HALLOWOOD RETREAT CENTER,
COMUS, MARYLAND
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 8 & 9, 2018



Mark your Calendar and Sign Up now !!!

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

Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men

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

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

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

Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men

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



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (cell) _____ (home) _____

E-mail address: (Please print legibly) _____

Any dietary restrictions: _____

Transportation : I can drive (# passengers I can transport _____) I need a ride

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

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

**JOIN OUR YOUNG-AT-HEART MAY OUTING!
National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
in Emmitsburg, MD**

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Carpool will leave DUMC at 9:00 am

Lunch at 12:30 at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont

Built in 1875, the National Shrine is one of the oldest replicas of the Lourdes shrine in France. Be blessed as you enjoy the leisurely paved walk through the Stations of the Cross, the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, the statues and sculptures of holy men and women, the Corpus Christi Chapel and the beautiful gardens and fountains. Bring your own container to collect the fresh filtered Grotto spring water, which is considered to be "holy water." You will discover first-hand why this peaceful location is visited by so many and is used as a place of prayer and devotion. You will leave feeling refreshed. There will also be time to visit the gift shop afterward.



RSVP to Sue Constantinides by Sunday, May 20th
Home: 301-253-6591/ Cell: 301-651-1178 or suehcon@yahoo.com

**All-Church Picnic
and Memorial Day Observance**



On Sunday, May 27 we will have our Annual All-Church Picnic immediately following the 11 am service. This is a potluck picnic so we are asking everyone to bring a dish to share. After we have had a chance to eat and socialize, we will have a Memorial Day Observance, remembering and honoring those who have given their lives in service to our country. David will share thoughts, scripture, and prayer. All will have a chance to participate in the singing of patriotic songs.

This is an event for all ages! Bring a favorite dish to put out. Eat. Visit with friends. Meet new friends. Honor those who have given the highest sacrifice. Paper products and beverages will be provided. The picnic and observance will take place in the pavilion.

Not going home first? No problem. Picnic attire is welcome in worship!

DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SPRING SCHEDULE

Youth Chapel
Sundays @ 9:30 am
Breakfast/Music/Classes by age*

***NOTE: Will end for the Summer on 5/27**

May 2018 - Youth Fellowship
Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm
Includes Dinner and an Activity

Sunday 5/6

Senior Sunday and Movie Night: Avengers @ Regal

Sunday 5/13

Mother's Day - No Youth Fellowship

Sunday 5/20

Pic-Nic and Kickball Palozza!

Sunday 5/27

Memorial Day Weekend - No Youth Fellowship

June 2018 - Youth Fellowship
Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm
Includes Dinner and an Activity

Sunday 6/3

Pool Party at Nardone Home

Sunday 6/10

CWS Practice

Sunday 6/17

CWS on Tour

Sunday 6/24

CWS on Tour

Sunday

Youth Praise Band
Sundays @ 3:30 pm
Will resume in the Fall

Youth Bell Choir
Will resume in the Fall

Charles Wesley
Singers Practice
***Refer to Tour rehearsal schedule**

Youth Puppets
Will resume in the Fall

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



NEXT UMYFO
MEETING

Sunday, May 20

@ 4:00 pm

in the Church Office.

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

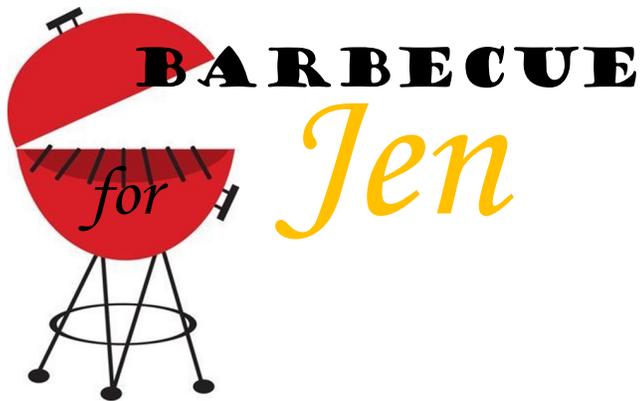
Worship Arts News and Events

May 2018

Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

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



A retelling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son,
but with a Prodigal Daughter

Children's Musical at
Damascus United
Methodist Church
Wednesday,
May 16, 2018 – 7 pm
Great Hall

6 pm BBQ Dinner –
bring sides and dessert to share



WEDNESDAYS

4:15 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** - ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Puppet troupe for elem. students 2nd grade and up

4:30 pm **Cherubs** Great Hall/Back Half (30-minute session)

Choir for children 4 ½ years old to 1st grade led by Lydia Turner-Little

5:00 pm **Youth Puppets** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Puppets/drama for 6th grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder

5:00 pm **Choristers** Choir Room (60-minute session)

Choir for children 2nd to 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige
(with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)

6:00 pm **Inspiration Ringers** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Handbells for students 2nd to 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige

7:00 pm **Men's Choir** Great Hall/Stage

For all male changed voices, directed by Curt Shiflett with Kathryn Smith, piano

7:00 pm **Women's Ensemble** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Singing technique session with Polly Baldrige includes working on
music for Women's Choir

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Choir Room

SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige
with Stephen Kalnoske, accom.

SUNDAYS

3:30 pm **Youth Praise Band** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

All instruments and vocals needed for this student-led group facilitated by
Polly and Tom Baldrige

4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Handbells for youth 6th to 12th grades led by Tom Baldrige

4:00 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Choir Room

SATB choir for 6th to 12th grades and up led by Polly Baldrige with accompanist Stephen Kalnoske

MONDAYS

7:30 pm **Ring of Joy** ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Adult 5-octave Handbell ensemble led by Polly Baldrige

END OF YEAR ENSEMBLE EVENTS

**End of the Year Children's Worship
Arts Celebration/Recognition**

CHERUBS | CHORISTERS |
| INSPIRATION RINGERS |
| COLORFUL HANDS OF JESUS |
YOUTH PUPPETS

Wednesday, May 23

4:30 pm – separate parties for Cherubs and
upper elementary ensembles

5:15 pm – recognition ceremony in Great Hall
for all children who participated in Cherubs,
Choristers, Inspiration Ringers,
and Colorful Hands of Jesus –
families and friends please attend.

Final Rehearsal of the Season

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesday, May 23

7:30 pm – reflect on the year, share ideas
for next year, enjoy a preview of summer
anthems, and bring a dessert or
refreshment to share with the group.

Worship Arts News and Events (cont'd)

May 2018

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

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



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

Galatians 3: 27-28

UNITY CONCERTS

Charles Wesley Singers – Damascus United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Angel Choir In Concert

From First Presbyterian Church, Granville, OH



Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 pm

Damascus UMC Sanctuary

6 pm: Welcoming Wednesday Night Dinner

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

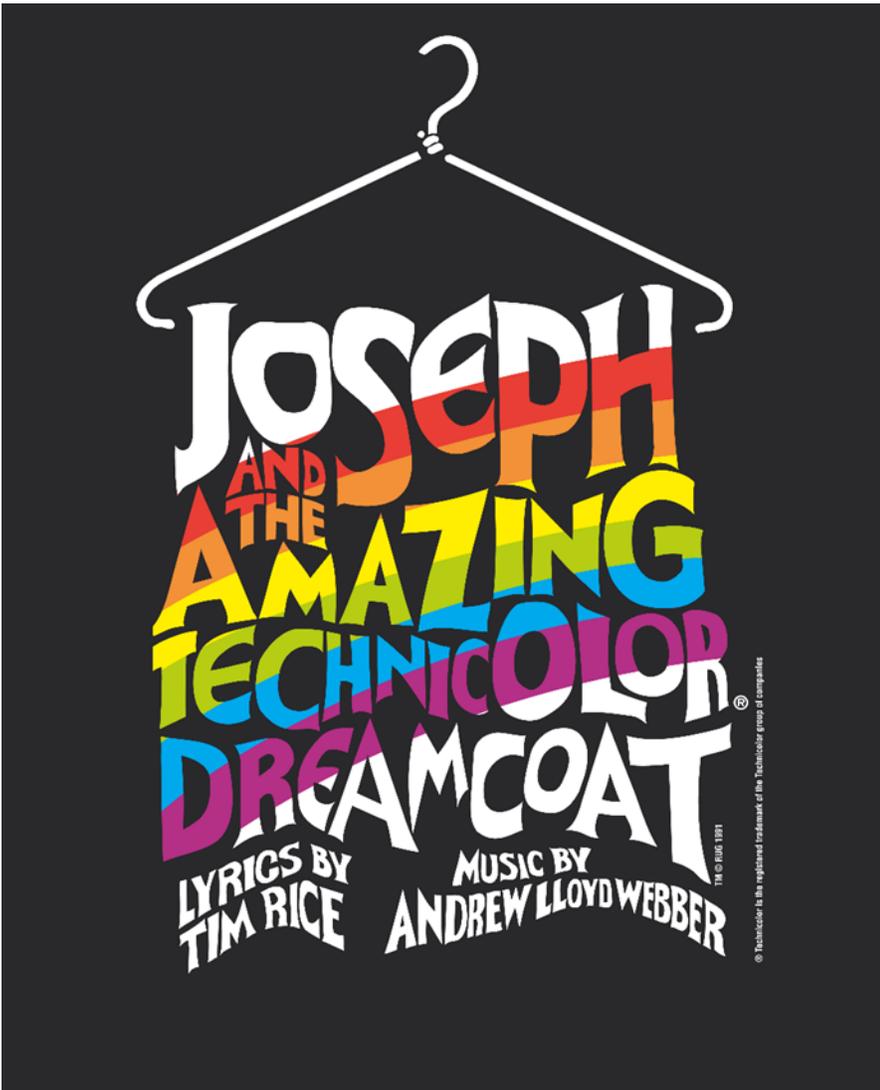


Charles Wesley Singers Tour Homecoming Concert

Wednesday, June 27, at 7 pm

Damascus UMC Sanctuary

Free-Will Offering to benefit



**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT –**
All youth, children, and adults
invited to join the cast and crew.

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

2018

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

PERFORMANCES

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

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

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

Polly Baldrige, director

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

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

Name: _____

Best way to reach you

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Desired roles/jobs: _____

CAST ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE BY JUNE 8

Please contact Polly with any questions!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

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

- **Volunteering at Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations**
- **Plant and Flower sale April 28--May 13**
- **Mission Sunday June 3, 2018**
- **Habitat Work week July 8-13, 2018**
- **VIM trip—Fall**
- **Nicaragua & possible Kenya trips next winter**

A Heart for Serving Others — what we did during Lent!

Posted on the walls of the hallway: 140 hearts by children, youth, and adults. Thank you for having a heart that serves others! Some of the acts of service we did as a congregation:

Cleaning; baking treats & making meals; visiting/entertaining people in the hospital, at home or in nursing homes; volunteering at schools; driving people to grocery stores and doctors; donating food; praying for others; sending cards & flowers; cemetery care; working at Harwood House; sewing; helping community children with homework and transportation; donating school supplies for immigrant children; funeral luncheon work; service in community non-profits/helping organizations; handyman work for neighbors; cleaning trash on road-sides; listening & supporting others; delivered furniture to young people; volunteer teaching; collecting items for shelters and homeless vets; volunteer with community youth organizations; donated blood. **Our acts of service help others to see God's love for them.**

Volunteers in Missions Fall trip

The trip is in the planning stages—late September, early October. We will have a first-team meeting for all who would like to participate June 24 after the 9:30 am worship service—meeting in the Annex. Call Carol Yocum to make your interest known: 301-788-6446.

Habitat opportunity

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

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

There will be a pre-trip meeting in the basement of the Annex on Monday, June 11 at 7pm.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information. You can email me at anita.duvall@fda.hhs.gov or call/text 240-485-7650. Please include your name in any message.

Toiletry donations for the Frederick Women's Shelter

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

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
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Thank You's

- Thanks to those who give over and above their DUMC financial commitment to support mission projects.
- Thanks to all who volunteer for helping with the plant sale: this mission ministry pays for people to go on mission trips and provides supplies for VIM experiences.
- Thanks to Ron Adams for his AV and tech help with missions speakers.

From Damascus HELP in March

Thanks to the following groups and individuals for food donations made in February: Cedar Grove Elementary School, Rockwell Elementary School, Hallie Wells Middle School, Damascus United Methodist Church, Safeway and Weis.

In February Damascus HELP made 42 food deliveries serving 150 people, helped 14 families with financial assistance, five families with household items, and gave one person a ride to an appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities: Damascus HELP is looking for additional volunteers. We need Officers of the Day (answering the phone from home), food drivers (taking food to individuals), and individuals to pick up food donations. We have a great need for transportation drivers who would take clients to their doctors' appointments. There is also a need for furniture delivery teams to deliver furniture from one location to another in their truck. We are looking for a recording secretary to take notes at the Board meeting. It needs to be noted that we cannot have volunteers under 18 as our insurance does not cover this age group. If interested in any of these opportunities, please contact HELP at 301-253-4100 or dh20872@aol.com.

Pray for:

- **Nan McCurdy & husband, Miguel Mairena** in the Western Jurisdiction, soon to be reassigned to a new mission ministry by the General Board in Pueblo, Mexico.
- The primary **school children at Ndere Orphans School**, Gem, Kenya
- Joint Partners Clinic in Kenya which meets the medical needs of many families
- The **homeless women** served by the Laytonsville Safe Haven and the Frederick shelter
- For the **people in remote villages of eastern Nicaragua** served by the team which includes Dr. Belinda Forbes, UM missionary and dentist.
- **Amanda Jones-Dominguez, Nicaragua**, in the final weeks of her pregnancy with her second child.
- For the **people being helped though UMCOR** after natural disasters
- The continued work of UMCOR, who just awarded more than \$46 million in support of disaster relief and recovery, global health projects and sustainable development, all made possible by your gifts!

DUMC's Annual Flower & Plant Sale begins

Saturday, April 28 – Sunday, May 13

Hours: Saturdays & Sundays,

9 am - 5 pm

Weekdays, 5 pm - 8 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 13. This is a very successful fundraiser for the mission programs in the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering. Please contact Kathy Jones at 301-580-4591 or kathyjonesrgpm@gmail.com to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to earn credit to use when they go on mission trips.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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NAN McCURDY AND MIGUEL MAIRENA, Global Ministries missionaries we have supported for many years, are being deployed for a new assignment. They are headed to Pueblo, Mexico to work with the organization Give Ye Them to Eat. The purpose is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their basic needs by providing training on different kinds of appropriate technologies, sustainable agriculture, and health. For example, many in this region lost their homes in the latest earthquake. The staff is training people to make straw-bale homes that are more earthquake resistant than bricks or blocks. They also will be hosting many for VIM-type experiences.

Nan and Miguel have worked as missionaries for thirty years, primarily in Nicaragua. Most recently they have been leading mission efforts in the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

What Is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

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

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

Do you or someone you know need help? Please call Pastor Janet Cornelius at 240-418-0516 or contact the office at DUMC at 301-253-0022.



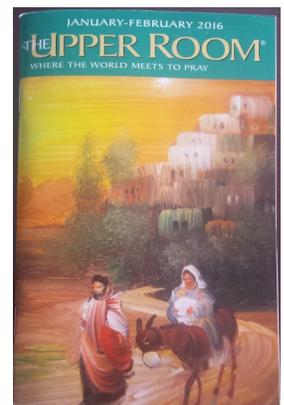
Sunday, May 20 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for this service held monthly, **now in our beautiful and renovated Boyer Chapel**. This service is a time for sharing Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:14-16a). All are invited and you may come to ask for healing for others.

The Chapel is located at the entryway to the DUMC cemetery. Parking is available between the chapel and the Thrift Shop.

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!

Announcements

Confirmation Service Saturday, May 19 @ 7:30 pm

All persons of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the confirmation service and stand witness as this year's confirmation class affirms their faith in Jesus Christ. It is a special night you will want to witness and celebrate!

Earth Stewards Street Clean-Up Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 am



If you have noticed the litter along Woodfield Road near Safeway and the Post Office, now is your chance to do something about it. Our first clean-up after snow melts is always a big one. We will pick up the litter along Woodfield Road from Bethesda Church all the way to 27 and it usually takes less than 2 hours. We have gloves, orange vests, trash bags, and pick-up sticks. The group will meet in the parking lot near Woodfield Road at 8 am on Saturday so we can divide and conquer! If you would like to join us, please let Jeff Heinbaugh know so he can contact you in case of inclement weather. heinbjc@comcast.net or 301-253-0742.



Harwood House Thrift Shop

Spring has finally arrived and just in time for Mother's Day! Please stop by the Thrift Shop to see our many selections of gift's for that special lady in your life!

Spring items are also available to help beautify your home or yard. Thank You to all who help in this ministry!

URGENT NEED - Mowing Team Volunteers!

The current mowing team members are in need of additional help, this season, **male or female**, as we are an equal opportunity team!

- Cutting time takes about 10 hours total to tractor cut (6 hrs.), push mower (trim) and weed whack (3 hrs.) a week.
- Our goal is to have 3 mowers scheduled per week and no one to mow more than 1 x a month, so we need 12 reliable mowers plus a couple alternates to cover for the unexpected.
- We are asking for 3 hours, one time a month, so that the others do not have to mow 6 to 9 hours just to keep our lawn under control.



The mowing team has given generously these past several seasons, and we need your help to make the load lighter.

Please prayerfully consider helping your fellow church members be able to enjoy more of their weekends, and all the members enjoy the beauty of the church grounds.

Please contact Grounds Supervisor Steve Rice at #301-466-7777 and/or Lisa Marshall at #301-253-5241 to express your interest.



Announcements (cont'd)



Come to a Garden Party!

Join your fellow DUMC members for a garden clean-up and mulch day on Saturday, May 19 from 9 AM to 5 PM! Mulch and wheelbarrow will be provided. Please bring appropriate tools for weeding, edging, and mulching. If you have adopted a bed in the past, you can tend that one first. If not, let's start with the beds in the front of the church. We will start with some donuts and then break for a pizza lunch. Please bring your own gloves.

Please contact Lisa Marshall for more information at lisa.marshall@damascusumc.org or 301-253-5241 (cell). A little rain will not cancel this. In case of torrential rain and thunderstorms, we will do it on May 26. DUMC can look like this with your help!



Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry Monday, April 16 at 12:30 pm in the Annex (Church Office)

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

Welcoming Wednesday Dinners !!!

May 2: Teriyaki Chicken, Asian baked rice and veggies,
Mixed greens salad, & strawberry cake

Our last Welcoming Wednesday Dinner
date before we break for summer will be **June 6.**

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

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

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

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



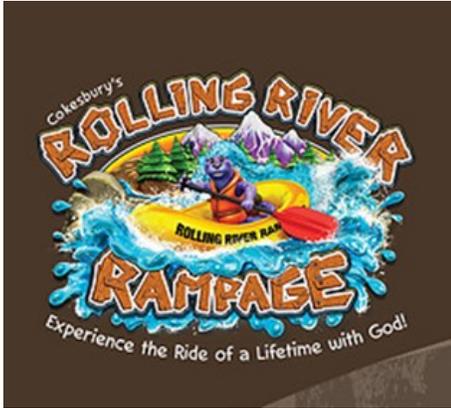
The Connections Café

DUMC's Coffee Hour Held Sunday mornings between services.

Come and enjoy a hot mug, a few nibbles, and relaxed fellowship. All are welcome.

Reminder: We always welcome more hands to assist, even if it is just **an hour here and there on any given Sunday.** We would also be grateful for food donations like baked goods and fresh fruit. Just stop in and speak with either Marcia Hofman or Gloria Maready to sign up to help and/or provide food. We could use you!

Announcements (cont'd)



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

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

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

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

Register Now!!!

VBS Registration form for CHILDREN is on Page # 18 of this Beacon.

YOUTH HELPER Registration Forms are on Page #23 of this Beacon.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPONSORED BY NEEMA KENYA MISSIONS



Date: Saturday, June 9
 Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (set-up at 8:00 am)
 Place: DUMC Front Lawn

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

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

RESERVATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT CHURCH OFFICE

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OF SPACES _____ # OF TABLES _____ TOTAL _____

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

Announcements (cont'd)

NEWS RELEASE FOR ACADEMY OF ST. CECILIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA — SPRING 2018



The Academy of St. Cecilia Youth Orchestra is excited about its upcoming concerts in the beginning of May. Connected to the 100th year celebration of American composer Leonard Bernstein on August 18, 2018, the Youth Orchestra will be presenting an orchestra arrangement of his most popular musical, *West Side Story*.

The concert series includes:

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| Friday, May 4, 7:30 pm | Pathways Baptist Church
200 West Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg
Prep Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Youth Orchestra |
| Saturday, May 5, 7:30 pm | Damascus High School Auditorium,
25921 Ridge Road, Damascus
Flute Choir, Symphonic Band, Youth Orchestra |
| Sunday, May 6, 3:00 pm | Weinberg Center for the Arts
20 West Patrick Street, Frederick
Flute Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Youth Orchestra & Senior Solos |
| Tuesday May 8, 6:30 pm | Damascus United Methodist Church, Great Hall
9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD
Beginning Band, Prep Orchestra and Symphonic Band |

These concerts are free and are part of our 17th year of celebration. The Academy of St. Cecilia Youth Orchestra founded on September 11, 2001 continues to serve the musical needs of Montgomery, Frederick, and Carroll County youth.

Senior solos this semester include Kate Miller, violin, playing *Praeludium and Allegro* by Fritz Kreisler; Megan Tatum, cello, playing *Kol Nidrei* by Max Bruch; Lianne Barwell, playing the first movement of Mozart's *First Concerto for Flute in G*; Uma Vishnubhotla, flute, playing *Meditation* from *Thais* by Jules Massenet; Bryce Taylor, piano, Josiah Hardy, clarinet, and Hayden Camaron, trumpet, playing George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The DUMC Blood Drive is
Thursday, May 17, from 1:00 - 6:30 pm
in the church Dining Hall



Please check your calendars and **sign up**. Walk-ins may not be able to fit into the schedule so we strongly recommend making appointments. The shortest waiting times tend to be for those with appointments between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: Damascus UMC MD to schedule your life-saving donation!

Thank you to all who have participated in the blood drives at DUMC in the past. We have a terrific community of donors and volunteers!

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare for the blood drive. Please contact Cathy Heinbaugh 301-253-0742 or cheinbaugh@comcast.net if you are able to help. Thank you for helping us save lives ! !

Announcements (cont'd)

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

Sunday Night Gatherings - 8:00 pm - ? pm

Every Sunday Night from May 20 - August 5

Location will be announced weekly.

Christian Fellowship and Conversation.

Contact Tom Baldrige at 301-802-4775 for
additional information or to volunteer to host a gathering.



Young at Heart Activities - 2018

Wednesday, May 23 - Depart DUMC @ 9:00 am
Visit to the **National Shrine, Emmittsburg, MD** with a meal afterwards at Mountain Gate restaurant. See page # 5 of this Beacon for more info.
Contact person: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

Thursday, July 12 7:00 pm
Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. Seeking Justice—A Living History Presentation featuring the re-enactment of Eleanor Roosevelt (as part of the Chatauqua Series). Free Admission.

Sunday, July 22 12:00 noon
Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre, Rockville Campus. We will see West Side Story. Buffet lunch starts at noon, play at 2:00 pm. Contact Person: Sandra Malley - 301-518-2220.

JUNE, 2018 (RE-SCHEDULED) Date & Time TBD
National Museum of Civil War Medicine.
Will include a one-hour guided tour with extra time afterward to explore. Will join together for lunch afterward in Frederick at Opa Greek Restaurant.
Contact person: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

Saturday, June 30 6:30 pm
Don't strike out! Hit a home run when you join us for an evening with the Frederick Keys. For more information contact a former washed up high school and college player
Mike Springirth at 240-832-2404.



Friday, October 5 12:30 pm
Maryland Fleet Week 3 hr. boat tour of Baltimore Harbor and Thunderbird Airshow.
RSVP'S WILL BE NEEDED BY AUGUST, 2018.
Contact: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

NOVEMBER, 2018 Date and Time TBD
Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and lunch.
Contact person: Sue Constantinides / 301-253-6591

DECEMBER, 2018 Date and Time TBD
Traditional Young at Heart Christmas Dinner & Party, held at DUMC, Dining Room
Coordinator/CONTACT PERSON NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT to take place. Call Sue or Jane to volunteer.

NOTE: Young at Heart activities are open to all adults in our church and community. We try to plan a variety of events that appeal to people, but please feel free to make suggestions, and possibly sponsor or co-sponsor an event. Contact Sue, Sandra or Jane.

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

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

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

(Please fill out one form for each family, and return it to the Resource Room
or the Church Office: DUMC, Attn: VBS, 9700 New Church St., Damascus, MD 20872)

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

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

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address : _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Work (specify person) _____

Allergies (please indicate which child) *(Our kitchen staff will purchase the snacks and drinks that will be served during VBS, and peanut-related items will not be bought. However, if your child has severe food allergies, it would be best for you to send in a snack each day for your child. We are not able to guarantee a complete peanut-free kitchen.)*

Other concerns or **requests for class placement** (sometimes there are 2 classes/grade)

In case of an emergency, I give permission for Shady Grove Hospital to treat my child/children for any accident or injury that occurs during VBS for any accident or injury that occurs while attending Vacation Bible School.

Name of Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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

1. A donation of **\$30** per child is requested at the time of registration or may be made during the week of Vacation Bible School to help offset our costs. Cash, or checks made out to Damascus UMC, are greatly appreciated.
2. Our kitchen staff will purchase the snacks and drinks that will be served during VBS, and peanut-related items will not be bought. However, if your child has severe food allergies, it would be best for you to send in a snack each day for your child. We are not able to guarantee a complete peanut-free kitchen.
3. Our primary mode of communication to parents will be via email, which is why we request your email address. A week before VBS, you'll receive an email indicating the class to which your child is assigned and the classroom location.
4. If you would like to volunteer to co-teach or help with a class or booth during VBS, please send an email to Cora Horst, cora1214@verizon.net. Adult helpers are most welcome! You will need to complete Safe Sanctuary training and associated forms, so please sign up early. You can also volunteer to be a floater to help for one, two, or more days during VBS as your schedule allows. Thanks!
5. We welcome **Youth helpers** (grades 6th -12th) to help us during Vacation Bible School. Students can earn SSL hours, and have a great time helping the children. Youth helpers need to complete a *Youth Helper Registration* form and a *Safe Sanctuary Covenant Statement* form, which are available in the Resource Room and online at <http://damascusumc.org>.

Feel free to contact Cora Horst at (301) 253-5878
or email her at cora1214@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Thank You's

The family of Louise Mullinix wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of food that we received during the recent illness and death of our loved one. Your kindness gave us support and comfort during a difficult time.

Robert Mullinix and Mary Lou Leishear



DUMC,

Thank you for your prayers since April 6 for my shoulder surgery. I continue to recover at home with family support and weekly physical therapy. I expect 3 - 4 more weeks of rest and treatments before returning to work.

Bless you all, DUMC Staff and Congregation

Sincerely, Jim Maggio



Thank you to the DUMC congregation for your continued support of Damascus HELP. You and your congregation are following our Lord's command to help the less fortunate in this world.

Doug Noble

Chairman Damascus HELP Food Committee



**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!**

Altar Flowers for 2018

A sign-up notebook to provide altar flowers for this year has been placed in the rack in the narthex next to the Welcome Station. The sooner you sign up for your special dates, the better!

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

Blossoms and Basket at 301-829-8300
or Beall's at 301-253-2840

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

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



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.

Your Connection to Care

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



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



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

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Pray for the Ouyporn family with the passing of Joanna Ouyporn on April 23, wife of Wee and mother of Jennifer and Joshua Ouyporn.

Pray for Jeanette Long's family with her passing on March 24 in Frederick.

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

Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer including **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Linne Carrier**, **Mickey Cochran**, **Melinda Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Natalie Cosman** (Don & Rita's granddaughter), **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Ethel Frear**, **JP Feuillet**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Jan LaDuke** (Julie Kinnaman's cousin), **Leroy** (friend of the Malley's going thru kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister) **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle) and **Matt Works** (Nick's brother).

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

Did you know?



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

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

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

Return this form no later than June 24, 2018

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

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

Grade Entering (6-12) _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Allergies or other concerns _____

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

Name of Doctor _____ Telephone # _____
Emergency Contact _____ Telephone# _____

As a youth helper for VBS, I understand that:

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

Signed (youth): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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