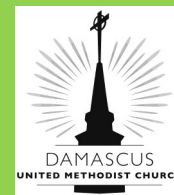


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THE BEACON

MAY 2019



Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

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Dear Damascus Congregation,

Wow! It seems as if it was not too long ago that we were celebrating the Advent and now we are recovering from Lent and celebrating the Resurrection. Time certainly flies when you're on an adventure with God. Well, I'm tremendously grateful for the Lenten experience, the series, the fasting, the journey on "The Way," and reading the reflections in the Lenten booklet. My hope is that Lent was as much a blessing for you as well and I would be remiss, if I didn't say thank you to Pastor Kathryn for the awesome Lenten study. As I am giving accolades, thank you Polly and the music ministry for bringing us into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and Holy Week and leading us in the celebration of the Resurrection. A shout out to the first-year confirmation class for leading the Easter Sunrise Service celebration. Last but not least, thank you Pastor Tyree Newman and the Friendship congregation for joining us in worship for Good Friday. Christ our Lord is Risen! Welcome to this Easter season.

The Easter season, the spring season, with flowers blooming, green grass and leaves on the trees, brings new growth. It is also a time of celebration for many families in this season of graduations. We are looking forward to recognizing and celebrating our graduating HS seniors on Senior Sunday. But we want to take this moment to say congratulations to all our graduates; college, high school, students being promoted from middle school to high school and elementary school to middle school.

The season is also a season of transition. Sunday school classes will be coming to a close in a few weeks, and we will be moving to only a 9:30 am service on the Sunday before Memorial Day. I presume many of us will begin to plan vacations and summer camps and look forward to the change in our schedules maybe slowing down over the next few months. So, I would encourage you to pay attention to or consider your faith muscles, if you will, in this season. Easter season in the faith community is a good time for building up and strengthening aspects of our discipleship.

I'm sure you would agree that much has happened, and we are now existing in seemingly uncharted waters in our community of faith. This space, unfamiliar for some and uncomfortable for others, may give us opportunities for new learning and growth. There may be things that we have simply not considered important or helpful for us to live out our faith. What things might you want to study or discuss, for the purpose of growing and learning? In what ways would you like to be better equipped for the work of ministry to the world? Where would you like to see personal transformation in your faith walk?

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These are not all rhetorical questions or just for personal reflection, but an invitation to think about your faith and how you would like to grow and for you to share those inquiries with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work among us, especially in those moments when we are seeking to be the best version of ourselves and live by Christ's example. May this Easter season lead us to a Pentecost like we have never experienced.

With the love of Christ,

Pastor B.



May Worship

May 5, 2019: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Senior Sunday

We will recognize nine graduating seniors who will assist with worship leadership:

Helena Colborn
Jonathan Eckelberg
Jack Hembrough
Megan Horst

Shane Johnson
Duncan Maxwell
Corinne Shifflett
Lydia Turner-Little

Elizabeth White



May 12, 2019: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day



Pastor Kathryn will preach on the life and influence of Susanna Wesley, often called the "Mother of Methodism."

The United Methodist Women will present each woman with a carnation.

The Charles Wesley Singers will lead music at the 8:15 a.m. service and the Cherub Choir and Choristers will sing at 11:00 a.m.



May 19, 2019: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Children's Sabbath

Children in Preschool through Grade 5 will lead our worship on this day. Each class has a special part of the service they have been preparing.

The Youth Puppets and Colorful Hands of Jesus will also share in the service. The scripture focus for the day is John 13:31-35, in which Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

We will recognize our Sunday school teachers for their service on this last day of Sunday school for the 2018-2019 school year.



May 26, 2019: 9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



On this Memorial Day weekend, we will move to our summer schedule of ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 a.m. Music by a combined choir.

Men's Night Out for May
The Men of DUMC
(and male friends, family & neighbors)
are invited for a Men's Night Out on

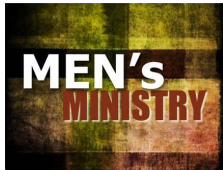


Thursday, May 23 @ 6:30 pm
Longhorn Steak House, 20017 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD
RSVP to Ted Ross by Tuesday, May 21 @ 301-704-7992.

DUMC Men are hosting the District Men's Breakfast
here at DUMC on Saturday, May 18
8:30 am - 10:30 am - DUMC Dining Hall.

Menu will be : Eggs, bacon, sausage & pancakes. Orange juice, coffee & tea for refreshments.
All men of the church are invited to attend.

NOTE: We also need men to volunteer to help in the kitchen.
To sign-up to help, please contact Ted Ross at 301-704-7992 or ted@tedrossconsulting.com.



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

Please see page #4 of this Beacon for more information and to register.

DUMC Men's Group — 2019 Remaining Schedule

June 7 & 8: Retreat Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus, MD
July 15: Men's Night Out - Mt. Airy Inn, Mt Airy
August : NO Men's Night Out
Sept. 10: Men's Night Out @ Carrabbas, Germantown, MD
Oct. 12: Annual Church Picnic @ Ted Ross' House, Gaithersburg, MD

October and November
Men's Mission Focused Project

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

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



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



Mark your calendar and Sign-Up now ! ! !

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

Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men

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

We will be gathering at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 7, and having dinner at the Hallowood Retreat Center. Staying overnight in rooms for two (private rooms available for \$15 extra), we will have both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We will end about 4:30 pm. **NOTE: We only have 12 beds available for this retreat so sign-up right away!**

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

Sponsored by Damascus United Methodist Men

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



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (cell) _____ (home) _____

E-mail address: (Please print legibly) _____

Any dietary restrictions: _____

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

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

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

NEXT LADIES' NIGHT OUT

When: Thursday, May 9

Phone: 240-654-4012

Time: 6:00 pm

**Please RSVP by Monday, May 6
to Hazel Strahorn at 443-553-9848**

Where: Villa Maya
12051 Chestnut Branch Way
Clarksburg, MD 20871

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



This

JOIN US ON A YOUNG-AT-HEART OUTING TO MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD!



Did you know that a crucial Civil War battle was fought practically in our own backyard? You've probably driven by it on your way to Frederick and never paid any attention to it. Known as "*The Battle that Saved Washington, D.C.*," the Battle of Monocacy was the third and last battle fought against invading Confederate troops. This battle delayed Confederate forces sent to capture Washington, DC and ultimately forced them to withdraw to Virginia.

We will begin our tour of the battlefield at the Visitor Center where a ranger will give us a talk on the history of this important battle. Then we will drive to four key locations on the battlefield where the ranger will meet with us to discuss the significance of these locations: The Best Farm, where the Confederates set up artillery; Worthington Farm, where Confederates formed an attack and which was also used as a field hospital; Thomas Farm, the focal point of the battle; and Gambrill Mill, used by Union troops as a field hospital. We will also have time to explore the museum on the second floor of the Visitor Center. The museum has information and displays about the battle, artifacts found on the grounds and a lovely overlook of the battlefield. Afterward we will have lunch at Monocacy Crossing Restaurant.

When: Wednesday, May 15th 9:30-12:30 pm

Where: Monocacy National Battlefield Visitor Center
4632 Araby Church Road, Frederick, MD 21704

Cost: FREE!!!!

Lunch: 12:30 at Monocacy Crossing Restaurant (cost on your own)
4424A Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704

RSVP to Jane Webb in the office by May 12th so we can make restaurant reservations!

P.S. As a side note, Monocacy National Battlefield on Memorial Day weekend will honor the casualties of the Battle of Monocacy by installing 2,200 historic flags. They are looking for scout, youth groups and individuals to assist with the installation of flags on May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Ranger programs specific to Memorial Day will also be presented.

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

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

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



Worship Arts News and Events

May, 2019

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

MAY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - final practice dates

MONDAYS

Ring of Joy has concluded rehearsals for the season — will resume Fall 2019

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 pm	Colorful Hands of Jesus	Great Hall - Stage Side / 30-minute session—final rehearsal 5/15
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir	Great Hall - Back Half / 30-minute session—final rehearsal 5/15
5:00 pm	Youth Puppets	Great Hall / 45-minute session—final rehearsal 5/15
5:00 pm	Choristers	Choir Room / 60-minute session—final rehearsal 5/15
7:00 pm	Men's Choir	Music Room / 30-minute session—final rehearsal 5/8
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room / 90-minute session—final rehearsal 5/22

CHILDREN's Worship Arts Ensemble Recognition Ceremony

5 pm on Wednesday, May 22 — Great Hall (families and friends please come)

PUPPET PARTY — snacks and games

4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 29 — Great Hall

SUNDAYS

Inspiration Ringers will play on Children's Sabbath (May 19) but have concluded rehearsals for the season

Youth Handbell Choir will play on Senior Sunday (May 5) but have concluded rehearsals for the season

4 - 6 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Choir Room / 2-hour session preparing for tour | open to all CWS members *

*see full tour rehearsal schedule on next page

ALL INVITED | NO ROBES | NO PROCESSIONAL



**Summer
Choir**
Join us!

Summer Choir begins Sunday, May 29, when DUMC switches to a 9:30 am combined worship service. All children, youth, and adults are invited to arrive at 9:10 am to rehearse and share in anthem each week.

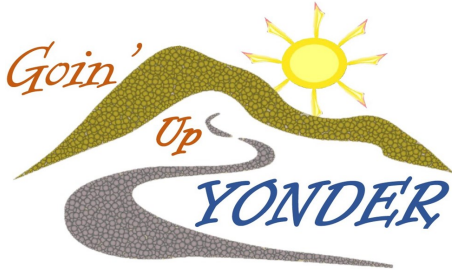
Worship Arts News and Events (cont'd)

May, 2019

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Charles Wesley Singers on Tour

WV/KY/IN

June 17—23, 2019

Spread the word with your family and friends!

Pre-Tour Events

Saturday, June 17 - Tentative

Sunday, June 16 - 10:30 am: Tour Preview Music - following 9:30 am worship

Tour Concerts

Monday, June 15 - TBD

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

Wednesday, June 19—TBD, Kentucky

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

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

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

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



HOMEcoming CONCERT: Monday, June 24 @ 7:00 pm,

**Damascus United Methodist Church
9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD**

Follow *Charles Wesley Singers*
on the Damascus United Methodist Church
Facebook page

REHEARSALS FOR CWS TOUR

Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm – April 29; May 6, 13, 20 (no practice on Memorial Day, 5/27)

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm – May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12

Sundays – added hour (4 to 6 pm) – May 5, 19, 26; June 2, 9

(no practice on Mother's Day, 5/12, or Father's Day, 6/16)



The Academy of Saint Cecilia Presents *the 2019 Spring Concert Series*

Saturday, May 4 - 7:30pm

Damascus High School Auditorium, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD
Prep Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Flute Choir and Youth Orchestra

Sunday, May 5 - 3:00pm

Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD
Flute Choir and Youth Orchestra

Tuesday, May 7 - 6:30pm

Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD
Beginning Band, Prep Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Band

Acknowledgements:



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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

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

- Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations.
- Mission Flower and Plant sale May 4th through May 19 (**See article page #14**)
- Hopi VIM trip (Arizona) July 7-13; contact Cheryl/Norm Minekime (301-414-0098)
- Habitat Work week July 14-19, 2019 (**see article page #10 of this Beacon**)
- Fall Volunteers in Mission trip most likely to NC; see Carol Yocum (301-788-6446)

Pray for Those who serve and share God's love

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

Nicaragua Between Cultures

COFFEE AND DONUTS FUNRAISERS for Nicaragua

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

Thank You's

- To those who volunteer week-in and week-out at Harwood House
- To those who knit prayer shawls for those facing challenging places in life.
- To those who helped with cemetery headstone repairs
- To those who pray for and support financially with extra gifts for our missionaries
- To the Sunday School for extra supplies sent to Opening New Doors; they are a local non-profit that supports victims of domestic violence. And for the children's Diaper Drive during Lent for Damascus Help & Damascus Little Free Pantry
- To those Stephen Ministers who give time and support for people in difficult life circumstances
- To the Youth who served lunch at the Frederick Rescue Mission on April 6th (see write up on page #13 of this recent event.)

Damascus Help Report

Volunteer News: Happy Spring! We send well wishes to Bill Duvall as he will be stepping down as a food driver. We appreciate the time that he has devoted to Damascus HELP.

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

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (CONT'D)

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Habitat for Humanity Trip

Our annual Garrett County Habitat for Humanity trip is July 14-19. Come help us build houses for those in need in Western Maryland. Application forms are now available on the church website - <http://www.damascusumc.org/missions-ministries/missions/#Habitat%20for%20Humanity>. Contact Anita Duvall (habitatdumc@gmail.com) or call/text 240-485-7650 for more information.

How to Help after Cyclone Idai

Sometimes being partners means drying each other's tears, rebuilding lives and homes in the face of devastating disaster, and sharing hope when all seems lost.

As Covenant Partners with the United Methodists in Zimbabwe, the Baltimore-Washington Conference is reaching out in love and action to the people whose lives were uprooted by Cyclone Idai, which swept through Southern Africa on March 14, 2019. The cyclone, the United Methodists on the ground said, happened at night and people lost their homes and livelihoods. Most do not know what happened, they do not know the whereabouts or fate of other family members from their households," said Zimbabwe Episcopal Area Bishop Eben K. Nhwitiwa. Survivors say the roaring water, wind and rolling stones sounded like a roaring lion.

On April 2, reports from United Methodist communicators in the region indicated the death toll in Zimbabwe was at 415, with at least 200 still missing. In Mozambique, current figures put the death toll at 518, with 56 dead in Malawi. At least 16,000 homes have been destroyed by the storm in Zimbabwe, according to ReliefWeb.

United Nations reports indicate that more than 3 million people in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe have been affected by the torrential rains, 1.5 of them children.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has allocated a \$10,000 grant for immediate, emergency short-term funding to meet basic human needs in Zimbabwe. Mozambique and Malawi also received emergency grants. Needs include water transportation and storage for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene, along with temporary shelter. The United Methodist Commission on Communications provided about \$5,000 for solar power to enable cell phone charging in the UM mission sites in the impacted areas. This has opened up much-needed communications. There are two ways you can help:

1. Make a contribution through the BWC using the link provided or send a check to the BWC Treasurer marked for "Cyclone Idai Relief." Checks can be mailed to "BWC Treasurer, 11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759.
2. Give to the work of UMCOR by texting UMCOR to 91999. To make a donation to UMCOR's International Disaster Response, use Advance #982450.



A child is transported inside an empty refrigerator during floods after Cyclone Idai.

100% with
 **UMCOR**
United Methodist Committee on Relief



PLEASE REMEMBER: 100% of all funds received through this special appeal to BWC local churches and its members will be directed to United Methodist leaders in Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Mozambique to address the most urgent needs that are being encountered.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (CONT'D)

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LOA in May

The Love One Another group will meet on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:30-10:30 am. We enjoyed it so much, we will continue our discuss of "The Anatomy of Peace." For those who weren't able to join us in April, you have a second chance! Please bring 2-3 quotes or new ideas from the book to discuss to this meeting. We will meet in the conference room in the church annex. All are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Kibak at 301-956-6056 or chaphil1@earthlink.net.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPONSORED BY NEEMA KENYA MISSIONS



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

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

For more information please see Linda Rice (ricelinlu@aol.com),

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.

May/June Youth Events & Fellowship

Sunday 5/5 Senior Sunday **See CWS Rehearsal time below**

6:00 pm Youth Dinner

6:30 pm Amazing Race - DH

Sunday 5/12 Happy Mother's Day **No Handbell or Choir Rehearsals** **No Youth Dinner or Evening Activities**

Sunday 5/19 Last Day of Sunday School **See CWS Rehearsal time below**

6:00 pm Youth Dinner

6:30 pm Devotions & Game Night - DH

Sunday 5/26 Memorial Day Weekend **See CWS Rehearsal time below** **No Youth Dinner or Evening Activities**

Sunday 6/2 Youth Finale Event **6:00pm Youth Dinner and Activity** **at the home Autumn & Ben Fritts**

Sunday 6/9 **See CWS Rehearsal time below**

Saturday 6/17-Sunday 6/23 **CWS Choir Tour** **West Virginia, Kentucky, & Indiana**

Monday 6/24 **7:00 pm CWS Homecoming Concert** **8:30 pm Party to follow — TBD**

Youth Sunday Schedule

8:15 am: Worship

Charles Wesley Singers share

11:00 am: Worship

Beginning May 26 @ 9:30 am
only one Sunday morning
worship service for summer

9:30 am: Youth Chapel (thru 5/19)
Breakfast (\$5), Music/Worship Time
(Praise Band shares),
Class by Grade & Confirmation

6:00 pm: Youth Dinner
(most weeks - ends 6/2)

6:30 pm: Youth Activity
(most weeks - ends 6/2)

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

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DUMC Youth Embrace Mission

Four of our teenagers and two adults helped serve 175+ people lunch on Saturday April 6th at the Frederick Rescue Mission, located in downtown Frederick, MD. This mission's goal is to help the homeless and the poor in their community as a Christian-based institution. They also help homeless men who have addiction problems get treatment, plus their food bank provides for 300+ needy people. It was a wonderful opportunity to practice our faith in action, by helping those who are in so much need. Ideally we would like for every teen in our youth program to have a chance to participate in this mission and grow their faith journey by serving others in Christ's name.

**TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE**

**50 YEARS
OF
DAMASCUS HELP
INC.**

Bring family, guests, recruits

Date MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

Place St Anne's Episcopal Church
23000 Ridge Road
Damascus MD

11:30 Gathering and Greeting

12:00 Pot Luck Luncheon
Fried Chicken, Ham, Beverage provided
Please bring side dish or dessert to share

1:00 Appreciations
Remembering Founders
Years of Service honored
Gratitude for Newest Volunteers
Future Plans

RSVP dh20872@aol.com

Questions 301-253-2014

Announcements (cont'd)



Join us for

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

May 1 at 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall

Menu: Teriyaki chicken, stir fried rice, steamed broccoli, green salad, & dessert.

It is pay as you can; the suggested prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under, with a family cap of \$25.

Scott Fulton is coming to Damascus !!

**Wednesday May 1, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
To the Music Café in Damascus**

As many of you know, I spent a big swath of life living in Damascus, much of it while playing with the band, The Companions. My Damascus friends find it hard to get to Baltimore and DC, so I am coming to you in hopes of reconnecting with a community that will always hold a central place in my heart. The Companions were one of the early acts at The Music Café many years ago, and I'm looking forward to returning to what has become a real anchor in the local music scene. They slot solo acoustic acts like mine on Wednesdays, so we'll give it a go and try to wrap up before people get sleepy. Coordinates: The Music Café, 26528 Ridge Road, B, Damascus, MD 20872, (301) 253-1500, www.musiccafedamascus.com



DUMC's Annual Flower & Plant Sale begins

Saturday, May 4, 2019

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 Sunday, May 19. 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. P.S. We could also use help on Friday, May 3, at 8:00 am to unload the flowers/plants when they are delivered.

Earth Stewards Street Clean-Up

Saturday, May 18 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. Come and join us for our next street clean-up. 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, safety vests, trash bags, and pick-up sticks. The group will meet in the church 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 or Cathy Heinbaugh know so he can contact you in case of inclement weather at jacmail@comcast.net or 301-253-0742.

Announcements (cont'd)

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The DUMC Blood Drive is **Thursday, May 16, 2019**

from 1:00 - 6:30 pm in the church Dining Hall



Our second Blood Drive of the year is about to take place for 2019. So 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!

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 ! !

What Is a Stephen Minister?



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

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

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

Dear Friends,

I am so blessed to be a member of this wonderful church! Thanks for so very much for the encouraging cards, visits and flowers, and that helpful book "Get Well Therapy." Everything was much appreciated!

God bless with love, Pat Tregoning

Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday, May 20 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.

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 (cont'd)



DAMASCUS SHRED FEST 2019



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

9 AM TO 12 PM

DAMASCUS U.M. CHURCH - LOWER PARKING LOT

9700 NEW CHURCH ST DAMASCUS, MD

LIMIT 5 BANKER BOXES

ANOTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE!

FREE BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

SEASONAL MOWING CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New REDUCED mowing/trimming areas this season! We have contracted out the "back 40," hills and all, to a professional landscaping crew who will be responsible for those areas.

DUMC mowing crew volunteers will mow and trim the Church's front yard, the grass areas around the Sanctuary and CFC Building, the front, side and back yard around the Annex, and the Youth Chapel grounds only.

Our goal is to have 2 volunteers per week scheduled to mow & trim for about 2 hours once every month and a half. To do this, we need 12 reliable mowers plus a couple alternates to cover for vacations and the unexpected. 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 the Property & Facilities Manager, Lisa Marshall at 301-253-5241 to express your interest.



Site of John T. Baker Home to become Victory Haven — Senior Housing Development

(submitted by Bernardine Beall)



**John T. Baker house facing Rt. 108 — back toward the present Damascus UMC.
Presently the site of Victory Haven Senior Living Apartments under construction.**

John Thomas Baker, born in Kemptown in 1851, was shown in 1870 Census as a teacher boarding in Damascus. In 1875 he married Caroline Mullineaux. John Mount constructed their home on the knoll east of Woodfield Road. The driveway, due to the steepness of the hill, began where Town Spring Road meets 108 and wound around to the back of the house. The Bakers kept a cow, chickens, horses, gardens and fruit trees.

Professor Baker opened the Damascus Grammar School in 1884. The 72 students comprised the largest school in Montgomery County at the time. He developed this into an 8 room High School in 1910 and retired in 1914. He served as a Treasurer of Damascus Church and its Cemetery. He died in 1921 and is buried the church cemetery.

In William's arms is baby Isla (1909-1999) whose mother Isla Young Baker died in childbirth.

William then married Norma Brandenburg. Again widowed, then married Belle Foard. Her name is on a brick from the walkway to our Youth Chapel. Many of the Baker descendants were teachers, down thru Lillian Leatherman, who is now age 102, who married Vernon R. Simpson, history teacher and VP at Damascus High. A few years ago the last fruit tree next to the brick walk was cut down.

The Peck family lived many years in the home. The children were playmates of the Grover Stanley family across Route 108. Phyllis Stanley Walker recalls Dick

Peck was president of DHS Class of '39, and his twin was on early TV advertising his Bob Peck Chevrolet Dealership.

Lightning caused a fire in 1947, necessitating major renovations. The new volunteer fire department fought the fire.

Barbara Cornor (childhood home stands by Cornor Drive and husband Attorney Bob Mcloskey were followed by the Murphy's large family. In 1954 Dr. M. McKendree Boyer purchased the entire lot. Electrician Patrick Via's family was the last to make the knoll their home. The home was torn down. Scrub trees grew. The Boyer Clinic was built in 1964.

May Victory Haven Senior Living Apartments bring more good living to this part of Damascus!



**Front row: John T Baker, Harold L Baker, Caroline M Baker
Back row: Lillian Baker, J Vernon Baker, William A Baker, Della Baker**



Save the Date!

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

Contact Cora Horst, cora.horst@damascusumc.org
or 301-529-3047 to volunteer.

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

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

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

DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

July 22 – 26, 2019 · 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE **JUNE** BEACON **WILL BE**
WEDNESDAY, May 15,

(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, May 26**).

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

Thank You !

May, 2019

May 2: First Thursday Ministries Meeting
7:00 pm in the **Sanctuary**

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

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

Finance Committee to follow
in the **Sacristy**

May 16: SPRC Committee will meet
7:00 pm in the church Annex

May 21: Technology Committee meets at 7:00 pm in the church Annex

May 23: Administrative Board Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall/back

Office Hours

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

Pastor Kathryn is off on Fridays.

Pastor B. is off on Mondays.

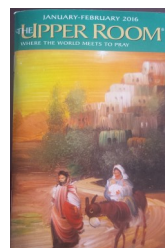
Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

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

The Upper Room

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About Our People

Congratulations to Andie & Brett Springirth on the birth of their new son, **River**, on April 11. Proud grandparents are Mike & Amy Springirth and Joe & Kim Briglia, Thomas & Reinette Antrim, and great-grandparents Pete & Lois Springirth.

James Boyd (Sue Seabold's grandson), 21, has been discharged from the hospital. He will continue to need dialysis as an outpatient.

Please pray for **Helen Boyer** (Sally Boyer Smith's mom) who will be having medical tests during this upcoming week.

Martin Carr is now living at Country Meadows in Frederick, MD. He would very much appreciate visitors during this difficult time of transition. Please feel free to contact his daughter Melanie at 540-207-4873 prior to a visit.

Lucille Screen is undergoing medical tests.

Pray for family and friends of Martha Luhn who passed away on Wednesday, April 10, at Copper Ridge, Sykesville, Maryland.

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**, **Ann Cochran**, **Judy Dalrymple** (sister-in-law to Jackie Perry), **Bill Duvall** (undergoing treatment of leukemia), **Pat Duvall**, **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Debbie Hoar**, **Hazel Hoyle** (recovering from back surgery), **Pat Hunt** (Liz Vanderham's mom following mini strokes), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella**, **Nancy Nickerson** (heart and lung issues), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield with undetermined medical issues), **Dorothy Stull** (at home under hospice care), and **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus).

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



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 FORM**

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

July 22 – 26, 2019 · 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Name _____

Grade entering _____

Name _____

Grade entering _____

Name _____

Grade entering _____

Name _____

Grade entering _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address : _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Work (specify person) _____

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

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

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

Name of Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Damascus United Methodist Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
2019 VBS -- Form for Youth Helpers

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

Return this form ASAP
We can only use a limited number of youth helpers this year

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

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

Grade Entering (6th and up) _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Allergies or other concerns _____

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

Name of Doctor _____ Telephone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone# _____

As a youth helper for VBS, I understand that:

- ***I must attend the mandatory training meeting on July 21, 2019 (Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm),***
- ***I must complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form with parent signature,***
- ***I will be a role model for the children at all times during VBS week,***
- ***I will fulfill my duties as described at the training meeting,***
- ***I will act appropriately at all times, keep my cell phone tucked away during VBS hours, and I will call the adult leader, with whom I am working, if I need to be absent any of the days during VBS week.***

Signed (youth): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Remember to complete the Safe Sanctuary Covenant Form, which must be turned in with this application.)
Any questions? Please call the office at 301-253-0022 or email Cora Horst, cora.horst@damascusumc.org