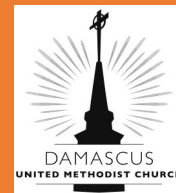


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OCTOBER 2016



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Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples

Dear Friends,

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. Different denominations and certainly individual churches have varying traditions and practices related to how often and when the sacrament is served. The designation of World Communion Sunday is an appeal to all churches internationally to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the same day as a symbol of our oneness in the Body of Christ and unity in our faith.

I have always treasured this Sunday, but this year it feels especially important to me. There is much that divides. Last month, I wrote to you about the schism in our denomination related to sexual orientation. The campaigning for the upcoming election has been polarizing. The Black Lives Matter movement has pitted citizens against police officers. Vitriolic rhetoric has made news commentary nearly unwatchable and painful for listening. This is just in our country. International divisions also compound the issue.

There are, mercifully, some respites from the fray. How refreshing it was to watch the opening parade of the Summer Olympics, for instance, and to see representatives of nation after nation entering the arena in peace. Hundreds and hundreds of mostly young people representing not just different nations, but also different races and cultures and languages, all lived together in the spirit of completion and cooperation. That is how it can be.

World Communion signals the same. It is a reminder that though there is much that divides us, there is something greater that unites us – the common love of Christ Jesus our Lord. We have sisters and brothers all over the world with whom we share one baptism, one faith, one hope. The table is God's table and God does not distinguish God's children by race or nationality or gender or political view or economic status or any of the categories we might use to differentiate. To all, God says you are my children, come. I am so glad that in our tradition our table is an open table with no stipulations about who can have a seat other than the desire to be loved, forgiven, and accepted by God.

When Jesus was asked which commandment is the most important in the Law, he immediately responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and soul, and mind. That is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets." Love God and love others. I do not hear any words of division there. World Communion can remind us of God's intention for human relationship. I can't wait to break bread with millions of others worldwide who share that hope.

In peace, David

Tea Time Talks - October 16 @ 3:00 pm

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

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

Join Amanda and David for this first talk in a series of four. Begin by learning how to listen, how to talk, and how to create safe space for all. Can we be the Body of Christ in love and grace even if we don't agree? Come and learn how.

What this isn't:

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



Future Topics: Sexuality (Nov. 6), Race (Date TBD), Immigration (Date TBD)

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

6th Grade Socials

We'll be having some special get-togethers for our newest youth, our 6th graders. They will be able to hang out and get to know each other. The first events will be in October.



October 1, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, the boys will meet at the Turner-Little's home (301-253-1928) for games and refreshments.

October 22, starting at 6:30 pm, the girls will meet at Regina Curtis' home (301-252-7433) for pizza and s'mores.

Please contact the hosts to let them know that your child can make it. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Charlotte Kibak at 301-956-6056.

Message in Music offered for children During 11 am service on Sundays

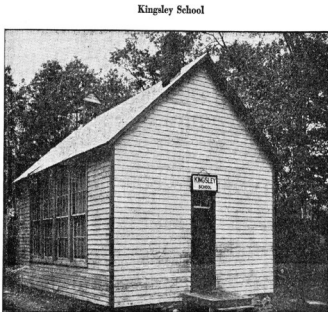
Beginning October 16, preschool and elementary children attending DUMC's 11 am Sunday service are invited to attend a session of singing and Bible learning through music during the sermon. This 15 -20 minute weekly session will be led by Polly Baldrige and/or Mary Nieter, depending on the week. Children will be invited forward before the sermon and will return immediately afterward to participate in the conclusion of the service. Message in Music will be held in the Great Hall.



Young At Heart Event for October KINGSLEY SCHOOL

Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 am

The restored one-room schoolhouse in Little Bennett Regional Park, the last of eight one-room schools in Damascus District 12, that's still open. Docent will be Author Ralph Buglass expert on this school and all one and two-room schools in Montgomery County.



Meet at 10:00 am in church parking lot. Caravan 7 miles to Clarksburg Road school parking lot. Board vans for last 3/4 mile (or walk) to wood bridge, cross grass schoolyard. After tour, 2 miles to Bennigans Irish-American Restaurant, 23315 Frederick Road, Clarksburg.
Contact person: Bernardine Beall / 301-253-2104

Half-Day Women's Retreat FREE!! Nov. 12 in the Great Hall

Before you make Thanksgiving Dinner for 16 people; before you go shopping for the presents; before wrapping the presents; before planning that holiday party; before baking cookies; before getting and decorating the tree; before the lights go up on the outside of the house...

...take a moment with your sisters in Christ and enjoy the "Calm Before the Storm." Take a few hours to gab, snack, laugh and learn! The day will include time for quiet reflection and devotion, suggestions for keeping God at the center of the holidays, and making your own spa product and more!

Please RSVP by Nov. 5 to Amanda via email: amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org or text: [970-231-5123](tel:970-231-5123) or call: [301-253-0022](tel:301-253-0022).



Men's Night Out for October

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

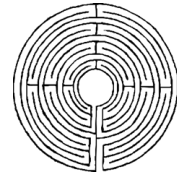
**Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Carrabba's
19935 Century Blvd, Mt. Airy, MD
Phone: (240) 686-1100**



October United Methodist Women News

Susanna JOY Circle will meet in the church Dining Hall at 10:00 am on Monday, October 10.

WWJD Circle will host a special event on Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 pm in the Courtyard.
COME AND EXPERIENCE THE SACRED SPACE OF OUR LABYRINTH...



Thursday, October 25 at 1:00 pm: Executive Board Meeting to discuss upcoming Dinner & Bazaar - DUMC Annex.

Saturday, November 5: Fried Oyster and Baked Ham Dinner, see flyer on page #13.

NEW INFO: The DUMWomen will have available for sale in the narthex handmade special notecards with a picture of our church at a cost of \$3.00 for a packet of 5 cards. We will have an honor system to pick up and pay on Sunday after services.

THANK YOU from United Methodist Women to all the persons who helped us to collect money for Bibles for the military. We collected \$770 to purchase 154 Bibles.

Thank you one and all so very much for supporting the DUMWomen's efforts!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

When:
THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

Where:
Mangia E. Bevi @ 6 pm
8927 Fingerboard Road,
Frederick, MD 21704 (Urbana)
RSVP by Sept. 27

FUTURE EVENTS

THERE WILL BE NO
Ladies' Night Out in October

MONDAY, NOV. 14, 2016
Red Robin @ 6 pm
20001 Century Blvd,
Germantown, MD 20872
RSVP by Nov. 12

THERE WILL BE NO
Ladies' Night Out in December

TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 2017
CarterQue @ 6 pm
1310 S. Main Street
Mt. Airy, MD 21770
RSVP by Jan. 15

CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA
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Call 301-253-0022 or Text 970-231-5123

DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S



**FRIED OYSTER - BAKED HAM DINNER
AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ARE COMING !!!**

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

And WE NEED YOU !

WHY DO WE NEED YOU ???

**WE NEED YOUR HANDMADE CRAFT ITEMS
YOUR COUNTRY STORE ITEMS**

And

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - BAKE TABLE GOODIES



We need your help to make our event SOMETHING SPECIAL!!!!

Your donations are NEEDED. Please help make our fundraising event a BIG SUCCESS. Your donations can be brought on Friday, Nov. 4, after 12 noon or on Saturday, Nov. 5, before 10 am.



Please call or email me with any questions: Pennie Adams 301-831-7517 or pennie217@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU!

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ANOTHER Young at Heart Event
We're on a roll . . . !!

What: Pontoon Boat Ride, followed by dinner together @ GrillMarx
When: Sunday afternoon, October 16
Where: Black Hills Regional Park, 20920 Lake Ridge Drive Boyds, MD 20841



Join us on the "Kingfisher" pontoon boat for a tour of Little Seneca Lake. This is a beautiful 505-acre lake, as well as the wildlife that make the lake their home. And mid-October will be the perfect time for scenic Fall views!

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Kathee Celli @ [301-928-4370](tel:301-928-4370) (kdc0522@verizon.net). A head count is needed before final reservations can be made with the park. The boat ride is \$6.00/per person.

Stewardship/Finance

Greetings from your Finance Committee!

BEING INTENTIONAL WITH GOD'S TIME, EARTH'S RESOURCES, & OUR MONEY

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine."
Proverbs 3:9-10*

The Finance Committee is devoting its full attention this month to the success of our current Stewardship Campaign. This week you will receive a letter introducing the Campaign, and I want to highlight a few key points that are worth emphasizing:

- ♦ During the Exodus, the people gathered only enough manna and quail for one day, trusting that God would provide for each following day.
- ♦ In an agricultural society, like that of the ancient Hebrews, it was a tangible expression of their belief that their first harvest, "**firstfruits**," could be given away to support the Temple because God would provide what more was needed.
- ♦ Thus, the tithe represented their trust in God.
- ♦ In our modern society, tithing is not about the Church's budget or giving our "fair share."
- ♦ It is about our need to give as a statement of faith and trust, deliberately and intentionally putting God first.

Throughout this month, our pastors will lead us in sermons entitled "Upper Management," in which they will lift up our roles as stewards.

- ♦ God has entrusted each of us with many blessings, including time, His wonderful creation, as well as money.
- ♦ Through their sermons, our pastors will ask us to think about what our giving communicates about our faith and trust in God.
- ♦ What do you believe about God's providence?
- ♦ What do you want to communicate to the Lord?
- ♦ What does it mean to put God first?
- ♦ What does it mean to manage our resources according to the ways of God?

We hope these questions will excite you and draw you ever closer to the Lord.

Factoid #4 – John Wesley on Stewardship (1744) – "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

Sincerely, David A. Rust, Chair

E-GIVING

Do you E-Give? E-giving is a wonderful way to support your church home without worrying about making up for vacations and snow days. There are many ways to sign up and also to change your E-giving amount:

1. Fill out the form included in the Beacon and return it to the church office.
2. Go to <http://www.damascusumc.org/> and click on the "E-Giving" link at the bottom of the home page, and fill out the request.
3. Call our church bookkeeper, Debbie Benson, in the church office at 301-253-0022 ext. 106.

Any questions? Call the church office.

DONATIONS OF STOCK

Did you know that you can donate shares of securities to your church? Donating appreciated stock is a great way to give, while avoiding paying capital gains tax incurred when selling shares. Please contact our church bookkeeper, Debbie Benson, in the office at 301-253-0022 ext. 106, and she will give you more information and provide you with a form to use.



DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FALL SCHEDULE

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

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

October Youth Fellowship
Sunday nights @ 6:00pm
Sunday 10/2
Shadowlands Laser Tag (No school Oct 3)
Sunday 10/9
Cookies/Care Packs College Students; Devotional
Sunday 10/16
Game Night; Devotional
Sunday 10/23
Ice Cream Olympics
Sunday 10/30
Trunk or Treat 4pm;
Halloween Costume Party 6pm

November Youth Fellowship
Sunday nights @ 6:00 pm
Includes Dinner and an Activity
Sunday 11/6
Destination Known: Butler's Orchard /
Hayride & Bonfire
Sunday 11/13
Movie Night at DUMC. Gather in the Annex (office)
Sunday 11/20
Service Project for Damascus HELP
Sunday 11/27
No Youth Event - Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

5TH QUARTER EVENTS
FRIDAY NIGHT
AFTER DHS FOOTBALL
GAMES, UNTIL 11:30 PM

10/7: Low-tech
game night
10/14: Cookout
and bonfire
10/28: Combo
games; Pizza night

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

Youth Bell Choir
Sundays @ 4 pm
Sundays @ 4 pm in the
Great Hall

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

Youth Puppets
Wednesdays @
5 pm in the
Great Hall

UMYFO Meeting
October 9 @
4:00 pm in the
Annex/Church Office

Christ the King Sunday
Youth Service
November 20
Both Services
Please Mark Your
Calendar!

Worship Arts News and Events

October 2016

Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

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

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

Music and Arts in October

Rehearsals for all of Damascus UMC's ensembles got underway, and we are in full swing for the year. October holds the following special music and arts opportunities:

- ~ Praise Artisans Guild will meet on Tue., October 18 in the YOUTH CHAPEL
- ~ Each Sunday, the Charles Wesley Singers lead worship at 8:15 am and the Chancel Choir leads at 11 am
- ~ Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday features an appearance by the Choristers at 8:15 am and the Youth Bell Choir at both services.
- ~ Sunday, October 16 - the Colorful Hands of Jesus and Youth Puppets will share in morning worship
- ~ Sunday, October 23 - 7 pm Organ for October Concert
- ~ Sunday, October 30 - Ring of Joy plays at both am services

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:00 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall Stage Side
Puppet troupe for elementary students 2nd grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Jamie Bautista
- 4:30 pm **Cherubs** Great Hall Back Half
Choir for children 4 ½ years-olds to 1st grade led by Katherine Williams and student directors
- 5:00 pm **Youth Puppets** Great Hall
Puppets/drama for 6th grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Jamie Bautista
- 5:00 pm **Choristers** Music Room
Choir for children 2nd to 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige (with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)
- 6:30 pm **Inspiration Ringers** Stage (September – November; February – April)
Handbells for students 2nd to 5th grade led by Polly Baldrige
- 7:00 pm **Men's Choir** Music Room
For all male changed voices, directed by Curt Shiflett with Kathryn Smith, piano
- 7:00 pm **Group Vocal Instruction for Treble Voices** Great Hall Back Half /Only January
Singing technique session with Polly Baldrige will also include working on music for Women's Choir
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Music Room
SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accompanist

SUNDAYS

- 3:30 pm **Youth Praise Band** 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month; Shares each Sunday @ 9:30 am
All instruments and vocals needed for this student led group facilitated by Polly and Tom Baldrige
- 4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** Stage
Handbells for youth 6th to 12th grades led by Tom Baldrige
- 5:00 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Music Room
SATB choir for 6th to 12th grades and up led by Polly Baldrige with accompanists Stephen Kalnoske and Katherine Williams.

MONDAYS

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

Rehearsals Beginning in October



Living Christmas Tree rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 5 at 8 pm - all SATB singers are invited to participate! Concerts are December 28 and 29.

One of the Living Christmas Tree pieces will also be shared with the Academy of St. Cecilia Youth Orchestra in their December concert series.

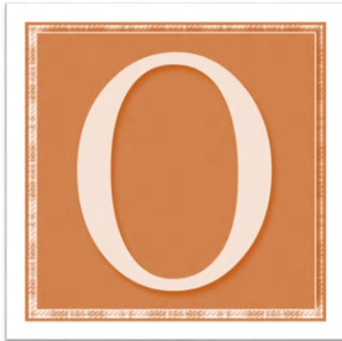
Children's Room for Christmas Musical (grades 2 - 5) rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 5 as part of Choristers practice at 5 pm. Room for Christmas will be shared on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm. after the Welcoming Wednesday dinner.

Damascus UMC Worship Arts Ministry



2016-2017: Keepers of the Song

4th Sunday Series Event



rgan for October



Sunday, October 23

7:00 pm

**Damascus UMC
Sanctuary**

For 4th Sunday Concert Series - Damascus UMC's gifted organist will share an evening of music to celebrate the month of October – music for Halloween, the Reformation, and October Fest will be featured. Enjoy Steve's improvisation on a drinking song and works by Bach, Brahms, and Haydn.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson
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► **ROCK THE HOUSE:** The afterschool program at the Damascus Garden apartments on M-W-Th needs funds for supplies or board games, pencils, crayons, coloring pencils, paper, coloring books, puzzles, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, jump ropes, etc. There is always a need for volunteers who feel led to come and serve. **Make a difference in a child's life!!**

► **DAMASCUS HELP NEEDS:** Our biggest needs are jelly, mac n cheese, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, canned meat, baked beans, canned or boxed potatoes, and hot cereal. **Help a child or adult avoid hunger!**

► **CROP WALK FOR HUNGER** in Damascus will be on October 9. A way to make a difference and benefit yourself at the same time! The walkers will meet at **1:45 pm at Damascus Recreational Park, Kings Valley Rd.** Did you know that \$100 will train 25 farmers in better growing methods? A community seed bank can be started with \$250 and \$1,500 will buy garden supplies and pay for irrigation.

Walkers get sponsors who pay **in advance** so much per mile walked; checks are payable to **CWS/CROP**. Create a double whammy for good: walking is healthy for you and food/training/supplies are healthy for those who are hungry! Find a buddy and walk! Sign up and get an envelope in the Narthex at the Welcome table.

► **DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FASTEST GROWING DENOMINATION IN CUBA IS UNITED METHODIST?** There is a possibility that a team of Missioners might travel to Cuba in 2018. Think and pray about it.

► **VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION - Baltimore Washington Conference**, will need team members in the months ahead for work in WVA and Louisiana after the recent flooding. If you are interested in being a VIMer or in doing the training for VIM, please contact Carol Yocum, Missions chair, carolyocum@msn.com or 301-788-6446.

Remember to pray for our connections in Nicaragua

**Amanda, Memo, and Eduardo, of *Between Cultures*
and the LaDanta community they work with.**

**Dr. Belinda Forbes, General Board of the UMC missionary in Managua,
dentist and public health leader for remote villages in the eastern part of Nicaragua.**

**Nan McCurdy and her husband, Miguel Mairena, who have less than a year
left of their assignment as Mission Advocates for the Western Jurisdiction.
It is likely they will next be assigned someplace in Latin America.**

**UPDATE: Nicaragua Mission Trip Meeting
Tuesday, October 4 @ 7 pm in the Youth Chapel**

**Please come to hear information for our January
delegation trip to Nicaragua (Jan. 2 - Jan. 9, 2017).**

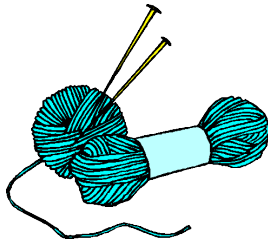
**For more information contact Kathy Jones kathyjonesrqpm@gmail.com / [301-580-4591](tel:301-580-4591)
or Mike Wahl wahlm50@msn.com / [240-876-7081](tel:240-876-7081) .**

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Monday, October 17** **at 12:30 pm** **Church Office**

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



Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held
Sunday, October 16, 2016
in the Church Parlor.

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

Thrift Shop

Harwood House News!

There many events going on at the Thrift Shop during the month of October!

Our Halloween costumes and decorations are out for sale now. We have costumes for all, party supplies, and many different decorations. Come early to get the best selections!

October Sales Calendar

Oct. 1: Notebooks 50% off
Oct. 8: All books 50% off
Oct. 15: Linens 50% off
Oct. 20 & 21: Halloween costumes 50% off
Oct. 22: **WHOLE STORE SALE!!!**
Everything 50% off (11am - 3pm)

There will be no sales for Oct. 29 because we will be getting ready for our Christmas Open House Nov. 6 (12 - 3pm). There will be so many beautiful items for sale right after the 11 am service. Mark your calendars and look for further announcements in the November Beacon.

We are so proud to announce that Mary Nieter is beginning Stephen Ministry training this year!

Training began on September 15 and will continue through February of 2017.

We will keep you updated as she progresses.
We are so blessed!

Please be sure to congratulate Mary
when you see her and keep her in your prayers!



Prayer Requests

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to write any prayer requests on the prayer cards located in the pews. Prayer cards should then be placed in the prayer box in the Narthex.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at www.damascusumc.org.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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A Nicaraguan School Needs Our Help: 2016 Sunday School Mission Project

This year the Sunday School classes will be collecting donations for a school in Nicaragua. They are in need of financial donations as well as school supplies, teacher supplies, and books written in Spanish. Our next delegation to Nicaragua will travel in January, 2017, and they will be delivering the donated items to Amanda, Memo, and Eduardo of *Between Cultures*. The school is located in a low-income barrio in Managua and is run by Eduardo's church. World economics have caused their main source of funding to end so they are in desperate need of financial donations to help pay the teachers' salaries.



We will be collecting donations throughout October and November. Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to DUMC with "Nicaragua" in the memo line. We are hoping that our Sunday School children can bring in school supplies and books written in Spanish.

Thank you and God bless you!



Fried Oysters & Baked Ham Dinner & Christmas Bazaar



Damascus United Methodist Church
9700 New Church Street, Damascus, MD
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016



BAZAAR: 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Arts & Crafts
Bake Sale
Country Store
Christmas Ornaments
Kids Kornor
Nuts
Woodmaking



DINNER: 12 NOON TIL ???

Adults:	\$15.00
Carryouts:	\$15.00
Children (4-8):	\$ 5.00



Announcements (cont'd)

Damascus-Clarksburg School Supply Drive



Thank you for donating school supplies and funds to the Damascus-Clarksburg area drive! With your help we provided over 280 students in need with new school supplies and backpacks, which is nearly 100 more students than last year. The amazing generosity of our community continually allows us to serve all who are in need.



Through our collective efforts we are making a difference for many children and families. A few days after we finished our distribution I received an e-mail from a mother of four young children who was desperately seeking assistance to gather the supplies she needed. They had recently been displaced from their home and could not afford supplies. We had enough left over that I was able to pack four new backpacks for her children. When I delivered the supplies, this young mother had tears in her eyes as she expressed her thankfulness to me and to God for providing for her family. Seeing the joy that a few new supplies brought to this family reminded me of why we continue to serve. Together we are making a difference in the lives of many students and families.

Supplies were provided by Tri-County Baptist Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus Community Bank, Montgomery Methodist Church, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Christ Lutheran Church, Upper Seneca Baptist Church, Greenridge Baptist Church, Potomac Valley Assembly, The Meltzer Group, Tapp'd Bethesda, and the Damascus Y Women. In addition to the supplies and monetary donations, we had a great group of teens and adults help collect, sort and pack the items before delivering them to the schools.

Again, the generosity of our community to donate supplies and their time and talents to others is truly a blessing that sets our community apart from many others.



Blessings,

Carole Maczka, Kelly Bratburd and Jill Ochs
School Supply Drive Volunteers
Faith Connections, Inc.

YOUNG AT HEART ACTIVITY

Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas

**Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 pm
at The Weinberg Center, Frederick**



Out of the basement shall come good tidings, great humor, and sheer joy! Travel back to rural Minnesota, 1959, where the four church basement ladies are called upon to save the Sunday school Christmas pageant from disaster. A holiday adventure inspired by the best-selling novel "Growing Up Lutheran," this heartwarming hilariously hilarious musical is sure to leave you smiling.

Tickets are \$30. A limited number of seats have been reserved. Please call Jane Webb 301-253-0022 / 240-620-6920 to reserve a seat. **YOU MUST RSVP BY November 1. Payment will be due in the church office by the same date.**

Announcements (cont'd)

TAP DANCE



Are you looking for a fun, new way to exercise and get in your “daily steps?” Have you ever thought of getting in touch with your inner Ginger Rogers or Fred Astaire?

Then we have good news for you!

Our own adult DUMC tap dance class, the “Methodists on Tap” have started their new fall session. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Great Hall. The cost is \$40 for each 8-week session. We would love to have some new members join us! No experience is needed. Our wonderful, patient teacher, Pat Chalk, has been teaching tap dancing for years to children and seniors alike. We do a lot of review because half of us can’t remember the steps from week to week, so you would fit right in!



All you need is a pair of tap shoes, an open mind, a willingness to learn new steps and an anticipation to get ready to move your feet. Come give it a try!

For questions, call Pat Chalk at 301-703-8550 or just show up on Tuesday in the Great Hall at 3:30 pm! Feel free to just come and observe one week if you’re not sure what to expect.

Welcoming Wednesday Dinners For October

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

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

October 5: Dilled Salmon Fillet, Red Skinned Potatoes, Vegetable, Kale Salad, Dessert

October 12: **NO DINNER** — School Holiday

October 19: Mustard-Rubbed Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Pear Salad, Apple Crisp

October 26: Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable, Spinach Salad, Dessert

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



The Upper Room

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

Better yet, take a couple of copies and share with friends and neighbors.

This publication is a wonderful way to encourage daily scripture reading!

Announcements (cont'd)



Calling All Candelabras!!

The Praise Artisan's Guild is planning for the Advent décor and would like to use as many candelabras as we can borrow. Do you have a set (the larger the better, gold, silver, brass, pewter, etc.) that we might borrow from November 6 to about January 6? If so, please contact Connie Ross at 301-633-9504 or by email, Connie@tedrossconsulting.com. Thank you!!



SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Spring Retreat 2017, Friday-Saturday, April 28-29.
Brethren Center, New Windsor, MD
(only a 35 min. drive from Damascus)

Theme for the Retreat: **"WE LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"**

More information after the first of the year...

Put the dates on your calendar and let's make this retreat the BEST one ever... those of you who have gone on these special retreats, invite your friends to come with you!

Sunday School Buddy Program Needs Volunteers

Please consider joining our Sunday School Buddy Program! During the Sunday School hour, the Buddy Program provides adult companions to children and young adults with special needs. An adult companion is paired with the Sunday School student, allowing the flexibility and freedom to tailor activities to the student's needs.

Do you feel called to participate as an adult buddy? A rotation of companions is scheduled for each buddy to serve approximately once a month. No experience or lesson preparation is necessary. Training is provided. Please consider this opportunity to get to know a delightful child or youth within our church family!

Contact Lynn Dennie:
301-775-7462 or coyote831@aol.com



The Connection 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!

Thank You's

DUMC Family,

Thank you for your words of sympathy and caring.

Your gesture of love and concern has comforted our family during this difficult time of our brother's passing (Greg Sacco).

Sincerely,
Gina and Bob Wilson



PLEASE NOTE:

All are new e-mail addresses effective immediately.

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Office Information

Administrative Meetings For October, 2016

- Oct. 5 Office Staff Meeting
10:00 am in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 6 First Thursday Ministries Meeting
7:00 pm in the **Sanctuary**
 - ▶ Trustees Meeting to follow
in the **Great Hall/back**
 - ▶ Missions Meeting to follow
in the Sacristy
- Oct. 9 UMYFO Meeting
4:30 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 10 Lay Leadership Committee
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 13 SPPRC Meeting
7:30 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 13 Finance Meeting
7:30 pm in the **Sacristy**
- Oct. 18 Lay Leadership Committee
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 19 Technology Committee Meeting
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 23 Lay Leadership Committee
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- Oct. 29 **District Charge Conference**
9:00 am in the Sanctuary

The Spiritual Formation Committee and Administrative Board will not meet in the month of October.

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!

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:



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They can also help connect you to a Stephen Minister or an Earth Angel.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones: the **Bass family** with the passing of Patty's mother, Doris Cubbler; and **Bob & Gina Wilson's family** with the passing of Gina's brother, Greg Sacco.

Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery: **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **David Bellefleur** (Hank's brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Casey and Brandi Berry** (under treatment for chronic Lyme disease), **Helen Boyer**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Janice Dennie** (Rowland's mom with Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer), **Joyce Dooley** (Carol Taylor's mom), **Pat Duvall**, **Linda Evans**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Diane Fry** (having complications from her hand surgery recovery), **Marianne Goldup**, **Patsy Kressig** (Judy's mom), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson's brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back/neck surgery), **Nancy Nickerson** (recovering from tear duct surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law) liver disease and candidate for a transplant, **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), **Mike Bowman** (Roz Bowman's son), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Mickey Cochran**, **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Kathy Geehreg**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor's daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken's brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict's aunt), **Leroy** (friend of the Malles going thru kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Tanner Matney**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini's nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards' sister) and **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz's uncle).

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

If you would like to add or remove a name to the About Our People section, please e-mail the church office at office@damascusumc.org or call (301)253-0022.