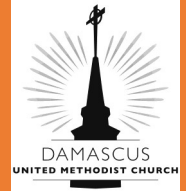


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THE BEACON

OCTOBER 2017



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Dear Congregation,

I had the privilege of being part of the Volunteer-in-Missions team that traveled to Virginia Beach in the beginning of September. Together we spent the week helping homeowners repair and paint their homes as they continue to recover from Hurricane Matthew last October. We were challenged by the assignments given to us and fulfilled by combining our different skills to meet the need. Being in service to others is humbling and invigorating. We were touched by the stories of those we met and glad to share Christ's love in word and deed.

In some ways it was a surreal experience. Hurricane Harvey had devastated parts of Texas just before we left, and Hurricane Irma was fast approaching the Caribbean and Florida while we were there. Even as we did our very small part to help one part of the country recover from a natural disaster, another part had just been ravaged and still another part was about to be. It was an all-too-real reminder that there is always need. In one of our devotional times, we heard the words of Paul telling us not to weary in doing good. We will not. Many of you are engaged in doing good in numerous ways on a regular basis. It does make a difference. Yes, there is always more work to do, but that should not discourage us. Every effort we make pleases God, helps others, and helps us to live out our calling as Christian people. More Volunteer-in-Mission trips will happen in the future. If you are wanting a place to serve, consider joining the next team.

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, specifically Martin Luther nailing 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. We are addressing reformation themes in our worship this month, and I am teaching a study on Luther's contribution to the Reformation. If interested, you can come on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am to my regular weekly class. We meet in the Great Hall for now and will move to the Music Room when the sanctuary renovations are complete in a few weeks. You may also come on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Annex. The study is for five weeks beginning September 27. Information about signing up and getting the book being used is on the Webpage, in this Beacon and in the Sunday bulletin.

Our sanctuary renovations are moving along. They will be complete in October, prayerfully sooner than later, and we will be able to resume worship in the sanctuary. I know we are all looking forward to it. Thank you for your patience over these last few months. I think and hope you will think the wait was worth it when we see the completed project.

We are in full swing with our regular schedule. Sunday School is well under way and all of our choirs are rehearsing, singing, and playing. If you have not gotten into the swing of things yet, now is the time to start. Great things are happening and would be even better with you.

Our Church Conference is October 14 at 3:30 pm. Financial information is given, officers are elected for the coming year, and reports on the life of the church are given. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

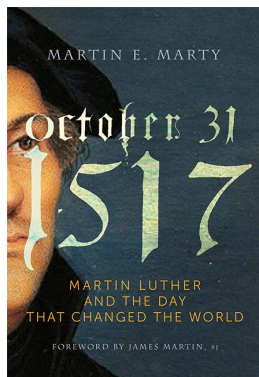
God's Peace,
David

DAMASCUS CROP HUNGER WALK EVENT **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 2:00 PM**

We will meet at **Damascus Regional Park at 1:40 pm** for this activity. We are hoping many of our youth, families, and other members will participate in this walk and help raise money which provides food for local families in need (note: 25% of the funds raised are returned to Damascus HELP for community food). Our youth are asking for pledges to support them in their walk. For more information, contact Julia Beall at 301-253-2014.



Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World



Join Pastor David on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm for a 5-week study on Martin Luther, the Reformation, and its relevance today. Classes will be held Sept. 27-Oct. 25 in the Annex/Conference Room. Register via the website (Community Life — Small Groups) or by calling the church office at 301-253-0022.

Materials: You can purchase the book *Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World* by Martin E. Marty via [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or there will be a copy available in the Annex for reading. The Annex copy must be used on site and cannot be taken home.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

Let's have some fun!

All women are invited to a craft-making session on Wednesday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex (downstairs). We will be working on some "easy to make" items that will be sold on Sat., Nov. 4, at the UMW Bazaar and Dinner.



PLEASE RSVP to Robin Cooney at robinscooney@gmail.com if you plan to attend. We need a count of crafters so that there are enough materials for all who attend. Hope you will join the FUN!

Children in Foster Care 2017 Sunday School Mission Project

This year the Sunday School classes will be collecting donations for the United Methodist Board of Child Care in Baltimore, MD. The foster care children need **new** clothes and toiletry items. We hope to collect as many items as possible during the months of October and November.

Please send in as many as you can of the following items:

NEW clothes for **young men** in sizes **Youth Large, Youth XL, Adult Small** and **Adult Medium**.

Jeans
Sweat Pants
Hoodies
Sweatshirts
Fall jackets
Casual shirts
Athletic Socks
Boxer Briefs
Tennis shoes, sizes

6½ to 9; **7½ is needed most**



Full size toiletry items:

Bars of soap or liquid body wash
Shampoo
Combs
Washcloths
Hand lotion
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Chapstick
Packets of tissues



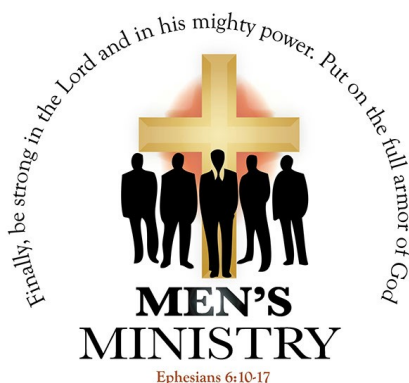
The Sunday School classes will be making **birthday cards** for the children too!

Financial donations are also appreciated. Checks should be made payable to DUMC with "Board of Child Care" in the memo line.

Thank you and God bless you!

Spiritual Formation (cont'd)

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 9, 2017

at 6:00 pm at

Gentlemen Jim's

18917 Earhart Court

Gaithersburg, MD 20887

Phone: 301-963-7778

RSVP to Ted Ross at 301-704-7992.

October United Methodist Women News

The **Susanna JOY** Circle will meet on

Monday, October 9 at 10:00 am

in the Dining Hall.

We will continue our Bible Study on Covenants
with David and Jonathan.

Please read Chapter 5; Bring textbook & Bible.

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The **WWJD Circle** will meet on

**Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 pm**

in the Dining Hall

This meeting will be a work session to prepare  
several different items to be sold at the church  
bazaar. Our meetings are open to all interested  
women of the church.

Please come join us in this effort to support the  
DUMC United Methodist Women which raises money  
for various mission programs. Email Marcia Hofman  
at [marciahofman67@gmail.com](mailto:marciahofman67@gmail.com) or call **301-253-2960**  
if you have a question.

## NEXT LADIES' NIGHTS OUT

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

**When: Nov. 9**

**Where: Mama Angela (Mt. Airy)  
5 Ridgeside Ct.  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Please RSVP by Nov.**

**TO RSVP CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**AT EITHER 301-253-0022 OR OFFICE @DAMASCUSUMC.ORG**

**When: Jan. 17**

**Where: Grillmarx  
12011 Snowden Farm Pkwy.  
Clarksburg, MD 20871**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Please RSVP by Sept. 8**



## Turn Over A New Leaf

Don't FALL apart this  
season! Get your spirit up  
and AUTUMN with your  
sister's in Christ!

## Fall Women's Retreat

Saturday, Nov 11  
From 9:30 am to 3pm  
**Peach Orchard Christian  
Retreat Center**  
*(30 mins. from church)*

15712 Peach Orchard Rd.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

# ***Women's Fall Retreat Registration***

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Peach Orchard Christian Retreat Center

15712 Peach Orchard Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905

[www.peachorchardretreat.com](http://www.peachorchardretreat.com)

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

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

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

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

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

Please list any dietary restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Please check meal selection below:**

**- All meals will include chip variety, fruit and dessert**

Chic-fil-a Regular Chicken Sandwich (fried)

Chic-fil-a Nuggets (8 count)

Chic-fil-a Grilled Wrap – additional \$3

Transportation: ☐ I can drive (# of passengers I can transport \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ I will need a ride

**\$20 Registration Fee is attached.**

**\$20 Registration Fee paid on DUMC app.**

**Make checks payable to DUMW (Damascus United Methodist Women)**

**Deadline for registration is Saturday, Nov. 4.**



# Worship Arts News and Events

October 2017

Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

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

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

## Special Music This Year at Damascus UMC

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and more...

When sanctuary renovations are over, we will resume with special music events.

Our November and December events this year take place during worship!

- ◆ Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*, featuring Charles Wesley Singers – November 26, 2017  
@ 8:15 and 11 am worship services
- ◆ Handel's *Messiah*, featuring combined choir and orchestra – December 24, 2017  
@ 9:30 am worship
- ◆ Brethren, a professional Christian men's choir – January 28, 2018 @ 3 pm
- ◆ On Broadway, a concert of aspiring musical theater students – February 25, 2018 @ 3 pm
- ◆ Faure *Requiem*, featuring Chancel Choir and orchestra – March 25, 2018 @ 3 pm
- ◆ Spring Ring, featuring the three DUMC handbell choirs – April 22, 2018 @ 7 pm
- ◆ *Barbecue for Ben* Children's Musical and All Church Picnic – May 27, 2018 @ 12:30/2 pm

## WEDNESDAYS

4:15 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall/Stage Side (snacks served – 45 minute)  
Puppet troupe for elem. students 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder

4:30 pm **Cherubs** Great Hall Back Half (30-minute session)  
Choir for children 4 ½ years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade led by Lydia Turner-Little

5:00 pm **Youth Puppets** Great Hall (45-minute session)  
Puppets/drama for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder

5:00 pm **Choristers** Choir Room (60-minute session)  
Choir for children 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Polly Baldrige (with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)

6:00 pm **Inspiration Ringers** Great Hall/Stage (30-minute session)  
Handbells for students 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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** Great Hall/Back Half  
Singing technique session with Polly Baldrige includes working on music for Women's Choir

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Choir Room (90-minute session)  
SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accom.

8:15 pm Preparing for All Saints Concert on Nov. 5 at Calvary UMC, Fred.

## SUNDAYS

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

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

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

## MONDAYS

7:30 pm **Ring of Joy** Great Hall/Stage (90-minute session)  
Adult 5-octave Handbell ensemble led by Polly Baldrige

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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

**Thanks for all the prayer support for the VIM Team Members in Virginia Beach, September 3 - 8.  
The team worked on a total of three houses that were damaged by the  
October 2016 Hurricane Matthew !!**



David & Robin Cooney, Dennis & Carol Yocum,  
Cheryl & Norm Minekime, Bonnie Custer, Martin Carr,  
Anita Duvall, Steve Leslie, & Doug Marshall



Happy men loading the truck!  
Doug Marshall, Dennis Yocum & Norm Minekime

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## SECOND-MILE GIVING AND HANDS-ON TASKS FOR MISSIONS TO HELP WITH HURRICANE RELIEF

Flood buckets, health kits and monetary donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are still very much needed. One hundred percent of money given to UMCOR goes directly to help disaster victims.

You can [give online](#) to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Advance #901670, or send a check to UMCOR, with the Advance number in the notation line, to BWC Conference Treasurer, 11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759.

Putting together Relief Kits can be done by a family or small group or as a larger church effort. For details about specific immediate needs and instructions for Relief Kits and Health Kits, visit <http://missioncentral.org/how-can-i-help/donate-items/>.

Currently the Baltimore-Washington Conference has three "mini-hubs," which collect flood buckets and transport them up to the main storage facility called Mission Central in Pennsylvania. These mini-hubs are in Maryland at Bentley Springs UMC in Parkton, Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville, and St. Matthews UMC in Bowie. For more information about these hubs, visit <http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/disaster-response/mission-central-hubs>

**Please join us as we pray for the people whose lives have been shaken by the hurricanes.**

**Let us be a light of hope and love in their time of need.**

## FALL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- ◆ FALL Work Saturday at Laytonsville Safe Haven for women
- ◆ Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Youth Group
- ◆ Food for the Community Thanksgiving Day meal at Redeemer Lutheran
- ◆ Christmas food/grocery gift cards and gifts for families sponsored by Faith Connections
- ◆ Volunteering at Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- ◆ Holiday season (Thanksgiving & Advent/Christmas) Change for Change jars for a special gift for Kenya Mission
- ◆ Between Cultures trip to Nicaragua January 27 - February 4, 2018.



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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## Faith Groups Provide the Bulk of Disaster Recovery, in coordination with FEMA

- Written by [Paul Singer](#), USA TODAY Published Sept. 13, 2017

If you donate bottles of water, diapers, clothing or any other materials to hurricane victims in Texas or Florida, your donation will likely pass through the hands of the Seventh Day Adventists before it gets to a storm victim. That's because the Adventists, over several decades, have established a unique expertise in disaster "warehousing" collecting, logging, organizing and distributing relief supplies, in cooperation with government disaster response agencies.

Likewise, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is known for its expertise in "case management." After the initial cleanup — where the Methodists have work crews helping pull mud out of houses — the church sends trained volunteers into the wreckage to help families navigate the maze of FEMA assistance, state aid programs and private insurance to help them rebuild their lives. UMCOR also trains other non-profits to send their own case managers into the disaster zone.

In a disaster, churches don't just hold bake sales to raise money or collect clothes to send to victims; faith-based organizations are integral partners in state and federal disaster relief efforts. They have specific roles and a sophisticated communication and coordination network to make sure their efforts don't overlap or get in each others' way.

The Convoy of Hope, a non-denominational Christian organization, specializes in feeding. Before Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida, the Springfield, Mo.,-based Convoy had three trailer trucks stocked with food, water and sanitary supplies parked in the state waiting to deploy to areas hardest hit, said spokesman Jeff Nene. In major disasters, the organization will set up feeding stations, sometimes at FEMA's request and even using government-provided food and equipment.

The Adventists have agreements with states around the country to provide warehouse services in the event of a disaster. "Right now, in the state of Texas, we are going around with FEMA trying to help them select a facility," said Derek Lee, director of disaster response for Adventist Community Services. "It'll actually be the state's facility but it'll be us that helps them manage it. We are going around with them right now trying to help them pick out a facility that will accommodate what the need is going to be on the ground."

Over and over again in public comments as Hurricane Harvey was soaking Texas and Louisiana, FEMA administrator Brock Long asked concerned citizens to go to NVOAD.org to make donations – that is National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the alliance of volunteer organizations that are helping FEMA channel disaster assistance into the affected areas. About 75% of the organizations that are part of the alliance are faith-based.

Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical aid group run by Rev. Franklin Graham, has trucks at the ready in Florida with chainsaws and debris removal experts to help clean up houses. After initial cleanup, the group has contracting services available to help the needy rebuild their homes. The group has responded to 20 disasters already this year, said Luther Harrison, vice president of North American Ministries for Samaritan's Purse.

FEMA – they have been a big blessing to us, they're an assistance to us," Harrison said Saturday. "For Hurricane Irma, the majority of our equipment has already been dispatched to Texas ... so our office in Canada is bringing their equipment across the border and FEMA was instrumental in helping us clear that with customs and getting all the paperwork done."

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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Harrison said a Samaritan's Purse disaster relief unit is a two-story, 53-foot trailer that has tools and equipment, including two dozen chainsaws, blue tarps for roofing, and kits for helping homeowners clear mud out of their houses.

One of the most critical resources the faith groups can provide is manpower. The United Methodists have 20,000 trained volunteers around the country who can be called up for "early response teams," basically small crews that can help with debris removal and home cleanup, said Cathy Earl, UMCOR's director of disaster programs. "They are trained they are badged they are background checked and they are part of the team that can be called up on short notice to respond," she said.

The crews come with more than just chainsaws, Earl said. "They have a person who is a designated listener so that person can sit down and be an ear for somebody if the homeowner needs that."

The efforts of volunteer groups come at essentially no cost to the government yet they also have a significant cash value to the states they serve.

States are obligated in most cases to pay a "match" for federal disaster aid, generally about 10% of the amount the federal government is paying in the immediate aftermath. But FEMA policy allows states to count volunteer hours as a payment toward that match, at \$25 per hour. Harrison said that his group has already logged and reported to Texas more than 27,000 volunteer hours worth more than \$675,000 toward the state's required match.

"About 80% of all recovery happens because of non-profits, and the majority of them are faith-based," said Greg Forrester, CEO of the national VOAD. The money is "all raised by the individuals who go and serve, raised through corporate connections, raised through church connections," and amounts to billions of dollars worth of disaster recovery assistance, he said.

And it is not just Christian congregations involved, Forrester said. There are also other faith groups including Islamic, Buddhist and Jewish relief agencies at work in disaster zones.

"FEMA can not do what it does so well without the cooperation of faith-based non-profit organizations and churches," said the Rev. Jamie Johnson, director of the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships. "It's a beautiful relationship between government and the private sector and it is something to behold."

FEMA does not assign work to the state agencies or the faith-based groups, Johnson said, but "we affirm the work that they are already doing ... FEMA brings the groups into its national command center to work with us because they have their people on the ground."



The DUMC Stephen Ministry is delighted to report that

**Mary Walcek and Cliff Bergstresser**

began their Stephen Ministry training on September 11.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they  
continue on this journey.

## Young at Heart Activities



### Steam into History on a Fall Foliage Train Ride October 14, 2017

Enjoy the colors of the fall aboard the York 17 on this 2 1/2 hour round trip to Hanover Junction, PA on the Northern Central Railway. Our narrator will talk about the town and villages along the way and the history they have. Some of the local history is about Josiah Gitt, a dry goods merchant from Hanover, Pennsylvania who owned a farm in York County. He, along with other farmers throughout the region, suffered greatly in June 1863 as passing soldiers took animals and other supplies from the surrounding countryside. Gitt and others later sued the Federal Government for the damages done to their properties. Hear his stories about life during these challenging times while riding on the Northern Central Railway.

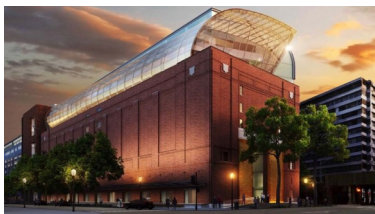
The ride goes from New Freedom, PA to Hanover Junction and back. Cost is \$28/per person. Bring your sack lunch. You can buy drinks at the gift shop. **We will leave from church at 11:30 am** if you wish to carpool. It takes about 1 hour, 15 minutes to get to the train. R.S.V.P. to Sandra Malley at [Sandra.malley@LNF.com](mailto:Sandra.malley@LNF.com) or leave a message at 240-745-2283 (home number). **I need an exact count by 10/3/17.**

If we have a group of 20, there will be a small discount for each ticket. You can pay for your ticket at the train station.

The fall is a beautiful time of the year to enjoy the York County Rail Trail. This trail was voted the number one rail trail in Pennsylvania. We are so lucky to be able to share this ride with our guests!

### NOVEMBER

#### Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC.



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

### DECEMBER

#### Traditional Christmas Dinner and Party



#### **NOTE: Date Change**

**Friday, December 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

DUMC - Dining Room

More details to come in future Beacons.

Contact person: Bob Newlin at 301-631-6840.

**NOTE: Young at Heart activities are open to all adults in our church and community.**

### Healing Service

Our monthly Healing Service will be held  
**Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm**  
**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).*

# DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FALL SCHEDULE

## Youth Sunday School

**Youth Chapel - Sundays @ 9:30 am**

Breakfast/Music/Classes by age

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## October Youth Fellowship Sunday nights @ 6:00pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

### Sunday 10/1

**No Youth Dinner or Evening Youth Activity**

### Sunday 10/8

**Damascus Crop Hunger Walk**

**Meet at Damascus Reg. Park @ 1:40 pm**

(No evening dinner or youth activity)

### Sunday 10/15

**Laser Tag (@ DUMC) &**

**Cookies for College Students**

### Sunday 10/22

**Bonfire at the Ross' Home**

### Sunday 10/29

**Trunk or Treat, 4 pm**

**No Youth Dinner or Evening Youth Activity**

## November Youth Fellowship Sunday nights @ 6:00pm

Includes Dinner and an Activity

### Sunday 11/5

**Rockin' Jump Trampolines, Gaithersburg**

### Sunday 11/12

**CWS Mini-Tour, Mineral, Virginia**

(Depart DUMC approx. 8 am)

### Sunday 11/19

**Canned Food Scavenger Hunt**

### Sunday 11/26

**Christ the King Sunday** (youth to lead worship)

**No Youth Dinner or Evening Youth Activity**

**Happy Thanksgiving Weekend !!**

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

**10/13: Bonfire & a Movie  
in the Pavilion**

**11/3: Pizza Combo Night**

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

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

**Charles Wesley  
Singers Practice  
Sundays @ 5 pm  
in the Music Room**

**Youth Puppets  
Wednesdays @ 5 pm  
in the Great Hall**

**UMYFO Meeting  
Oct. 8 at 4:00 pm in the  
Annex/Church Office**

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

## Announcements

### *Hardwood House Thrift Shop*



Please come by the Thrift Shop to see our selection of many Fall and Halloween items we have for sale during the month of October!! We have a fine assortment of costumes, decorations, fall linens, wreaths and flower arrangements. We also have party supplies for Halloween and Thanksgiving! You might even find a goblin or two!!

Also, soon after comes CHRISTMAS!! Please mark your calendars now for our Holiday Open House on **November 5**, following the 11:00 am worship service. **We will be open 12 noon to 3:00 pm on this day.**

Finally, as always we want extend our gratitude to those (volunteers, customers, church and community) who continue make this mission a success! We are able to help so many because of your support!

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for flash sales and Hardwood House happenings!



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#### **THE ROLAND L. & JANICE GREEN FARM TO BE HONORED**

#### **AT KING BARN DAIRY MOOSEUM ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND (September 24, 2017) One of Montgomery County's (Md.) family farms will be honored at Germantown's King Barn Dairy MOOseum on Sunday afternoon, September 24. The Descends of Roland and Janice Green will gather at Germantown's King Barn Dairy MOOseum to tell their family story of Roland's farm which was located at 7907 Hawkins Creamery Road in Damascus, Maryland. The MOOseum is located in the South Germantown Regional Park at 18028 Central Park Circle, off I-270 and Route 118.

Roland and Janice Green bought this farm in about 1936. Later on they purchased additional tracks until the farm totaled 323 acres. They rented 299 acres of nearby land and farmed 622 acres. They shipped milk from 1936 until 1966. They grew corn, wheat, oats, barley, and hay, as well as vegetables, poultry, and hogs. They milked by hand till 1937 when they bought vacuum milkers and shipped milk in cans until 1954 when they installed a milk tank. They built their first cow barn in 1936 with 25 stanchions. It was expanded in 1947 to house 51 stanchions.

Roland and Janice were members of the Damascus United Methodist Church and were members of the Maryland Virginia Milk Producers Association for over 50 years. Roland, during his life on this farm, transitioned from hand milking to vacuum milking, from ten-gallon cans to a bulk milk tank, and from wheat threshing to combines. Agricultural activities on the farm ended around 1966 when the farm was sold.

The Green family members will be present at the Mooseum between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on September 24 at the authentic MOOseum dairy barn museum near Germantown. A farm family exhibit has been established for this special Sunday afternoon event, illustrating how the family and their farm have served the Montgomery County area. The farm is listed on the MOOseum's unique dairy farm map, pinpointing more than 430 family dairy farms that once operated in the suburban county.

The Green family story is part of the MOOseum's continuing Sunday series to showcase farms that contributed significantly in the county's 240-year history. The MOOseum houses one of the area's most complete and unusual dairy archives. It is housed in a 1930's dairy barn, and its exhibits include a 1904 horse-drawn dairy wagon, a 1921 Model T milk truck, a model railroad, replicas of major dairy cattle found in Montgomery County, and samples of dairy equipment used in the county during the past 100 years. Come meet the Green Family Members and learn about the family and their dairy farm history. Admission is free. Contributions are welcome.



## Announcements (cont'd)

### Welcoming Wednesday Dinners are Back !!!

This year, dinners will be held once a month at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars!

**October 4:** Maple glazed pork, steamed carrots & green beans, herbed dressing, Michigan cherry green salad, apple crisp & ice cream.

Other Welcoming Wednesday Dinner dates are:

**2017:** Nov. 8 / Dec. 6

**2018:** Jan. 3 / Feb. 7 / March 7 / Apr. 4 / May 2 / Jun. 6

The **Welcoming Wednesday Dinners** are available 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!

**NOTE:** Dinners have been reduced to once a month because we have fewer helpers this year so far. If you can HELP OUT occasionally, please contact Kenny Sue Robertson (301-253-5305) or Lora Maynard (301-461-0850). We would love to have you !!!



### Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Monday, October 16**

**at 12:30 pm (Church Office)**



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

### Some App's You Can Use !!!

If you have a QR scanner on your smart device, please feel free to use these tools:



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS PREVIOUS  
ISSUES OF THE BEACON



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO LISTEN TO  
SERMONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED  
OR JUST WANT TO LISTEN AGAIN



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS THE  
DUMC WEBSITE

## Announcements (cont'd)

Thanks !!!!

I would like to thank everyone that donated books for my Little Free Library. The books are greatly appreciated. You can still donate by leaving books inside the library itself. The library is near the back parking lot of the church, outside the Christian Fellowship Center. Thank you again!

Kathryn Portwood  
Troop #104

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## Volunteers Needed for:



### FAITH CONNECTIONS HELP LINE (Serve from your home.)

- ⇒ Serves with the Good Shepherd team to answer Helpline phone calls 3 days per month (Simple training provided)
- ⇒ Provide assistance and referrals to families facing financial issues such as eviction.

**FAITH CONNECTIONS** provides emergency service to families in crisis situations and works in advocacy to support efforts to empower the individual/family towards self-reliance. Faith Connections is a collaboration of the churches in the Damascus-Clarksburg area.

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

**"...Love your neighbor as yourself" Matt. 22:39**

***Have you been searching for a ministry to serve in the Greater Damascus Community?***

**[www.Faith-Connections.org](http://www.Faith-Connections.org)**

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## Damascus HELP needs your help ! !

**DONATIONS NEEDED NOW:** Peanut butter and grape jelly, size 3-5 diapers (esp. size 4), individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper, laundry detergent, tea bags, canned fruit, canned meat, vegetables, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles. We can always use gift cards from Walmart, Weis and Safeway to buy items that are not donated.

Damascus Help would like you to consider designating your United Way and Combined Federal Campaign contributions to Damascus Help, Inc. Our designation code for United Way is 8425 and for the Combined Federal Campaign it is 30335.

Damascus Help is an all volunteer organization who helps people in our service area of Damascus, Clarksburg, Hyattstown, north Laytonsville, Frederick County south of Rt. 75 and Germantown north of Brink Rd. We provide food, holiday food, financial assistance, furniture and transportation to those in need. For further information, call us at [301-253-4100](tel:301-253-4100) or go to our web site at <http://www.damascushelp.org>



## Announcements (cont'd)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! TO COUNT THE OFFERING**

**WHEN?** – After the 11:00 am Service

**HOW OFTEN?** – About once every 8 weeks

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?** – About 2 hours

**DO YOU WORK ALONE?** – No, you will have a partner

**TRAINING?** –Of Course! We will show you the ropes

**WHO TO CONTACT** – David Rust – [darust@comcast.net](mailto:darust@comcast.net) or 301-414-5447



### ***The Bishop saw our Facebook Post !!***



Nancy (Nickerson),

This is fantastic news. I am proud of these young people for putting their faith into action in this way. Please express my gratitude and love to all of them.

Blessings and peace,  
Bp. Easterling

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling  
Resident Bishop  
United Methodist Church  
Washington Area





ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL DUMW

# Bazaar & Dinner!

JOIN US FOR:

Ham and Oyster Dinner  
Handmade Crafts  
Baked Goodies  
Crafty Vendors  
And more!

**NOVEMBER 4TH**  
**SATURDAY, 11AM**

CAN YOU HELP? WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
OF ALL TYPES - CRAFTERS, BAKERS,  
COOKS, SERVERS, AND VOLUNTEERS TO  
MAN TABLES!

CONTACT  
MANDYSELLERS@OUTLOOK.COM TO  
VOLUNTEER OR GET MORE INFO!

## Office Info

**Main office: 301-253-0022**

**David S. Cooney, ext. #103**

**Amanda P. McMurtrey, ext. #104**

[amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org](mailto:amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org)

## Minister of Music & Worship Arts

**Stephen Kalnoske, Organist**

**Nick Works,**

**Jane Webb, Office Manager**

**Linda Stastny, Office Administrator**

**Lisa Marshall, Property Manager**

## Steve Malley, Bookkeeper

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**For October 2017**

- ## IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

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

Pastor David is off on Fridays.

Pastor Amanda is off on Tuesdays.

Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.



***Please remember to use Amazon **SMILE** when you do your shopping on Amazon !***

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



## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Marylyn Anderson** (diagnosed with myasthenia gravis), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Bob Braden**, **Barry Bratburd** (recovering from hip replacement surgery), **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Linne Carrier**, **Ann Cochran**, **Don Cosman**, **Annabelle Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's aunt with medical issues), **Susan Crane** (Cheryl Minekime's cousin with medical issues), **Pat Duvall**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor's father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson's brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back surgery), **Nancy Nickerson**, **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson's sister-in-law with liver disease and candidate for a transplant), **Jerry Smith** (step-son to Joyce Patrick and brother to Sharon Warfield with undetermined medical issues), **Dorothy Stull** (at home under hospice care), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), **Bill Walcott** and **Matthew Works** (Nick's brother with spine tumors).

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer** including **Carol Ackeman** (Mary Nieter's sister with terminal cancer), **Patty Benson** (Doug's wife), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin's mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward's cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), **Linne Carrier**, **Mickey Cochran**, **Natalie Cosman** (Don & Rita's granddaughter), **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita's sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Ethel Frear**, **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) 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), **Gregory Lee** – Army (Cara Hardick Lee's husband), **Benjamin J. Saunders** – Navy (son of Connie Ross), **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly), and **Kossi (Alfred) Setodji** –Army (son of Philip and Mary Davi Avudutu).

### Did you know?

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



### 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**

**Amanda McMurtrey, ext. #104**  
cell: 240-529-8887



office: 301-253-0022