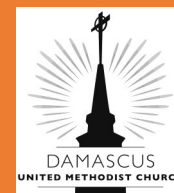


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The Importance of “Face Time”

I have spent time in the month of September visiting a number of our shut-ins and older members of our congregation. These visits have reminded me about the importance of “face time”—that is, time spent in the real presence of another person, face-to-face, as opposed to via phone or computer screen.

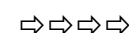
One of the true privileges of being a pastor is being welcomed into people’s homes. I learn so much about someone by visiting them at home. Not only do I get to hear their story, I am often treated to a look around their home—not just at rooms, but at objects that are important to people, like old photographs, items that belonged to a long-deceased parent or spouse, photos of grandchildren or items made by them. These precious items have stories to tell.

Visiting with people can be an emotional experience. Being present with another person as they share about the important things in their lives is an honor. Sometimes we may each have a tear in our eye as we reflect on people who are no longer with us or other experiences of loss. At other times tears may be due to having laughed so hard at a story one of us has told.

I always like to close with prayer, preferably holding hands, as I remind us both that wherever two or more followers of Christ are gathered, Christ is in our midst. I give thanks for the new relationships that are being formed as we meet and share our stories and memories (including stories about “old Damascus” and DUMC). And I ask that God bless and keep those whom I have visited.

Being present with one another reminds us of God’s presence with us as well as the fact that we are created in the image of God. When we visit together, God is with us and within us.

At present, we do not have formal small-group gatherings scheduled for people to meet Pastor B and me. Many of these visits have taken place spontaneously over the summer or as people have called to schedule meetings at church or invited us to their homes or small groups. **However, if you have not had a chance and would like to meet with one or both of us, please call the church office to schedule a time to get together. Or simply invite us to your small group/ministry area. Or gather some friends at your home and invite us over—we’re flexible!**



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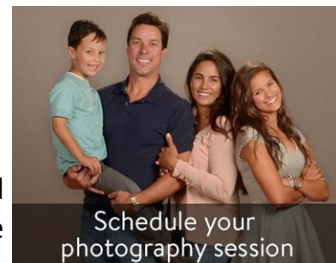
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I feel so blessed and give thanks to God daily as I become a part of the DUMC community and get to know many of you. This is a marvelous congregation, filled with caring Christians who want to make a difference in our community and the world. God is good!

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathryn

WE ARE READY TO CREATE OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY October & November

Our directory will portray each of our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive one complimentary 8 x 10 portrait, a printed and electronic version of the new directory. You are under no obligation to purchase anything. Sign up today for your professional photography session. Dates are on a first come, first served basis.



- 1) Schedule your appointment online at our website
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxlijd8ex/>
- 2) Look for the sign-up tables: **TODAY, Sept. 30 in the Connections Café with Jane**
- 3) Or call Jane Webb or Linda Stastny in the church office at 301-253-0022 for assistance to make your appointment.

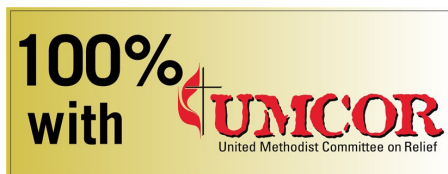
Photo sessions will be here in the Library on:

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October 17, 18 & 19 at 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Monday, Tuesday, Friday, November 19, 20 & 23 at 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday, November 24 at 9:00 am - 3:30 pm



Hurricane Florence....How can you help?

1. Pray for those whose lives have been impacted by this disaster. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
2. Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping labels at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.
3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts by giving cash or check, made payable to DUMC, w/notation Advance #901670.
4. Donate requested items only.
5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is grateful for
your prayers and support.

Text to Give: UMCOR to 91999 • umcor.org

REMINDER: 100% of what you give to UMCOR goes to the cause !

October Worship

October 7, 2018 World Communion Sunday: A Day to Celebrate Diversity and Inclusivity

Today we will conclude our worship series "Come to the Table." Pastor Kathryn will preach on "**The Table of Joy**" at both services. Scriptures: Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32.

We will joyfully celebrate Holy Communion together as Christians all around the world also celebrate the sacrament today. **Once again, Sue Petrie will bake breads from different parts of the world.**



To expand our global theme, you are invited to wear something from your country of origin or a country from which your ancestors came.

In addition to the Charles Wesley Singers (8:15 am) and the Chancel Choir (11:00 am), we will have music by the Choristers (11 am) and a special processional.

World Communion Sunday is one of six special offering Sundays in the United Methodist Church. The World Communion Sunday offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow.

October 14, 2018 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor B will preach at both services on "**Growing in Grace.**" Scriptures: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

In addition to the Charles Wesley Singers (8:15 am) and the Chancel Choir (11:00 am), the Youth Bell Choir will ring at both services.



October 21, 2018 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Kathryn will preach on "**Defining Greatness**" at both services. Scriptures: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

The Charles Wesley Singers will sing at 8:15 am. The Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00 am, and the Men's Choir & Ring of Joy will share at both services.



October 28, 2018 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor B will preach on "**An Opening Experience**" at both services. Scriptures: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

The Charles Wesley Singers & Chancel Choir will have a "choir swap." The Chancel Choir will sing at 8:15 am, and Charles Wesley Singers will sing at 11:00 am. **The Cherub Choir will also sing at the 11:00 am service.**



United Methodist Women News

The WWJD Circle is planning a movie/dinner either in the evening or afternoon.

If interested call/email Marcia Hofman (301-253-2960 or marciahofman67@gmail.com).

Emails will be going out to the group to establish the date & time but anyone can join us.

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### “Un-Save” the Date !!

Our Annual Fall DUMC Craft Bazaar (& dinner) **ORIGINALLY** scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2018, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

*Sorry for the late notice and we apologize to all persons this is affecting.*

## NEXT LADIES' NIGHTS OUT

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

**When: Tuesday, October 9**

**Where: Buca di Beppo (Italian)  
122 Kentlands Blvd.,  
Gaithersburg, MD**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Please RSVP by Oct. 5th to Linda in the church office.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR KATHRYN

Several people have asked Pastor Kathryn if she will be leading a Sunday School class as Pastor David did.

The answer is “Yes!”

Pastor Kathryn’s class will begin closer to the start of the Advent season.

Meanwhile, she can be found visiting Sunday School classes.

## United Methodist Men News

### Men’s Night Out

will take place on

**Monday, October 29**

at Longhorn Steak House @ 6:00 pm

20017 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD.

Please RSVP to Ted Ross at

301-704-7992.





## An Invitation to Church Membership

Several people have spoken to Pastor Kathryn about the process of becoming members of Damascus UMC. If you feel that God is leading you to make DUMC your church home, please contact the Church Office or speak with Pastor Kathryn personally. She would like to meet as a group with those who are interested and plan a date (or dates) when we will receive people into membership.



*"Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do; let me watch you Jesus, till I'm gentle too;  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you."*

- WHO:** Families of children in Sunday School ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- WHAT:** Collecting supplies to support Laytonsville Safe Haven, a shelter for women who are struggling with their mental health and have become homeless. Some of the residents are veterans.
- WHEN:** The children will attend an assembly on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> to learn about the project. Collections will begin on October 21<sup>st</sup> and end on November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- WHY:** The overall theme of our Sunday school classes this fall is Jesus and families. Jesus calls us to help those in need especially those without the support of family.
- HOW:**
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Twin sheet sets and pillows
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Twin comforters or blankets
  - Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - Towels and washcloths
  - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Bars of soap
  - Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Toothbrushes and toothpaste
  - Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Shampoo, conditioner, combs and brushes

## JOIN THE YOUNG-AT-HEART FOR A TOUR OF **ARLINGTON CEMETERY!**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

If you have never visited Arlington Cemetery, don't miss this opportunity! The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation by providing a sense of beauty and peace. The rolling green hills are dotted with trees that are hundreds of years in age and complement the gardens found throughout the 624 acres of the cemetery. This impressive landscape serves as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of every individual laid to rest within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

BERNIE Beall will be with us for this two-hour tour as we ride a tram through the cemetery, giving us historical facts and spiritual lessons about this sacred place. We will make stops at JFK's grave site and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, watch the Changing of the Guard and take short walks to nearby sites as well as spend some time at the Visitor Center. Depending upon the weather, our tram may be open or closed, so please dress warmly with comfortable, walking shoes.

**Costs:** Parking is \$2.00 per hour. Tram: \$13.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+); \$6.75 for any military ID; free for military in uniform (plus 3 family members); free for government-issued handicap ID (plus a guest.) **WE WILL NOT COLLECT MONEY AHEAD OF TIME! PLAN TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS WHEN YOU ARRIVE.**

**ALSO, Bernie Beall is a faith-supported evangelist. A donation of \$10 cash per person is suggested, to be given to Bernie, which will be gathered by Jane when we meet to carpool from the church.**

*Carpoolers will meet at DUMC ready to leave at 8:30 a.m. (GPS direction to Arlington Cemetery is: 1 Memorial Avenue, Fort Myer, VA.) Tram tour will be from 10:00 am until noon. Lunch is planned afterward at The Cheesecake Factory*

*(7101 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817)*

*We are estimating a return to DUMC between 2:30 and 3:00 pm.*

*RSVP to Sue Constantinides at 301-253-6591 or Jane Webb at the church office.*



*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends - John 15:13*

# Worship Arts News and Events

October, 2018

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

## GREAT SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF



Damascus UMC and Calvary UMC – Mt. Airy collaborated to share a concert on Sunday, Sept. 23. It was a beautiful afternoon of music, and during the concert \$1433.00 was given during the free-will offering to benefit United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) disaster response from Hurricane Florence.

## CDs AVAILABLE, if you're not totally digital!

The music ministry has CDs from previous performances available, including last year's Charles Wesley Singers tour to Florida and All Good Gifts, a recording made by the choirs several year ago. Please visit the Music Room and help yourself – they make great gifts and can be shared with friends to let them know about our congregation. These are free for the taking – if you wish to leave a small donation, you can.

## MONDAYS

7:30 pm **Ring of Joy**

Great Hall Stage / 75-minute session

Primarily adults, but open to all ages—medium/advanced handbell ensemble

## WEDNESDAYS

4:30 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall Stage Side / 30-minute session

Puppet troupe for elementary students 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up led by Cathy Scarbrough & Nalynn Ryder

5:00 pm **Cherub Choir**

Great Hall Back Half / 30-minute session

Choir (singing, games, movement) for children 4 ½ years old to 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</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 (w/singing music and worship education) for children 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade led by Polly Baldrige (with Mary Nieter and Diane Fry)

6:00 pm **Inspiration Ringers**

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**

Choir Room / 30-minute sessions

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

7:00 pm **Women's Ensemble**

Great Hall-Back Half / 30-minute sessions

Singing technique session with Polly Baldrige will also include working on music for Women's Choir

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir**

Choir Room / 90-minute sessions

SATB choir for 11 am worship— primarily adults, but open to all ages, led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accompanist

## SUNDAYS

4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** Stage / 60-minute sessions

Handbells for youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades (medium/advanced handbell ensemble) led by Tom Baldrige

5:00 pm **Charles Wesley Singers** Choir Room / 60-minute sessions

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

Shares weekly @ 8:15 am worship service

## LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE REHEARSALS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 8:15 pm in Music Room



*Performances are*

**Friday, December 28, 7 pm**

**Saturday, December 29, 3 pm**

Tickets: \$15 (available on DUMC website/Facebook page or in church office)

(\$50 family ticket available through church office for 4 or more people)

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson  
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## OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- Volunteering at Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other helping organizations
- VIM trip—October 7-13, Tarboro, NC
- Crop Walk in Damascus October 14, providing food for Damascus Help and others
- Safe Haven work — Saturday, November 10, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Change for Change—end of year holiday season
- Possible trip to Puebla, Mexico, Winter 2019

## Volunteers in Missions Fall trip

This fall, October 7-13, a team of volunteers will travel to Tarboro, NC, to work on homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew in the fall of 2016. This hurricane did \$15.09 billion in damages from Venezuela, north to NYC. The hardest hit states were Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Please pray for the team of 11 worker volunteers as they serve the Tarboro area, which was not impacted by Hurricane Florence. Team members:

Damascus UMC: Steve Leslie, Cheryl & Norm Minekime, David & Bonnie Custer, Anita Duvall, Dennis & Carol Yocum; Martin Carr.

Calvary UMC, Mt. Airy: Steve D'A & Ed Koch

## Crop Walk— October 14

**Do you want to be in Mission but have a busy schedule? Consider getting sponsors and walking for an afternoon on October 14 to raise funds to feed hungry people in our state and community! Forms are available.** The 48th Damascus HELP walk will be held at Damascus Regional Park on Kings Valley Road starting at 1:30 pm. It is a safe 4-mile walk. If you would like to walk or help organize, please call Bernardine Beall @ 301-253-2014.

## **\*\*NEW\*\*** Women's Shelter Donations

The mission committee is adapting our collection of travel-size toiletries to support the Laytonsville Safe Haven Shelter. Residents are homeless and typically spend up to a year at the shelter. Some of these women are veterans, and all are using their time at Safe Haven to work on personal issues to be able to once again live independently. Upon arrival, the shelter would love to provide clients with a NEW pillow, twin sheet set, comforter or bedspread, towel, 2 wash cloths, a bar of soap or body wash, shampoo, and a comb or hairbrush. There is a collection box in the Narthex closet for toiletries. If you are able to provide larger items or money to purchase them, please contact Cora Horst, cora.horst@damascusumc.org or 301-529-3047.

## Winter trip to Nicaragua on hold

Because of the political turmoil in Nicaragua and any resolution is unknown at the moment, DUMC will not have the annual trip this winter. Below is the latest from **Between Cultures** about their visit to DUMC's sister church in LaDanta.

*The attendance was about 24 people. Flor was baking and Chica was having some health issues. Don Jerónimo is in poor health. He no longer feels like walking without a stick. He also suffers from deafness. He can walk on even ground but not on rough surfaces. If he tries walking on uneven surfaces he goes sideways. Some children have been sick with pneumonia.*

*Celso and Marina were in Rio San Juan for 15 days visiting their son.*

*The fields are being prepared waiting for the rains. The fields had already been prepared but the grass grew back while waiting for the first rains and we have to do the work again.*

*There is little corn. People have to buy it. Since it was not planted during the first half of the rainy season now there is no corn. This time it rained a little at first but the last rains have been delayed. The corn has cost 600 córdobas. Now in Somotillo you can find it in between 800 to 900 córdobas. The trucks came early to buy corn and many of the community sold believing that what they had left was going to be enough but it was not like that.*

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# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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*A problem very felt by the community is that many robberies have been happening. They will rob anything: chickens, chicks, and ducks to horses. It's like there's no law. Due to this situation there will be an assembly with the police to expose the situation. Possibly there will be patrol as it is a problem that is repeated in other nearby communities. In the past, the community has been voluntarily vigilant. One factor that affects robberies is that the border with Honduras is close and the stolen goods are traded in the other country and it is difficult to pursue them to that place.*

*It has also been noted the presence of motorcycles at night in the community without knowing the reason for their presence. The mode of operation of those who make these assaults is in gangs of about 6 people. Some of them watch while others are stealing the animals or things.*

*The project to improve the electric service has been delayed but it is sure that it will be carried out. The holes where the poles have been installed have already been drilled and the posts have been taken to the community.*

*As for the ceramic floor project for the church, there is still a lack of people who contribute the 100 córdobas. They were asked to make the budget soon so we can disburse the money that we have in Entre Culturas.*

## **Needs for the ministry of Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena in Mexico**

- 1) To upgrade 2 pickup trucks for used trucks that are more gas efficient and in need of fewer repairs. Many tasks require trucks related to farming.
- 2) Providing a strawbale home for a woman who is living in a home made of cardboard, reeds, and sticks which floods in the rainy season. They cannot afford more. Total cost: \$5,558.00.

Like the family of Mrs. Julia Palma, many families are in need of a better home. A real house! This is why GYTTE, Give Ye Them To Eat, through its Community Development program, helps these families in need. GYTTE provides the training and resources so that each family can help in the construction of a strawbale house. These families have the desire to improve their lives, unfortunately they do not have the economic resources since the work in the field is arduous, but with very little pay. But they do have the desire to work and learn to make their home. GYTTE tries to help them build, in addition to the strawbale house, an ecological dry toilet and a wood burning stove. The objective of our community development is that these families can not only change the place where they live, but have a change of life. We involve our other programs: providing training in health topics such as "Hand and Feet Washing", "General Hygiene", "Dental Hygiene", etc.; and if the family is even more interested, they are given advice about "Terracing", "Gaviones", "Compost Express", etc. (methods for making more out of a small plot of land). Training helps them develop in an integral way. We hope your congregation considers supporting this ministry. We are hoping to raise the necessary funds through the congregations that support us.

## **Thank You's**

- ♦ To those Trustees who did the outside painting at Harwood House.
- ♦ To those who supported the ministries of caring for orphans and providing for the clinic in Kenya through the June yard sale and the August concessions at "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."
- ♦ To the 11 person team who worked with Habitat in July. Their work was as follows:

**House 1** – We installed kitchen cabinets in this house (unfortunately, there was a disconnect between the plans and the delivered cabinets so we couldn't finish the project).

**House 2** – We installed vinyl siding on almost all the house and installed kitchen cabinets (unfortunately, there was a disconnect between the plans and the delivered cabinets so we couldn't finish the cabinets on this house either).

**House 3** – We put the end gables or "rakes" up on the existing roof trusses and then put up the plywood sheathing on the entire roof.

**House 4** – We leveled out the ground, laid gravel, plastic sheeting, and rigid foam insulation on the ground in the basement crawl space. We then installed the rigid foam insulation on the walls of the basement. We applied tar (well, technically, it probably wasn't "tar", but that's what everyone calls it) to waterproof ("parge") the exterior of the basement. By the end of the week, we had the floor joists, and the plywood decking (subfloor) installed for the first floor of the house. We also laid drainage pipe in the ditches around the house and filled in the ditches with gravel after the pipe was laid.

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

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## **Pray for our missionaries and our mission projects overseas**

- Amanda Jones-Dominguez & Memo Dominguez and daughters Sofia & Julia from Nicaragua (Between Cultures) arrived in August in the US because of the political turmoil in Nicaragua.
- 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. They have concern for their two late-teen daughters, should they send them to the US or not.
- Nan McCurdy & husband, Miguel Mairena, began a new assignment in Puebla, Mexico, July 1, 2018.
- The daily food program DUMC provides for the primary school children at Ndere Orphans School, Gem, Kenya, as well as support for the Joint Partners Clinic.
- For the **people being helped through UMCOR** after natural disasters: East Coast, Puerto Rico, Louisiana, Texas, California, Hawaii.
- For the families/individuals in Damascus who use the Harwood House to make ends meet.
- For the children in Damascus whose families don't have enough resources to provide needed school supplies.

## **Damascus HELP needs help!**

The cupboards are almost bare! We are in dire need of any of the following:

- |                                                     |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 2 lb bags of flour                                | • 2 lb bags/boxes of sugar    |
| • Tomato/spaghetti sauce                            | • Pasta or rice               |
| • Canned tomatoes                                   | • Baked beans                 |
| • Canned vegetables (assorted) re: Peas, corn, etc. | • Canned fruits               |
| • Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)                | • Cereals (cold or hot)       |
| • Tea bags                                          | • Peanut butter (medium jars) |
| • Jelly (small jars)                                | • Baby food                   |
| • Powdered milk (prefer 1 qt packets)               | • Soups                       |
| • Instant or canned potatoes                        | • Mac & cheese boxes          |
| • Laundry detergent                                 | • Diapers (size 4 & 5)        |
| • Instant coffee (less than 3oz)                    |                               |

Please check the expiration date of the food you donate. We cannot give our clients items that have expired. Gift certificates to Weis or Safeway grocery stores, as well as financial donations are also greatly appreciated. Cash or checks (make to DUMC, w/notation: Damascus HELP) can be dropped off at the church office or left in the Damascus HELP basket in the Narthex closet of the church. Thanks so much for helping those in need in our local community!

Damascus Help is an all volunteer organization which helps people in our service area of Damascus, Clarksburg, Hyattstown, north Laytonsville, Frederick County south to Rt. 75 and Germantown north of Brink Rd. We provide food, financial assistance, furniture, holiday food and transportation to those in need. For further information, call us at 301-253-4100 or go to our web site at <http://www.damascushelp.org> where you will find our 2017 Annual Report.

**Next Missions Committee Meeting:  
Thursday, October 4, 2018 @ 7:00 pm**

**Save the Dates for Habitat, 2019. . . . July 14 - 19**

# DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

## OCTOBER, 2018

### **Youth Fellowship, Sundays @ 6:00 pm**

Includes Dinner and an Activity

#### **Sunday 10/7**

**6:30 pm Cookies for College**

#### **Sunday 10/14**

**1:30 pm Crop Walk**

**4:00 pm UMYFO Meeting**

#### **Sunday 10/21**

**No Youth Dinner or Evening Activity**

#### **Sunday, 10/28**

**4:00 pm Trunk or Treat Event**

**DUMC — Lower Parking Lot**

#### **Sunday, 11/4**

**6:00 pm Youth Fellowship  
Devotion and Game Night**

#### **Sat 11/10**

**Hayride at the Ross' House**

#### **Sunday 11/18**

**2:00 pm CWS Visit Asbury Village**

**6:00 pm Youth Fellowship**

#### **Sunday 11/25**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**Youth lead both worship services**

**No Youth Dinner or Evening Activity**

### **5th Quarter:**

#### **Friday Nights**

**Following DHS Home Football  
Games at DUMC . . .**

**Open to**

**ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL Youth!**

**October 5th: Manhunt Event**

**October 19th: 9-Square Extravanganaz**

**October 26th: Movie Night**

### **Youth Sunday Schedule**

#### **8:15 am: Worship**

Charles Wesley Singers share

#### **9:30 am: Youth Chapel**

Breakfast (\$5), Music/Worship Time  
(Praise Band shares),  
Class by Grade, & Confirmation.

#### **11:00 am: Worship**

#### **4:00 pm: Youth Handbell Rehearsal**

(weekly, except when UMYFO meets)

#### **5:00 pm: Charles Wesley Singers Rehearsal**

(weekly, even if no Youth Activity)

#### **6:00 pm: Youth Dinner (most weeks)**

#### **6:30 pm: Youth Activity (most weeks)**

Youth Events typically end at 8:00 pm

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

Greetings from your Finance Committee!

## PLANNING FOR THE PROPER USE OF GOD'S TIME, RESOURCES & OUR MONEY

*For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." - Luke 14:28-30*

I am sure you will all recall from September's scintillating Finance Committee Report our discussion of last year's Stewardship Campaign. We had hoped one campaign would cover two years, 2018 & 2019, but many people were reluctant to commit so far ahead for perfectly good and understandable reasons. Plus, we have some new members who did not have the pleasure of participating in last year's campaign. Thus, we concluded that we should "double-back" and conduct another Stewardship Campaign this fall. For the people who made a commitment for 2019, you will not have to respond again this year. If you can't remember what you did, you can e-mail Steve Malley, our Church Bookkeeper at [steve.malley@damascusumc.org](mailto:steve.malley@damascusumc.org) or simply fill out a new commitment form this fall. You will receive additional information about this campaign in the next few weeks. Commitment Sunday will be November 18, 2018.

On a related but different subject, your friendly Finance Committee members fret about the annual "summer slump". Many people are away on vacation which leads to a significant dip in giving. If you miss church because you are away on vacation, a business trip, illness, or if you just don't quite make it to worship on a Sunday morning ... the church's expenses still go on unabated. Even if you or I are not there to hear their wonderful sermons, Dr. Woodrow and Pastor Benjamin still expect to receive their salaries. So please think of the Sunday when you return as CATCH UP SUNDAY and make a point of "catching up" on your giving as soon as possible.



We trust that each of you will have a pleasant autumn as we move towards All Saints' Day and begin to prepare ourselves for Advent.

Sincerely,

David A. Rust, Chairman

Factoid #9 – John Wesley believed we could not be stand-alone Christians and expressed his views in the term "social holiness." He wrote in the preface to the 1739 hymnal that "the gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness." Thus the church is where we grow in our faith as "Christians in community".

## QUARTERLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

A sample of a quarterly offering envelope. It features a blue and white logo on the left that says "Give unto the Lord" with "MATTHEW 23:23" below it. To the right of the logo are several fields: "Your Church Name" with "City, State" below it; "MY OFFERING" with "Amount \$" and a line for the amount; and "Name" with a line for the name. There is a small "2018" in the bottom right corner.

The offering envelopes for the fourth quarter of 2018 are available in the Great Hall hallway. They are in boxes sorted by last name alphabetically.



## Announcements

### First Thursday Meetings on October 4, 2018, at 7:00 pm

After starting off the fall with our meeting in September, we will continue our First Thursday meeting night in October for Trustees, Missions, and Children's Ministry. We will gather at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a devotional time led by Pastor Kathryn. Then, no later than 7:30 p.m., we will split off into our individual meetings.



We are so pleased to have four members of our congregation attending the Stephen Ministry training which began September 10th.

The first 4 training classes were held Monday nights right here at DUMC.

Please keep the entire class and ministry in your prayers; including the friends, families, and loved ones of the trainees, who will give and sacrifice much to allow their loved ones to attend the training and complete the required home study.

The following members have said "yes" to the promptings of their hearts to serve God in this manner:

Kathy Leslie  
George Hughes

Mary Walcek  
Christy Taylor

### Boyer Chapel Open House

Have you ever heard the name "Boyer Chapel" or read that it's been recently renovated, yet don't know exactly what it is, where it's located, or seen inside?

Are you aware that this historic and picturesque building is available for use by members of our church and community for appropriate functions?

Details of the upcoming Boyer Chapel Open House will follow in a future Beacon.



## Announcements (cont'd)

### 2018 DAMASCUS CROP WALK Sunday, OCTOBER 14 @ 2:00 pm (25% goes to Damascus HELP)

Damascus Regional Park  
23723 Kings Valley Rd.  
Damascus, MD 20872



Youth and Adults Welcome; Food and Security provided; 4 miles max. For information packets contact Mrs. Beall at [bernardinebeall@gmail.com](mailto:bernardinebeall@gmail.com) or 301-253-2014.



**NOTE:** Church World Service was founded in 1946 and is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian denominations and communions, providing sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world.

### DAMASCUS LIONS AUTUMN BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs & More !!!!



**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**7:00 am to 11:00 am**

Here at Damascus UMC - Dining Hall

Adults: \$9, Children (4-8) \$4, under 4 free

**Also, be sure to visit our Bake/Craft Table.**



**Tickets available at the door or ask a Lion's Club member.**

[www.damascuslions.org](http://www.damascuslions.org)

### *Harwood House Thrift Shop News!*

Happy Fall everyone! Our Halloween and Fall decorations are out for sale now. We have costumes, hats, masks, and accessories for sale. Not to mention floral displays party supplies, and maybe even a pumpkin or two! Come early to get the best selections!

Also, save the date for our Christmas Open House coming November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Announcements (cont'd)



### Annual Church Conference Meeting Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ 2:30 pm

This year's Church Conference Meeting will be held as a Cluster Conference meeting.

That means that other Damascus area UMC's will be meeting here at DUMC and that portions of the Conference will be held together before churches split off for individual meetings.

### "Un-Save" the Date !!

Our Annual Fall DUMC Craft Bazaar (& dinner) originally scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2018, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

*Sorry for the late notice and we apologize to all persons this is affecting.*

#### ***Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry Monday, October 15 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](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net), 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto:jmullinix74@yahoo.com), 301-482-1122.

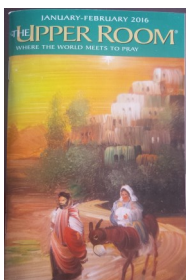


### Prayer Requests

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

Prayer cards should then be placed in the offering plate.  
All requests will be kept confidential.

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



### 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)

**Sunday, October 21 @ 7:00 pm**

Join us for this service held monthly, now being moved back to the Parlor location. This service is a time for sharing Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil (James 5:14-16a).

All are invited and you may come to ask for healing for others.



## Interested in joining a Sunday morning Welcome Team?



Have you observed the Welcome Team members on duty at each service? Have you thought that you would like to be a part of one of the teams? If so, please read the brief summary of the various roles and complete the form at the bottom.

Welcome Team members (greeters, ushers and host) are asked to arrive 30 minutes before and stay 10 minutes after the service.

**Greeter** - greet people as they arrive and exit the service

**Host** - stand at the Welcome Station to answer questions, provide informational brochures, and distribute welcome gifts to guests

**Usher** - distribute bulletins, collect offering, and 'dismiss' pews during communion

Place the completed bottom half of your form at the Welcome Station or leave it at the church office. Thank you! Questions? Contact the church office OR Judy or Rocky Benedict (301-865-6299 or [rockjudybenedict@aol.com](mailto:rockjudybenedict@aol.com)).

**I want to join a Sunday morning Welcome Team!**

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

**Phone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(This contact information will be shared with all Welcome Team volunteers.)*

I am committing to join a Welcome Team as: \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Host, and/or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Usher

**Service Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00

I am committing to join a Welcome Team: \_\_\_\_\_ one Sunday a month  
\_\_\_\_\_ two Sundays a month



Damascus United Methodist Church  
Youth Group presents



And a Puppet Show



Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 pm  
(Lower Parking Lot)

### The Connection: Café

DUMC's Coffee Hour is 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 Gloria Maready (240-388-0487) or Marcia Hofman (301-253-2960) to sign up to help and/or provide food.



**We could use a few volunteers!**



## Announcements (cont'd)

### The Welcoming Wednesday Dinners have Returned !!!

This year, we, the Kitchen Committee, have decided to try having Wednesday dinners **two times a month**. For the most part they will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. November is different because of the way the holiday fall. So please join us on the dates below at **6:00 pm**.

The schedule for the remainder of 2018 is:

October 3: Herbed Baked Chicken, Twice Baked Potato, Green Salad & Apple Dessert  
October 17: Baked Ziti Dinner with Green Salad & Ice Cream Sundae for dessert  
November 7 & 28\*  
December 5 & 19\*

\*A menu will appear in each monthly Beacon and in the Sunday Bulletin.

We will continue the " pay as you can " policy. But, the suggested prices have increased to \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. There is a family cap of \$25.00. Inflation is even causing difficulties for us.

As always, we can use extra hands to help in preparation, serving and clean- up. Many hands do make lighter work. If you feel you can spare a little time on the days we have dinners, please give us a call or send an e-mail to :

Lora Maynard      [ljbouch@aol.com](mailto:ljbouch@aol.com)      301-461-0850

Gabrielle Hulcher      [gabriellehulcher@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellehulcher@gmail.com)      240-316-6815

Kenny Sue Robertson      [charrobe@verizon.net](mailto:charrobe@verizon.net)      301-471-7298

We thank you for your past support and are looking forward to a year filled with fun, love and good fellowship.

Your Kitchen Committee

PS : Menus are always subject to change.....

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### We have a new Kitchen Chairperson!

After many years of managing our Kitchen Committee, Gabrielle Hulcher has decided to step down and **Kenny Sue Robertson will be our new Chairperson**. Kenny Sue has already arranged for two Wednesday night dinners a month for the fall of this year (**see article above**) and will also handle other kitchen planning and arrangements. **Remember, the kitchen cannot be opened by anyone except a certified kitchen manager; however, you still need to inform the Chairperson (Kenny Sue) for ANY reason you would need be in the kitchen.** This is **not only** to comply with Montgomery County regulations, but to also avoid over/cross booking the use of the kitchen. And best of all, Gabrielle is not leaving us! She will continue on as a certified manager, along with a few others, helping with some of the food events we sponsor here at DUMC. Kenny Sue's contact info is 301-253-5405 or 301-471-7298.

**CALENDAR NOTE:** Please continue to schedule any other events taking place at DUMC with Jane Webb in the office, as we have done in the past. This would include ALL buildings, except the Thrift Shop. Reservations are also needed for any outside grass space, parking lot and Pavillion. THANK YOU !!!

## Announcements (cont'd)



# 2018



### NOVEMBER, 2018

**See flyer on page #6**  
**Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and lunch.**

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

### DECEMBER 14, 2018 6:30 pm

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

**Coordinator: Jane Webb**  
**240-620-6920**



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

*We try to plan a variety of events  
that appeal to people,  
but please feel free to make suggestions,  
and possibly sponsor*

*or co-sponsor an event Contact Sue Constantinides, Sandra Malley or Jane Webb.*



## Altar Flowers for 2018

A sign-up notebook to provide altar flowers for this year has been placed in the rack in the narthex next to the Welcome Station. The sooner you sign up for your special dates, the better! You may order the flowers yourself from one of two local florists:

Blossoms and Basket at 301-829-8300

or Beall's at 301-253-2840

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

## **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.

## 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.

## About Our People

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## PASTORS:

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**STAFF:**

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**Minister of Music & Worship Arts**  
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**Director of Youth**  
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**Lisa Marshall, Property Manager**  
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**Steve Malley, Bookkeeper**  
ext. #106 / [steve.malley@damascusumc.org](mailto:steve.malley@damascusumc.org)

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## IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING  
ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION  
IN THE **NOVEMBER** BEACON  
**WILL BE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

(For Beacon to publish on **Sunday, October 28**).

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

## Thank You !

**Pray for those who are in mourning: The Schlee Family** with the passing of John's mother, Margie Schlee, on July 30 in Florida; **Ann Brakes's** family who passed away on September 12 in Frederick; and the **Wilson Family** with the passing of Gina's sister-in-law, Carol Sacco, on September 22 following a long battle with liver disease.

Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery: **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Jessica Bowers** (Chris Adams' girlfriend), **Bob Braden**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Judy Dalrymple** (sister-in-law to Jackie Perry), **Pat Duvall**, **April Fry** (Diane Fry's daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Debbie Hoar**, **Kent Engel** (back issues), **Mary Emma Linthicum** (pacemaker implanted), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jim Maggio** (recovering from rotator cuff surgery), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey's son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella**, **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), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones' niece with Lupus), and **Bill Walcott**.

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer including Patty Benson (Doug's wife), Ann Boyer (Kevin's mom), Ellen Boyle (sister of Rev. Janet Cornelius), Sue Bradley, Karen Caroscio (Stephanie Vara Carter's mother-in-law), Linne Carrier, Mickey Cochran), Kent Engel (lung cancer), Ethel Frear (under hospice care), JP Feuillet, Dawn Helton (Marge Taylor's daughter), Rick Henderson (Ken's brother), Willa Kackley (Judy Benedict's aunt), 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), and Matt Works (Nick's brother).**

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