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## SEPTEMBER 2017



*Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples*

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Grace and Peace,

The summer season has come to a close. I hope you had opportunity to relax a bit and enjoy a slower season and get some refreshment for your souls. Now the time has come to get reenergized as work, school, and church get back into full swing.

In that spirit we are beginning a worship series called Reinforce based on words beginning with "re." How many can there be? Well, I used three in the opening paragraph of this letter and our theme title is another. Words you will hear between now and All Saint's Day are: rebuild, revive, rejoice, reaffirm, remember, refresh, reply, revere, reform, and re-gift. There are more, but we will leave it at that.

Speaking of "re" words, this year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. We will be honoring that on October 29. In addition, I will be leading a five-week study about the Reformation in my Sunday morning class and on Wednesday, September 27 and the four Wednesdays in October, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday study will be at 7:00 pm.

Another "re" word is recommit. The terrible happenings in Charlottesville, VA this summer serves as a vivid reminder of our need to constantly recommit ourselves to preach, teach, and model Christ's grace and love for all. The situation in Charlottesville was dramatic and stunning and shameful. It was not, however, unique. Racial hate and tension have been part of our history and continues to manifest itself in multiple ways, usually not as dramatically as in Charlottesville, but equally disturbing.

Our bishop, LaTrelle Easterling, has reminded us of our baptismal vows, the promise to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and to repent of our sin, and the promise to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. This promises require ongoing effort and vigilance for the enemies of our Lord never tire in their efforts. We have a different story to tell, a different way to live to model. If the ways of the world include violence and hate, the ways of the Christian include peace and love. I pray that our church will shine that beacon, bringing light into darkness.

Sunday School for all ages resumes (another "re" word) on September 10. Here we learn the scripture and the ways of the Lord which help us to fulfill our baptismal vows. Several adult classes are available. I encourage you to choose one that fits you.

Thanks for your patience as we continue with the sanctuary refreshing. The work is progressing nicely and we are close to the

halfway point. I am excited about our first Sunday back in our sacred space. A great service pulling out all the stops is being planned.

A volunteer-in-mission team leaves next Sunday (Sept. 3) for Virginia Beach to help restore homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Please pray for the team. This is just another way that we demonstrate our faith.

Come join with us as we reinforce our faith, beliefs, and commitment to serve the Lord. We are better when you are with us.

Yours in Christ,

David

### Sunday School Info

Youth and children Sunday School classes will begin **Sunday, September 10.**

The Sunday School team is still looking for a few more teachers for the Sunday School year 2017-2018, as well as substitute teachers to fill in when needed.

If you are interested in volunteering to teach, please contact Amanda McMurtrey at [amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org](mailto:amanda.mcmurtrey@damascusumc.org).



### **Worship Times Change Next Week**

**Next Sunday, September 3, 2017,  
will we return to our Fall/Winter  
season worship schedule.**

**Sunday Worship Services will be at  
8:15 and 11:00 am  
until Summer, 2018.**

**Reminder: We will however continue to  
meet in the Great Hall until mid-October.**

## **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) to sign up to help and/or provide food.

**We could use a few volunteers!**



The DUMC Stephen Ministry is delighted to report that

**Mary Walcek and Cliff Bergstresser said "YES"!!!**

They will begin their Stephen Ministry training on September 11.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this meaningful journey.

Thanks to both of you!

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Carol Yocum, Chairperson  
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## **Supporting our Congregation's Volunteer in Mission Trip**

### **To Virginia Beach, September 3 - 8**

Please pray for the Team Members: Jim Andrews, Martin Carr, David & Robin Cooney, Bonnie Custer, Anita Duvall, Steve Leslie, Doug Marshall, Cheryl & Norm Minekime, and Dennis & Carol Yocum.

#### **If you cannot go on the trip but want to help—here are other ways to do that:**

- ◆ House sit for a team member by watering plants, flowers and/or garden, caring for a pet
- ◆ Bake some cookies or provide a light snack for the team to take
- ◆ Stay with a team member's young person still at home in the evening and overnight
- ◆ Donate to the Materials Fund for the projects the team will be doing

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### **Second Mile Giving to Missions**

A substantial number of people, in response to the Mission Sunday commitment card, pledged to give some extra funds to Missions on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are doing that, please mark your check on the information line "Missions." If the contribution is to support a particular mission, please also indicate that on the line of the check so that it can be credited to the correct mission ministry. The Missions Committee is so very grateful for this extra support, but we want to be on record that this is **second mile giving** to Damascus UMC's missions. We want all people in our congregation to support the ministry of the whole church with most of their giving, because we would not exist as a congregation without that support. There is also in the church budget a line for our Missions expenditures which supports much of our mission ministry. These extra gifts will support new mission efforts or supplement mission ministries we already support. Thank you so much for your faithful, kind generosity!!

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### **Thanks to all who supported the May Flower & Plant sale!**

The profit for the plant sale was approximately \$2,800. The funds are used for mission trip scholarships and the purchase of materials for helping others with repairs and/or construction.

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### **Service (SSL) Hours for DUMC young people**

Throughout the year there are opportunities for school required service hours to be earned through our mission ministries. Some of these projects are for the Damascus community, such as the school materials and packing of backpacks by Faith Connections or volunteering at the Rock the House after-school program. Thanksgiving and Christmas also provide opportunities. DUMC sponsored projects happen also and we are happy to have young people serve and get credit for school. Please contact Carol Yocum, chair of Missions ([carolyocum@msn.com](mailto:carolyocum@msn.com) or 301-788-6446).

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

- ◆ Crop Walk, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (25% is returned to Damascus Help for community food)
- ◆ 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 the first week of January, 2018

**SEE THE MISSION PAGE ON THE DUMC WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION!**

### Adult Sunday School Classes

All Classes start **September 10, 2017** and take place on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

#### The Leslie Class

Annex / Conference Room

The 'Leslie' class will be starting "The Spiritual Migration" by Brian McClaren this fall. We are a group that openly discusses a variety of spiritual literature that is suggested by members of the class. All adults are invited to share their experience and listen to others.

For more information contact Kathy/Steve Leslie at 301-253-2580.

#### The Lovefeast Class

We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of Luke this year. All adults are welcome. Contact for the class is Emily Dhingra / [letterforem@yahoo.com](mailto:letterforem@yahoo.com), if you have any questions.

New members are welcome and discussions are self-contained, so if you miss a week, you can just join us the next week!

**NOTE: The class' new temporary location to meet will be in the Dining Hall, kitchen side, closest to hall-way.**

#### The Pastor's Class

All are invited to visit Pastor David's Class on Sunday mornings **beginning September 10**, in the Great Hall following the 8:15 worship service. The class covers biblical texts, history, and theology.

On Wednesday evenings, starting September 27, in the Annex/Conference Room, Pastor David will lead a discussion on the Reformation for a 5-week period, ending on October 25. This class will take place at 7:00 pm. Can't make Wednesdays? He will cover the same material in his Sunday class.

For more information, contact Pastor David at 301-253-0022.

#### OMG Adult Sunday School Class

Dining Hall / Kitchen Side

This is a discussion-based class, focused on furthering our individual faith journeys through sharing, reading and conversation. We always have a book, which we read in class (currently finishing "Simply Open: A Guide to Experiencing God in the Everyday"), but some weeks we opt instead to discuss that morning's homily, an event in the news or personal/family issues. For more information contact Jackie Perry (410-489-2557, [jack-iedalr@yahoo.com](mailto:jack-iedalr@yahoo.com)).

### Disciple Ship Voyage (DSV) Class

Join the Disciple Ship Voyage (DSV) Adult Small Group Study as we get ready to kick off our fall season. We are in the process of selecting a new book for the fall so now is a great time to join us. We read our book in class so everyone can participate in the discussion; on occasion we get side-tracked, but the conversation often leads to reflection, insight and healing. Don't worry if you miss a week! [PS: No homework.]

**The DSV group will be meeting in the Church Annex Building, lower level (temporary location for September and October)** every Sunday during the school year from 9:30am-10:30am. In past years, we have read and discussed books like Matthew Sleeth's *Serve God, Save the Planet* and *24/6—A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life*; Joel Osteen's *Become a Better You*; *So You Don't Want to Go to Church Anymore, an Unexpected Journey*, by Wayne Jacobsen; *The Power of a Whisper*, by Bill Hybels; Max Lucado's, *Outlive Your Life*; *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, by John Ortberg; *Not a Fan*, by Kyle Idleman; Max Lucado's, *Before Amen*; and most recently, *Soul Keeping, Caring for the Most Important Part of You*, by best-selling author John Ortberg. Join us **Sunday, September 10** for our first meeting of the fall season. We'll break bread and breakfast treats (from the Connections Café), sip coffee, renew friendships and meet new classmates. Bring a friend along! There is always room for more DSV shipmates! If you'd like more information about our small study group, please contact Cathy Heinbaugh ([cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net)), Jeff Heinbaugh ([heinbjc@comcast.net](mailto:heinbjc@comcast.net)), or Don Hecht ([don.hecht@avendra.com](mailto:don.hecht@avendra.com)).

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning (9/10) or alternatively, feel free to drop in any Sunday morning and see how the DSV group can impact your life.

## Spiritual Formation (cont'd)

### September United Methodist Women News

The **Susanna JOY** Circle will meet on  
**Monday, September 11 at 10:00 am**  
in the Dining Hall.

*We will continue our Bible Study on Covenants with  
Moses, including Ten Commandments  
and Sabbath Covenants.*

**Read chapter 4; bring textbook and Bible.**

**NOTE:** *We will NOT be preparing lunches for  
Rockville Women's Shelter due to their plumbing  
problems.*

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The **WWJD** Circle will meet on  
**Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 pm**  
in the Annex, lower level.

Pastor David Cooney will talk to us about the history of women's groups in the church and share some stories about a few of those. This circle is open to anyone who's interested in this topic, so please plan to join us.

If you have a question about our group, you may call Marcia Hofman at 301-253-2960.

**What:** Fall Women's Retreat

**Theme:** TBD

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 11

**All women members of the church,  
family, friends and neighbors  
are invited to join us !!!!!**

save  
the  
date®

### Men's Night Out for September

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

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**at 6:30 pm at**

**Mt. Airy Tavern**

**1001 Twin Arch Road**

**Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**Germantown, MD**

**Phone: 301-829-3212**

**RSVP to Ted Ross at 301-704-7992.**

**Please plan to join us ! ! ! !**

## NEXT LADIES' NIGHTS OUT

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

**When:** **Sept. 11**

**Where:** **Senor Tequilas  
20021 Century Blvd.  
Germantown, MD**

**Time:** **6:00 pm**

**When:** **Nov. 9**

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

**Time:** **6:00 pm**

**Please RSVP by Nov. 5**

**TO RSVP CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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



# Worship Arts News and Events

September 2017

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## WORSHIP ARTS ENSEMBLES: There is a place for you!

After a slower pace this summer, Worship Arts Ministries ensembles will be in full swing again this fall, beginning after Labor Day. Join in for a short or long term. Contact Polly Baldrige for more information.

In addition to sharing in worship, several other highlights are planned for the year for our ensembles.

- ◆ A concert for All Saints at Calvary UMC on Nov. 5 with Damascus UMC's Chancel Choir and Calvary UMC (Frederick) Choir
- ◆ Christmas and spring children's musicals with Choristers Choir
- ◆ Handel's *Messiah* on Christmas Eve morning, Sunday, Dec. 24
- ◆ Spring Ring concert featuring all DUMC handbell choirs
- ◆ Charles Wesley Singers sharing Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* in worship in Mineral, VA.

## WEDNESDAYS

4:15 pm **Colorful Hands of Jesus** Great Hall Stage Side /Resumes Sept. 6 (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/Resumes Sept. 6 (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 /Resumes Sept. 6 (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/Resumes Sept. 6 (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** Stage/Resumes Sept. 20 (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** Stage /Resumes Sept. 20  
For all male changed voices, directed by Curt Shiflett with Kathryn Smith, piano

7:00 pm **Women's Ensemble** Great Hall Back Half /Begins Sept. 20  
Singing technique session with Polly Baldrige will also include working on music for Women's Choir

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** Choir Room /Resumes Sept. 6 (90-minute session)  
SATB choir for worship /special concerts led by Polly Baldrige with Stephen Kalnoske, accompanist

## SUNDAYS

3:30 pm **Youth Praise Band** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month; Resumes Sept. 17  
All instruments and vocals needed for this student-led group facilitated by Polly and Tom Baldrige

4:00 pm **Youth Handbell Choir** Stage/Resumes Sept. 17  
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/Resumes Sept. 10  
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** Stage/Resumes Sept. 18 (90-minute session)  
Adult 5-octave Handbell ensemble led by Polly Baldrige

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Concert and Evensong Series announces ...

*September and October events will not be held this year because renovations to the sanctuary are underway.*

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

Ray's *Gospel Mass*

8:15 and 11 am services

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

Handel's *Messiah*

9:30 am service

For a complete list, look for 2017-2018

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday season

brochure in narthex or church office.

Please note: The next Living Christmas Tree concerts will be held in December 2018.

## Come Join Us!!

## Charles Wesley Singers Kick-off Gathering

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017  
4 – 6 pm

Singing/Fellowship/  
Snacks/Games

## Young at Heart Activities

### Join Us on the Pontoon at Blackhills Park Friday, September 8 at 3:00 pm

Come and join us for a boat ride at Blackhills Park in Clarksburg, with dinner to follow. Enjoy Little Seneca Lake from the “Kingfisher” pontoon boat (max. cap. 30 persons). A 45-minute pontoon boat tour is a great way to experience the beautiful, 505-acre lake. The ADA-accessible *Kingfisher* can accommodate up to 8 people using wheelchairs. Cost for the boat ride is minimal. You will need to pay for your own meal afterwards at GrillMarX. Please RSVP by Friday, September 1. Contact person: Kathy Celli @ 301-253-9652.



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

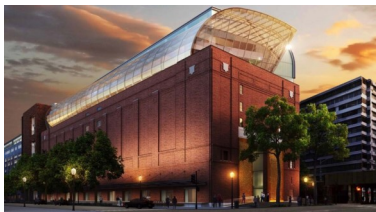
Enjoy the colors of the fall aboard the York 17 on this 2 1/2 hour round trip to Hanover Junction, PA on the Northern Central Railway. Our narrator will talk about the town and villages along the way and the history they have. Some of the local history is about Josiah Gitt, a dry goods merchant from 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 car-pool. It takes about 1hour, 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



**December 9, 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.**



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!



# DUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FALL SCHEDULE

**Begins September 10:**  
**Youth Chapel - Sundays @ 9:30 am**

Breakfast/Music/Classes by age

**September Youth Fellowship**  
**Sunday nights @ 6:00pm**

Includes Dinner and an Activity

**Sunday 9/3, 4-6 pm**  
**Charles Wesley Gathering - Music Room**

**Sunday 9/10**  
**Picnic in the Park (location TBD)**

**Sunday 9/17**  
**Devotional Time**

**Sunday 9/24**  
**Scavenger Hunt**

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

**Sunday 10/1**  
**No Evening Youth Activity**

**Sunday 10/8**  
**Cookies for College Students; Devotional**

**Sunday 10/15**  
**Laser Tag (location TBD)**

**Sunday 10/22**  
**Bonfire at the Ross' Home**

**Sunday 10/29**  
**Trunk or Treat, 4 pm**  
**Dinner & Halloween Costume Party, 6 pm**

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

**9/8: Movie Night - TBD**

**9/15: Low-tech/Hi-tech Game Night - Dining Hall**

**9/29: Lock-in/Lock-out Night**

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

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**Youth Praise Band**  
**Sundays @ 3:30 pm**  
**1st & 3rd weeks of the month (Begins 9/17)**

**Youth Bell Choir**  
**Sundays @ 4 pm**  
**in the Great Hall (Begins 9/17)**

**Charles Wesley Singers Practice**  
**Sundays @ 4 pm**  
**in the Choir Room (Begins 9/17)**

**Youth Puppets**  
**Wednesdays @ 5 pm**  
**in the Great Hall (Begins 9/6)**

**UMYFO Meeting**  
**September 10 & Oct. 8**  
**at 4:00 pm in the Annex/Church Office**

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

## Announcements

### Welcoming Wednesday Dinners are Back !!!

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

**September 6:** Barbecued chicken, potatoe casserole, corn on the cob, summer veggies, biscuits & dessert.

Other Welcoming Wednesday Dinner dates are:

**2017:** Oct. 4 / 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 !!!



### 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.

Mark you Calendar. The 47th Annual CROP Walk for Damascus will take place Sunday, October 8 starting at Damascus Regional Park at 2 pm. More info to follow in next month's Beacon.

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>



### Do you have a Nathan Orem painting?

The Damascus Heritage Museum is going to have a display of local artist's works beginning in October. If you have a painting done by Nathan, would you like to loan it to the Museum for it's display?

The display will last for 4 months, but you can leave your painting for as long as you like during that period.

Please contact Bob Gladhill at 301-253-3375 or [gladbob4@yahoo.com](mailto:gladbob4@yahoo.com).

## Announcements (cont'd)



### September Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Mark your calendar for the September Woodfield Road Clean-Up. The Earth Stewards are inviting you to help clean up Woodfield Road on Saturday morning, September 9 at 8 am as part of the Montgomery County Adopt-A-Road program.

All equipment will be provided: vests, gloves, bags, etc. Meet at the Woodfield Rd. end of the church parking lot. For more info contact Jeff Heinbaugh at [heinbjc@comcast.net](mailto:heinbjc@comcast.net).



### *Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry*

**Monday, September 18**

**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.

### ***A Special Thank You . . .***

**Thank you for donating school supplies and funds to the Damascus-Clarksburg area drive!** With your help we provided over 210 students with new school supplies and backpacks. Actually, we received so many supplies and monetary donations that we exceeded our need and we were able to bless two other agencies in Rockville and Frederick with supplies, so they too can help provide for their communities. The Damascus-Clarksburg area continues to be a blessing to our own neighbors in need, but also surrounding areas, making a difference for many.

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. This continues to be a wonderful and FUN community project.

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



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## Administrative Meetings For September 2017

- Sept 7 First Thursday Ministries Meeting  
7:00 pm in the **DH - kitchen side**  
Trustees Meeting to follow  
in the **Dining Hall - kitchen side**  
Children's Ministry Meeting to  
follow in the **Dining Hall - Back**  
Finance Meeting to  
Follow in the **Dining Hall - Back**
- Sept 10 UMYFO Meeting  
4:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- Sept 20 Technology Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm in the Annex
- Sept 28 Administrative Board Meeting  
7:00 pm in the Dining Hall/back

### IMPORTANT BEACON MESSAGE

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

(For Beacon to publish on Sunday, Sept. 24).

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

## 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 David is off on Fridays.

Pastor Amanda is off on Tuesdays.

Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

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



**The Office will be closed  
on Monday, September 4  
in observance of Labor Day.**

**We will reopen on  
Tuesday, September 5,**



## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Congratulations to David & Teresa Robertson** on the birth of their son, Charles Edward, on August 8. Charles' big sister is Dee and grandmother is Kenny Sue Robertson.

**Congratulations to Bill & Sarah Heitzler** on the birth of their son, Ivan Williams, on August 11. Ivan's siblings are Elisabeth and Graeme, and his grandparents are Brian & Joan Hartle.

**Pray for Judy Kressig** with the passing of her mom, **Pat Kressig** on July 25.

**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** (recovering from shoulder surgery), **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 Taylor** (recovering from a broken collarbone), **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**, **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**

### 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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