

Damascus Methodist Church
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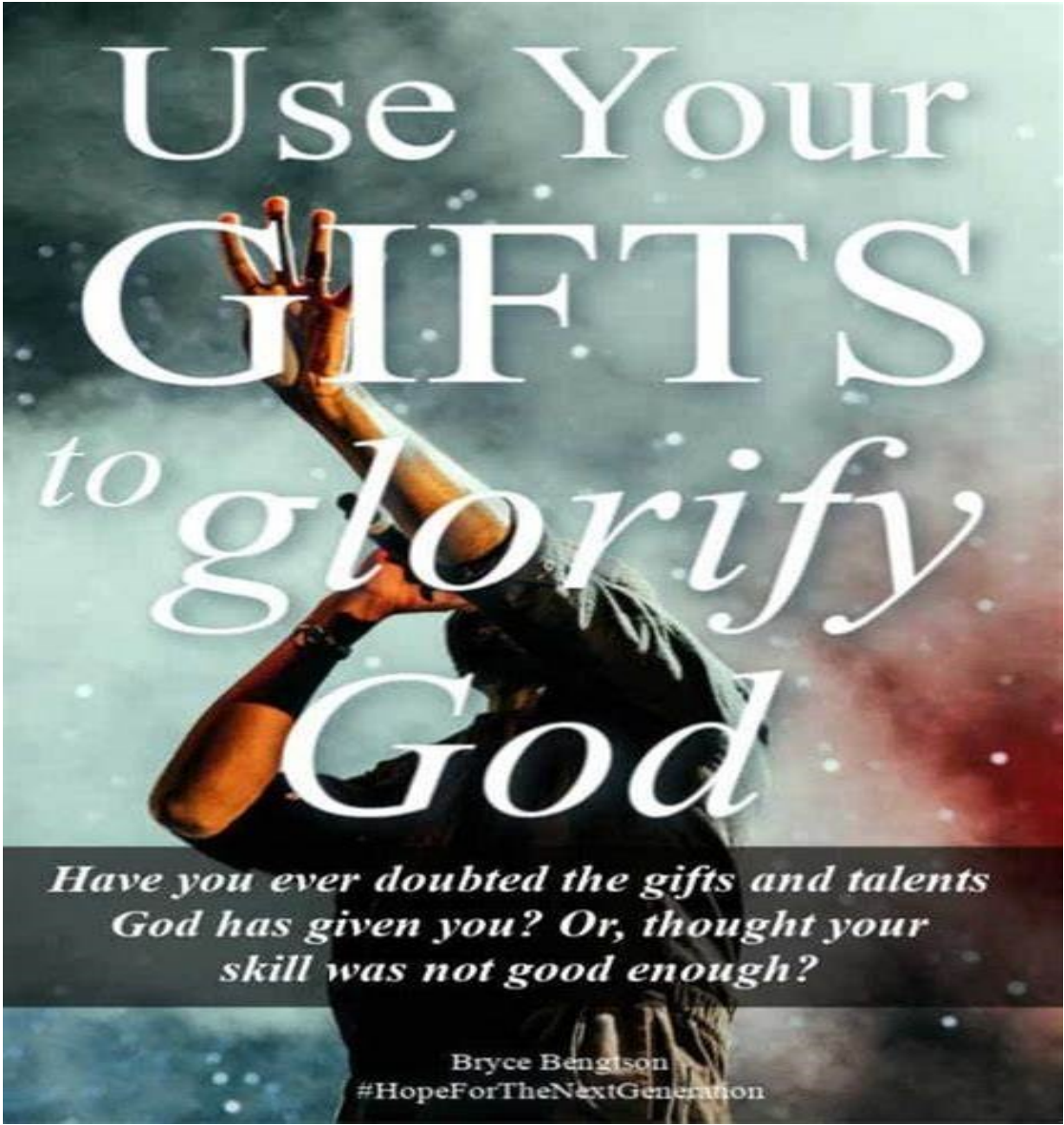
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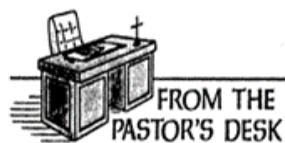
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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

“Damascus Doings”

August 2024

TO LIVE FOR CHRIST IS TO STRIVE FOR HOLINESS AND SEEK THE LOST





August 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment “Getting Ready for a New Frontier”

1 Corinthians 9: 19

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.

Greeting dear brothers & sisters in Jesus Christ! As I look out into the beauty of what God has done in our world and look back at the blessings, he has showered upon myself, my family, and this church I can only be thankful and grateful for the long history of leadership and servanthood that has blessed the world we live in and the Church, we worship him in.

As I am called to look to the future and seek God’s plan for his Church the one constant that remains is the truth in the blessing of Teamwork and Visioning that is essential for church survival.

Damascus Methodist Church has a long history of great leaders and visionaries that have allowed us to prosper as God’s church for over 100 years. So, as God’s servant I am asking for your help as we position ourselves for the future. As Fall quickly approaches we need to build up and strengthen the leadership foundation of our church. Attached is a Ministry Survey Form and I simply ask you to prayerfully consider where you can help be apart of the Mission of Damascus Methodist Church going forward.

Many have served for a long time, and you have served in great and wonderful manners. I simply am looking to strengthen our teams and make our work more joyful and rewarding in the Ministry of this Church! Our Work is not done, we have much to do, so let us rise and serve the Lord Jesus together as we march forward into “Zion” together! Marching to Zion, the Beautiful City of God!

1 Peter 4: 10

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

S.A.L.T. youth attended Youth Worship Night held at Waterworth Park and put on by Brightside Project. This wonderful outreach focused on teen issues like suicide, drugs, and mental health – to name a few things that today’s youth face in their lives. Worship was led by Markus Mcfolling and his Worship Team from Reach1. They are very passionate about the next generation. The connection through individual prayer with each attendee was impressive. Enough cannot be said on how valuable these kinds of events are for our youth and; we are blessed to have Brightside Project and Reach1 in our area. There was a live praise band and even a free Kona Ice for all. That day was a scorcher, but by God’s provision, when the praise band started up, a nice breeze came through to cool things off and the evening sun went behind the pavilion!

Speaking of the recent high temperatures... what better thing to do than have a pool party! Terrie and Bruce Rohrer graciously invite us to their pool every summer! Water guns, pool balls and noodles, water races and food and pop!. And, the resident black kitty was very pleased with all the attention that he received! Afterwards, the group stopped at G’s for pizza and then returned to the church for devotion time followed by more fun and just hanging out together.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Blessings, Linda Henderson





STEWARDSHIP PAGE

All those having surgeries and recovering!
Another successful Mission trip to Wheelersburg, OH
Janice Bennett moving to Assisted Living



World Peace, Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
For Healing: Treva Miller, Sherri French, Jackie McFarlane
Charlotte Caywood, Sheila Lucas, Jeff Johanson
Battling Cancer: Julie Peterson, Charlie Weber, Richard Geib, Sr.
Family of Martha Steven , Family of Melanie Lamb, Family of boy
in lawnmower accident
Jenean Lamos needs doctor's wisdom and comfort



2025 Budget Requests: All committees and others who have submitted budgets in the past are being asked to submit their 2025 Budget Requests to the Finance Committee on or before Sunday, **September 1, 2024**. These requests can be placed in the Finance mail slot in the workroom or given to Tom or Amy. Thank you in advance for your timely response.



Join us for a celebration a century in the making!

Happy 100th Birthday to: Janice Bennett
You're invited to an open house celebration!

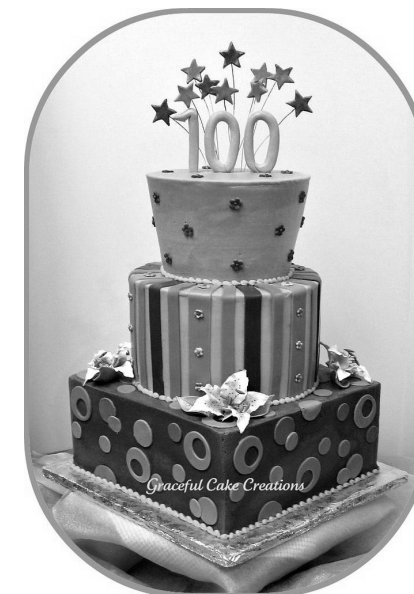
Saturday, August 24th

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Damascus Methodist Church
300 Valley Road

Your presence is the only present desired.
If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to:

Janice Bennett Copeland Oaks
800 S. 15th Street Sebring, OH 44672



MISSION TRIP WRAP-UP



Mission Trip

What a GREAT, GREAT trip! We have returned from our June 23-29 Mission trip in Wheelersburg, OHIO. Our group returned to work with the locals and Jackson Area Ministries. We installed and/or replaced 2 wheelchair ramps and 1 side porch. Our group was small but amazingly mighty! We stayed at the Wheelersburg Methodist Church. We showered at the High School nearby. Our projects were close and in Franklin Furnace, OHIO. Our group visited Portsmouth, OHIO on our day out. The 3D murals painted on the flood walls were beautiful!

We are still doing our **monthly breakfast for the Church and Community**. Breakfast has become an amazing outreach of the Church! We are able to witness to over 150 individuals every month.

Thursday, August 1st at 5:30 pm at DMC, we will be having a meeting to discuss future trip plans. We are also looking for **Breakfast help** throughout the year. Please consider donating a few Saturdays throughout the year. It is hard work, **but we have a blast!**

Community Breakfast Saturday, August 17th

7-10:30 am

Donations only



****Save the date ****

Sunday, September 8th

Fall Celebration Sunday!

Sunday School Kickoff Picnic—more details later!



From your Lay Leader ...

I Promise

August 2024

One of my earliest memories really isn't much of a memory but I remember vividly thinking that my mother took me to Priest School. It seemed a little strange to me that we were not studying church stuff there, though. It might seem like a silly mistake but, the pre-school was at a church so it's a reasonable deduction. I do remember making the assumption that we would surely get on with the Priest training soon enough, maybe after nap time tomorrow? I would think. I think... I guess I was a strange kid but some things never change.

You might assume that one would think mother might not be keeping her promises after a while but small children never distrust their parents. That's a learned response. Jesus used the innocence of children to demonstrate a more perfect trust, a trust like jaded adults are no longer capable. **Matthew 19:13-15 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.**

All of us who follow Jesus Christ and know Him as our Savior, have or have had that kind of faith and trust. Following Jesus Christ means we have to surrender our own will to His. We have to turn to Him while all the world says "Christianity is foolish." To surrender requires trust and faith. Surrendering means stepping out in faith. We have that choice every day and even every hour. Do I listen to all the world with the draw of worldly "happiness" or do I turn from worldly desires and follow Jesus? The choice was so much easier when we had child-like trust in Jesus. Now that we are older and think that we are wiser, we have been let down by friends, family, politicians, etcetera, we have let ourselves down, trust becomes harder. How can we find that trust now? The good news is, Jesus Christ has never and will never let you down. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is always there waiting for us. And He will provide even that faith and trust that we sometimes lack when we just take the first tiny step toward Him. God, The Holy Spirit will even provide the words to pray.

All of us have broken promises, unintentionally and even intentionally, but thank God, He will not ever break His promises to us. **Hebrews 13:7-9, 14 Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace, not from rules about food, which don't help those who follow them. For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.**

When I make a promise, I will do my best to keep it because I want to shine the light of Jesus Christ but I will fail from time to time. Jesus will NEVER break the promises He has made. That you can count on.

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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August Birthdays

8/4 Lauren Stitle
8/8 Carol Flickinger
8/8 Braden Mazzei
8/9 Chris Zion
8/12 Katie Tedrow
8/15 Ruth Crouse
8/16 Jenean Lamos
8/18 Kathryn Landon
8/19 Janice Hoover
8/22 Dalton Mincks
8/24 Janice Bennett
824 Barb Karlen
8/28 Grace Williams



Anniversaries

8/5 Chris & Mandy
Zion
8/13 Zach & Kayla
Crouse
8/13 Carey & Jamie
Weingart
8/15 Jerry & Tracie Stitle
8/20 Russ & Bonnie
McDermott
8/20 Steve & Dina
Sprague
8/27 Ray, Sr & MaryKay
Heverly

Please inform the church office
if your birthday or anniversary
has ever been omitted from the
Damascus Doings!

Counters

Gary Mercer &
Linda Henderson

Bus Drivers

Steve Sprague

Acolytes

8/4 Elise Smith/
Maxon Weingart
8/11 Addie Zion/
Triston Beagle
8/18 Kara Zion/
Lane Loving
8/25 Stella Smith/
Corianna Haueter

Children’s Rotation

**Sunday
School**combined**

8/4 Linda Henderson
8/11 Shaunda Uphold
8/18 Brittany Sprague
8/25 Lois Niederhiser

Junior Church

8/4 Lois Niederhiser
8/11 Troy Uphold/Ethan
Dettweiler
8/18 Steve Sprague/
Codey Dettweiler
8/25 Lois Niederhiser

Wee Worship

8/4 Linda Henderson
8/11 Shaunda Uphold
8/18 Brittany Sprague
8/25 Abby Heverly

Nursery

8/4 Terrie Rohrer
8/11 Abby Heverly
8/18 Denise Linder/
**Nancy Cadile (SS)
8/25 Amy Shoaff

Ministry Survey for Damascus Methodist Church.

Dear church family, God calls each of us to Serve his Church and Kingdom in different ways. As we continue to grow and vision ourselves for the future, we need individuals who can step up and help in many areas of church leadership and service. Below are some examples of Ministry teams that we need to increase numbers in for the 2025 year. Please prayerfully consider where you can help be apart of the future of God’s Church.

Endowment Team:

Finance Team:

We Care Ministries Team:

Church History Team:

Missions Team:

Nominations Team:

Staff Parrish Relations Team:

Bennett Scholarship Team:

Trustees Team:

Worship Team:

If You would like to talk about or serve on one of these teams just Check an X beside the teams that interest you and leave your name and phone number and we will be in touch to answer any questions.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



******Still a few T-Shirts for sale—\$10 each***

Be proud of our new DMC Global Methodist Church!

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30am Tops 5:30pm Mission Trip Meeting	2	3
4 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry	5	6 6:30 SPR Mtg	7	8 9:30am TOPS	9	10
11 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00amSS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry	12	13	14	15 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritans	16	17 7:00–10:30am Church Breakfast
18 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry	19 NO council mtg	20	21	22 9:30am TOPS	23	24 Janice Bennett’s 100th Birthday! 2-4 Fellowship Hall
25 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry	26 7:00 Trustees Mtg	27	28	29 9:30am Tops	30	31