

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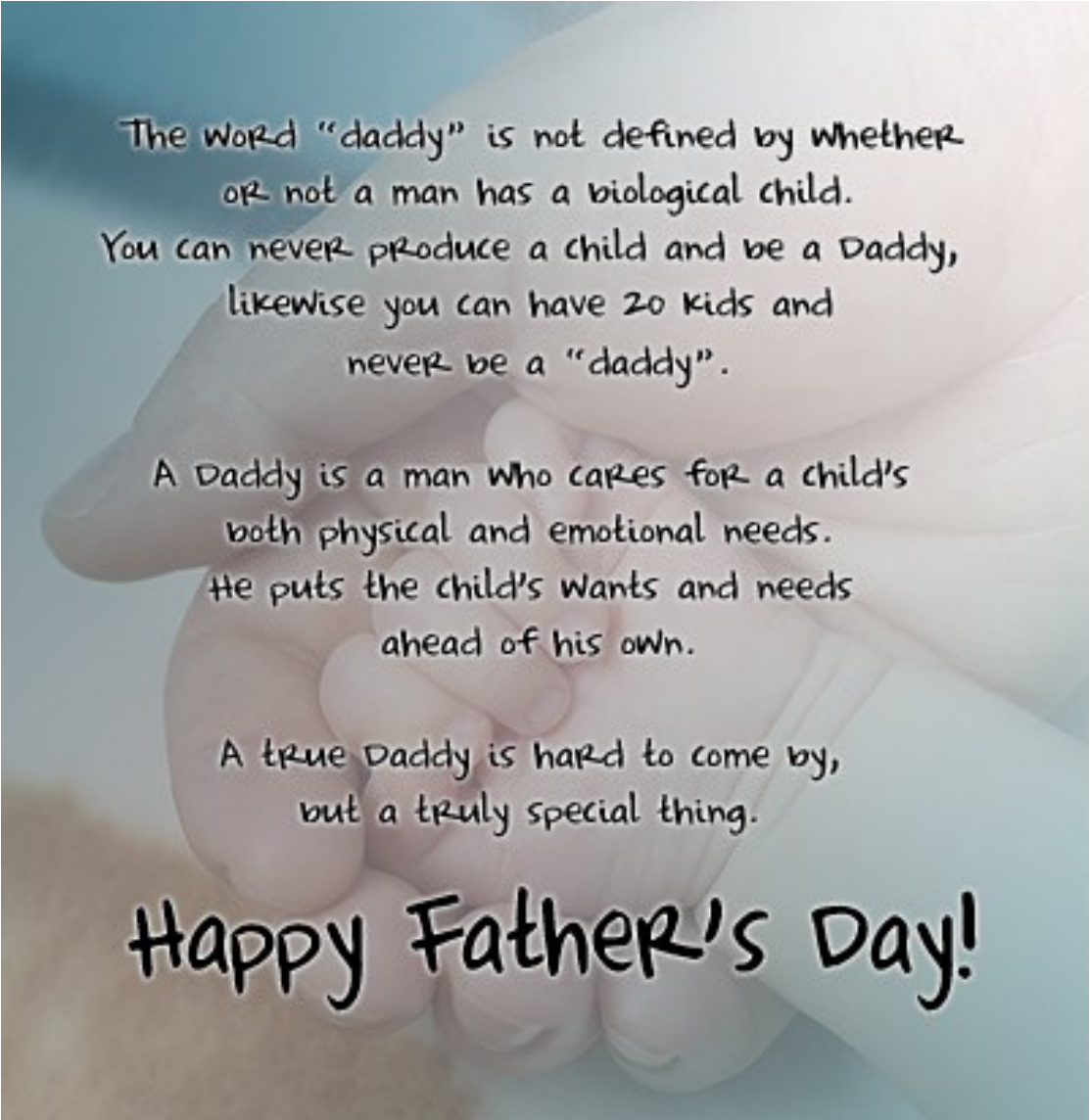
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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

“Damascus Doings”

June 2025

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



The word “daddy” is not defined by whether
or not a man has a biological child.
You can never produce a child and be a Daddy,
likewise you can have 20 kids and
never be a “daddy”.

A Daddy is a man who cares for a child's
both physical and emotional needs.
He puts the child's wants and needs
ahead of his own.

A true Daddy is hard to come by,
but a truly special thing.

Happy Father's Day!



June 2025 Newsletter: Pastors Moment
“Building the Church of Tomorrow”

Proverbs 3: 9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ! It’s so exciting when we get together to Worship the Lord and Celebrate his many blessings in our lives and the Life of the Church. Yet there is a reality in the cost of being God’s Church. Salaries, Maintenance, Utilities, and general upkeep challenge the foundation of every Church. So, I ask you to prayerfully consider and remember the Church as the Busy Summer Season approaches. I ask that you focus your offerings without designation as to allow us to stay liquid financially. Special or designated giving should be secondary, in other words in addition to your weekly tithes. Our Church does an excellent job in supporting the Missions of the Church and special causes that arise, yet we fall short in giving for the General use and support of monthly church expenses. So, I’m asking you to consider focusing your giving without specification so that **General operations** can continue without interruption.

When Our **General Fund** is Healthy the riches of the Church are continually replenishing the rest of the church projects. Please join me in prayer so that we can build up our general funds and keep our Church healthy and strong for the coming year! Help us to be strong during the vacation and travel seasons and help us strengthen the financial foundation of Our Damascus Methodist Church.

With Thankfulness & Love,
Pastor Jon

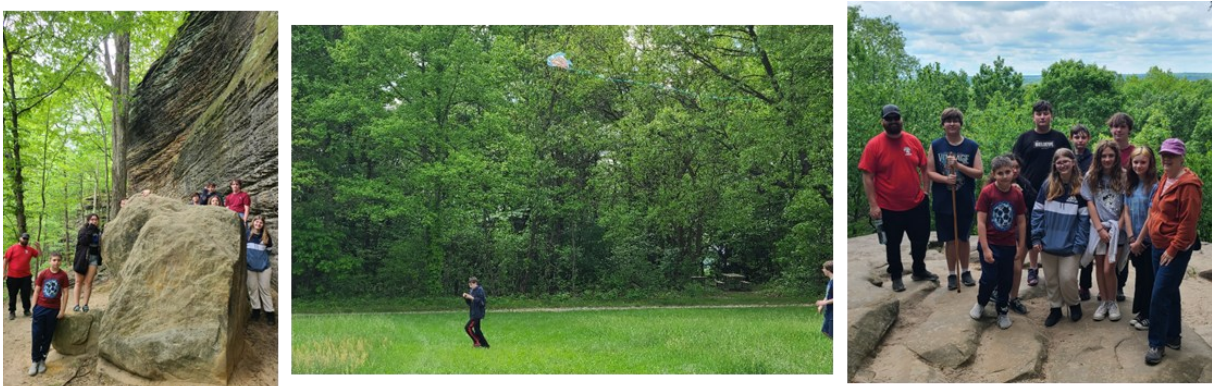
Colossians 3: 17

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Budget expenses needed per month:	\$15838.00
Average Income received so far per month(2025)	<u>11555.00</u>
Difference equals (short)	\$4283.00

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth made an outing to Cuyahoga Valley National Park! We walked the Ledges Trail, then had a kite flying competition – boys versus girls – who could get their kite in the air first. Boys won! But, lots of fun by all. Topped off a wonderful afternoon with ice cream and returned to the church for devotion time.



Next up the youth will be joining other participating youth at Teen Quest Ranch in June for a week-long mission trip. We will serve the people of Johnstown, one of Pennsylvania’s most challenged cities, sharing hope and light in an area deeply in need of the Gospel. We will dive into hands-on projects that truly make a difference, gain tools and support to talk about faith in ways that touch lives, and, hopefully return home with a fresh, godly vision of the world and hearts changed by our experiences.

“That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Colossians 1:10

Blessings, Linda Henderson

Praise Reports

Vacation Bible School is here!



Prayers:

World Peace, Government officials around the World

First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families

Still need prayers for recovery, illnesses:

Joe Cadile, Brooks Weingart, Janice Ward and DIL, Rita.

Graduations safety

2025 Summer Mission Trip

June 22nd – June 28th

Our group is rapidly planning to make this year more special than ever. Our destination is Ironton, OH. We will be working with the Jackson Area Ministries based out of Jackson, OH and the surrounding area. They are very excited to have us. Our work crews will be building handicap ramps for at least 2 area people. This year's trip cost is \$425 per person. All participants have been prayfully working the Monthly Community breakfasts. The cost per person for those able to work enough fundraisers is only \$100. We are blessed this year to have several people from the Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Homeworth for the 12th year. **Please consider coming to Church on Sunday June 22nd to Worship** with us at 0800 and send us off afterwards. What a blessing we have to have the love and support of our great congregations! We would love to see more adults and Youth involved in our trip. It truly is a life changing experience. Our hope is to get some more adults and our current Youth Group to get involved in the future!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates of 2025!

Grant Boyle



James Mincks



Caden Zion



Colton Weingart



Jahmaray Williams



Marissa Mountz



Cole Phillips



Also, Congrats to our College Grads:
Joey Sprague From YSU and
Andrew Coffee from Grove City College

*****Our Spring Mission Campaign is for the
Alliance Pregnancy Center!**

Pick up a bottle or two on welcome center and fill
with your loose change! (or paper) (Deadline is Father's Day)



Celebration for Caden Zion’s High School Graduation!

All are welcome to come to DMC Fellowship Hall on
Saturday, June 7th 4-7 p.m.

Electronic Giving Methods Available at DMC! Simple and Secure.

Give a gift one time, or schedule recurring donations using your checking account, debit or credit card. If interested, the QR code is safe to scan with your smart phone. This will take you to the myEoffering website that the church has been established with since 2016. After your account is set up, you will be ready to go!
If you are unable to scan the code, our church website has a link at the bottom of the page. The church website is **dmc.church**. Just look for the myEoffering Logo. Setting up an account is very simple and only takes a couple minutes.

Trans. Feess: ACH (checking/savings).30 per trans, Credit/debit card: 2.75% + .30 per
If you have any complications or questions, feel free to reach out to Brittany Sprague. She can help you!



Church Council Meetings:

****Reminder:** Council meetings will only be held on Odd months of year now.
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November. They hold the option to have a short meeting in the off months if necessary.

Summer is coming! Do you know someone that would like to use their talents of music or other Talent for a special Sunday? Please let office know or talk to Chris Lydic!



From your Lay Leader ...

When You Love Somebody

June 2025

As many of you know, we have a men’s small group that we (might) call “The Forge”. The group began when we watched the movie and worked through the Bible study of the same name. When we finished the first study guide, we all decided to keep the group going through the summer and continue to meet weekly no matter how many of us could make it any particular week. There are ten of us in the group but committing to meeting through a busy summer schedule, we knew there would be weeks when we would be embracing:
Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Our last meeting in May was going to be one of those “two or three” weeks. Pastor John was in Florida because he is a great friend. He and Jenny were down there helping a friend in need. (I suspect the sun and sand in Sarasota certainly didn’t have anything to do with it. LOL) I had a meeting and several others had prior commitments as well. Our group meets on Thursday evenings and on that day, my prior commitment cancelled so I would now be able to go! However, replies from our group text were less than encouraging. There were several that would not be able to attend as well as several “non-answers.” It was going to be a guess... Anyway, I un-locked the doors to the church just after 6:00 to prepare for the 6:30 meeting. By 6:25 I was beginning to get a little discouraged and thought it would just be a time of meditation and prayer. That was going to be good, but then one brother walked through the door quickly followed by another. I was no longer alone. We were now, not only two gathered but we were three gathered together to spend time in The Word. Our study guide includes a weekly video as well as questions and discussion. We collectively decided not to view the video or go over the study guide as none of us had actually done the weekly “homework” anyway. God is so Good! His Grace never fails.

As The Holy Spirit guided our discussion, we bonded and sat amazed at the work that He has done in preparing each of us for such a time as this. Each of us has a unique history and our whole lives are all about preparation. We all have individual good and not so good experiences, that have formed us into the person we are today. Starting with our ancestors, to our grandparents, parents and throughout our own lives, we are shaped as though we are clay on the potter’s wheel to be a unique child of God. Each of us are qualified to spread the Gospel and His Love just as we are commended in “The Great Commission.” **Matthew 20:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** Even though, we make excuses such as “I can’t talk” or “I don’t know enough.” If you are a believer, saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, you are equipped for every good work He has for you. This you can believe and have confidence in!

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Birthdays

6/1 Brooks Weingart
6/3 Mary Ann Evans
6/3 Andrea Heverly
6/3 Christine Lydic
6/4 Kathy Knoedler
6/4 Ralph Landon
6/8 Ed Lydic
6/17 Darlene Kelly
6/18 Lois Mountz
6/19 Dina Sprague
6/21 Mandy Zion
6/22 Joan Pontious
6/23 Loraine Carr
6/23 Daryl Dettweiler
6/23 Linda Henderson
6/26 Henry Crouse
6/27 Liz Black
6/30 Denise Linder



6/6 Bruce & Terrie Rohrer
6/11 Rev Wm & Jan Buell (70)
6/16 Leo & Barb Zura
6/21 Tom & Kathy Knoedler (50)
6/26 Bob & Pam Denny

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

Counters

Gary Mervcer & Jane Menough

Bus Driver

Steve Sprague

Acolytes

6/1 VBS—None
6/8 VBS-none
6/15 Kara Zion & Stella Smith
6/22 Addie Zion & Lane Loving
6/29 Maxon Weingart & Triston Beagle

Children's Rotation

Sunday School

**Older Class

6/1 **Lois Niederhiser
6/8 **Lois N.
6/15 **Shaunda Uphold
6/22 **Linda Henderson
6/29 **Linda Henderson

Junior Church

6/1 Steve Sprague & Ethan Dettweiler
6/8 VBS SUNDAY
6/15 Troy Uphold & Codey Dettweiler
6/22 Lois Niederhiser
6/29 Family Service

Wee Worship

6/1 Lois Niederhiser
6/8 VBS SUNDAY
6/15 Shaunda Uphold
6/22 Linda Henderson
6/29 Linda Henderson

Nursery

6/1 Terrie Rohrer
6/8 Amy Shoaff
6/15 Samara Anderson
6/22 Denise Linder
6/29 Family Service



TIME TO DIVE IN TO VBS!!!
SUNDAY, JUNE 1 – THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. (CHECK-IN 5:45)
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Get ready for SCUBA VBS- the special week that helps kids and adults dive into a friendship with God! At SCUBA, we will explore what it means to have a friendship with a real loving, trustworthy God- a friendship that lasts forever! Our exciting VBS is only a few days away! Thank you to so many who have answered "yes, Lord," to help out! Set-up will begin on Sunday, May 25! Come and lend a hand whenever or wherever you can! A sign-up sheet for the needed snack items is on the welcome center. Please be in prayer as we open our doors and our hearts to welcome in lots of kids and their families! There is an adult Bible study taking place each evening, too! Plan on being a part of this exciting week as we welcome everyone to dive into a deeper friendship with God!

SPECIAL NOTE: **The Monthly Church Breakfast is BACK!!!!**

We resumed on Saturday May 17th and were **blessed by 212 hungry**, supportive and generous patrons. This was a Breakfast record crowd. We will continue to serve on the third Saturday of every month. The time is still from to **7AM to 10:30AM**. The cost is still **DONATION ONLY**. Thank you to everyone's renewed support for our community outreach program! Hope to see tons of people there for some great food and fellowship time every month. Proceeds will benefit Projects this Summer and our renewed and future Mission Trips!

MaryAnn Evans has now moved permanently to Heritage Manor
517 Gypsy Lane, YO 44504. Her Room # is 5N, phone# 330-884-6311
*** She is having a garage sale on Sat. June 7th at old apt
92 Meadowwood, Salem, OH (She misses you all!)

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship *** Bible School 6-8:30	2 Bible School 6-8:30 pm	3 Bible School 6-8:30 pm	4 Bible School 6-8:30pm	5 Bible School 6-8:30pm 9:30 am TOPS No Men's Bible Study	6	7 Caden Zion Grad Party 4-7pm
8 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	9	10	11	12 9:30 am Tops 6:30 pm Men's Bible St 6:30pm Ruritans	13	14
15 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 No Council Mtg Youth Mission Trip	17 Youth Mission Trip	18 Youth Mission Trip Annual Conference	19 9:30am Tops 6:30 Men's Bible Study Youth Mission Trip Annual Conference	20 Youth Mission trip Annual Conference	21 Community Breakfast 7-10:30 am Youth Mission trip
22 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship Mission Trip	23 Trustees Mtg 6:30 Mission Trip	24 Blood Drive 1-6pm Mission Trip	25 Mission Trip	26 9:30 am Tops No Men's Bible Study Mission Trip	27 Mission Trip	28 Mission trip
29 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship Youth Outing/Walborn	30					