

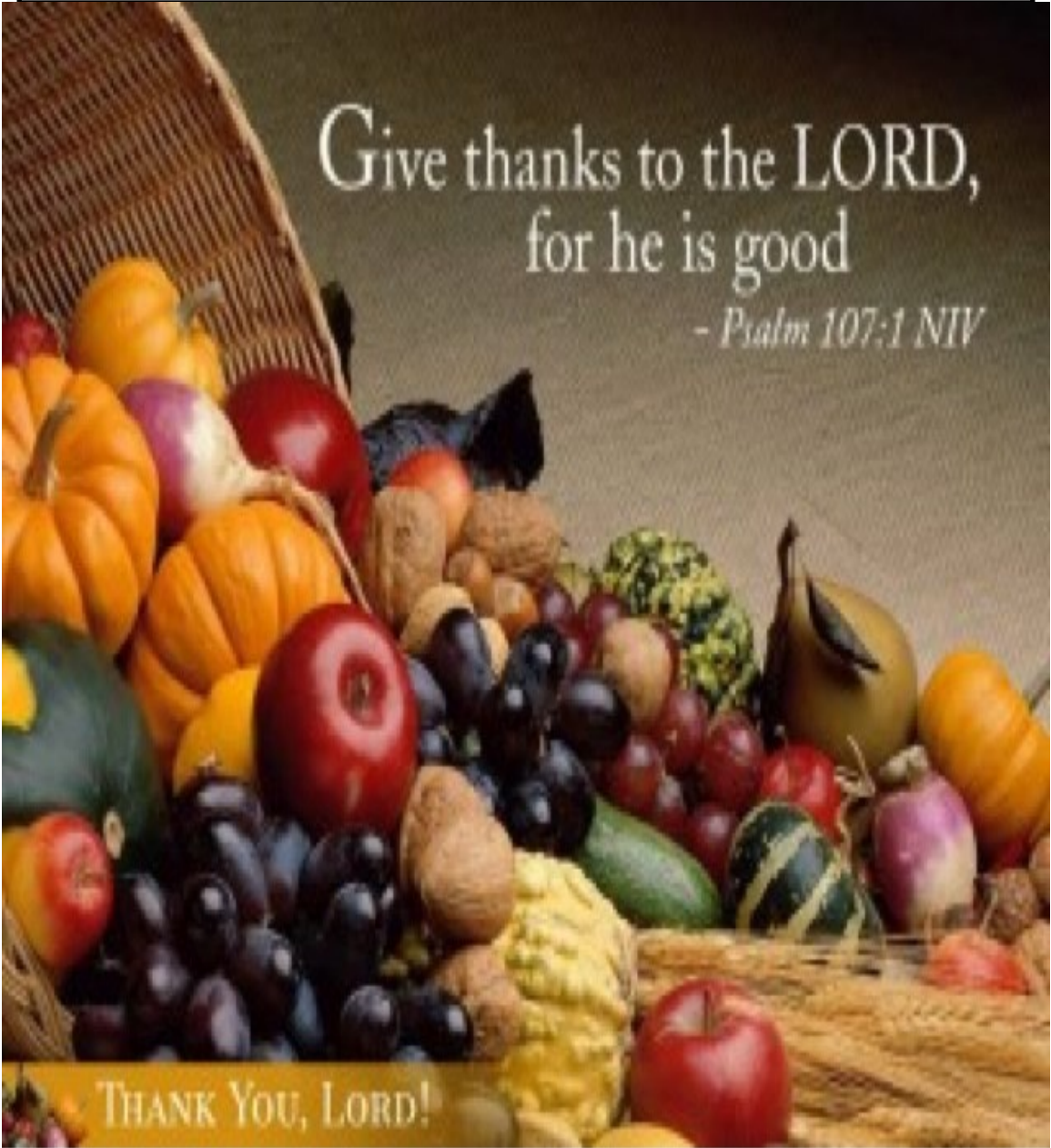
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“Damascus Doings”

November 2024





November 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment “Giving Thanks for All God’s Blessings”

Colossians 2: 6-7

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

As I sit and ponder the beauty of this late October morning, I am called to remember and celebrate all of God’s Grace and Blessings in My Life! I can’t count the times His Spirit and presence in my life have stepped up and offered direction, course corrections, but mostly times of encouragement and hope. My favorite blessing was when darkness filled my heart, and I was telling myself that organized religion was not a part of my future. I was heart broken with the decisions and direction of the UMC and I just was ready to retreat and find a new purpose for my life. Just when I was my deepest in pity and anger, as always, He Stepped In! He told me that the Church was still Alive, that some factions of the Church will always be lost or broken, but with His Spirit guiding His people there is ALWAYS a way through the storm. That’s when he brought me back to a small town in northeast Ohio called Damascus? I didn’t know where it was, I didn’t know what this area is about, but I was sure that God would lead me if I was willing to Trust & Obey. As I look out my window, all I see are Blessings, Friendships, Family, & Fellowship. You see God put both of us on this journey of restoration, revival, and rebirth together. He’s given us seasons of Joy and Hope as we re-discover what it means to be His Church again. As always, the Evil One will try to sneak in and steal our Happiness, and I am always reminded to keep my eyes on Jesus because he has already defeated the Evil One! As I sit and warm myself around the Table of Thanksgiving, May I always remember to tell the stories of God’s Blessings in My Life!

He's Alive and So is Damascus Methodist Church!

Psalm 107: 1-2

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

With Thankfulness & Love,
Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth went to see *for King and Country* in concert at PPG Paints Arena – home of the Pittsburgh Penguins! It was a great evening of worship, song, and inspirational stories. To top off the evening, the lights of downtown were most impressive to our little group from Damascus!

Devotional time has been a time of discussing forgiveness. We are all sinners, so how are we forgiven? This can be a heavy burden, especially for a teenager who is learning to navigate life (sometimes doing so through self-created mistakes). We read about Jesus who came as a man, was crucified and rose on the third day and ascended into heaven to redeem us from our sins once and for all. And, not because of anything we do but as a freewill offering of everlasting life for those who believe in Him. Take the criminals also crucified with Jesus. One rebuked Jesus. The other, who had the Holy Spirit working in him, admitted his guilt and asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His Kingdom. Through his repentance and acknowledgement of Jesus as King, the criminal was assured he would be in Paradise that day! No matter how many times you read these passages, you can’t help but marvel every time. When asked how this makes them feel, the youth responses were: Forgiven, thankful, full of gratitude and best of all, loved!

Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:43

Blessings, Linda Henderson





Thanks to all our Veterans for their Service.



World Peace, Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Election Day and results afterwards
Elizabeth Rees with Acute Pancreatitis
Lleyton Uphold having foot surgery 11/1
Mary Ann Evans having outpatient surgery 11/1
Tom Knoedler waiting for back surgery
Jan Zielke recovering from back surgery (11/15)

Community Breakfast Saturday, November 16th
7-10:30 am Donations Only

Pine Ridge Boys Concert

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Concert at 6:00 pm DMC

Baked Potato Bar at 4:30 pm

***** Please sign up in Narthex if coming to dinner**

November 5th, Election Day!

Be sure to vote!



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. If you have any complications or questions, feel free to reach out to Brittany Sprague. She can help you!





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COMING SOON!

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 DURING 10:00 SERVICE

Calling all kids and youth! Calling all kids and youth!

It's that time of year again! It's time to start practicing for our annual Christmas program! This is such an exciting time of year. The kids and youth will be working hard to present a program proclaiming the Messiah's birth! Practices will begin Sunday, Nov. 3 during the junior church/ wee worship time. We will also be practicing on select Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 for the few weeks leading up to the program. We will be passing out folders, cd's and schedules and talking about this exciting day. Please plan to be a part of it all. Questions??? Please see Lois

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

Mon. Nov. 18 – Mon. Nov. 25

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each night (Mon. Nov. 25 9:00 – 12 noon)

Once again, our church has been asked to serve as a drop-off location for **Operation Christmas Child**. During this week, individuals and local churches will be bringing their filled shoeboxes here. Then, they will be counted, placed in large cartons, and prayed over as they begin the next part of their exciting journey! Please keep this week in prayer as churches all across the nation work together to reach this year's goal of over 11 million Gospel opportunities! If you are willing to help during this week, there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center. We will be dedicating and praying over our shoeboxes on Sunday, Nov. 17. Then on the following Sunday, Nov. 24, we will be loading the trailer with the many shoebox cartons and praying over that trailer as the shoeboxes begin their journey to a waiting child! If you have any questions, please see Lois Niederhiser.

From your Lay Leader ...

The King Maker

November 2024

It's that time again. Every four years in the Good Ole USA our election includes a check box for President of The United States. Every four years people say “This is the most important election of our lifetime.” I'm not sure how that's possible but they say it anyway. What it is for sure is a media frenzy and a boon for the industry of fear mongering. That is for certain. When God freed the Israelites from Egypt, He knew that they wanted a king. Freedom is scary – some things never change. Deuteronomy 17 tells how God warned them to not let the government get too big and to have politicians that do not think too highly of themselves or get caught up in greed, lest his heart be led astray. Hmmm... Ponder that for a minute. God also told the Israelites that their kings must revere God and follow His words closely. Oh, how things have changed.

The other talk prevalent in these election cycles comes from grumpy old men saying “If so and so gets elected, it is over for this country. It's over, I tell you, we will be done for!” Rome was the most powerful nation in history for the era. The Roman Empire lasted for over 500 years. Their leaders were certainly not humble and anything but greedy. They were some of the most cruel leaders ever. Rome fell from within. Later, we had Mussolini, Hitler, Moa, Stalin and many other cruel leaders. Evil from the right and left. All of these regimes fell as well. The families of the people that survived these rulers go on. Countries come and countries go. I love the US of A as much as the next red-blooded, patriotic American but our faith does not come from our leaders. Our Faith comes from Jesus Christ. God placed both Saul and David in power. God is in control. We do not need to know the plans; we just need to put our trust in The Plan Maker.

Although Paul was not in Rome at the time he wrote these words, He was a Roman citizen living under the rule of Rome. **Romans 13:1-5 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.**

No matter what happens on November 5th 2024, the sun will come up on November 6th 2024. And if it doesn't, then so be it. Our Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness!

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November Birthdays

11/1 Emily Tedrow
11/4 Gail Murphy
11/8 Jamie Weingart
11/9 Shawn Heverly
11/13 Marsha Coffee
11/17 Brian Coffee
11/19 Michael Landon
Pauline Wayne
11/22 Mary Weingart
11/28 Barb Bell



Anniversaries

11/2 Jerry & Helen
Mincks
11/17 Harry & Pat
Hancock

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

Counters
Art Johanson
& Barb Karlen

Bus Drivers
Jerry Menough

Acolytes
11/3 Addie Zion/
Elise Smith
11/10 Triston Beagle/
Maxon Weingart
11/17 Stella Smith/
Lane Loving
11/24 Kara Zion/
Corianna Haueter

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School*Older Class**
11/3 *** Lois N/
Brittany Sprague
11/10*** Lois N/
Linda Henderson
11/17 *Brittany Sprague
Shaunda Uphold
11/24 ***Lois N/
Linda Henderson

Junior Church
11/3 Program Kickoff
11/10 Program
11/17 Program
11/24 Program

Wee Worship
11/3 Program Kickoff
11/10 Program
11/17 Program
11/24 Program

Nursery
11/3 Terrie Rohrer
11/10 Amy Shoaff
11/17 Denise Linder
11/24 Samara Anderson

Come and help decorate our Church for Christmas on November 24th after church. Lunch Provided.

Sign up sheet in Narthex!

**1st Sunday of Advent is December 1st ,
Readers and Candle Lighters will be needed ,
Sign up Sheets to follow.**



**Light up Damascus Festivities Saturday, December 14th
Annual Craft Show at DMC, plus Story Time with St. Nick, Lego
& Duplo Contest, Lunch Counter and New for 2024:**

“The Christmas Float”

**Please see Pastor Jon if you are willing to help with any of
these events!**

Breakfast Doings!

What a great blessing the Monthly Community Breakfast has become. We are averaging over 170 served each month. Our group serves over 25 lbs. of sausage patties, 25 lbs. of bacon, 30 dozen eggs, 12 loaves of bread and 12 half gallons of OJ each month! The patron following is amazing. We are blessed to have numerous “regulars” who always come and share their time. Our blessing is the witness we provide and the witness our patrons provide us and others around them.

We are looking forward to the **kitchen renovations** to give us much needed space, equipment, and storage. Our wonderful Monthly Community Breakfast will be furloughed for a couple of months during construction. We expect this furlough to happen in January and February. Our group will return in March better than ever to serve our Community.

P.S. Check out our new “Breakfast Crew” t-shirts!!

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

November 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Youth Retreat	2 Pine Ridge Boys 4:30 Dinner 6:00 Concert
3 900 SS, 10:00 Worship 6-8 pm SALT ALL SAINTS DAY	4 6:30pm SPR Meeting	5 8:30 am Minis mtg Election Day 6:30 Warrior Men 7:00 Choir	6	7 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study	8	9
10 9:00 SS, 10:00 Worship 6-8 pm SALT Veteran's Day Sunday Thanksgiving DMC 7 pm	11 Veteran's Day 	12 6:30pm Worship	13	14 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study	15	16 7-10:30am Break-fast
17 9:00 SS, 10:00 Worship 6-8 pm SALT OCC Collection week	18 5:30 Finance 6:30 Council OCC	19 7:00 Choir OCC	20 OCC	21 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study OCC	22	23
24 9:00 SS, 10:00 Worship 6-8 pm SALT Hanging of the Greens Load Trailer for OCC	25 7:00 Trustees	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 	30