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“Damascus Doings”

November 2025

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





“Looking Forward with Gratefulness and Thanksgiving”

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.

November & December are some of my favorite times of the Year! The Climate change is evident, gone are shorts, flip flops, and t shirts and out come sweaters, boots, and jackets. The Green dense woodlands give way to a short burst of color, then with wind and rain they carpet the woodland floor and barren trees remain. It's easy to see the fingerprints of God preparing us for the Winter Season. Our God is very aware of these changes, and he prepares his people with the wonderful inventions of technology and love. In America most of us are blessed with warm & dry houses, Fresh food for our daily needs, and wonderful opportunities to Gather, Praise, and Worship the Blessings of Our God in Heaven!

Right now, I'm sitting in my office, sipping a warm cup of Coffee, and watching the rain and leaves change my environment right before my eyes. These cool & damp mornings remind me and make me so grateful of God's provision. Look what he's done at DMC this past year! Our New and Upgraded Kitchen & Fellowship Hall. Our New Kids Sunday School Rooms. Wonderful times of Gathering for Dinners, Breakfasts, Concerts and the sharing of God's Love! 10 New Members, 15 Baptisms, so many new faces it's sometimes hard to remember everyone. Yet most of all we have the words and promises of Our Lord to guide us forward. To show us what's next and who we may bless in later part 2025 and beyond. Yes, there is always more work to do, but I'm taking November & December to Celebrate Jesus, and all of God's Love for My Family here at Damascus Methodist Church! Yes, Great is Our God and Worthy is He of Our Praises! Won't you join me this Fall & Winter and set the world ablaze with the Love of Jesus here at DMC! I am Truly Thankful! God is So Good!

Colossians 3: 17 *Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

In Christ's Love, Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesdays 6:30—8:00 pm

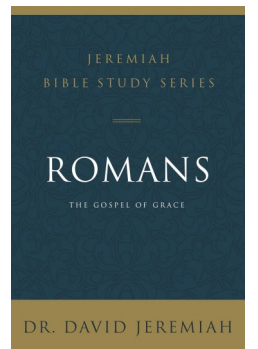


A common theme has emerged throughout youth group meetings this past month — what it takes to be a Christian. We have discussed the need for Christian love while studying 1 Corinthians 13 and explored the responsibility of each new generation to commit themselves to God through Judges 2:6-23. This past week, we studied the specifics of the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:13-26 and how they are free gift of God that ought to enable every Christian for good works. However, within this reoccurring theme, I noticed a second one emerge. As His crucifixion loomed in the near future, Jesus taught and comforted His disciples in John chapter 14. Within that chapter, Jesus makes a bold statement on what it means to love Him. John 14:21 reads, “Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them” (NLT). This particular verse has been the deeper reoccurring theme in our youth group sessions. As Christians, we are called to love God by obeying what He instructs us to do. While love can be misconstrued to mean mere acceptance or sentimentality, true love is always *holy* love. Fundamental to that holy love is obedience to Christ since if we are constantly in rebellion against God, we cannot hope to be made holy like Him. Simply put, sin prevents us from doing so! Thankfully, our sin has been crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20), and He has enabled us to live the lives that He designed us for. Therefore, I would encourage all of us to live in obedience to Christ and show our love for Him through our commitment to what He taught and continues to teach through His Word.

1 Peter 2:9, “*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light*”.

Blessings, Sam Bryan

New Men's Bible Study
starting Thursday, December 4th at 6:30
12 week lessons Cost of book \$10.00
We meet every week, so come any
Thursday @ 6:30 pm.



Praise!

Praise Reports

Helen Mincks back to church after surgery!
Olivia Mossow starting new job at Sebring Police Dept.



Prayer Requests

First Responders, military, veterans and families
Government Shut Down
Larry Miller (Lenny's BIL) in hospice
Len Niederhiser recovering from Knee replacement
Mary Kay Heverly had a fall at Copeland—broken wrist and concussion

December Events!

Saturday, December 13th	Light Up Damascus Activities
Sunday, December 21st	Christmas Family Breakfast/DMC
Wednesday, December 24th	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 30th	Blood Drive 1-6 pm

Upcoming Events in November!

Sunday, November 2nd	All Saints Day! A time to remember and honor our Loved Ones.
Sunday, November 9th	Veterans Sunday We will honor our Veterans in Worship *** 7:00 pm at DMC WB Ministerial Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23rd	OCC truck loading, followed by Lunch, then “Hanging of the Greens” Come and help get our Church ready for the Holidays!
Thursday, November 27th	Happy Thanksgiving!
Sunday, November 30th	1st Sunday of Advent

Thank You
VETERANS
★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
FREE BREAKFAST SERVED 10 - NOON
MEMORIAL BUILDING • GUESTS \$8.00



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.

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



Christmas Card Post Office at DMC

We know everyone likes to send Christmas cards to many church members, but we would like to change the system a little bit this year,

Please don't leave cards this year for anyone who you don't see at church on a regular basis. There are usually many cards left after Christmas and it's hard to deliver those to some folks. Copeland Oaks/Crandall residents are the exception. You can leave those and someone will deliver them.

From your Lay Leader ...

Finding Ways to be Thankful

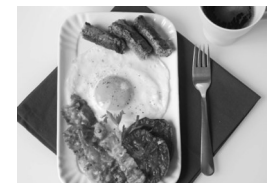
November 2025

November is a great month for a lot of reasons. One of them is leaving behind the celebration of evil. The home improvement stores started bringing in huge skeletons and other scary monuments, complete with loud speakers spewing scary voices into the air way back in August. These things soon filled front yards everywhere. It does the heart good to see that change to harvest festival and of course Christmas decorations... Thankfully, Our God is so rich in Grace and Mercy. Thankfully, He has a purpose for each and every one of His followers. Thankfully, we are the peace makers. Thankfully, we have the best news to tell to a world that so desperately needs salvation. It is with a glad and thankful heart that each of us has been sent into the world to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-10,14-18 *Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So, God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.*

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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DMC Community Breakfast
Saturday, November 15th
7-10:30 am





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
11/19 Pauline Wayne
11/22 Mary Weingart
11/28 Barb Bell

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

Counters

Kathy Knoedler & Barb Karlen

Bus Driver

Steve Sprague

Acolytes

11/2 Lane Loving/
Elise Smith
11/9 Triston Beagle/
Addie Zion
11/16 Maxon Weingart/
Stella Smith
11/23 Kara Zion/
Sawyer Anderson
11/30 Elise Smith/
Addie Zion

Children's Rotation

Sunday School

11/2 Lois Niederhiser
11/9 Lois N.
11/16 Lois N.
11/23 Linda Henderson
11/30 Shaunda Uphold

Junior Church

11/2 Lois N.
11/9 Program Practice
11/16 Program Prac
11/23 Program Prac
11/30 Program Prac

Wee Worship

11/2 Lois N.
11/9 Program Prac
11/16 Program Prac
11/23 Program Prac
11/30 Program Prac

Nursery

11/2 Terrie Rohrer
11/9 Amy Shoaff
11/16 Samara Anderson
11/23 Denise Linder
11/30 Amy Shoaff



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COMING SOON!

SUNDAY, DEC. 14th 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. 2nd 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. 17 – Mon. Nov. 24

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each night (Mon. Nov. 24 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. 16th. Then on the following Sunday, Nov. 23, 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.



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

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

November 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Change Clocks back
2 9:00 am SS 10:00 Worship All Saints Day	3 6:30 pm Missions Mtg	4 8:30 am WB Minis 5:30 pm Finance Mtg Election Day	5 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	6 9:00 am Light Up Damascus Meeting 9:30 am TOPS 6:30pm Women/Men Bible	7	8 Veteran's Breakfast 10-noon Memorial Bldg
9 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 7:00 pm WB Ministerial Thanksgiving Serv@ DMC	10 SPR Mtg 6:00 pm	11 Veterans Day	12 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	13 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Men's Study 6:30 pm Ruritans	14	15 Community Breakfast 7-10:30 am
16 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship OCC Collection WEEK	17 Council Mtg 6:30 pm OCC	18 OCC	19 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm OCC	20 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Men's Study OCC	21	22
23 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship Hanging of the Greens/ Load OCC truck/Lunch	24 Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm	25	26 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent						