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“Damascus Doings”

October 2024

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





October 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment “A New Season and New Heart”

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

Greetings Beloved in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord & Savior! How fast the landscape of our world changes with every day that passes. Last month the fields were lush and green with the great anticipation of a bountiful harvest. What a difference a month makes, drought and high temperatures have scorched the fields, and we are scrambling and praying for a salvageable harvest season. So often church life can have those same ebbs and flows. Our pews are full, and the vineyard is ripe for the harvest, yet something happens, and we fall away, or lose interest in being part of the laborers & harvesters. Once again, we must fall on our knees and seek God’s solutions to our challenges. 2025 will have many challenges, New Leadership of Our Country, Financial challenges in our own bank accounts that directly affect the Church health, Health Insurance and its affordability, and of course Our aging bodies!

So, please join with me in Prayer asking God to reveal to each of us Our part in his kingdom. There are many places to serve, and lead, and simply be apart of the movement that can help “The Good News” of Jesus Christ to Spread like the nourishing rain that make all things new. God has a Plan, we must count on his revival in our heart and soul, and TRUST, that he will guide us through another bountiful season bringing new people into his house to find Faith, Hope, & Love. May we forever Celebrate the Blessing of being God’s Finest Creation, beautifully made and forever blessed in His Grace & Love! We are His Masterpiece, let us Shine for the World to Find Christ’s Peace & Love in their Life!

Beloved, God’s Church Needs Your Help and Support in these Challenging time we live in! Please faithfully continue support of God’s Ministry with all your gifts and talents as we move forward in Jesus’s Name together!

Matthew 5: 16

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

***A shout out to the Rohrer’s who invited the youth to their pool in September - with only an hour and half advance notice – when our Waldameer trip was canceled due to sickness. They had a fun time swimming, snacking, playing pool games and trivia and enjoyed pizza delivered poolside at the end. And, they won’t soon forget the Eskimo ice cream bars that Terrie brought out as rewards during games!

Youth are looking forward to later this month when they go hear ***For King and Country*** in concert! This will for sure be a great evening of worship and song!

Fun, yes, but so, so much more. Youth are often searching for their identity and purpose in life. Not all youth in youth groups know the Lord. But, when, as has been the case recently with S.A.L.T. ministry, youth come even when they may not have even been in church before, it is a glorious thing to witness the Holy Spirit nudging them to seek to know God. Recently, they have been exploring the importance of seeking God’s will in their decision-making. It may not always be easy or what they want, but following God leads to a purposeful life.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Blessings,
Linda Henderson





Jeff Johanson healing and ready to go back to work
Alan Cope back in church after surgery
Julie Morris, Jenny's sister, recovering from heart procedure
Successful Bible Study attendance
Troy Uphold Recovering from heart issues
Jeff Greenway, President of Allegheny West, was elected Bishop at
General Conference



World Peace, Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Tammy Johnson and others working in hospitals and Care centers need
More STAFF
The Hiner family after car accident (Salem) Richard and Joann were killed,
Daughter, Valerie was injured
Ben and Ashley Heverly expecting twins
Tom Knoedler discomfort from back pain
Ally Zion dealing with migraines and heat exhaustion



Join us for Dinner and a Movie night!
Sunday, October 6, 5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:00pm—"Walking Tacos"

Movie to follow: "The Story of Moses"



Damascus Community Center Park "Fall Fest"

All ages welcome!

Saturday, October 12th 4-7 p.m.

Food, Hayrides and Community Fun!



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!!



CELEBRATION SUNDAY A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

Our celebration Sunday on September 8 was a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and fun! We had over 60 people come for this event. We enjoyed music, good food, delicious desserts, lawn games, a cozy fire, and just spending time together as a family of God! Thank you to sooooo many who answered, “Yes, Lord!” and offered your help to make this day possible.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

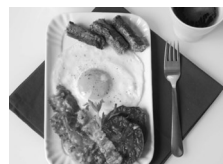
We are collecting candy donations for the up-coming mission trip to the **Dominican Republic**. We like to pass out some sweet treats during our VBS program! We are collecting: Smarties, Double Bubble Gum (a large pail is available at Walmart or Sam’s) and DUM DUM suckers. We need to take 1,000 pieces of each! These are the only kinds of candies that we take. Please sign up at the welcome center. Donations can be left on the welcome center.

******EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: DUE TO VERY STRICT CUSTOM REGULATIONS, ALL CANDY DONATIONS MUST BE SEALED IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER/BAG WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF AUGUST 25 OR LATER!!!!**

Thank you so much!
Lois Niederhiser

Community Breakfast
Saturday, October 19th

7-10:30 am Donations only



From your Lay Leader ...

Fall into Jesus’ Love

October 2024

It is almost unbelievable that we have come to fall already. It seems like 2024 just started! On Thursday September, 19th we started our Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. On the first night, we had twenty-eight in attendance! That was with several that bought the book but were unable to make it to the first night. How very exciting! As an opening exercise, Pastor Jon had us say and we recorded several one-word answers to the question “What do you think of when you think about The Book of Revelation?” When you have a chance, make your way to the Ruritan room and check out the words that the group came up with. There are words like scary and complicated because there is so much symbolism in the book and it describes the tribulation in the end times. The book also contains letters to the seven churches with judgements. However, The Book of Revelation is just like the rest of The Bible in that it describes the Love that Jesus Christ has for all of God’s Children. Right from the beginning of the book, when Jesus shows up in a vision to John as, radiating with the almost indescribable Holiness of God’s Glory, He comforts John by laying His hand on him and reassuring him to not be afraid. Jesus knows our human hearts and all of our emotions, doubts, questions and failings. And yet He still loves us perfectly. He loves us enough to comfort us even in the midst of our failures to honor Him. Jesus Christ Loves us more than we can even love ourselves. While The Book of Revelation is filled with prophecy and great justice, we can rest assured that we serve a God that is worth our complete surrender. The book also reminds us that there is a special blessing for those believers who not only hear the words of Revelation but speak them aloud. If you haven’t already, make it a point to join us on Thursday nights at 6:30 this fall season and fall in Jesus’ Love. The Love He has for you is like none other.

Revelation 1:1-3, 17-19 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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October Birthdays

10/1 Ryker Landon
10/3 Zach Crouse
10/3 Jean Zion
10/3 Kara Zion
10/11 Ruth Bruderly
10/15 Gerald Mincks
10/18 Lois Niederhiser
10/22 Grayson Anderson
10/23 Judson Weingart
10/24 Tom Knoedler
10/28 Samara Anderson
10/29 Treva Miller
10/30 Pastor Jon Long
10/31 Pat Hancock
10/31 Art Johanson



Anniversaries

10/2 Brooks & Mary Weingart
10/6 Dick, Sr & Carol Flickinger
10/16 Bill & Grace Williams
10/28 Shawn & Barb 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

10/6 Addie Zion/
Triston Beagle
10/13 Elise Smith/
Maxon Weingart
10/20 Kara Zion/
Lane Loving
10/27 Stella Smith/
Corianna Haueter

Children’s Rotation

Sunday

School*Combined**

10/6 Lois Niederhiser
10/13 Linda Henderson
10/20 Brittany Sprague
10/27 LoisNiederhiser

Junior Church

10/6 Steve Sprague/Ethan Dettweiler
10/13 Lois Niederhiser/
Codey Dettweiler
10/20 Brittany Sprague
Jahmaray Williams
10/27 Lois Niederhiser

Wee Worship

10/6 Grayson Anderson
10/13 Linda Henderson
10/20 Abby Heverly
10/27 Shaunda Uphold

Nursery

10/6 Terrie Rohrer
10/13 Amy Shoaff
10/20 Denise Linder/
Nancy Cadile (SS)
10/27 Samara Anderson



SHOEBOXES ARE HERE!

It’s that time of year again! We are busy packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! This is an amazing ministry that our church all-church packing parties and have than 360 shoeboxes packed to the top and ready to be shipped! That’s where we need your help. Would you prayerfully consider adopting a box by paying the needed postage? Each box costs just \$10 to send to a waiting child in more than 110 different countries or hard-to-reach areas.

In addition to the postage, this \$10 also includes the child’s own Gospel storybook as well as the needed teaching materials for each location. Each child who receives a shoebox will be receiving the most important gift of all... the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ and His amazing love for each one of them! And considering how much postage is to just send a simple package to the next city or state, this is really a minimal cost! For example, mailing just one shoebox to the Dominican Republic would cost \$125.00! Also, for your convenience, you may pay for your boxes online or by writing a check and sending it in a postage paid envelope. Just let us know how many boxes you are adopting by indicating on the **chart in the narthex**. And to make it even easier, you may opt to pay the postage fees at a later date.

Just let us know now so that we can keep an accurate count. Or, maybe you would like to fill your own shoebox with your personally chosen items! That’s great, too! Empty shoeboxes are waiting to be filled and are available at the table. Just return your fun, full, and personalized shoebox to the church during National Collection week which runs from Nov. 18-25. And We are happy to be serving as a **drop-off location** again this year! And finally, and most importantly, please remember to PRAY for your shoeboxes as they begin their important journey!!!

Questions???? Please contact Lois Niederhiser at 330-727-6841.

Oh, the power of a simple gift!

In Christ,
Lois Niederhiser

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30am WB Minis	2	3 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study	4	5 4:30pm Charge Conference All Church
6 9:00am SS 10:00 Worship 5:00 pm Dinner/Movie	7	8 7:00 Choir	9	10 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Ruritans	11	12 Community Center Fall Fest 4-7 pm
13 9:00am SS 10:00 Worship	14 Columbus Day 	15	16	17 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study	18	19 7-10:30am Breakfast
20 9:00am SS 10:00 Worship 6-8 Salt Youth	21 6:30pm Council	22 7:00 Choir	23	24 9:00 Light Up Damascus Mtg 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study	25	26
27 9:00am SS 10:00 Worship 6-8 Salt Youth	28 7:00 Trustees	29 BLOOD DRIVE 1-6pm	30	31 9:30am Tops 6:30pm Bible Study Happy Halloween!		