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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

“Damascus Doings”

October 2025

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





Matthew 9: 35-38

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Fall is one of my favorite seasons; cooler temperatures, the beautiful colors of the change, pumpkin, Indian corn, and all the glorious colors of the season as well as the Harvest of the summer crops. It’s very similar in the life seasons of the Church. As we head into the change of seasons people also are looking into the needs for winter provisions. As God’s church we can offer an outlet of Hope, Peace, & Joy for the long winter season ahead.

We were so blessed to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in September when 10 New friends joined Our Church. Yet even more exciting was the 15 Baptisms that followed the new members. God is Blessing Damascus Methodist Church. And yes, we need more workers for the Harvest. I ask you to pray about your roll in Building up the Church and glorifying Christ’s Kingdom.

There’re so many areas to serve. **The We-care Team**: Simply helps make our Church Go! Cards for the Shut-ins, Meals for Special Events & Funerals, Being apart of Shoe box packing, graduation and Christmas boxes, Special event planning, and so much more! Simply Blessing Others!

Staff Parrish Relations Team: making sure Staff and the Church are working well together and being an integral part of effective ministry.

Missions Team: Meeting to plan and monitor our mission responsibilities and new ideas going forward. This is a Great Team, We simply bless Others!

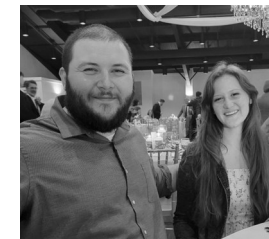
Bennett Scholarship Team: Meet and review potential applicants for college ministerial scholarships. We Simply Bless Others!

These are just a few of the easy ways to serve Christ’s Church. Where is God Calling You? Beloved, to Grow and Serve effectively, We need everyone’s help! Please prayerfully consider joining one of our Teams!

In Christ’s Love, Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesdays 6:30—8:00 pm



Why do we do youth ministry? Quite often, folks will see youth ministry as just another extracurricular for kids to participate in or just some other time for socialization with a “churchy” spin on it. However, in this youth pastor’s humble opinion, when we reduce youth group to being something purely recreational, we miss the fundamental point of doing it. Youth ministry is to *disciple* young men and women into a deeper walk with Christ and help them through the transition of going from children in Christ to adults in Christ. Reminiscent of the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:2, youth ministry is to help teens go from milk to solid food — from the basic teachings of Christ to something deeper (Hebrews 6:1-3).

In the spirit of this understanding of youth ministry, we’ve been both having fun with snacks and games but also seriously diving into Scripture. We’ve just gone through the book of 1 John and talked about what it means to be a child of God — living and loving like Christ. We also discussed the important matter of looking out for false teachers, and how vital it is that we both know and live the truth of Jesus Christ. We’re only about two weeks into youth group at the time of writing this, and the group of kids we have are already doing a great job. I ask that you keep all of us in your prayers through this next season!

1 John 2:5-6, *“But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.”*

Blessings,
Sam Bryan

Praise Reports

We welcomed 10 new members to DMC on 9/14/25!
4 children were baptized and 1 infant was dedicated!
9 adults were baptized!

Prayer Requests

First Responders, military, veterans and families
Brian, Dina’s cousin, dealing with brain tumor
Helen Mincks recovering from hip replacement
Laila born premature to Kayla-Dina’s niece
Buell family dealing with health concerns



RENEWAL



Sunday October 19th at 6:15pm

Damascus Methodist Church
300 Valley Rd. Damascus, OH 44619

Come Join us for an evening of
musical worship
Dinner will be served at 4:30

For more information;
Call or text 330-323-7066 or 330-519-7720

CELEBRATION SUNDAY was 9/14/25!

Presentation of New Bibles: Ruth Crouse

Welcome to our New Members Joining DMC:

Wanda Book	Holly Morrow	Transfer of Membership:
Molly Bryan	Madason Morgan	Joyce Bush
Samuel Bryan	Joan Pontious	
Landon Coffee	Walt Pontious	
Zachary Coffee	Colton Weingart	

Infant Dedication: Jonathan Sprague, Jr.
Son of Jonny & Brittany Sprague

Infant Baptisms:

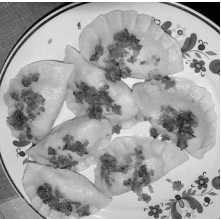
Adalynn Mossow	Daughter of Olivia Mossow
Weston Weingart	Son of Carey & Jamie Weingart
Elaina Westover & Zachary Westover II	Son & Daughter of Grayson Anderson and Zachary Westover

Adult Baptisms:

Sandra Dearth	Stella Smith	Joan Pontious
Lane Loving	Jeff Sprague	
Madason Morgan	Addie Zion	
Elise Smith	Kara Zion	

Our celebration Sunday on September 14, was a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and fun! We had over 120 people come for this event. We enjoyed new Bibles, baby dedications, new members, baptisms, special 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.

1st Annual Pierogi Festival
Sponsored by Damascus Ruritans
Held at Damascus Methodist Church



Saturday, October 4th from 12-4 p.m.
Eat in or Carry Out!
Pick from 10 different kinds of Pierogies!

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!



What is the Forge?

We are simply a men's bible study group that is committed growing together in Biblical Knowledge, Prayer, Service to Our Lord Jesus, Accountability, Mentorship, and Witness to the Truth that Jesus is Alive. We meet every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. and Spend time planning or work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! **Most of All we enjoy one another and celebrate Our Walk of Faith as Men of Christ!**

All Men are Welcome, please come and Join the Forge!



**We will be starting a new study in October
About the book of Romans.**

Meet our new Custodian, Gerry Brain

My name is Gerry Brain and I have been a lifelong resident of Goshen/ Butler Townships. I am married to Melanie and we have four children (Amanda, Jeremy, Emily, and JD). We are also proud grandparents to Payton, Ryan, Alli, Luke, Abigail, and Willow. I am a graduate of West Branch High School and The University of Mount Union. I am retired from West Branch Schools, in which I served in various capacities throughout my working career. I look forward to serving the Damascus Global Methodist Church in the role of custodian.



From your Lay Leader ...

Quick Fall Update

It's an interesting Fall season with the strange rainfall pattern. Normally God's artwork is much more vibrant, but this year the leaves are falling quickly. The cycle still remains though, and the beyond brilliant supernatural engineering continues to provide.

God speaks in so many ways and one way he speaks is through His Work. I have noticed that there are short and long seasons of life where He seems to bring a certain Bible passage or book to life in different ways. The Bible is The Living Word and we find new aspects to the words every time we go back to the well of His living water. It never goes dry. Lately, for me it's been the book of John. Through the podcast I listen to, our "The Forge" men's group, our recent Lay Speaker training and in other ways, it seems that I couldn't get away from that book even if I wanted to lately. Our Lord provides. I want to encourage all of us to read the book of John at least twice this month and see how God speaks to you this fall.

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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THE DAMASCUS METHODIST COMMUNITY BREAKFAST is Set for Saturday October 18th from 0700-1030 AM. Our crews have been serving our community for over 22 years. The money raised goes straight to our Mission Trip Team which helps sponsor a yearly weeklong trip to serve with our construction talents. Our Team is made up of mostly Damascus Methodist and Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian members. Our hearts have led us to serve by DONATION only. This is our true Ministry to the area community. Our patrons and supporters make it all worth any effort needed. serve the community even better than ever before and continue our sense of Fellowship through an every third Saturday monthly Breakfast at Damascus Methodist Church. Come join us at 300 Valley Rd in Damascus. Hopefully, we will see all our regulars and a lot of new patrons on Saturday, October 18th.



Birthdays

10/1 Ryker Landon
10/3 Zach Crouse
10/3 Jean Zion
10/3 Kara Zion
10/8 Grant Boyle
10/10 Fred Criss
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



10/2 Brooks & Mary Weingart
10/5 Walt & Joan Pontious
10/6 Dick & 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

Art Johanson & Linda Henderson

Bus Driver

Jerry Menough

Acolytes

10/5 Lane Loving/
Kara Zion
10/12 Elise Smith/
Addie Zion
10/19 Maxon Weingart/
Triston Beagle
10/26 Stella Smith/
Sawyer Anderson

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School
****Older Class**

10/5 Lois N.
10/12 Lois N.
10/19 Linda Henderson
10/26 Shaunda Uphold

Junior Church

10/5 Steve Sprague
10/12 Lois N.
10/19 Lois N.
10/26 Troy Uphold

Wee Worship

10/5 Lois N.
10/12 Abby Heverly
10/19 Linda Henderson
10/26 Shaunda Uphold

Nursery

10/5 Amy Shoaff
10/12 Terrie Rohrer
10/19 Samara Anderson
10/26 Denise Linder

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 has supported for the past several years. Soon, we will be completing our 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. 17-24. 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!

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

October 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm Township Trustees Dinner	2 9:30 am TOPS 6:30 Men’s Bible study NO Women’s Bible study	3	4 Ruritans Pierogie Festival 12-4 pm DMC	
5 9:00 am SS, 10 Worship OCC packing party After worship and 4-7 pm	6 OCC packing party 4-7 pm	7 8:30 am WB Minis OCC packing party 4-7 (if needed) 6:30 We Care Meeting	8 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	9 9:30 am TOPS 6:30pm Women/Men Bible 6:30 pm Ruritans	10	11
12 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship Charge Conference/ Winona Methodist 4:00	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	16 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Women’s Bible St Men’s Study	17	18 Community Breakfast 7-10:30 am
19 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship Concert by“Renewal” 6:00 pm, supper 4:30	20 NO Council Meeting	21	22 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	23 9:30 am Tops 6:30 Women’s Bible Study Men’s Study	24	25
26 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	27 Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm	28 Blood Drive 1-6pm	29 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	30 9:30 am TOPS 6:30 pm Women’s Bible St Men’s Study	31 HALLOWEEN	