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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

“Damascus Doings”

September 2024

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





**September 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment
“Time of the Harvest”
Matthew 9: 35-38 “The Need for Workers”**

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.”

Here it is, almost September and things are changing fast, leaves are changing their colors, the fields are beginning to yellow, our animals are changing their coats all in preparation for a “Change of Season.”

That’s how it is in the life of God’s Church. We have had several changes that included a New Pastor and his Family, Becoming the Global Methodist Church, Watching New faces come and be apart of our family, and sadly watching others leave us or head into Paradise.

Beloved, To continue the Work of Jesus Christ for the Salvation of the World we have to be the “WORKERS”. We are called to use our Gifts and Talents for the Glory of Christ’s Church and to spread the News of Jesus Christ to the World!

PLEASE prayerfully consider where you can help and let me help you in your decision to Make Christs’ Church Strong and Successful for the next Generation.

Let us Join together and Lift High the Cross so that Christ’s Church will shine forever as we are anointed as bearers of Love, Truth, and Grace.

1 Corinthians 9:19

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

And now, we are in the home stretch between dog days of summer and the beginning of a new school year! This time of the year signals the end of summer vacation and county fairs where kids show off their year-long projects. But, it’s also a new beginning, a reset and looking forward to new growth and milestones! Isn’t that what God intends for us all? Like the changing of seasons, the youth have also changed. Yes, they’re older, but I’m proud to say also more mature in their walk with Jesus!

Change is inevitable, and, as always with a youth group, some have graduated, some are new drivers with jobs, and endless other activities pull at their time. But, we also have some new faces! Another change is that we are preparing to say goodbye to Cory and Maddie who have graciously given their time to support our youth on Sunday evenings and accompany them on many outings. Cory and Maddie are getting married! We thank them for all their help and wish them all God’s blessings as they start their new “adventures” as newlyweds!

We finally were blessed with a cooler Sunday evening where we could be outside and enjoy a fire and roast hotdogs. Kind of nice to kick off shoes and just enjoy a good ole’ game of tag! And, then sitting in a small circle for a time of devotion as the sun was setting.

S.A.L.T. youth are eagerly anticipating our yearly outing to Waldameer at the end of August. This is always a great time of swimming, amusement rides, and hopefully, a quiet walk along Lake Erie in Presque Isle Park at the end of the day before heading home. Will anyone be fortunate enough to find any beach glass? We hope so!

That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ. Colossians 2:2

Blessings,
Linda Henderson

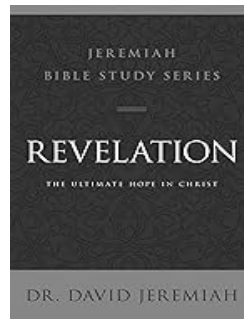
Chonda Pierce Concert—Sept 22nd 7:00 pm
Doors open at 6:00. We can carpool or drive
Van. Meet at church at 5:00pm.



The convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church will be held September 20-26.



World Peace, Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
For Healing: Treva Miller, Jeff Johanson, Jim Miller
Back to School—teachers, students, faculty, all workers
Continued prayers for DMC conference



Adult Bible Study: Revelation

Pastor Jon is offering a 12 week Study on Revelation beginning Thursday, September 19th, @ 6:30 p.m. Book Cost is \$9.00 and Child Care is available. Please sign up in the Welcome Center and Check if you want me to buy your book and if you will need Child Care!



**CELEBRATION SUNDAY
“BUILDING ON THE ROCK”
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M**

Come and enjoy a wonderful outdoor ALL church celebration! This wonderful event will include dinner (everything is provided) praise music, special activities, and a delicious build a better bar bake-off contest plus a variety of lawn games! And of course, we will make our “sundae” complete by serving ice cream with lots of toppings! Food, fellowship, and fun for everyone! Invite a friend and plan to be a part of it all!

WE NEED BAKERS FOR OUR BUILD A BETTER BAKE-OFF!

Decide what delicious bar to bake! (pumpkin, apple, lemon, etc.) Just sign your name (no need to list the kind) on the clipboard on the welcome center to enter the Build A Better Bar Bake-Off for Our All-Church Celebration Sunday!
Take home the corresponding numbered assembly instructions that are contained in a bag. Now, just follow the blueprints and bring your fully assembled project to the celebration on Sunday, September 8!

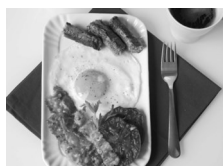




****CHILDREN’S MINISTRY MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 6:30pm**

Calling all children’s ministry team members... We will have a mandatory meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the gathering space. ALL children’s ministry team members (Sunday school, wee worship, junior church, nursery and youth helpers) **MUST** attend. We will be distributing very important guidelines and procedures as we strive to offer a safe, nurturing, Spirit-filled atmosphere for all our kids. Also, bring your thoughts and ideas on how we can look forward to the new year and how we can do even more to enhance our children’s programming. Questions? Please reach out anytime. Thank you so much for saying “Yes, Lord.” and serving in this very important role.

In Christ,
Lois Niederhiser dmkids@yahoo.com or call or text 330-727-6841
Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” **Matthew 19:14**



Community Breakfast

Saturday, September 21st

7-10:30 am

Donations only

From your Lay Leader ...

A Season for Everything

September 2024

Winter is Winter, Spring is Spring and Summer is Summer but Fall has two names. Whether it is called Fall or Autumn, it is still the last transitional season of the year. We are fortunate to have distinct seasons here in Northeast Ohio. Those poor folks in Arizona do not know what they are missing what with the hot sunny weather all year long. **Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.**

Our sister Janice Bennett (Aunt Janice) recently celebrated her 100th birthday. It was neat to see the collection of things and pictures she had from her early childhood in the 1920s through married life and children. She even had the check for \$24.00 that her parents paid to the doctor for her birth. My daughter-in-law was shocked compared to the \$16,000 to deliver Ella. Her life story was told in the mementos from the seasons of her life.

Our new denomination is fresh and new like spring. It’s an exciting time to be a Global Methodist. The convening General Conference will be held this September 20-26, 2024 in San Jose, Costa Rica. As our local Annual Conferences have shown, the General Conference will be Holy Conferencing. God brought us through a season of discontent within the UMC and we continue to pray for the UMC. However, now is the time to concentrate on our mission, spread His word and His Love to a world that so desperately needs it. We are all in different seasons of life but that only means that God can use us in unique ways. Some of us have plenty of time, some of us are busy beyond belief (although we seem to have time for the things we really want to). Some of us are in a season of plenty and some of us are struggling to get by. All of us are being taught lessons and all of us are uniquely prepared to talk to the people that God has sent us. Many of us think we cannot or that “its not my calling” but in reality, God equips us for His mission and we are all equipped. The only thing stopping us is us. Spend some time reflecting this month as you spend time in prayer and pray for a situation of person or people that God can send your way to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ as you share your unique story with them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept Birthdays

- 9/1 Mitchell Coffee
- 9/7 Amy Shoaff
- 9/9 Barb Jones
- 9/9 Margaret Thompson
- 9/10 Bill Houshour, Sr.
- 9/11 Bruce Rohrer
- 9/12 Yvonne Getty
- 9/12 Don Jones
- 9/13 Luci Knepper
- 9/21 Sally Wilson
- 9/27 Sawyer Anderson
- 9/27 Elise Smith
- 9/29 Stella Smith



Anniversaries

- 9/4 Ralph & Kathy Landon
- 9/9 Troy & Shaunda Uphold
- 9/14 Jonny & Brittany Sprague
- 9/28 Dave & Amy Shoaff

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

Counters

Art Johanson & Jane Menough

Bus Drivers

Jerry Menough

Acolytes

- 9/1 Addie Zion/ Triston Beagle
- 9/8 Elise Smith/ Maxon Weingart
- 9/15 Kara Zion/ Lane Loving
- 9/22 Stella Smith/ Corianna Haueter
- 9/29 Addie Zion/ Elise Smith

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School***Combined

- 9/1 Shaunda Uphold
- 9/8 Lois Niederhiser
- 9/15 Linda Henderson
- 9/22 Brittany Sprague
- 9/29 Lois Niederhiser

Junior Church

- 9/1 Troy Uphold/ Ethan Dettweiler
- 9/8 Lois Niederhiser
- 9/15 Steve Sprague/ Jahmaray Williams
- 9/22 Brittany Sprague
- 9/29 Lois Niederhiser/ Jahmaray Williams

Wee Worship

- 9/1 Shaunda Uphold
- 9/8 Grayson Anderson
- 9/15 Linda Henderson
- 9/22 Samara Anderson
- 9/29 Abby Heverly

Nursery

- 9/1 Amy Shoaff
- 9/8 Denise Linder
- 9/15 Abby Heverly
- 9/22 Terrie Rohrer/ Nancy Cadile (SS)
- 9/29 Denise Linder

Ministry Survey for Damascus Methodist Church.

Dear church family, God calls each of us to Serve his Church and Kingdom in different ways. As we continue to grow and vision ourselves for the future, we need individuals who can step up and help in many areas of church leadership and service. Below are some examples of Ministry teams that we need to increase numbers in for the 2025 year. Please prayerfully consider where you can help be apart of the future of God’s Church.

Endowment Team:

Finance Team:

We Care Ministries Team:

Church History Team:

Missions Team:

Nominations Team:

Staff Parrish Relations Team:

Bennett Scholarship Team:

Trustees Team:

Worship Team:

If You would like to talk about or serve on one of these teams just Check an X beside the teams that interest you and leave your name and phone number and we will be in touch to answer any questions.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 8:30am WB ministerial Blood Drive 1-6pm	4	5 9:30am Tops	6	7
8 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF 5:00pm	9 8:30am Staff Mtg	10 5:30pm Finance 7:00pm Choir Practice	11	12 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritans 6:30pm Children's Ministry Meeting	13	14
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