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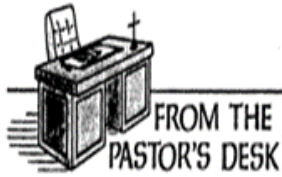
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“Damascus Doings”

APRIL 2024

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





April 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment “HE is RISEN”

1 Timothy 2: 5-6

For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man is Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

Good Morning Church!

I come to you this morning born again and renewed in the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior!

He is RISEN! RISEN INDEED!

John 16:33

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

These are the wonderful words we share with one another over and over again in the wake of Christ’s return to us! We Celebrate and Praise God for such a Wonderful act of Grace that frees and empowers us for a New Life in Jesus! Yet when the Celebration and Worship of Easter are gone I am challenged to ask, So now what? What is the plan for the future of our own personal response to the resurrection and equally important, what does the Church do with this Good News? We begin with prayer. I’m setting a **24-Hour Prayer Vigil** up in the near future and am asking for your help!

It will start @ 8:00am on Saturday April 13th, 2024, and we will conclude on Sunday Morning April 14th, 2024 @ 8:01am. Our Worship that Sunday will Celebrate God’s presence with us as we gathered at the base of his throne and spoke our hearts to him.

There is a sign-up sheet so that all of us can participate in my dream of covering the Alter with bodies during that 24-hour period. If you can’t come to the church, please take your time slot and bless us at home. Topics for this Prayer Vigil are the Church Community & Family, Vision, Workers for the Harvest, Unity and Love. Please consider being apart of this Spiritual Blessing that blesses both Your Faith Walk and the Spiritual Life of the Church.

Psalms 55: 17

Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the LORD hears my voice.

**In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jon**

Souls After Living Truth News

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 We’ve all heard it many times. We can recite it. But, do we understand?

The youth spent a fabulous weekend at Snow Camp in Somerset, PA. While they only saw slight snow Saturday morning and most of the “snow” activities were a bust, the weather didn’t dampen the outdoors fun! There were outdoor team building activities where the youth had to work together. Key takeaway: SALT youth ARE tenacious and don’t give up when they don’t first succeed! It was exciting as adults to watch which youth stood out as leaders and to see them all either as participants or helpers. Then, the afternoon was time for signup activities – horseback riding, paintball, laser tag, ATVs. There was the X-Barn with a climbing wall, GaGa, a giant slide, basketball and an archery range. And, the Tin Spur snack bar was the place for great milkshakes as well as a pool table, ping pong and a fireplace to just warm up.

Each morning and evening there was a rally with a live praise band and Pastor Scott who gave the message: Seek truth. Speak truth. With my whole heart I seek you. Psalm 119:10. The youth were led to understand what “truth” is and how to seek the truth. When put in the context of John 14:6, it began to make sense. They asked themselves, do I seek Jesus? At Snow Camp, youth leaders were also given some tools and resources to help us help our youth. We had approachable mentors to help with problems we face as youth leaders! We are already talking about another retreat there! Thanks for all the prayers for safe travels, etc. God heard you and provided a wonderful, fun-filled, spiritual enriched weekend!

Blessings, Linda Henderson

DMC 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Saturday, April 13th 8:00am to Sun 8:01 am

As we move forward together following the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Savior, I feel called to humble ourselves and come together to Honor Jesus and Bless the Altar of his church in 24 hours of Prayer. I’m asking that if you are able, please take a 30-minute slot to spend in the sanctuary sitting in prayer seeking unity and focus as we go forth serving our community in Glory of Jesus Christ. There will be time to pray over the rooms, pray over the Word, Members, and presence of the Holy Spirit as we sit in the presence of God and seek His Will in our future work as his church! The Church will be open for 24 hours and more than one person here during the late night and early morning hours for safety and security.

Please be apart of this movement of Faith as we Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God!

In Christ’s Love, Pastor Jon

STEWARDSHIP PAGE



Michael Vignon on road to recovery!
Lenten Offering for Safe harbor over \$4500.00!
Grace’s Brother, Rob, home and recovering
Sharon French recovering from auto accident



World Peace
Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Jon Reed serious cancer battle ahead
Rev. Bill and Jan Buell for moving decisions
Winkleman family—5 yr old Avi passed from cancer
Joe Cadile having more tests and treatment
Copeland and Crandall residents who need strength, healing and prayers for moving
Families of construction works from Baltimore bridge collapse

Drivers wanted!



The **We Care Ministry team** is looking for **volunteer drivers**. We recognize the fact that some in our church family are no longer driving, or are not comfortable driving at night, during snowy weather, in the city, etc. We want to help! Therefore, we are looking for a list of volunteer drivers who are willing to help meet this need! There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for drivers. Please indicate if you are willing to drive during the day, night or both! Once the list is compiled, it will be made available to our church office and our church family. This will allow those needing a ride to reach out to someone on the list! Please prayerfully consider signing up so that we can extend this much needed service to our church family.

Love Offering for the Buell’s

For the past several weeks, we have been praying for Jan Buell and her health concerns and for Rev. Buell and the family as they have been making some big decisions. Jan suffered a heart attack and two strokes in just a few weeks’ time. This has led them to the necessary decision to move. They are hoping to move to Copeland Oaks in the near future! Plans are being finalized and we ask for your continued prayers. This of course brings with it a lot of work and planning. Jan’s back condition does not allow her to travel by car for such a long distance, so they will need to fly. Also, a large moving van will be needed since they have lived in Florida for a long time. Barry and grandson, Christopher, are planning to drive it.

The process of planning and booking the moving company and airfare is just too overwhelming. That’s where we come in Church Family! We want to **SURPRISE** the Buell’s with a monetary gift to help alleviate some of their financial burden. For the next few weeks, (through April 14) we will be accepting a love offering to help with the mounting medical bills and moving expenses. If you would like to write a check, simply make it out to DMC, but write “Buell’s love offering” in the memo.

Remember—This is to be kept a Surprise! (a gift of love from our family to theirs) A special collection box and envelopes will be on the welcome center. ****If their plans to move to Copeland do not go through, we will still bless them with this offering to help with their medical bills.** Thank you for your willingness to give back to a family that has given so much to our church for so long. Questions? Please feel free to contact the church office.

“Safe Harbor”

Easter Sunday is the last day for donations to Safe Harbor.

We have raised almost \$4500.00 so far.

Thank you for your support!

info@safeharborohio.org



Clothed In Righteousness



Join Us For Breakfast

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Saturday April 20th
7:00AM-10:30AM
Donation only (change will be available)



COUNTDOWN TO LIFT-OFF FOR VBS!!!
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 – THURSDAY, JUNE 13
6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. (CHECK-IN 5:45)
AGES 3 – 103!

THREE, TWO, ONE, BLAST OFF FOR VBS!!!!!!! Countdown to lift-off has begun for Stellar- the VBS where we discover what it means to shine Jesus' light! Our exciting VBS is only a few light weeks away! Thank you to so many who have answered “yes, Lord,” to help out! Look for a sign-up sheet near the welcome center for snack donations. Set-up will begin on Sunday, June 2! Come and lend a hand whenever or wherever you can! It's always a lot of work but also a lot of fun as we join together for this exciting time!

From your Lay Leader ...

Renewed

April 2024

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Spring has hopefully sprung by the time you are reading this. As I write, we are having a bit of a blizzard but the grass is very green and the trees are budding. Easter was quite early this year. It is a great time to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, no matter the cycle of the equinox... As we begin to enjoy the warm weather outdoor activities and the growing season, this is a perfect time to renew our minds by starting a new Bible Study or digging deeper into an old one. An awesome thing about The Bible is that it is new every time we read it, as God The Holy Spirit leads us and reveals details and thoughts that we have never considered in the familiar passages. It might even be a good time to study Revelation or even Numbers. It is always a good time to remember *2nd Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.* You were created for a purpose. You are unique having life experiences and thoughts that are different from every one of the other eight billion people on earth. We all have different desires and passions and we all have a very special unique twist on the way that we do them. Whatever it is that we enjoy doing means so much more and we get so much more peace and sense of purpose from doing it when we are doing it for the glory of God. When you sing, sing to glorify God. When you sew, sew to glorify God. When you write, write to glorify God. When you cook, cook to glorify God. When you fix things, fix things for people in order to glorify God.

Your Pastor has the blessing of delivering a uniquely prepared message from God every week. He doesn't know exactly what each person in attendance is going through right then, but since he is preaching to glorify God, that message will be used to reach someone either now or in the future. It's often the seemingly little things like praying before you begin to notice when people are struggling with something and being there for them with a hug or a word that would have only been able to come from you. It might be that we play or listen to music that is praising Him instead of complaining. Most of the time it's just a small thing, but if we are thinking in tune with The Holy Spirit, the opportunities will come.

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April Birthdays

- 4/10 Abby Heverly
- 4/10 Brittany Sprague
- 4/12 Andrew Coffee
- 4/13 Barb Zura
- 4/15 Marylee Blasiman
- 4/16 Michelle Papic
- 4/22 Troy Uphold
- 4/23 Codey Dettweiler
- 4/25 Kaylea Pinkerton
- 4/30 Fred McPherson



April Anniversaries

- 4/22 Don & Barb Jones

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

Counters

- Gary Mercer
- Barb Karlen

Bus Drivers

- Steve Sprague

Acolytes

- 4/7 Triston Beagle & Corianna Haueter
- 4/14 Maxon Weingart & Lane Loving
- 4/21 Kara & Addie Zion
- 4/28 Stella & Elise Smith

Children’s Rotation

Sunday Schoololder class**

- 4/7***Lois Niederhiser/
Brittany Sprague
- 4/14 ***Lois N/Shanda Uphold
- 4/21 ***Lois N/Linda Henderson
- 4/28 ***Brittany Sprague/
Linda Henderson

Junior Church

- 4/7 Lois Niederhiser/
Codey Dettweiler
- 4/14 Troy Uphold/
Richey Hill
- 4/21 Lois Niederhiser/
Ethan Dettweiler
- 4/28 Steve Sprague/
Abby Heverly

Wee Worship

- 4/7 Brittany Sprague
- 4/14 Shaunda Uphold
- 4/21 Linda Henderson
- 4/28 Holly Morrow

Nursery

- 4/7 Amy Shoaff (SS and worship)
- 4/14 Holly Morrow
- 4/21 Denise Linder
- 4/28 Terrie Rohrer

**Summer Mission Trip
June 23 – June 29, 2024**

Our group is extremely excited about this year’s trip. I am very excited about some more new faces on the trip. The old faces are exciting too! We have made our decision. We will be returning to Jackson Area Ministries in Jackson, OHIO. Cost is only **\$100.00** each for those helping with the Breakfasts. Wow! All our trips have been very successful and thrifty, even with high fuel costs. Please prayerfully consider coming on the trip this next summer. I can guarantee you will not regret your decision! Our fundraisers are already in full swing with the Community Breakfast every third Saturday at our DMC. Stay tuned to your Sunday bulletin and listen for special announcements regarding the trip and fundraisers!
 Building and repairing for Christ, Lenny

P.S. We need adults, especially men! Please consider coming along. Remember its NOT too late to go...the trip is open to all Youth and Adults...grade 7 and up!!!!

Bennett Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship in memory of Lea “Dutch” Bennett and Barney Bennett is offered to s

upport and promote training of church leaders. It was created to provide financial assistance to persons who commence training or education toward a Christian Ministry, such as Pastoral ministry, Missionary service, religious education, youth ministry or music ministry. Eligible students are juniors or seniors in an undergraduate program as well as seminary students. Preference will be given to students from the Global Methodist Church as well as the Salem/Alliance area. The scholarship is awarded on a yearly basis. If you are interested or know someone who qualifies, please direct inquiries by April 30th to the **Bennett Scholarship Committee** c/o Damascus Methodist Church or contact the church office at 330-537-3031.

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30am WB Ministerial	3	4 6:30pm Men's Bible study	5	6
7 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6:00pm- 8:00pm SALT	8	9	10	11 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	12	13 24 hr DMC Prayer Vigil 8:00am Sat till 8:00 am Sunday
14 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm- 8:00pm SALT	15 6:30pm Council Mtg	16	17	18 9:30am TOPS	19	20 7:00-10:30am Church Breakfast
21 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6:00pm- 8:00pm SALT	22 7:00pm Trustees	23	24	25 9:30am TOPS	26	27
28 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6:00pm- 8:00pm SALT	29	30				