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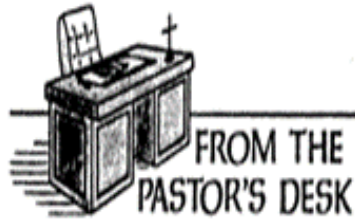
“Damascus Doings”

AUGUST 2023

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



The peace of God, which passeth
all understanding, shall keep your hearts
and minds through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

August Newsletter 2023 “A Journey of LIGHT”

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.

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

Hello Church! Here we are already starting into Our Second Month at Damascus Methodist Church. Your Second Month with Jenny & I blessed to be in Ministry with You! God is Good and I can feel His Spirit getting ready to unleash many blessing upon us!

So, I simply want to begin this late summer message by focusing on our identity. We are Christ's Church, Blessed, Equipped, and Sent Forth with one goal, Shining the Light of Jesus into a dark world! So, keep sending me your dreams. Keep looking for new and exciting ways to change the world. Keep praying about where each of our places are in the “**movement**” that is Damascus Methodist Church! And most of all, if there are questions about what we are doing, where we are going, or how we see Jesus leading us forward, simply ask, attend a meeting, become a part of the team. Simply Be the Church together! May our prayer be that we are filled with the Spirit of God as we go forth in his name and change the world by one simple act of kindness and grace together!

Galatians 5: 22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

**We are the Church of Jesus Christ, Let's Roll!
In Christ's Love, Pastor Jon**

Souls After Living Truth News



With our recent disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church, comes an array of emotions. This has not only affected our adults but our youth as well.

We can, however, feel blessed for our church's disaffiliation team that God has led in the way He wants and; we are emerging as a stronger church and body of Christ.

This is only possible because of the unity of our Church and its mission to bring glory to God.

Youth Group has also been discussing the notion of unity spurred by a recent devotion by one the youth. What does it mean to be unified, especially in today's world?

They wonder how they can love one another and support one another, in spite of their differences and Satan who attacks through peer pressures.

But, the Holy Spirit is alive in this Youth Group!

There is an ever-growing maturity in God's Word, support in each other and support in their community. It is a blessing to be a part of their journey!

Stay tuned because they are working on a message to be presented to all of you, too!

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5-6

Blessings,
Linda Henderson

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Pastor Jay and Sheila Lucas are both home
Pastor Jon and Jenny are thankful for the kindness
experienced coming here

Mission Trip had a blessed week

Landon Stitle finished her studies out west and has returned to Miami University

Breakfast July 15th served 208 guests

Chris Lydic- teaching license renewed



Ukraine- Shelter Plus

Government officials around the world

Jay Lucas- healing and strength

Sheila Lucas- healing and strength

Lane Heverly (9 years old) – cyst on his brain

Bethany Kholos- in hospice care

Civil unrest in India

First responders, front line workers, police, fire, EMT's, doctors, nurses,
military, veterans and their families

Cathy Tedrow- blood clot in her lungs

Codey Dettweiler- recovering from foot surgery, 6 weeks in a cast

Curt Mosher- recovering after a fall



Family of Terrie Strawn



We fill the bleachers on Friday nights for football. We fill the bleachers on cold winter nights for basketball. We travel miles and miles, to sit in the bleachers for volleyball, baseball, softball, gymnastics, and dance.

Our 4-H, FFA & YDA families would like to invite you to fill the bleachers on a warm summer day during county fair week and watch the kids who practice with

a 1200 pound steer that doesn't always want to walk, a 140 pound lamb that doesn't want to get on the stand for the 100th time, a 280 pound hog that just wants to stay in the cool barn or a stubborn goat that doesn't like the chain.

Come check out Exhibit Hall for all the non-livestock exhibitors. Those kids have heart and dedication and put hours into their creations.

Let's fill the bleachers, barns, and buildings to show these kids that their hard work doesn't go unnoticed and because of them, the future of the agriculture and leadership is in good hands.



Plans are underway for the upcoming March 2024 mission trip to the Dominican Republic!

Commitments must be made by September 1 in order to go this year. This trip is open to anyone ages 16 or older. A passport is required. This is a wonderful experience to travel abroad and share the love of Jesus with others through construction,

medical, and VBS. Trip cost is \$1,700 and includes airfare, room and board. However, there are avenues available to help with the cost. You can choose to go one or two weeks and the dates are Fri. March 1 – Sat. March 9 and/or Sat. March 9 – Sun. March 17. If you have any questions or are interested in going, please contact Lois Niederhiser at 330-727-6841.



Join Us For Breakfast

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Saturday August 19th
7:00AM-10:30AM
Donation Only
(change will be available)

Breakfast Crazyness!!!!

We have been very blessed to be having record count attendance at our Monthly Community Breakfast! This supports our Mission Trip every year. Our problem we are in need of some volunteers to help 2- 3 times a year at the Breakfast. Please, think about donating ½ a day on a couple Saturdays throughout the Year to help support the Mission Trip, The Church and the Community! Please contact any member of the Trip or Breakfast crew to inquire.

From your Lay Leader ...

Dog Days

August 2023



Time is reliable and all scientific units are based on the reliability of time. However, perspective on time is quite variable. Twenty twenty-three is going quick! We are now into those dog days of summer. Those precious few hot days that many of us long to hold on to are fading fast. Soon we will be on to Autumn. People always say that the older you get, the faster time seems to go. At fifty-three years old, it seems like new-year’s day was just a few weeks ago. For toddlers, road trips take way longer than they do for the parents. Years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds are always the same but they can seem much longer or shorter depending on perspective. Dogs only seem to know two time units. When their owner is gone, they will be gone forever. If you ask them if they want to go somewhere, they are ready right now. Your dog, depending on breed, will be around for about ten years.

Most of us are given about eighty years on this earth. A lot changes in a lifetime. Those born in the right era went from horse and buggy to space travel. A lifetime is a long time from our perspectives. Our plans for what we are going to do and when we are going to do them are often a source of conflict but life is too short for such conflicts God’s perspective on time is almost unfathomable to us. **James 4:14-15 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.”** Time is a great equalizer. All of us, rich or poor, famous or infamous have the same twenty-four hours each day. The good news is we have twenty-four hours each day to seek and do God’s will. Life is full of opportunities and choices, all of which are ways to spend our time. The really good news is that no matter what we are doing, we are usually in contact with other people and we are all uniquely qualified to spread the light of Jesus Christ to everyone that we contact. Soon it will be time to harvest the corn, beans, tomatoes and apples, etc., but it is always time to plant the seeds of The Gospel. We are all also called to pray always and all the time. Let’s all spend more time praying this month for opportunities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world that so desperately needs to hear it. We all have time to do this. Planting seeds comes in different forms for all of us but we all have the time to do it.

Mission Trip Recap



WOW! Another great Mission Trip. 16 Youth and Adults set out to do God’s work June 25-July 1 with Cluster 13 Ministries in Camden, NY area. We had good enough weather and accomplished many thing at 2 very need worthy people’s homes. Our projects included such things as new deck and

stoop, new bathroom fixtures and toilet repair, many plumbing repairs, new window and door, new vinyl flooring and much, much clean-up. Our group enjoyed a minor league ballgame in Syracuse on Thursday night. We were hopefully able to help make some lives a little better during our stay. I know we are blessed for the fellowship in the group and working together. We are busy starting to dream of next Summer’s trip and want YOU to come along!!! Our main fundraiser is the breakfast and that is every third Saturday of the Month. Please pray about attending next year!



Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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August Birthdays

- 1: Sue Johanson
- 4: Lauren Stittle
- 5: Dorothy Walther
- 8: Carol Flickinger
Bradén Mazze
- 9: Chris Zion
- 10: Thomas Niederhiser
Scott Papic
- 12: Katie Tedrow
Lyle Weatherspoon
- 15: Carolyn Caldwell
Ruth Crouse
- 16: Pat Humphreys
Jenean Lamos
- 18: Kathy Landon
Dick Schaffhauser
- 19: Janice Hoover
- 22: Dalton Mincks
Stephanie Smith
- 24: Janice Bennett
Barb Karlen
- 25: Bob Altenhof
- 28: Grace Williams
- 30: Jodie Keck

August Anniversaries

- 5: Chris & Mandy Zion
- 13: Zach & Kayla Crouse
Carey & Jamie Weingart
- 15: Jerry & Tracie Stittle
- 20: Russell & Bonnie
McDermott
Steve & Dina Sprague
- 22: Pastor Bob & Nancy Amey
Scott & Michelle Papic
- 27: Ray & Mary Kay Heverly

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

Counters

Kathy Knoedler
&
Barb Karlen

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School

- 6: Lois Niederhiser
- 13: Linda Henderson
- 20: Lois Niederhiser
- 27: Shaunda Uphold

Junior Church

- 6: Lois Niederhiser
& Ally Zion
- 13: Lois Niederhiser
& Richy Hill
- 20: Steve Sprague
& Abby Heverly
- 27: Troy Uphold
& Ethan Dettweiler

Wee Worship

- 6: Brittany Sprague
- 13: Linda Henderson
- 20: Holly Morrow
- 27: Shaunda Uphold

Nursery

- 6: Terrie Rohrer
- 13: Amy Shoaff
- 20: Denise Linder
- 27: Holly Morrow

Acolytes

- 6: Lane Loving
- 13: Max Weingart
- 20: Kara Zion
- 27: Stella Smith



DMC Youth Group is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner August 13, 5-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy an evening of not cooking and visiting! Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad with Italian bread, and dessert. Suggested donation of \$7. All proceeds to benefit Clothed in Righteousness Ministry.



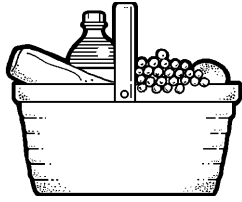
Clothed In Righteousness

Urgent Need:

- Canned goods (with ring top lids)
- Bottled Water
- Tuna (with ring top lids)
- Protein bars
- Cereal Boxes (Individual)

- Fruit Cups (Individual)
- Juice pouches or boxes
- Crackers (peanut butter)
- Plastic spoons and forks

CIR will be using monetary gifts to pay rent (\$700 per mo.) and utilities. This means they will not be purchasing food for the needy and homeless. The shelves get bare quickly– 30 grocery bags plus 10 boxes of groceries twice a week are given out.– Please donate above items to help during this dry period. Thank you - Terrie Rohrer



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship NO SALT Youth Group	6:30pm SPRC Meeting	8:30am West Branch Ministerial Meeting 6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting		9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritan Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 5:00pm– 7:00pm Spaghetti Dinner By SALT Youth Group for Fundraiser	6:30pm Church Council		9:30am TOPS			7:00am– 10:30am Church Breakfast
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group			9:30am TOPS			8:00am– 3:00pm West Branch Youth Soccer Pictures in the Fellowship Hall
27	28	29	30	31		
9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth	7:00pm Trustee Meeting		9:30am TOPS			