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“Damascus Doings”

August 2025

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



Use your gifts and talents
and join a team for DMC!



Pastors Moment: Our Time!

Acts 20: 28

“So, guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.”

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ! As summer begins its wind down and fall quickly approaches, I am reminded how fast things change. First you weed, plow, plant, and weed again just waiting for the growing season to begin. You pray for nourishment during the hot summer, and you eagerly look to the harvest of all our hard work!

The Harvest was a wonderful thing during my youth. Canning, freezing, butchering, and preparing our cellar and freezers for the late fall & winter season. Every other week or so my brother & sisters would come home and take back to their home canned & frozen fruits & vegetables, frozen meats, and rejoice in the blessing of the hard work leading up to the harvest. Those stock up weekends were always filled with great family meals, laughter, playing cards, and togetherness. I was blessed to know how God had intended families to function.

Our Churches should function in that same manner. We should serve, share, and minister our gifts and talents together so that the world around us sees the difference. A community who truly cares, a community who truly shares, a community who lives in and functions through the Love of Jesus living in them all!

So, as Fall approaches I ask you to pray where you can serve. Pray where you are gifted to bless God’s Church. Pray that it’s Your Time to Lead, Serve, and Shine for Jesus here at DMC.

God needs your gifts and talents. I need your help also! For us to succeed for the future generations the Time is NOW!

Father God, Show me where I belong in Your Church! Give me the courage to stand up, serve, speak, and bless your Church and its family! Let the world see that I am truly a Disciple of your son and my Savior Jesus Christ! I pray this with All My Heart!

AMEN

John 13: 35

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

With Thankfulness & Love, Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth recently spent a mission week at Teen Quest Ranch in Somerset, PA, where they traveled daily to minister to the people of Johnstown, PA. They built an access ramp for a family whose husband/father had recently suffered an accident necessitating the loss of part of his leg. This ramp now allows him access to his home, reached prior only by several steps. S.A.L.T. youth (joined by a youth group from Grove City, PA) also did yard cleanup and mulching, fence repair, installation of carpet and door repair at two other residences as well. In the evenings, the youth went to a church and a couple city parks to witness to the youth of Johnstown. The week instilled a godly vision of the world and most assuredly hearts were changed by their experiences. July also included an outing to Sky Zone in Canton (due to weather canceling our outdoor adventure!). It was a fun afternoon for all!

The youth room has gotten a face lift with some new furniture! Take a peek at our updated digs which also includes a beautiful, “like new” ping pong table! Thanks Miss Lois for your help to make our space fresh and inviting. Finally, we are so proud of our Grace who recently was baptized during her week at Northern Ohio Christian Youth Camp (NOCYC) in Lisbon! Way to go, Grace!

Blessings, Linda Henderson



Praise Reports

Larry Zielke and Bruce Rohrer back from procedures
Barb Jones had a successful knee surgery



Prayers:

World Peace, Government officials around the World
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Nolan Shrock—6 yr old who fell into campfire
Julie Morris, Jenny’s sister, dealing with medical issues
Andy McFarlane (Jackie’s husband) fell and surgery scheduled
Barb Jones recovering from knee replacement
Ally Zion recovering from tonsillectomy
Donna Harper, Chris Lydic’s sister, having radiation beads treatment
Jon Reed, Pastor’ cousin, dealing with cancer again
Family of Juanita Gardner who passed away 6/26/25
Art’s Brother in law, Carl, for a new trial drug for longtime illness
Art’s BIL, Bob, to have MRI on strained calf muscle injury
Sally Wilson in hospital with Rapid Heart rate
Bob Denny having eye issues

**Attention Committee Chairmen! 2026 Committee Budgets are due by
September 2nd. Please submit to Amy or Pastor Jon.**

COMING SOON.... Our fall kick-off ALL church celebration is coming soon! Save-the -date for Sunday, **September 7!** More details to follow in our weekly bulletin. Everything will be provided! However, if you’d like to donate some of the food items we will need, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex! Plan on being a part of this wonderful event as we continue to celebrate being a part of the family of God!



ICE CREAM, YOU SCREAM...LET’S HAVE SOME ICE CREAM!

Join us right after worship on Sunday, August 3 as we dedicate and celebrate our new kitchen and fellowship hall! Come and enjoy a sweet treat and fellowship with your family! Everything is provided! Build your own sundae, sip a root beer float, or enjoy a delicious cupcake for a dairy-free option!



Bennett Memorial Scholarship Update

The Bennett Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce \$3,000 was dispersed and awarded to six students for the Fall Semester 2025. Recipients attend the following universities: Asbury Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary, and Malone University. Samuel Bryan, whom we have supported for the last 4 years, preached at our DMC service May 25th. The Bennett Memorial Scholarship was established in 1982 in memory of Lea “Dutch” Bennett and also in 1996 in memory of Barney Bennett, and 2024 in memory of Janice Bennett. This scholarship provides financial assistance to undergraduate juniors and seniors or seminary students who are pursuing service in Christian ministry such as pastoral ministry, missionary service, religious education, youth ministry or music ministry. In 2024, \$2,500 was dispersed and awarded to five students attending Asbury Theological Seminary, Luther Seminary, Ashland Theological Seminary, and Allegheny Wesleyan College.



Job Opening at DMC:



The Church Staff Parrish Relations Committee and Church Trustees are in search of a new **Church Custodian**. It is an hourly position that requires 16-18 hours of work per week, and the custodian is the key implementor of church cleaning and service preparation on a weekly basis. A Full Job description is available through the office.

Pay rate is established based on experience and wage standards. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, Applications are in the Mailbox by the Pastors office. Also Pastor Jon & the SPR Committee is available for any discussion or questions. **Thank You for your Help in Keeping Our Beautiful Church a Treasure for Our Lord!**

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.

Trans. Feess: ACH (checking/savings).30 per trans, Credit/debit card: 2.75% + .30 per

If you have any complications or questions, feel free to reach out to Brittany Sprague. She can help you!



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 **2026** year. Please prayerfully consider where you can help be part 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: _____

Many of us have annual family reunions. I was talking to a friend who recalled a very business-like family reunion organization complete with officers, secretaries, committees and business meetings. Our family has had an annual family reunion since 1967. At this point, we are often over a hundred cousins with varying degrees of removals that gather for about five days in the sweltering heat in Indiana. We are nowhere as formal as the family of my friend. Still other families have a picnic every decade or so. However we do it, the family reunion is a great tradition full of hugs, reminiscing, teasing, jokes, tears and laughter.

We often think about the how wonderful it will be to be reunited with the family members that have gone before us to Heaven. The mind is an amazing thing and we often have memories of our loved ones and long to see them again. These days, Google and Facebook, etc. even show us “memories” in the form of pictures from the past that remind us of our dear departed. There are many that I long to see as well and many others from history that I really want to meet. However, nothing can compare to the day that we finally meet Jesus Christ! Actually, that first day meeting Him may be a day or a millennium, Heaven is timeless. We try to describe it with streets of gold and mansions of glory because it is too wonderful to describe, but the thing that is too wonderful to describe is not a place or even the experience of meeting a person. The entire world was created through Jesus Christ. **John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** And yet Jesus Christ loves His children more than we can ever imagine. Nothing in this life or the next can compare to the love that Jesus Christ gives freely. For all of those that accept His free gift of salvation will spend eternity in His presence which is actually too wonderful to define. Now that is the reunion I am looking forward to! What wonderful Love is this?

Romans 5:1-11 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader



Children’s Rotation

Sunday School
****Older Class**

July Birthdays

7/1 Carey Weingart
7/4 Rev. Wm. Buell
7/5 Jean Phillips
7/6 Larry Zielke
7/8 Jenny Long
7/10 Eldon Morckel
7/11 Gary Mercer
7/12 Zachary Coffee
7/14 Barb Heverly
7/20 Alex Morrow
7/24 Caden Zion
7/25 Len Niederhiser
7/26 Kevin Wartluft
7/27 Jay Lucas
7/27 JackieMcFarlane

August Birthdays

8/4 Lauren Stitle
8/8 Carol Flickinger
8/9 Chris Zion
8/10 Scott Papic
8/12 Katie Tedrow
8/15 Ruth Crouse
8/16 Jenean Lamos
8/18 Kathryn Landon
8/19 Janice Hoover
8/22 Dalton Mincks
8/24 Barb Karlen
8/25 Bob Altenhof, Jr.
8/28 Grace Williams

7/4 Brian & Marsha
Coffee
7/10 Bob, Jr. & Andrea
Altenhof
7/15 Jay & Sheila Lucas
7/19 Jeff & Holly
Morrow
7/26 Ed & Chris Lydic

8/5 Chris & Mandy
Zion (25)
8/13 Zach & Kayla Crouse
8/13 Carey & Jamie
Weingart (20)
8/15 Jerry & Tracie Stitle
8/20 Russ & Bonnie
McDermott (30)
8/20 Steve & Dina Sprague
8/22 Scott & Michelle Papic
8/27 Ray, Sr. & Mary Kay
Heverly

Counters

Kathy Knoedler &
Linda Henderson

Bus Driver

Steve Sprague

Acolytes

8/3 Triston Beagle/Addie
8/10 Elise Smith/Maxon
8/17 Kara Zion/Lane
8/24 Maxon/Stella Smith
8/31 Addie Zion/Triston

Nursery

8/3 Amy Shoaff
8/10 Terrie Rohrer
8/17 Samara Anderson
8/24 Denise Linder
8/31 Family Service

8/3 Lois N.
8/10 Lois N.
8/17 Shaunda Uphold
8/24 Linda Henderson
8/31 Lois N.

Junior Church

8/3 Steve Sprague/
Codey Dettweiler
8/10 Lois N/
Jahmaray Williams
8/17 Troy Uphold/
Ethan Dettweiler
8/24 Lois N.
8/31 Family Service

Wee Worship

8/3 Lois N.
8/10 Abby Heverly
8/17 Shaunda Uphold
8/24 Linda Henderson
8/31 Family Service

Mission Trip Recap



WOW! Another great Mission Trip. 14 Youth and Adults set out to do God’s work June 22-June 28 with Jackson Area Ministries in Iron-ton, OH area. We had good, very hot weather and accomplished new handicap ramps at 2 very need worthy people’s homes. 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!



Help please!

This is a plea for help from our congregation and anyone interested in becoming a member of the Breakfast and/or Mission Trip Team. We have been blessed with many different members throughout the years. We would love to see some new faces in our groups. These are open to all ages from 7th grade to 102! You do not have to be at every single Breakfast but they are the MAIN fundraiser for our trips. The profits from our Breakfast make our Mission Trips much more affordable. A yearly Mission Trip usually cost about \$375-400 a person. This cost includes all materials, housing, food, activities and transportation costs. The profit from our Breakfast helps keep the final cost for Trip Members at or close to \$100. This is a pretty cheap cost for a week of satisfaction, witnessing and FAITH building for you and others around you. There is always something for anyone of any age to do!
PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY AND OTHERS!

thru July 20th, 2025

Budget expenses for DMC needed per month:	\$15838.00
Average Income received so far per month(2025)	<u>12371.00</u>
Short	\$ 3467.00

DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sundaе Celeb	4 SPR 6:00 pm	5 6:30 pm Worship Mtg	6	7 9:30 am TOPS	8	9
10 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	11	12 6:30 pm Mission Comm	13	14 9:30am Tops 6:30 Ruritans	15	16 Community Breakfast 7-10:30 am
17 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	18 No Council Mtg	19	20	21 9:30 am Tops	22	23
24 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	25 Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm	26 Blood Drive 1-6 pm	27	28 9:30 am TOPS	29	30