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“Damascus Doings”

January 2024

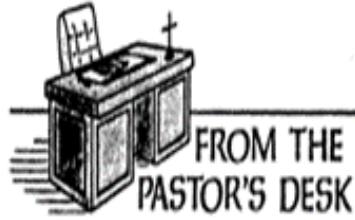
TO LIVE FOR CHRIST IS TO STRIVE FOR HOLINESS AND SEEK THE LOST

Behold
I make
all things
➤ NEW ➤

Revelation 21:5

May God bless you
this New Year!

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PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVES

January Newsletter 2024

“Ready for Lift Off”

Romans 12: 4-5

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Happy New Years Church!

It’s very hard to believe that we are into another New Year! Yet, when I pause and look back, I stand amazed at what God is doing and has done in the Life of His Church! What a Year for Damascus Methodist Church!

A. A New Denomination that allows us to build and witness to the Truth and Grace that God’s Word is offering All Believers.

B. A New Pastor! I know some of you might be wondering what have we done? But I promise you that I seek only the Best for DMC and God’s Kingdom.

C. 2024 will be another landmark year for DMC if we allow God to guide us into the future. As he stated to the Prophet Jeremiah, His plans for us are to prosper and make our lives good if we follow and seek his will in all things.

D. You have positioned yourselves for a blessing when you disaffiliated, and that blessing is coming, and we must be prepared for it! So, ask the questions.

Be a part of what is going on at DMC. Allow growth & change to bless you and this community as we build for tomorrow!

E. Damascus Needs You! Not only in financial blessings, but more importantly as the hands and feet of Jesus as we move forward!

Let’s work together and create the REVIVAL that God promises all his Churches with that follow him and seek to fulfill his great commission!

Oh, what a New Year this can be!

Ephesians 3: 14-15

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

In Christ’s Love, Pastor Jon

Souls After Living Truth News

Youth devotions this Advent season have been readings and discussions to prepare ourselves to welcome the Messiah. In the first week, we learned about Hope and to keep watch because we do not know when Jesus will come. The second week we talked about the kind of Peace that comes from Jesus and is much more than just living our lives without conflict. Our discussion of Joy centered around the joy of seeing the days of redemption drawing near and that the death and resurrection of Jesus is the most holy of gifts to us. We will be rounding out the discussion with Agape, the highest kind of love – God’s love for us and our love for God. The Christmas season is the most wonderful time of the year! The youth also rang bells for the Salvation Army at Giant Eagle in Salem. This year, however, we were blessed to ring inside the building where we were warm. Many lovely people gave graciously and were curious about who we were and spoke such kind words to the youth. We were also greeted by a few members of our church who stopped by to chat! After, we enjoyed pizza and pop at Kast Iron Soda Works in Salem and then returned to the church for more fun and dessert. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Blessings,
Linda Henderson



"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



The Children's program was enjoyed by all!
Thank you for all the hard work by the kids, youth and the directors.
Christmas Eve Breakfast was enjoyed by all to start the day.

The Long's Thank all of our DMC Family for your cards, kindness and blessings throughout this special Holiday season.

108 attended Christmas Eve Morning service—God is Good!



World Peace
Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Israel and Palestine
Donna Lutz— strength
Len Niederhiser- began chemo for Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Jenn Zeigler—depression and anxiety
David Miller healing after Knee Surgery
Prayers to those moving and changing of lives going forward.
Holiday Travel Blessings.
Jon Reed—Pastor Jon's cousin battling cancer.



Family of Sue Johanson



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you to all of our kids, youth, and adults for all of their hard work and dedication for this year's Christmas program! The story of Jesus and His amazing love was told loud and clear! How wonderful it is to carry the Good News into the new year!

The next week, we had a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' birth at our happy birthday Jesus party! Christmas Eve provided two worship service times to celebrate being together as the family of God!
And finally, thank you for all of the love and support that you have shown and continue to show to the youngest members of our church family and to their entire families! And especially for your prayers as we journey into a new year filled with opportunities to minister to these amazing kiddos!

“Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



Clothed In Righteousness



There is always a need for warm clothing, including winter jackets, gloves, scarves, warm socks and boots. There is also a need for personal hygiene items, sleeping bags, tents, blankets and hand sanitizer.



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday January 20th, 2024

7:00AM-10:30AM

Donation Only

(change will be available)



There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Sue Johanson on Sat, January 6th at 11:00am. Family will be receiving guests from 10-11:00am. Service to be followed by a light lunch.

From your Lay Leader ...

New Year Already!!

January 2024

I say it every year but time still seems to be going faster. Our Lord God controls time **2nd Peter 3:8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A Day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.** As we look back on our lives, we can see that His timing is always perfect. The good news is that we only have to trust in Him and be ready for Him to come again. We tend to be an impatient lot always wanting to feel like we are in control. The older I get, the more I realize that God is really in control and the peace comes from realizing that. The popular bumper sticker “God is my copilot” got it wrong. It is only when we are submitted to Him, making God my Captain that we are truly following His will.

Here at DMC, it feels like our new year started four months ago and the past four months have gone by like a couple of days. These are exciting times. If we take a gander at the world, we see wars and rumors of wars. We see false profits and leaders more concerned about propping themselves up than leading. What is a lie is called truth and the truth is called lies. I say it again, these are exciting times. The fields are ripe for harvest. Our path is set before us. DMC is ready to do what God is calling us to do. We are starting 2024 in full stride ready and committed to strive for Holiness and seek the lost. We will be doing this in new ways and recommitting old ways. We will recommit to the mission we have been given by Jesus Christ. Our mission is clear.

Acts 1:6-11 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

We are done standing here folks. Let’s Roll!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

- 2: Dave Shoaff
- 4: Ella Sprague
- 12: Ethan Dettweiler
- 13: Curt Mosher
Jan Zielke
- 14: Pat Hoover
- 15: Maxon Weingart
- 19: Sheila Lucas
- 20: Angie Mountz
- 22: Debra Rine
- 23: Silas Landon
- 26: Leo Zura
- 27: Joann Dobbs
- 28: Pat Pumphy
- 29: Steve Sprague



January Anniversaries

- 8: Jay & Denise Linder

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

Counters

- Kathy Knoedler & Barb Karlen

Bus Drivers

- Jerry Menough

Acolytes

- 7: Stella & Elise Smith
- 14: Corianna Hauter, Triston Beagle
- 21: Maxon Weingart Lane Loving
- 28: Addie & Kara Zion

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School

- 7: Lois Niederhiser
Linda Henderson
- 14: Lois Niederhiser
Brittany Sprague
- 21: Lois Niederhiser
Shaunda Uphold
- 28: Brittany Sprague
Linda Henderson

Junior Church

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

Wee Worship

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

Nursery

- 7: Terrie Rohrer
- 14: (SS) Nancy Cadile
Denise Linder
- 21: Holly Morrow
- 28: Amy Shoaff
(SS & Worship)

Thanks !!!



Mission Trip

As this year ends and another begins...The Mission Trip Travelers would like to thank our dedicated followers for the Monthly Community Breakfast. We have been more than blessed to be averaging well over 170 per month for the entire 2023. The average soars to over 185 for the past 5 months! WOW! That is crazy good attendance. Our Breakfast is truly the more attended outreach program in the Damascus Community. This great program and witness are not possible without the support of our church Family! The prayers, donations and volunteers have made our Church the place to be on the Third Saturday of the Month! All of us hope for continued success and hope and pray for more congregational participation, especially with volunteers. Adults are needed to help with eggs and meat cooking. We would love to have a few volunteers willing to 2-3 months a year, that’s it. Please pray about giving some time to this project, you will not regret the rewards you receive. Besides, you never know, you might make some new friends and maybe even want to go on the Mission Trip next Summer!!!

Building and repairing for Christ, Lenny



Dear Church Family,
I just want to thank you all for your love and kindness in the years that I served our Lord here as church secretary. You all have been such a Blessing to me. To answer the burning question, NO, I am not leaving this church. I truly appreciate Pastor Jon and Jenny and the ministry they have brought here. I am retiring to be Ella’s full time Mimi and that is the only reason I am leaving my position. I love you all! -Dina



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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	Office Closed/Happy New Year	8:30am WB Ministerial Meeting		9:30am TOPS		11:00 am Sue Johanson Celebration of Life
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group	8 No SPR meeting	9 8:30am Mens Breakfast Blood Drive 1-6pm 7:00pm Choir	10	11 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritans	12	13
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group	15 Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day 6:30pm Council	16	17	18 9:30am TOPS	19 Youth Winter Jam-Pittsburgh	20 7:00am– 10:30am Church Breakfast
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