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“Damascus Doings”

June 2024

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

Blessed is the MAN
WHO FEARS THE LORD.
WHO GREATLY
DELIGHTS IN
HIS COMMANDMENTS!
HIS OFFSPRING
will be mighty in the land.
the GENERATION of the upright
will be blessed.
Wealth {and} Riches
are in his house
He is gracious, compassionate, and righteous.
He does not fear bad news;
he confidently trusts
THE LORD to care for them.
HE IS CONFIDENT AND FEARLESS.

Psalm 112:1-8

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June 2024 Newsletter: Pastors Moment Happy Anniversary!

1 John 1:7

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

What fond memories I have when I reflect on the month of June! Just last year we moved to Damascus, Ohio to this Church called Damascus Methodist Church! We were instantly greeted by a Community Breakfast, Vacation Bible School, and a Waterfall of kind and loving people who welcomed us on a new and exciting adventure!

That fellowship and connectivity is what has helped DMC be a cornerstone in our community for decades. So, as we approach our 1st year Anniversary as Damascus Global Methodist Church let us pause and Praise the Lord! Let us thank him for his generosity in Grace and provision though out the years and let us focus our eyes on what's next at the DMC.

So now let's set our eyes on June's VBS Program, Show up and bless All our visitors with the Love and Kindness that you have given Jenny & I. Then let dress to the Theme of Damascus Methodist Church and let our community know the best place to come and find Jesus! The New T-Shirts are available for Order/Purchase.

As always, MISSIONS is how we shine for Jesus. Our Baby Bottle Drive for loose change to benefit the Alliance Pregnancy Center runs through June! Stop by and pick up you baby Bottle or simply offer a Special financial blessing to Continue Christ's Work through Our Church!

The Outpouring of Love for the Buell's was another amazing Jesus moment for the DMC! Well Done Church! Let's us Continue to Shine for Jesus!

But Simply, Let's Be Christ's Church Together! Teach, Love, Care for, Comfort, and Bless one another in the name of Jesus Christ!

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jon

SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

SALT Youth Ministry traveled to Seneca Hills Bible Camp in Polk, PA for the Youth Encounter Conference. All experienced a spiritually-filled, fun-packed weekend at the first Global Youth Conference!

The theme was "Where 2 OR 3 Gather IN MY NAME" Matthew 18:20. Each session was led by a different Pastor speaker. Saturday morning was "Philip and the Ethiopian" Acts 8:26-40. Philip is told by an angel of the Lord to go south where he meets an Ethiopian and helps him understand what he is reading from the Book of Isaiah. The takeaway was, like the Ethiopian, we need to spread the Good News about Jesus.

Saturday evening was a fabulous session, "The Four Chairs" Revelation 3:14-22. Four chairs were placed in a row for the youth to envision which one they "sit" in – chair 1 for the one who lives in Christ daily, chair 2 for the one who goes through the motions every Sunday, but leaves this behind until the next Sunday, chair 3 for the one who doesn't make an effort to live like Jesus, and finally chair 4 for the non-believer. This session was very impactful on the youth of which the entire first row fell prostrate before the Lord. The room was filled with reverence and I, for one, had tears as I was watched our youth participate fully.

Sunday's session wrapped up the thread of "Where 2 OR 3 Gather IN MY NAME" looking at the passage from Luke 24:30-32 – has someone walked alongside you to help you know Jesus? Is there someone you can walk alongside to help them to recognize Jesus?

As well, the youth had plenty of time for games and fellowship! It was a wonderful venue which we were blessed to enjoy!

Blessings,
Linda Henderson





STEWARDSHIP PAGE

Pastor Jon, Chris and Steve had a wonderful Global Methodist Conference! Graduation blessings to all our Graduates!



World Peace

Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Family of Louise Case
Dorothy Sanford, Tracie’s grandmother, moving to Crandall (101 yrs old)



2025 Budget Requests: All committees and others who have submitted budgets in the past are being asked to submit their 2025 Budget Requests to the Finance Committee on or before Sunday, September 1, 2024. These requests can be placed in the Finance mail slot in the workroom or given to Tom or Amy. Thank you in advance for your timely response.



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!

Sale of Annex

Church Family, We are writing to inform you about a change to an existing account you might contribute to. We are in the process of selling the Annex, which will result in the Annex Fund no longer being available. If you contribute to this account, please pray and consider adding your contribution to the General Fund.

The property is being split in front of the barn. The Church will retain ownership of the barn, playground and vacant property to the East. As approved by Council, the proceeds from the sale of the Annex will go into a Permanent Improvement Fund that the Trustees will oversee and utilize for large scale improvements to the existing facility.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about other accounts your contribution could impact, please Debbie Hawk, Amy Shoaff, Brittany Sprague or Jerry Stitle. We appreciate your continued support!

Your Finance Team at DMC

Summer Mission Project! Fill up a baby bottle or two for the **Pregnancy Center**. Funds are used for equipping new moms, dads and babies to be raised with Christian values and hope for the future.



Our own **Caden Zion** was selected as Player of the Year and 1st Team in the EBC Conference for Tennis!

Looking forward to an even greater Senior year!

Congrats Caden!!





**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 days away! Thank you to so many who have answered “yes, Lord,” to help out! Set-up will begin on Sunday, June 2! Come and lend a hand whenever or wherever you can! Please be in prayer as we open our doors and our hearts to welcome in lots of kids and their families! There is an adult Bible study taking place each evening, too! Plan on being a part of this exciting week as we welcome everyone to shine Jesus’ light!

DMC GLOBAL METHODIST PICNIC!
**Celebrate our one year anniversary of becoming
A Global Methodist Church!**

Sunday, July 7th at 11:30 am following Worship
Sandwiches and salads to be provided.
Feel free to bring a favorite dessert or snack!
*** Let’s all wear our new Blue T-shirts! ***



DMC Global Methodist T-shirts for Sale!

Only \$10 each!

**Sign up in narthex and pick which style
and size you want.**

From your Lay Leader ...

History or Right Here and Now?

June 2024

It’s been said that “those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it.” These words are true and it’s a very important concept in these times of removing statues and re-writing history. Our history as the Global Methodist Church (GMC) began with John and Charles Wesley. Well, actually, it began with Jesus Christ when He made the new covenant with His people, but I digress. Most recently, The GMC was officially launched May 1st, 2022 and we here in Damascus joined the GMC July 1st, 2023. While we will celebrate that date, we need to keep contained. Now is not the time to look back. Now is the time to look forward and be about the business at hand. We are here to further the kingdom of Jesus Christ. We tend to have short memories and people are complainers by nature. Our former denomination just finished their long delayed General Conference and they are either (depending on your perspective) doing really well or on the verge of collapse. I say that to say this. Forget about iiiit. We just finished our annual conference of The Allegheny West Conference of the GMC. As we all said after last year’s inaugural annual conference, it was Holy Conferencing as it was intended. In 2022 and 2023, many of us were a bit unsure if joining another denomination was the right way to go. There were many ways that God was making it clear then that we were doing His will and this year has been further confirmation of that fact.

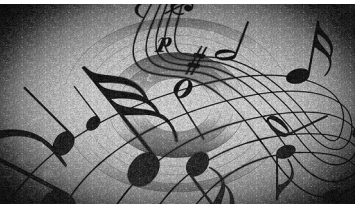
We met as a body of one goal. The conference was very short on “business” and very long on getting to the business that God has ordained. The committees that were set up to do the budgets and conference business gave reports of their work and it was quickly approved by show of hands. There was no bickering. There were no ancillary movements. There were no publicly embarrassing disagreements to be aired. With none of these distractions, we were free to learn from the speakers who had prepared to give the messages that The Holy Spirit had prepared for our hearts to receive. We were free to worship and praise God with song and prayer. We were free to give. Your conference raised money to really launch the conference in Ethiopia and Kenya. What a blessing.

Our denomination is living in the here and now. Our calling here at Damascus Methodist Church is do the same. We are all called to Love our God with all our hearts, souls and minds. We are now free to do so with abandon to do the same as a church. We are free to worship. We are free to praise. We are free to seek the lost. We are free to bless. We are free to give. We are free to shake off the “we’ve always done it this way”. We are free to use the new tools available to reach people like never before. We are free to stay grounded in The Word of God as we do the things. The only thing holding us back is us. The time is now. Let’s Roll!

Steven Sprague – Lay Leader
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**We are looking for Musical or other Talents to
bless us for the Summer Season! Please sign up on
sheet in Narthex!**

If questions, talk to Chris Lydic!





June Birthdays

6/1 Brooks Weingart
6/3 Mary Ann Evans
6/3 Andrea Heverly
6/3 Christine Lydic
6/4 Kathy Knoedler
6/4 Ralph Landon
6/8 Ed Lydic
6/13 Sally Ross
6/17 Darlene Kelly
6/18 Lois Mountz
6/19 Dina Sprague
6/21 Mandy Zion
6/23 Daryl Dettweiler
6/23 Linda Henderson
6/26 Henry Crouse
6/27 Liz Black
6/30 Denise Linder



June Anniversaries

6/6 Bruce & Terrie Rohrer
6/11 Rev. Bill & Jan Buell
6/16 Leo & Barb Zura
6/21 Tom & Kathy Knoedler
6/26 Bob & Pam Denny

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

Counters

Art Johanson and
Jane Menough

Bus Drivers

Steve Sprague

Acolytes

6/2 Elise Smith & Maxon Weingart
6/9 NO ACOLYTES
6/16 NO ACOLYTES
6/23 Addie Zion & Corianna Hauter
6/30 Kara Zion & Triston Beagle

Children’s Rotation

Sunday Schoololder class**

Sunday School
6/2 ***Brittany Sprague
6/9 ***Lois Niederhiser
6/16 ***Lois Niederhiser
6/23 ***Shaunda Uphold
6/30 ***Linda Henderson

Junior Church

6/2 Steve Sprague & Abby Heverly
6/9 Lois Niederhiser & Codey Dettweiler
6/16 **VBS Sunday**
6/23 Troy Uphold & Ethan Dettweiler
6/30 Brittany Sprague & Codey Dettweiler

Wee Worship

6/2 Brittany Sprague
6/9 Linda Henderson
6/16 **VBS Sunday**
6/23 Shaunda Uphold
6/30 Holly Morrow

Nursery

6/2 Amy Shoaff (Ss& Worship)
6/9 Holly Morrow
6/16 Terrie Rohrer
6/23 Denise Linder
6/30 Amy Shoaff

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

Our group is rapidly planning to make this year more special than ever. Our destination is Wheelersburg, OH. We will be working with the Jackson Area Ministries based out of Jackson, OH and the surrounding area. They are very excited to have us. Our work crews will be demoing, rebuilding and adding handicap ramps for area people. This year’s trip cost is **\$435** per person. All participants must work 7 or more fundraiser breakfasts. The cost per person for those able to work enough fundraisers is only **\$100**. We are **blessed** this year to have several people from the Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Homeworth for the 11th year.

Important Mission Trip Dates:

Tuesday June 18th FINAL payment DUE and final trip schedule at DMC at 5:30pm.

Community Breakfast Saturday, June 15th 7:00am –10:30am

Damascus Men’s Day Out! Sat June 15th, 2024 Join as as we journey together to remember the Golden Era of Steam and its role in WWII. We will be traveling to the Steam Roundhouse Museum in Sugarcreek, Ohio and reliving history as given through the Rail Roads of Ohio integral part in winning WWII. **Veterans are 1/2 price!**



Abby Heverly was awarded \$5000 from the Salem HS Class of 1968 Education Scholarship!!

Congratulations Abby!



DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45-9:45 am Gathering 9:00am SS, 10am Worship 6- 8:00pm SALT Ministry VBS Setup	3	4 8:30am WB Ministerial Mtg	5	6 9:30am TOPS	7	8
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