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SALT Youth Group - Sunday 6-8pm

# “Damascus Doings”

June 2026

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





## What a Way to Love!

### Ezekiel 36:26

*And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.*

### **Our God is an Awesome God! Amen**

As I reflect in all of God's promises and truths that are freely given in his word. And as the Holy Spirit guides me through my study and love of His word, I am always amazed at the living power that is enveloped in his word. He longs to Change us and save us from ourselves. This change is not by demand but as an act of Grace to all whom seek him. Imagine a love so big that He would sacrifice his son for our sake. Imagine a love so vast that it exists in every corner and crevice of the world. Imagine a love so full of Grace, Compassion, and Mercy for all he has created.

All this comes with the blessing of his presence in Spirit, New Spirit & Heart, replacing the selfish, stoney, and uncompassionate one. A New Life that in Jesus is "Born Again" Old Person gone! Old Ways Out! Just a beautiful New Beginning In Him!

What an Awesome God! Takes all my baggage and makes something New & Beautiful in Me! So Beloved, as life around us in constant change and disarray, let us draw near and cling to the Proven Way in Jesus! Love Him with ALL our Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength! Fear not, for I am with you Always! I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life! The Only Way to the Father is through me!

Pretty Simple Instructions! Come and let's take this Journey together! It is truly the Way to LOVE!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Jon

### 2 Corinthians 5: 17

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

## SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Young Adult Group (YAG) Tuesdays 6:30-8**

Incredibly, the summer is just around the corner, and we're enjoying the increasingly warmer weather. Youth group is set to stay in full swing throughout the summer with a month break in July to coincide with the birth of Molly's and my daughter. (Be praying for us in particular from the last week of June to the beginning of August.) Since we're going to keep meeting during the summer, the youth group is planning on doing service around the church and doing some classic summer activities like bonfires, water games, minigolf, so on and so forth. With that said, the summer will not just be about fun and games or even service projects. We're only about half-way through our study of the book of Revelation, and we're going to keep chugging through it full speed ahead.

With all that said, one of the major themes of Revelation that we have been talking about in youth group is the sovereignty of God. Revelation consistently depicts God as being in control of all things and being the One who ultimately gets the final say. As Christians, this gives us the everlasting hope that no matter what happens in this world, the Lord will ultimately take care of us. As the Psalmists writes in Psalm 136:23-25, "It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever" (ESV). That refrain of "his steadfast love endures forever" found within the entirety of this psalm is a wonderful reminder that the Lord is faithful to His people and will always will the good from them. We can rest easy in the hope that those who follow Christ will be with Him for all of eternity, and He will vindicate His people in the end. Whatever you may be facing this coming month, remember that the Lord is control of all things, and He is a loving, good, and gracious God that will always care for His people.

Revelation 7:15-17, "*For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes*" (NASB).

Blessings, Sam Bryan

Carol Flickinger would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers in the passing of her husband Richard. Especially appreciate Pastor Sam who performed the memorial service.

**Praise Reports**

Congrats to Sam Bryan upon his Graduation from Asbury Seminary!  
Congrats to Dr. Hannah Sprague—D.V. M.  
Congrats to Zachary Coffee WBHS graduate!



**Prayer Requests**

First responders, military, veterans and families  
Leo Zura in Auburn for rehab  
Pauline Wayne at “The Orchards” for rehab  
Larry Zielke waiting for ablation for A-flutter



Celebrate America’s 250th and Come to the events at DMC and Damascus area. Free hotdogs, popcorn and lemonade!

**Congratulations to:  
West Branch High School Graduate, Zachary Coffee!**



Member of NHS  
3.94 GPA  
SADD  
WB Minis award  
Played football,  
basketball and ran track  
Attending Mount Union



**Dr. Hannah Sprague  
D. V. M.  
The Ohio State University**



**Pastor Sam Bryan  
Masters of Arts:  
Bible & Theology  
Asbury Seminary**





VBS June 7-11, 2026

Ages 3-6th Grade

6:00-8:30 pm

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 21st!



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Anyone know of an apartment or house for rent in our area?

Please let Debbie know in the office.

Requirements for 2026 DMC budget per week: \$4039.00

Offerings received so far: \$78,735.49

Expenses so far for 2026 -\$88,720.47

-\$9,984.98

From your Lay Leader ...

Pressing On

June 2026

Living in Northeast Ohio, we all know about having seasons. Sometimes we experience the weather of all four seasons in the same day. Today it was 48° in the morning and 80° just after noon. We didn't have snow but we certainly had calm winds and also lots of wind. For those of us moving to Florida, you will miss out on the cold and snow but certainly not the wind and rain. God's creation is so awesome! The evidence for The Creator is undeniable and we will talk about talking about that soon. Creation and climate is a great topic for planting seeds of The Gospel.

Summer time is the time for vacations and all sorts of adventures. Unfortunately for many of us it is also a season of less church attendance. Small groups often take time off in the summer. Many busy families are overflowing with activities leaving “no time” for church. While all of that is true, we still have twenty-four hours each day and priorities are still priorities. It is in these days that Christians must prioritize prayer, meditation and Bible study. An old rule of thumb in business says “If the business is not growing, it is dying.” This seems like an oversimplification and rules of thumb always are but it does ring true. If we look around, we see many old well-established businesses closing down after years of resting on their laurels. The same holds true for the Christian Faith. While it is true that a saved believer can be secure in that salvation because God's promises are true, Kingdom living now on earth is available for all believers. The Apostle Paul put it this way in **Philippians 3:12-17** **Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Following Paul's Example All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.**

As we move into “the lazy days of summer”, let's strive to make living for Christ the top priority while we have fun, enjoy the weather and spend time with family and friends.

Steven Sprague-Lay Leader

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- 6/1 Brooks Weingart
- 6/3 Mary Ann Evans  
Andrea Heverly  
Chris Lydic
- 6/4 Kathy Knoedler  
Ralph Landon
- 6/6 Molly Bryan
- 6/8 Ed Lydic
- 6/13 Ashley Brewer
- 6/17 Darlene Kelly
- 6/18 Lois Mountz  
Jonny Sprague, Jr.
- 6/19 Dina Sprague
- 6/21 Mandy Zion
- 6/22 Joan Pontious
- 6/23 Lorraine Carr  
Daryl Dettweiler  
Linda Henderson
- 6/25 Elaina Westover (3)
- 6/26 Henry Crouse (6)
- 6/27 Liz Black
- 6/30 Denise Linder

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

**Counters**

Gary Mercer &  
Jane Menough

**Bus Driver**

Steve Sprague



- 6/6 Bruce & Terrie  
Rohrer
- 6/11 Bill & Janet Buell
- 6/16 Leo & Barb Zura
- 6/21 Tom & Kathy  
Knoedler
- 6/25 Sam & Molly Bryan
- 6/26 Bob & Pam Denny

- 6/7 None
- 6/14 None
- 6/21 Elise Smith/  
Triston Beagle
- 6/28 Max Weingart/  
Kara Zion

**Children’s Rotation:**

**Sunday School**

- 6/7 Lois Niederhiser
- 6/14 Lois N.
- 6/21 Shaunda Uphold
- 6/28 Linda Henderson

**Junior Church**

- 6/7 Lois Niederhiser
- 6/14 VBS Sunday
- 6/21 Troy Uphold
- 6/28 Steve Sprague

**Wee Worship**

- 6/7 Grayson Anderson
- 6/14 Abby Heverly
- 6/21 Shaunda Uphold
- 6/28 Abby Heverly

**Nursery**

- 6/7 Terrie Rohrer
- 6/14 Amy Shoaff
- 6/21 Denise Linder
- 6/28 Samara Anderson

**Floater**

- 6/7 Andrea Altenhof
- 6/14 Katie Tedrow
- 6/21 Vicky Smith
- 6/28 Jamie Weingart

**Summer Mission Trip  
June 21 – June 27, 2026**

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 prayer fully consider coming on the trip this next summer. Our plan is to stay at the Haverhill UMC as last year. The Church there provides great kitchen, showering and sleeping arrangements. I can guarantee you will not regret your decision to join us! 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, both men and women! Please consider coming along. Remember its NOT too late to go...the trip is open to all Youth and Adults...grade 7 and up!!!!**

**DMC Community Breakfast  
Saturday, June 20th  
7-10:30 am**



**The Gathering room is still the “Hot Spot” on Sunday Mornings!**  
If you would like to bring some goodies, please sign up in Narthex. If you would rather donate, we will have a donation can available.

Join us for food, fun and fellowship! (8:45-9:45 am)

# DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

## June 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 VBS Setup	2 8:30 am WB Minis Mtg YAG 6:30 pm	3 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	4 9:30 am TOPS 6:30 pm Men's Study	5	6
7 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30pm</b>	8   <b>VBS 6:00-8:30pm</b>	9  YAG 6:30 pm  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30pm</b>	10  Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30pm</b>	11 9:30 am Tops 6:30pm Men's Study  <b>VBS 6:00-8:30pm</b>	12	13
14 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship <b>VBS Program</b>	15	16 YAG 6:30 pm	17 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm	18 9:30 am TOPS 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	19  Juneteenth	20 <b>Community Breakfast 7-10:30 am</b>
21 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship <b>Happy Father's Day!</b> <b>Mission Trip starts 8 am</b>	22 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	23 YAG 6:30 pm <b>Blood Drive 1-6 pm</b>	24 Salt Youth 6:30-8 pm  AWAC Annual Conference	25 9:30 am TOPS 6:30pm Men's Bible Study Annual Conference	26  Annual Conference	27 <b>250th Celebration In Damascus!!</b> Annual Conference
28 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship	29	30 YAG 6:30 pm				