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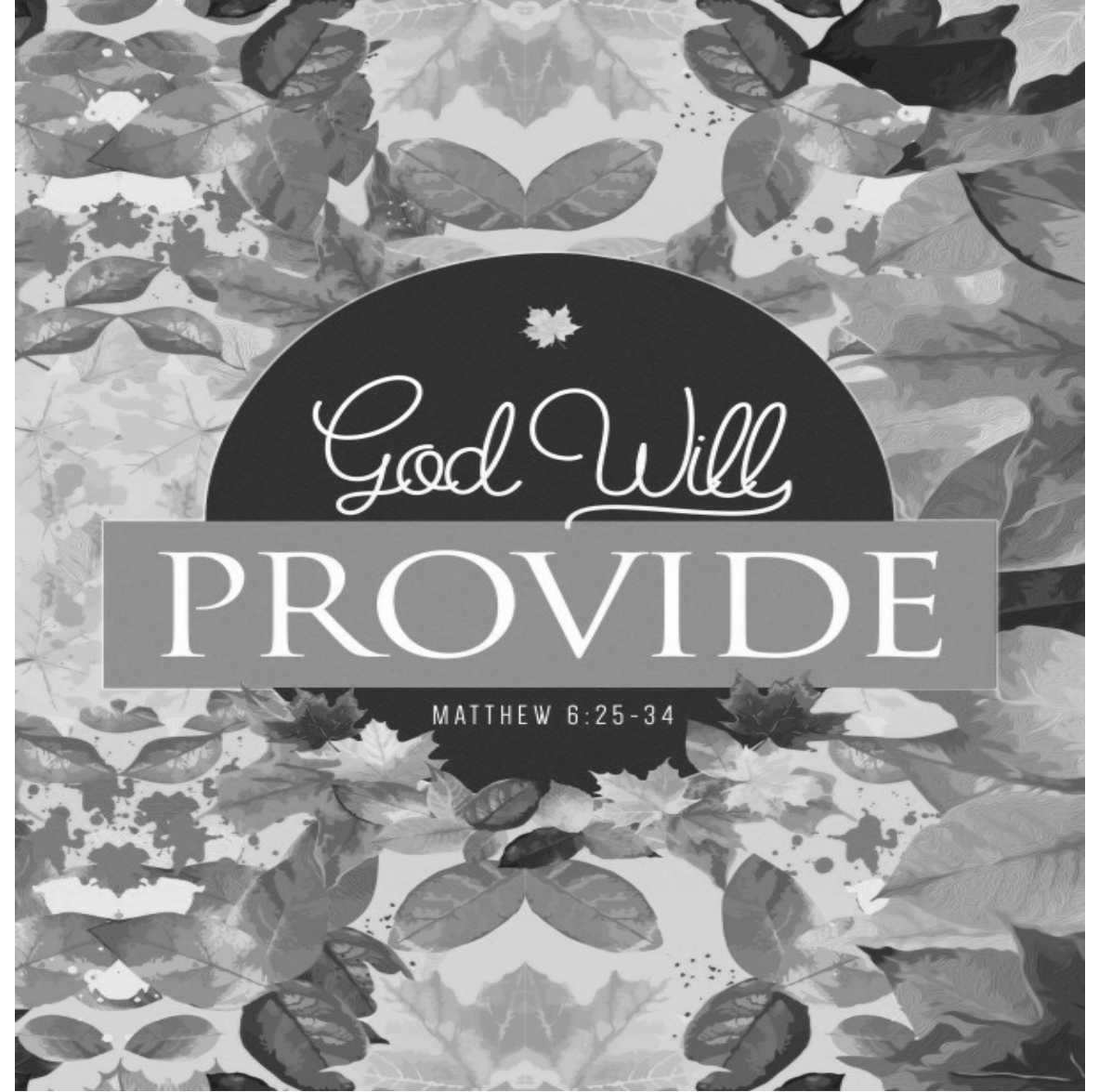
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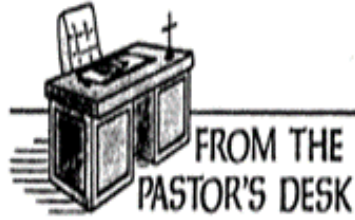
# “Damascus Doings”

OCTOBER 2023

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



## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES



**Romans 8: 15-17** So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.<sup>[a]</sup> Now we call him, "Abba, Father."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

**Good Morning Church!** *As I sit in my office and gaze out into the beautiful setting that God has blessed our church with, All Around me I see Change! Leaves are turning colors, crops are drying out, farmers are busy getting the harvest moving and the crops secured for the long winter ahead. All this is a part of God's plan.*

*Yet during all this busyness, it is easy for me to find our blessings. God has brought us together to be his church, not a small, and invisible community, but just the opposite, a strong and immovable resource that finds whatever ways possible to take the Good News of Jesus out into the dark world around us.*

*We are Christ's Church, Blessed and anointed to proclaim the Love and Truth that is Jesus Christ Our Savior. We are Children of God, Adopted, and Filled with His Spirit so that we never Walk Alone. We are Bearers of Truth, Light, & Love, sent forth in His Glory to help the lost find their way home! Our God is Great! Amen!*

*So, as we prepare for this new adventure in Ministry together, let us rejoice in what God is doing, let us keep our eyes on Jesus and the Cross and make the changes necessary to reach the Lost in the name of Jesus. Let us grow, learn, and love one another as these changes in life and church allow us the opportunity to share our family with others in desperate need of one like ours. And Most of All, may we be a part of the rebirth and movement that is Damascus Methodist Church, A Place where Jesus comes to meet with his people. I am excited for our future together and cannot wait to see what God has in store for Tomorrow! Please prayerfully be apart of this Change as We march on to Glory with Our Lord!*

***In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jon***

## Souls After Living Truth News

Last youth meeting, someone took the leader's chair! The offending youth was caught and the excuse was that he was leading the devotion that night. Which prompted said leader to say, "You are giving the devotion"! All joking aside, it was a job well done and included reading and prompting the group in discussion!

The youth participated in a service project for Operation Christmas Child by assembling shoeboxes under the guidance of Lois. They put together 300 shoeboxes in a record time of 45 minutes! This was much appreciated because it saved hours of time for the OCC group! Thank you youth!

The youth enjoyed Celebration Sunday! They participated by giving 'fake' tattoos to the younger kids and handing out balloon candy apples. It was lovely to see them lovingly interact with the littles with bubbles, volleyball and badminton, and corn hole!

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."* 1 Timothy 4:12

Blessings,  
Linda Henderson



## "STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Larry Zielke– hip surgery went well  
Seth Schroeder and Hannah Sprague are engaged.  
Andrea Heverly’s surgery went well  
Celebration “Sundae” was a huge success

Celebration of life for Barbara Baird was a true witness of love of family  
Congratulations to Jack & Jordyn Niederhiser who were married October 1st.



Government officials around the world  
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families

Lane Heverly (9 years old) – surgery November 10th  
Joe Yoder– hospice care  
All the kids, teachers and staff returning to school/ college  
Bruce Pearson– brain cancer  
Dan Fair– struggles after heart surgery

Sue Johanson– beginning new treatment

Linemen in storm relief

Liz Black– healing

People of Florida effected by the hurricane

Pauline Wayne– fractured hip, recovering from surgery

Healing of relationships

Nancy Dean– healing of broken leg

Larry Zielke– healing

Barry French– recovering from back surgery

Holly Morrow– severe sinus infection

Josh McDonald– brain tumor

Victoria Carpenter– recovering after a car accident



Family of Drema Kinder (Brittany Sprague’s Aunt)  
Family of Janet Starrett (Bonnie McDermott’s sister)  
Family of David Brown  
Family of Virginia Thompson (Bonnie Michalek’s mother)



## SHOEBOXES ARE HERE!!!!

It’s that time of year again! We will be busy packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Since it’s beginning 30 years ago, there have been more than 207 million gift-filled shoeboxes delivered to children around

the world! Each shoebox is a Gospel opportunity as it always includes the Word of God. This is an amazing ministry that our church has supported for many years. We need YOU to help us pack and send even more shoeboxes this year! Here’s how you can help:

**Take home a shoebox** and fill it up with wonderful items! The list of suggested items and all of the instructions are in each box. Please remember to include the \$10 shipping with each box that you pack

**Adopt-a-box** – Please stop by the table in the narthex and cross off how many shoeboxes that you would like to adopt by paying the \$10 shipping fee per box. This \$10 covers the transport of the boxes as well as the Gospel booklet and teaching materials for the leaders in the receiving areas. There is a paper that explains your options for paying the \$10.

**Finally, attend an all-church packing party!** All of the items have been purchased and sorted and now need lovingly and prayerfully packed into the shoeboxes! Please join us on one or more of the following days to help has pack more than 320 shoeboxes!  
Join us: Sun. Oct. 8, (right after church and from 4:00 – 7:00, Mon. Oct. 9, from 4:00 – 7:00, and Tues. Oct.10, from 4:00 – 7:00. Come for as little or as long as you like! Everything is provided!

And finally, and most importantly, please remember to PRAY for these shoeboxes as they begin their important journey. These shoeboxes along with the Gospel are able to reach the un-reachable in so many places around the world! Oh, the power of a simple gift! Questions??? Please don not hesitate to ask!

In Christ,  
Lois Niederhiser 330-727-6841 dmkids@yahoo.com

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday October 21st

7:00AM-10:30AM

Donation Only

(change will be available)

### Clothed In Righteousness



Urgent Need:

- \* Foam Plates
- \* 8 oz. Foam Cups
- \* 3 Compartment ToGo Containers
- \* Foam Clamshell Containers
- \* Deli containers with Lid
- \* Plastic Spoons, Forks & Knives
- \* Napkins

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

### Bennett Memorial Scholarship Update



The Bennett Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce \$2,000 was dispersed and awarded to three students for the Fall Semester 2023. Recipients attend the following universities: Asbury Theological Seminary, Allegheny Wesleyan College, and Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The Bennett Memorial Scholarship was established in 1982 in memory of Lea “Dutch” Bennett and also in 1996 in memory of Barney 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. The Scholarship Committee resumed meeting and establishing and revising guidelines following Covid. In 2022, \$2,500 was dispersed and awarded to four students attending Liberty University, Allegheny Wesleyan College, and Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

### From your Lay Leader ...



### Amazing Creation

October 2023

Have you noticed the leaves beginning to change? We noted the first few trees while on a local flight around Westville a couple weeks ago. A few days later, on the church bus, we noticed more and more trees changing and also noticed that the silver maples were ahead of the rest and were already dropping leaves. It seemed to me that the beginning of beautiful leaf coloration coincided just about exactly with the first day of fall. God is awesome! And the evidence of His design is all around us. On the bus, it occurred to us what a logical stretch one must make in order to deny the existence of God while standing in His creation. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, He noted that all of creation praises and worships The Creator. **Luke 19: 37-40 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”**

I really like scientific study. All of science is the study of God’s Creation. While we come to new understandings through scientific study, we are really discovering God’s Creation. We have a really good idea of how to use gravity. We can measure it and have developed countless mathematical formulas that allow us to predict its effects on our world. However, we cannot effectively define its origin through science. The answers are all throughout the Bible right from the beginning. **Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** This one verse explains the question that we cannot answer through the various secular theories of the start of the earth. **John 1:1-5 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.** All of creation came through Jesus Christ and He is The Light of the world.

As we move into fall, let’s all spend some time admiring The Creator through admiring His Creation. Take your favorite Bible (even if its on your phone) with you as you explore the changing of the season.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## October Birthdays

- 1: Ryker Landon
- 3: Zach Crouse  
Jean Zion  
Kara Zion
- 6: Dustin Linder
- 8: Missy Criss
- 10: Fred Criss
- 11: Ruth Bruderly
- 15: Gerald Mincks
- 18: Lois Niederhiser
- 23: Judson Weingart
- 24: Tom Knoedler
- 25: Amanda Lydic
- 29: Treva Miller
- 30: Richey Hill  
Pastor Jon Long
- 31: Pat Hancock  
Art Johanson

## October Anniversaries

- 6: Dick & Carol  
Flickinger
- 10: Marc & Jodie Keck
- 16: Bill & Grace Williams
- 21: Art & Sue Johanson
- 28: Shawn & Barb  
Heverly



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

### Counters

Gary Mercer  
&  
Barb Karlen

### Bus Driver

Jerry Menough

### Acolytes

- 1: Addie Zion
- 8: Elise Smith &  
Stella Smith
- 15: Corianna Haueter &  
Max Weingart
- 22: Lane Loving &  
Triston Beagle
- 29: Addie Zion &  
Kara Zion

## Children’s Rotation

### Sunday School

- 1: Brittany Sprague &  
Linda Henderson
- 8: Lois Niederhiser &  
Denise Linder
- 15: Lois Niederhiser &  
Linda Henderson
- 22: Lois Niederhiser &  
Shaunda Uphold
- 28: Brittany Sprague &  
Linda Henderson

### Junior Church

- 1: Steve Sprague  
& Abby Heverly
- 8: Lois Niederhiser  
& Codey Dettweiler
- 15: Lois Niederhiser  
& Abby Heverly
- 22: Troy Uphold  
& Ethan Dettweiler
- 28: Brittany Sprague  
& Richey Hill

### Wee Worship

- 1: Brittany Sprague
- 8: Holly Morrow
- 15: Linda Henderson
- 22: Shaunda Uphold
- 28: Linda Henderson

### Nursery

- 1: S.S. Nancy Cadile  
Terrie Rohrer
- 8: Denise Linder
- 15: Holly Morrow
- 22: Amy Shoaff
- 28: S.S. Amy Shoaff  
Amy Shoaff



## **CELEBRATION SUNDAY A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!**

Our celebration Sunday on September 17, was a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and fun! We had 86 people come for this event. Many of them were kids and youth!

We enjoyed music, a pie contest, book give-away, candy apple balloons, fun tattoos, good food, delicious desserts, lawn games, a warm fire with marshmallows, and just spending time together as a family of God!

Thank you to sooooo many who answered, “Yes, Lord!” and offered your help to make this day possible.

The best comments came from one of our youngest and one of our oldest attenders. “This was wonderful! We need to do this more often!” And, “Can we do this again?” Thanks again for being a part of this special day!

## **Save the date!**

The Pine Ridge Boys Quartet will be here November 12th!!!



## **All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023**



Greetings Dear Saints, As Our All-Saints Sunday Approaches we are taking this time to invite you to celebrate the immediate family members in your life that have gone on to Glory. This year we want to celebrate their presence in your life that was Faith

Changing for you. This year’s Celebration will be a little different from the past and we want to take the time to remember our close relatives and loved ones who were crucial in your faith development. Please fill out a request on the Welcome Center and place it in Dina’s mail box by her door by October 22nd.



# Damascus Methodist Church

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**Sunday**

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**Saturday**

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9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:30pm– 6:00pm Y.A. Bible Study 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group	6:30pm SPRC Meeting	8:30am West Branch Ministerial Meeting  7:00pm Choir		9:30am TOPS 10:00am Light Up Damascus Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	9:00am Library Meeting	<b>CHARGE CONFERENCE</b> 9am– 4pm Sanor Baby Shower Fellowship Hall
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<b>22</b>  9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:30pm– 6:00pm Y.A. Bible Study 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group	<b>23</b>  7:00pm Trustee Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  9:30am TOPS  6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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