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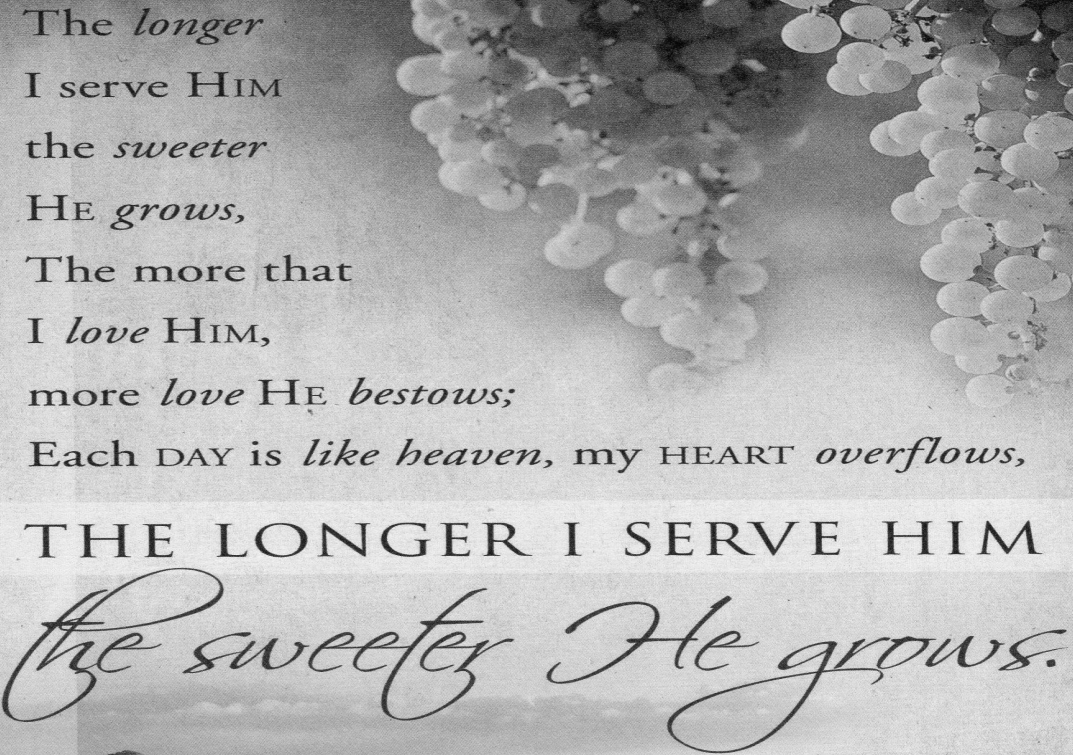
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“Damascus Doings”

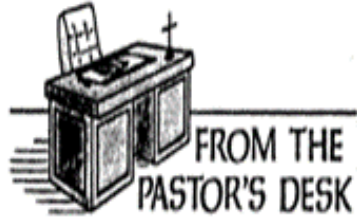
SEPTEMBER 2023

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



The longer
I serve HIM
the sweeter
HE grows,
The more that
I love HIM,
more love HE bestows;
Each DAY is like heaven, my HEART overflows,
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the sweeter He grows.

PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVES



September Newsletter 2023 “Building Up”

1 Chronicles 16: 23-24

Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Greetings in Christ Jesus Our Lord, Beloved!

Here we are quickly approaching the Fall season and it’s so hard to believe that God has blessed us all with this time of visioning and building together. As we go forward, I prayerfully ask each of you to ask God where your place is in this revival of ministry here @ Damascus Methodist Church?

Where can I Serve the Lord?

What are my gifts & blessings to give?

I believe that each and everyone of us are anointed with the blessing of God’s Spirit to do Ministry. (Prayer, Giving, Sharing, Friendship, Teaching, Singing, Visiting, Cooking & Baking are just a few areas we can all help-out.)

I know our heritage of the past, I can’t wait to see our Legacy for tomorrow!

Please come and join us as we march together towards Victory in Jesus!

So, my prayer for us all is that we would seek the revival that is at hand and stake our claim in the future of Damascus Methodist Church!

For I know that this following statement is true!

There Is a Place for Everyone Here @ Damascus!

Please Consider how you can be apart of Our Growth for Jesus and our Mission of Salvation for the World!

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

In Christ’s Love, Pastor Jon

Souls After Living Truth News

What a busy month of August the youth have had! As you may have noticed, there is a newly assembled, octagon-shaped GaGa ball pit in the southeast corner of the parking lot. I know. A what? Well, nothing remotely associated with the singer, songwriter, and actress. Actually, GaGa translates from Hebrew as “touch-touch” and is a variation of dodgeball. Ask any kid that’s been to camp and they can tell you all about the game. Our youth have surely been enjoying the ball pit for the last few weeks!

As everyone knows, the youth held a spaghetti dinner. While we were able to bless Clothed in Righteousness with the proceeds, all who came for dinner and all who worked with the youth to hold this event, blessed our youth as well. Each took away a positive learning experience in so many ways! And, I was so proud of each of them! The youth also went to Waldameer Amusement and Water Park in Erie, PA. It was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for swimming. After dinner, we drove through Presque Isle State Park and stopped to see the Commodore Perry monument, the Presque Isle Lighthouse, and then spent some time on the Lake Erie shoreline.

I would like to thank every person who has helped out with the youth this summer. So many have given their time to helping with youth Bible study on Saturday mornings and also during Sunday evening youth group meetings. OUR YOUTH ROCK! And, it would not be possible without your support!

Blessings,
Linda Henderson



"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Pauline Wayne– home
Pastor Jon & Jenny– vacation blessing seeing “Moses”
Blessing of friends visiting from New Philadelphia
Ally & Caden safe after car accident

Sprague family blessed with a wonderful Celebration of Life for Chuck
Donna Lutz– pacemaker placed, feeling better, spending time with her sister
Darrell Murphy– kidney surgery successful



Government officials around the world
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families
Ukraine– Shelter Plus
Civil unrest in India
Lane Heverly (9 years old) – cyst on his brain facing surgery soon

Our children are not for sale (“Sound of Freedom” movie)
Joe Yoder– hospice care
Cathy Tedrow– continued healing
Kenzie Kurpil– healing after dental implants
Ray & MaryKay– continued healing
All kids and staff returning to school/ college

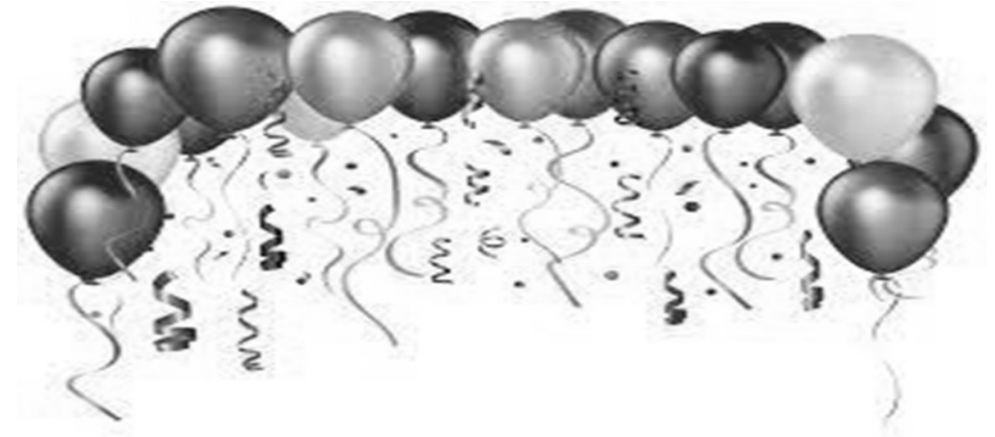


Family of Nancy Penrod
Family of Richard Slicker
Family of Bethany Kholos
Family of Barbara Baird



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

We are so excited to welcome September! Such an exciting time of year! On Sunday, September 17 during the worship service, we will be presenting new Bibles to our new first graders and other children that are new to our church! Also, we will be recognizing and welcoming our new acolytes! During the Sunday school time, we will now be offering two children’s classes! And of course, we will be looking forward to the all-church celebration that will begin later that same day! God is so good!



**CELEBRATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

Come and enjoy a wonderful outdoor ALL church celebration! This wonderful event will include dinner (everything is provided) praise music, special activities, homemade apple pie contest and a variety of lawn games! And of course, we will make our “sundae” complete by serving ice cream with lots of toppings! Food, fellowship, and fun for everyone! Invite a friend and plan to be a part of it all!



Join Us For Breakfast

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday September 16th

7:00AM-10:30AM

Donation Only

(change will be available)



Thankful to God, Thankful to You, Church Family! We are so grateful for all of the prayers made on our behalf, especially the last few months. Jay continues to have outpatient P. T. at Crandall, and his knee is healing very well. Praise God! For Sheila, we give praise to God

for sparing her life at the end of May! Your faith-filled prayers made the difference! She continues to battle troublesome digestive issues, but she continues to claim God's healing promises. She has ordered a custom-made back brace for scoliosis, and she is praying that the Lord will use it as an aid for her back and also to help with some of the digestive issues.

Again, our heartfelt thanks go out to you and especially to our great God!

We thank you for your lovely cards as well. Blessings and love in Jesus,

Jay & Sheila Lucas



Please support our church kids at the Canfield Fair August 28th through September 3rd. You can see the list of events at www.canfieldfair.com

Hope to see you all there!

Clothed In Righteousness



Urgent Need:

Canned goods (with ring top lids)

Bottled Water

Tuna (with ring top lids)

Protein bars

Cereal Boxes (Individual)

Fruit Cups (Individual)

Juice pouches or boxes

Crackers (peanut butter)

Plastic spoons and forks

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

WE ARE READY

From your Lay Leader ...

Let's Get Excited September 2023

We have an awesome opportunity! As Pastor Jon has relayed to us, he recently considered that his pastoral career was over and he took steps to change careers. His career change was not going well. The clear message from God was "I am not done using you yet." The hiring process with

Damascus Methodist Church was so smooth and so fast, that the confirmation of God's message was clear as well. Oh boy, has this energized your pastor! His excitement is evident on Sunday morning as well as throughout the week. Just try and keep up!

Over the last several years, our church has seemed to have a bit of a sense of "lull". We have been doing ministry. We have been giving support to missions. We have been encouraging one another and others as we go through life. We have even had a unifying nearly unanimous vote to disaffiliate and join a new denomination. This decision was God's Will for us and the confirmation was in the details of the process. All great things... still there seemed to be something amiss. Church attendance has been way down and overall enthusiasm seemed to be a little off.

That's all changing now! You see God is not done with us yet either. We are in position and ready to worship and serve God in new ways. We are done saying "that's how we've always done it" and "we've never done it that way". God is ready to use us in a mighty way and we are ready as well. God, The Holy Spirit speaks to us through His Word and the following passages have been speaking loudly lately. The Jewish people in exile received these encouraging words from God through the prophet Jeremiah and this promise is true. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. **Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.** We serve the same God and He also has this same promise for us today. When Queen Esther was terrified over the mission that she was in a unique position to do, she was encouraged to hear that perhaps her whole life had been shaped perfectly for her to accomplish this mission. As Esther made excuses and reasons why she could not do the thing that would bring salvation to her people, Her Uncle Mordecai sent her this encouragement: **Esther 4:14 For if you keep silent at this time, liberation and rescue will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"** God's work will be done. He is the Alpha and Omega. Jesus Christ is the great I am and He will return and reign forever. It is such a wonderful opportunity that He is giving us to further His kingdom now and be used to accomplish His Will. God has plans for us and has set us here and now perfectly ready for His mission folks. Get excited and get ready. Damascus Methodist Church is about to get busy and we are so ready!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

- 1: Tracy Muckleroy
Mitchell Coffee
- 7: Amy Shoaff
- 9: Barb Jones
- 10: Jack Niederhiser
Bill Houshour
- 11: Bruce Rohrer
- 12: Yvonne Getty
Don Jones
Terri Stanley
- 13: Luci Knepper
- 17: Marissa Mountz
- 19: Bonnie Michalek
- 21: Sally Wilson
- 27: Elise Smith
- 29: Stella Smith

Happy Anniversary

September Anniversaries

- 4: Ralph & Kathie Landon
- 9: Troy & Shaunda Uphold
- 14: Jonny & Brittany Sprague
- 15: Mark & Tracy Muckleroy
- 26: Thomas & Lauren Niederhiser
- 28: Dave & Amy Shoaff

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

Counters

Art Johanson
&
Linda Henderson

Bus Driver

Jerry Menough

Children’s Rotation

Sunday School

- 3: Brittany Sprague
- 10: Linda Henderson
- 17: Lois Niederhiser
- 24: Shaunda Uphold

Junior Church

- 3: Steve Sprague
& Richy Hill
- 10: Lois Niederhiser
& Abby Heverly
- 17: Lois Niederhiser
& Ethan Dettweiler
- 24: Troy Uphold
& Richy Hill

Wee Worship

- 3: Brittany Sprague
- 10: Linda Henderson
- 17: Holly Morrow
- 24: Shaunda Uphold

Nursery

- 3: Terrie Rohrer
- 10: Amy Shoaff
- 17: Denise Linder
- 24: Holly Morrow

Acolytes

- 3: Kara Zion
- 10: Lane Loving
- 17: Max Weingart
- 24: Triston Beagle

Seamless

Understanding the Bible
as One Complete Story



by angie smith

There’s Something New Coming This Fall!

A Women’s Bible Study by Angie Smith.

Jenny Long invites you to join her on Thursday evenings here at the Church starting on September 21st, @ 6:30 P.M. A Sign-up Sheet is available on the Welcome Center so that we can be sure to get you a book. Whether you have grown up hearing Bible stories or you are exploring Scripture for the first time, the Full story of the Bible can be overwhelming. The 66 books may seem disconnected at first glance. In this study, Angie Smith shows us how the whole Bible, from Genesis through Revelation connects as one beautiful seamless thread. Please join us as we begin a beautiful Faith Walk Together,

In Christ’s Love, Jenny



Save the date!

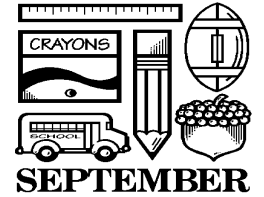
The Pine Ridge Boys Quartet will be here November 12th!!!



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Sunday

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Saturday

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3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship SALT Youth Group at Canfield Fair	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 8:30am West Branch Ministerial Meeting 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	6	7 9:30am TOPS	8	9
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group	11	12	13	14 9:30am TOPS 6:30pm Ruritan Meeting	15	16 7:00am– 10:30am Church Breakfast
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth Group Finance Budgets Due	18 6:30pm Church Council	19	20	21 9:30am TOPS	22	23
24 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT Youth	25 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	26 6:30pm Finance Meeting	27	28 9:30am TOPS	29	30