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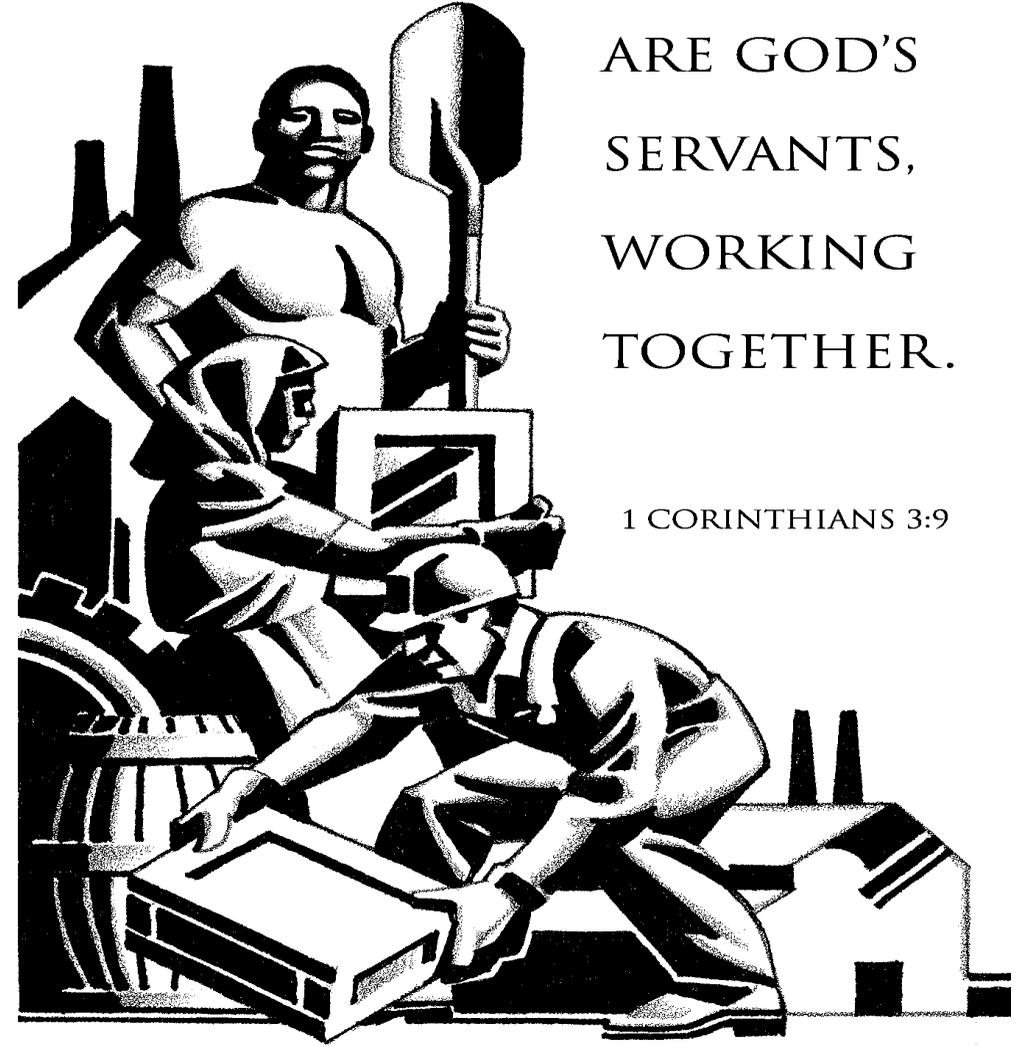
“Damascus Doings”

SEPTEMBER 2019

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

FOR WE
ARE GOD’S
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WORKING
TOGETHER.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9





PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES



Well, here we are—on the cusp of another season. For some of us the growing season is winding down. We have planted gardens and we eagerly await the signs of growth. First that little sprout and then the healthy plant and finally the fruit of your labor appears. You looked at that corn plant coming up and you visualized that steaming ear with melted butter just waiting to be enjoyed!

Many of our conversations around the garden include the weather, the condition of the soil and the pesky bug that invades and destroys our plants. It seems there is a diabolical plan to steal away the health and fruit of our labor before harvest time arrives. All of the home remedies on how to protect the crop run rampant from fences to plastic owls to shining tin foil pans clanking in the wind.

The Bible uses planting and growing and harvest time imagery to explain the plan and purpose of God in this important time in which we live. According to the Bible there is a time to plant and a time to harvest, there is good soil and bad soil. The whole imagery is about life springing forth from a little seed and producing fruit. We never know what the growing season will bring until we finally see the fruit of our labor! At the end of the season we will know if our labor has resulted in a good crop.

Jesus spoke plainly about His church in **Matt 7:17-20** *“Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”*

As Christians, we know that God has planted the seed of His Gospel in our hearts. He has given us the freedom of choice to receive that seed by faith according to **John 1:12** *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”* Then we can choose to nurture that seed through worship, Sunday School, prayer and the study of His Word. When we follow this course in life we will bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I pray that the Holy Spirit empower you each in every day.

Each one of us is called to serve and we must ask how we can assist in cultivating the mission and vision here at Damascus. I pray that you will be firmly planted in fertile ground, bathed in the SON Shine of God’s Love and watered by the Spirit of His presence and power. May God

bless your time of refreshing and growth. Yours In Christ, *Pastor Matt*

From your Lay Leader ... (Cont.)



Planting in the Fall

September 2019

We spent the rest of the time drinking warm apple cider and hot cocoa, eating hot dogs and of course wandering around in the corn maze. Ms. Lois Niederhiser has a great talent for remembering every child she has ever met. I noticed this again this year at our vacation bible school. As I struggled to remember the names of each child by the end of the week, Lois would say hi by name and with a big hug to every kid, even those that she hadn’t seen in years. She also had a knack for picking just the right places to take the kids. This particular corn maze had clues that were Bible verses carefully planned out in order to guide the teams through the labyrinth to the open end. While I don’t now remember exactly which verses the clues were, I do know that these clues were not only guiding the kids out of the maze, but they were also planting seeds even in the fall.

In Matthew 13, the author re-counted many parables that Jesus told to the many people that followed him. After the crowds left for the day, he would often explain to His disciples what the parables meant. In the parable of the sower (also called the parable of soils), Jesus explained how the seeds of the gospel are received differently by different people who are in different situations in life. Of course, the best outcome was when the gospel message is received by the “fertile soil”. The people represented by the fertile soil were those that whose hearts were ready to receive the message and grow bearing the fruits of the spirit right away and forever. The other “soil types” didn’t fare so well. Before we plant seeds in our gardens or fields, we carefully prepare the soil in order to provide the best possible growing conditions in so far as we can control it. When we plant the seeds of the gospel message, we do not have the ability to prepare the soil. It’s God – The Holy Spirit who does the preparing. He will do whatever it takes and keep at it as long as it takes, even if it takes an entire lifetime. When these seeds are planted, they don’t always have to sprout in the same season in which they were planted. Even though I don’t remember, those verses in the maze, I guarantee they are coming back to those children exactly when they need them even today. Amazing! So, while it might seem strange to think of planting seeds in the fall, The Good News of Jesus Christ has no seasons. The right time to plant this seed is anytime you are led to any soil. Spring, Summer, Fall or even winter, plant His seeds today.

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SALT NEWS

SOULS AFTER LIVING TRUTH September SALT

- 9/1 SALT Canfield Fair
- 9/8 SALT 6-8 pm
- 9/15 SALT 6-8pm
- 9/22 SALT 6-8 pm
- 9/29 SALT 6-8pm

Times may change

Greetings D.U.M.C. Members and Friends!

It's been a busy summer for the youth of our church, a.k.a. S.A.L.T. (Souls After Living Truth)! We've gone bowling in Boardman, visited an amusement park called Waldameer in Erie, P.A., traveled to Baylor Beach in Navarre, Ohio, and stopped by a couple church member homes for pool parties. We've also had some youth group members helping out at Vacation Bible School, doing their best to ensure the attending kids have a fun and safe time learning more about God. During our regular Sunday evening youth meetings, we've been praying together, worshipping God through song, and discussing what the Bible says about various important topics (with the help of some memorable visual aids!). Thank you so much for your support and prayers for us as we continue to seek God and grow in our relationships with Him! If you are interested in hosting the youth group, chaperoning an event, preparing a meal, or visiting a Sunday meeting to share a testimony or lead a game – call Phil Lucas at (330) 614-1163.

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Some of my fondest memories are of hanging out with the first through sixth graders at the annual Fall Kids Day Out corn maze. One particularly soggy fall day, we followed the church bus onto the soft grassy area that had been designated as a parking area at Maze Farms. The bus tires almost immediately sank into the semi-firm mud. No problem, we had a tow strap under the back seat of the old truck and I always liked pulling vehicles out of the mud. I reached under the back seat, pulled out the old wooden box that contained the tow strap and stepped out of the truck. I walked over to the rear of the bus and laid down in the cool mud to hook up the strap. When I got up, my knees were wet and muddy. It was going to be a good day!

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Preschool News

"In All Thy Ways Acknowledge HIM and HE will direct thy paths" (Pr. 3: 6).

We are excited to begin another school year, teaching children about God. We welcome Phil Lucas to our staff. We are looking forward to welcoming new families into our preschool family. Please continue to pray for us, our students, staff and families.

We are excited with the many changes in the education wing. Thank you to all who helped with the work. We appreciate all the changes.

We have many exciting things planned for this year. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Our annual Little Lambs Gourmet cookie dough fundraiser will be held September 9 - 30. To buy cookies, see any PAC member or Amy, Phil, Linda or Andrea. Coming up in October will be a fundraiser at Orange Leaf in Alliance.

Details will be coming soon.

Again, thank you for your prayers.

Many Blessings,

Andrea, Amy, Hannah, Linda & Phil



DUMC Community Breakfast

Saturday, September 21: 7:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

Public welcome. Proceeds will go to the Mission Trip.
Mark your calendar and plan to come! Thanks for your support!



Calling All Singers!

Choir practice will start Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. Tune up your voices and join us! September 8th will be our first Sunday to sing.



Tuesday Sept.10, 1:30-7:00pm: American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Damascus Women of Faith

Our first meeting is planned for September 5th at Perkins Restaurant at 9:30am. Please Ladies join us for this kick off breakfast, and if you are available the first Thursday of each month at 9:30am October through May, please plan to join us at the church for a time of fellowship. One of the reasons churches thrive and folks grow in their Christianity is small groups. Our monthly meeting includes a short study of the word of God. Please ladies, if possible, make the Damascus Women’s Group yours, you will be blessed and bless others.

—Mary Kay Heverly



Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for your hospitality and your genuine love in welcoming us to the Damascus family! We cannot say it enough, thank you! In a time where we were a little disoriented with moving and so many things to do, you took the time to share a meal, make goodies, invited us to swim, and to cookouts! You have been praying not only for Rev Palo and Karen but when we saw our names on the prayer list in the newsletter a warm feeling of love and acceptance overcame us even before we arrived. Your hospitality and love had made a huge difference to our family and we are forever grateful! We look forward to the times of ministry and blessing that are ahead for this Church, and trust that we will be responsive and receptive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and what He wants to do.

Love, *The Wilson's*

DUMC Campers



We had ten children attend camp this summer. They were: Katie Tedrow, Emily Tedrow, Abby Heverly, James Mincks, Joey Sprague, Logan Citino, Bradley, Codey & Ethan Dettweiler and Lucas Herold. They all expressed a blessed time! Thank you for everyone who contributed to the success of our fundraisers to help these children get to camp and celebrate the Lord. God is so good!

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Sheila Lucas– successful oral surgery, no lupus
Jan Hoover– no treatment needed
Jim Miller– home from South Korea



Sheila Lucas– healing, no autoimmune disorders
Marion Peters– began chemo pill
Eldon Morckel– throat cancer treatment
Helen Mincks– healing, fractured femur
Ruth Weaver– fractured hip
James Mincks– healing



Family of Trudy Dixon (Sandy Dearth’s niece)
Family of Bertha Rohleder
Family of Thomas Arndt (Dina Sprague’s uncle)



From the Finance Committee

2020 Proposed budgets are due September 10, 2019.
Please fill out form provided by the finance committee



We have the myEoffering electronic giving program available.
See the information in the literature rack,
if you have questions see Pat Hancock.



We also participate in Amazon Smile, information is in the literature rack. (yellow paper) Your online shopping benefits the church!



September

Birthdays

- 1: Tracy Muckleroy
Mitchell Coffee
- 6: April Jones
- 7: Amy Shoaff
Crystal Wilson
- 9: Barb Jones
Margaret Thompson
- 10: Jack Niederhiser
Bill Houshour
- 11: Bruce Rohrer
- 12: Yvonne Getty
Don Jones
Wendy Shoaff
Terri Stanley
- 13: Roy Johnson
Luci Knepper
- 15: Roy Walther
- 17: Steve Kenneally
Marissa Mountz
- 19: Bonnie Michalek
- 21: Sally Wilson
- 22: Grayden Grimm

Anniversaries

- 4: Ralph & Kathie Landon
- 5: Steve & Jamie Kenneally
- 15: Mark & Tracy
Muckleroy
- 26: Thomas & Lauren
Niederhiser
Carl & Jean Phillips
- 28: Dave & Amy Shoaff

Workers

Nursery/Wee Worship

- 1: Tracy & Shaylee
Muckleroy
- 8: Jamie Weingart
& Emily Tedrow
- 15: Shaunda & Lleyton
Uphold
- 22: Barb & Abby Heverly
- 29: Jamie Weingart
& Katie Tedrow

Jr. Church

- 1: Steve & Joey Sprague
- 8: Lois Niederhiser
& Sam Plocher
- 15: Troy Uphold
& Andrew Coffee
- 22: Steve & Joey Sprague
- 29: Lois Niederhiser &
Landon Stitle

Child Safety Monitor

- 1: Mark Muckleroy
- 8: Carey Weingart
- 15: Brian Coffee
- 22: Mike Mincks
- 29: Carey Weingart

Yuke Jam Sunday School

- 1: Grace Williams
- 8: Tracie Stitle
- 15: Rich Yoder
- 22: Treva Miller
- 29: Troy & Shaunda Uphold

Worship Assistant

Chris Lydic

Lay Speaker

BJ Schrickel

Coach/Van Driver

Roy/ Al

Counters

Art Johanson &
Linda Henderson



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Coming Soon!

Don't forget to stock up now!

This is a great time of year for back-to-school bargains-pencils, crayons, socks, and t-shirts. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!

DUMC will be a collection site this year from November 18-November 25. Please see Pastor Matt if this is something you would like more information about volunteering for.

Women of God Bible Study



Summer is winding down and Fall just around the corner. Our Bible study will resume on September 3rd. We are women who want to know how to live in this world and make a difference for Christ by following His work and if it is your calling to learn likewise, please join in. This starts our 7th year of learning instructions from God's word for our lives as women and how to live in these trying times. We started with a few and are now at 11 women seeking to learn. We are studying Steadfast Love a study of Psalm 107 by Lauren Chandler. See Mary Kay Heverly if interested for monthly dates.

Blessings, Mary Kay Heverly



OPEN HOUSE: Jonathon Sprague and Brittany Nichols will be united in holy matrimony on September 14, 2019 in a small ceremony at Wing Foot Lake State Park. We were unable to invite everybody to the wedding but would love to invite all of you to our open house! We are so thankful that God has blessed us with this wonderful church family. All of the love and support that has been given over the years has made a huge difference in our lives. Please come celebrate with us as we begin our new life as husband and wife at Our Open House Luncheon on Sunday, September 15, 2019, after worship at DUMC.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6-8pm SALT	2 Labor Day– Office Closed	3 8:00am West Branch Ministerial Meeting 6:30pm Women of God @ the Heverly's 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	4 West Branch First Day 8:30am Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Choir Practice Begins	5 9:30am DWOF 7:00pm Church Bible Study 7:00pm Ruritan Board Meeting	6	7 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas
8 9 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship After Worship: Missions Meeting 6-8pm SALT	9 Preschool First Day 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting	10 PROPOSED BUDGETS DUE TO FINANCE 1:30pm-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	11 7:00pm Choir	12 7:00pm Church Bible Study 6:30pm Ruritan Zone Meeting	13	14 Jonny & Brittany's Wedding Day 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
15 9 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship After Worship Luncheon Open House to Celebrate Jonny & Brittany's Wedding 6-8pm SALT	16 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	17 1:30pm Clergy Consultation 6:30pm Women of God @ the Heverly's	18 8:00am Salvation Army Breakfast 7:00pm Choir	19 6:30pm Nominations Meeting 7:00pm Church Bible Study	20	21 DUMC Community Breakfast 7-10:30am 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
22 9 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship After Worship Soup & Salad Luncheon To Benefit Updated Computers 6-8pm SALT	23 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	24 Preschool Picture Day 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	25 Preschool Picture Day 12:00 Noon Lunch with Pastor Matt 7:00pm Choir	26 7:00pm Church Bible Study	27	28 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6-8pm SALT	30					