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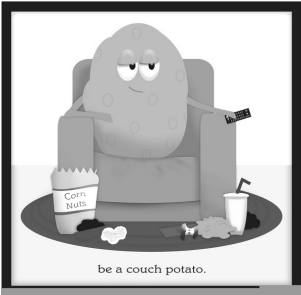
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“Damascus Doings”

March 2019

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





PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVES
March 2019

Greetings to One & All,
It has been awhile since our last newsletter the Jan/Feb. edition came out and a lot has happened, especially weather wise. I am very appreciative that many of you have expressed your appreciation for and the enjoyment that you receive from this newsletter. For myself I put together this article and pieces of another but Dina our "Administrative Assistant" puts in a great amount of effort to make it all come together so that we might have the information we receive. It is all very time consuming but enjoyable in that it allows us to be in touch, especially with our broader church family.

I hope you do not think that I am losing my marbles. My thoughts to you this month were sparked from the cartoon above. We have all heard the term "couch potato ". What we have pictured is a "couch potato Christian" in the sense that so many like their religion made easy. The question is most appropriate for several reasons. First of all as we enter into the season of Lent as of Ash Wednesday March 6th. Lent is that 6 week part of the year prior to Easter when we are called to examine our walk with Christ. When we examine our Christian walk it is good to do so in relation to the whole of our lives. There is no denying that we are busy people. We face the realities of a variety of things impinging upon our lives, work, school, family obligations, church, etc. Plain and simple a variety of things.

For many the season of Lent is a period in which sacrifice is stressed. Religious people are asked to sacrificially give up something that they really enjoy. In doing so they will have to struggle and have some discomfort in doing so. When we combine the sacrificial and self-examination aspects of Lent we are led to examine and if needed, sacrifice some aspect of our comfortable life styles for the greater cause of Jesus Christ.

A couple of last points, March 10th is the 1st Sunday in Lent also is when Daylight Savings Time begins (turn clocks Forward 1 hour). We lose an hour sleep but we gain an hour of daylight at the end of our day. Secondly Spring begins Wednesday March 20 and both speak to us about RENEWAL.

In springtime nature renews itself as the weather warms, the birds reappear, leaves and buds begin to pop out, and folks are seen once again tending, their gardens, yards, and fields. During Lent, God renews us by warming us by warming our spirit, bringing back the beauty of the spiritual journey which has turned gloomy..

Spiritual renewal is not something that can be forced. As often as there are those times when I wish I could tell you that you need to be in worship, and to read your Bible, to spend time in prayer, I cannot do that. It must begin in your heart. There are many aspects of the Christian life that can bring renewal or keep you strong spiritually. The many aspects of worship, the reading of scripture, the ministry of music, joining together of like-minded believers. In other words, a RENEWAL of our outlook on the continuing spiritual journey.

I hope and pray that as we move into Lent that these thoughts on spiritual self-examination, sacrifice and Renewal are useful to you. God Bless, Pastor Vernon



Souls After Living Truth News
March Events

March 1-3th Camp Asbury Youth Retreat (5th-12th grade welcome) Meet at the church at 5:45 pm Friday and be back around 3:15 pm on Sunday.

March 10 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

March 17 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

March 24 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

March 31 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

N	I	A	R	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	S	Y	D	H
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S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	S	A	D	V	L	A
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K	E	E	R	T	U	D	E	R	E	H	T	A	G	J
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U	Y	E	N	R	U	O	J	C	D	A	O	I	S	H
G	I	N	I	O	B	A	D	I	A	H	B	R	L	A
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More puzzles at:
biblewordgames.com

ABRAHAM	HUNDRED
AHAB	ISAAC
BAAL	ISRAEL
BLOOD	JEZEBEL
BROOK	JOURNEY
BULLOCK	KINGDOM
BURNT	KISHON
CARMEL	KNIVES
CAVE	LEAPED
CHILDREN	LORD
CLOUD	MOCKED
CUT	OBADIAH
DRESSED	PROPHETS
ELJAH	RAIN
ESCAPE	SACRIFICE
FORSAKEN	SERVANT
FOUR	SPIRIT
GATHERED	TRENCH
GROVES	WATER
COMMANDMENTS	
ANSWERETH	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

_____ Psalm 9

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Don Jones, No restrictions
Chris Lydic– new jobs: ESL Teacher and Marketing Agent
Tony– Monica’s Grandpa moved to rehabilitation
Ruth Bruderly– successful eye surgeries
Mary Imhoff (90 on March 13th)
Ruth Weaver returned to her apt. 2-16-19



Doug Jarvis– arm amputated in farm accident
Irene Morckel– healing after hip replacement
Al Murphy (Randy’s father)- hospice care
Becky Dickey– decision on living arrangements
Ed Little– revelation of medical issues
Kathy Tedrow– healing, fractured arm
Mary Imhoff– healing
Judy Davis– healing after surgery
Bradley Dettweiler– asthma issues
Norma Althouse– healing after a fall
Virginia Knepper– pneumonia
Joann Dobbs– healing after emergency surgery



Family of Marian– Al Lutz sister
Family of Sally– Colleen Martsolf’s niece
Family of Sam Orrick– Ray Heverly’s niece’s husband
Family of Doris Niederhiser
Family of Joe Wilson– Glen Wilson’s brother
Family of Jason (14 years old)
Family of Hope (13 years old)
Family of Don Behner

Thank you!

Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards during Christmas, birthday and hospitalization. I fell and fractured my right hip Nov.29 and had many complications. For some reason God has renewed my strength and I might get back to my room at Copeland next week. I know more certainly than ever that God is Great! His mercy endureth forever, even to 98 years. I hope to see my church family soon. Love to All, Ruth Weaver



DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL DO YOU KNOW?

We teach children about God!

We provide a Christian foundation for children and their families.

We have daily Bible stories, songs, prayers and praises.

We have a monthly Bible verse to learn.

We have a caring and loving staff that enjoys teaching the children Jesus loves them!

We provide assistance for families that cannot afford preschool.

We provide before and after school care for students enrolled in preschool.

We have a Special Preschool Sunday. We invite all of the preschooler to come and sing in church.

We have 2 Preschool Programs! (On Sunday afternoons)

A Christmas Celebration in December.

An End of the Year Program in May.

We have a Facebook page!

Visit our page: Damascus United Methodist Preschool and LIKE us.

We help out with church activities!

Collect ivory soap and wash cloths for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Collect boxes of macaroni and cheese for Acts 2 Ministry.

Collect items for Military boxes.

We send greetings to shut ins.

In order to keep our costs low we:

Hold a cookie dough and cheesecake fundraiser in the fall.

Hold a popcorn fundraiser in the spring.

Host a Winter Festival in January

Other fundraisers as needed to help with our budget.

Did you know YOU can help us!!!

PRAY FOR US!!!

Attend our programs and luncheons and welcome preschool families to our church.

Buy from any of our fundraisers or attend our luncheons.

Did you know YOU can donate to the preschool? Mark your offering envelope:

Preschool assistance. This helps families that have trouble with tuition costs.

Preschool Miscellaneous. This helps preschool with their operating costs.



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

6th ANNUAL DUMC “SOUP OR” CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, March 24, 2019 6:00 P.M.
FUN-FILLED NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR
ALL AGES!
**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE KIDS CAMP FUND



Tuesday March 5, 1:30-7:00pm: American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Damascus Women Of Faith

Women of Faith met Feb. 7 in the Church parlor with 10 ladies present. Hostess, Mary Kay Heverly served a delicious brunch of egg casserole "biscuits", blueberry bread, and beverages. She was assisted by Donna Lutz. Karen Palo gave the devotions, sharing the impact the Bible had on a teen-age girl and in turn, the impact she had on the lives of others. Karen presented each of us with a Valentine book mark, reminding us of the love of God for each of us. Mary Kay led the business meeting followed by our Bible Study led by Bette Schrickel. The study was entitled: CLAIMING GOD'S RESOURCES which was a lesson on prayer, and its importance in our Christian growth. Several shared thoughts about their own experiences with prayer and the results of prayer. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome. Jane Beck, secretary.



**Lay Servant Training
Spring 2019**

Friday March 29 (5:45pm– 9:30pm) Saturday March 30 (8:00am– 4:00pm)
Canfield UMC 27 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH. Register online at Eventbrite.com or
pick up a registration in the literature rack in the Narthex.



Library News

The two selections this month include: 1) THE SKY ABOVE US by Sarah Sundin-book two in the Sunrise at Normandy series. And 2) IN TIMES GONE BY by Tracie Peterson-book three in the Golden Gate Secrets series. In Christ, BJ and Gayla

From your Lay Leader ...

Significant Events

Good Morning, Afternoon or Evening! I am writing to you today on February 14th so Happy Valentines Day! Take a moment if you haven’t already to read about the history of Saint Valentine and Valentine’s Day. Valentine’s Day originally was a day set apart to remember a man who ministered to Christians in Rome and was martyred for doing so. Actually, there are several different stories on why Valentine’s Day was started but today we celebrate Love on this day. I can say without a doubt that I am the most blessed man on earth to have found my Valentine – Mrs. Dina Sprague. There is an old saying “Even a Blind Squirrel finds a nut sometimes”. As the blind squirrel in this scenario, I can say for certain God’s blessings are much more than I deserve. I like listening to sermons by Charles Swindoll. Today YouTube suggested a sermon in which Dr. Swindoll (or Chuck as he most certainly prefers) told a story about people who were born during significant times in history such as the time in 1809 when Napoleon was reigning, Abraham Lincoln was born. Which was more significant in the end? On February 18th we celebrated President’s day in honor of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Nobody celebrates Napoleon. On February 23rd – 26th The “United” Methodist Church will hold a Special General Conference. By now, we know the outcome. In 2000 years, will this news be significant? Recently there have been people born named Tristin and Lane and Marty and Leo and Alice and Ava and Ryder. Soon The Palo family will welcome two more. These are significant events. Will any of these children become famous leaders? Who knows? We do know that training a child in the way they should go is the most important thing any of us can do. Thank you to those who are training these.

Getting Back to Our Roots (Part 2)

This is the second in a series that we started last month. If you missed the article in January, you might want to go back and read the second part of it. Go ahead I’ll wait while you refresh... Oh great you’re back! Let’s dive in by taking a look at the first suggestion – What programs do we need to start or expand? The first and most important thing we need to keep in mind when looking at changes to consider is to be true to God’s Word, The Holy Bible. There are plenty of “Mega Churches” out there that we might want to look to and see what makes them seem so successful (in terms of attendance). OK seems reasonable, that’s what we often do in business – emulate more successful businesses in our field. Here’s the problem though. Church is not a business per se. Church is a place for us to commune with God as a congregation. Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Whatever we do in church MUST be done in His name. There are many mega churches that have great stages with no sign of a symbol of Christ. The sound and video effects are awesome but if we crave great music and theatrics over Christ then we should go to the movies instead. Do we need to bring a fancy message? When the prophet Jonah was told by God to go to Nineveh to tell of their impending doom, Jonah did not want to preach this message. It’s not that Jonah had a better idea – a program to convey the message in a way that would have greater impact and reach Nineveh in a new and powerful way. No. Jonah had faith that if he went to Nineveh and told the message he had been given in the specific way that God had intended that it would work. He knew that the people of Nineveh would repent and God would spare them from destruction. In fact, that is why he did not want to go. We all know the story because of the epic chase that ended with God having Jonah swallowed by a great fish in order to persuade him to do the right thing, but what about the message. Why was it so effective? Well it was pure, straight from God and untampered by the messenger. When the original apostles of Jesus Christ our Lord, went out to the world to proclaim the Good News that they were commissioned to give, they were wildly successful. More people gave their lives to follow Jesus than any time since. Of course, they themselves were all martyred but that did not stop the growth of the church. They did not have special programs and fancy stages. In fact, they did not have special buildings. They met mostly in houses for the first 250 years. When they met, these meetings went on for hours on end. Acts 20:7 “On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord’s Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight.” Am I that committed to Jesus? Or do I dwell on the pettier things? Psalm 139:23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **Steven Sprague – Lay Leader**



March Birthdays

1: Haley Santee
2: Larry Huston
6: Tim Citino
8: Bev Karlen, Makayla
Landon, Terrie Rohrer,
Colton Weingart
9: Sean Muckleroy
10: Charlene Henderson
12: Jane Beck, Helen
Mincks, James Mincks
13: Mary Imhoff
14: Larry Battles, Lleyton
Uphold
17: Cole Phillips
18: Mary Kay Heverly
20: Dick Elsner
22: Nancy Cadile, Dakota
Murphy
23: Claudia Criss, Colleen
Martsolf
24: Jerry Menough
25: Bette Schrickel
26: Angela Linder
28: Marge Zeigler

Anniversaries

17: Jerry & Jane Menough
26: Dick & Karen Elsner

Nursery/Wee Worship

3: Jamie Weingart &
Emily Tedrow
10: Shaunda Uphold &
Lleyton Uphold
17: Karen Palo &
Shaylee Muckleroy
24: Barb Heverly &
Abby Heverly
31: Jamie Weingart &
Haley Close

Jr. Church

3: Lois Niederhiser &
Landon Stittle
10: Troy Uphold &
Andrew Coffee
17: Steve Sprague &
Joey Sprague
24: Olivia Sowers &
Katie Tedrow
31: Lois Niederhiser &
Sam Plocher

Child Safety Monitor

3: Carey Weingart
10: Brian Coffee
17: Mark Muckleroy
24: Mike Mincks
31: Carey Weingart

Yuke Jam Sunday School

3: Treva Miller
10: Karen Palo & Ed Little
17: Olivia Sowers
24: Troy & Shaunda Uphold
31: Carolyn Caldwell

Worship Assistant
Steve Sprague

Lay Speaker
Chris Lydic

Coach/Van Driver
Roy Johnson
Helper: Art Johanson

Counters
Carol Flickinger &
Art Johanson

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

MEN'S RALLY

IN THE VALLEY

An Anchor In The Storm!

April 27, 2019

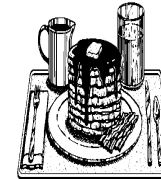


Speakers: Michael Vick, Duffy Roberts, Kyle Snyder, Ken Ham, Dimas Salaberrias



Music by: Mark Schultz

This is a FREE event.



Monthly Community Breakfast

Damascus Methodist Church
300 Valley Rd. Damascus, OH
Proceeds Benefit Summer 2019 Mission Trip

Saturday March 16th

7-10:30AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes and Toast
All Made to order just for YOU!

\$5.00 - Adult \$3.00 - 10 and under



FLY BY CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 4:00 P.M. UNTIL SOLD OUT

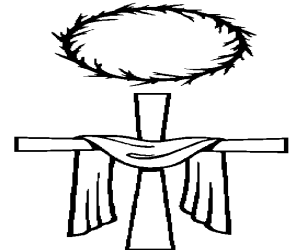
Drive on thru to pick up your delicious chicken and noodle dinner on Saturday, March 9. Dinners are available from 4:00 p.m. until sold out. This dinner is carry-out only. Dinners will include: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Suggested donation is \$7.00. ALL proceeds will benefit the various needs of the orphanages that will be visited by our Ukraine mission team.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	4 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	5 1:30pm– 7:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00pm– 4:00pm Homework Club	6 Ash Wednesday 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Choir	7 9:30 am DWO 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Church Bible Study 7:00 pm. Ruritan Board	1 World Day of Prayer 8	2 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home 9 Fly By Chicken Dinner 4pm– ? 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	11	12 2:00pm– 4:00pm Homework Club	13 No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:00 pm Choir	14 6:30 pm Ruritans 6:30 pm Church Bible Study	15	16 7-10:30 am DUMC Community Breakfast 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	18 6:30pm Church Council	19 2:00pm– 4:00pm Homework Club	20 7:00 pm Choir	21 6:30 pm Church Bible Study	22	23 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
24 Preschool Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 Worship 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT 6:00pm Chili Cook Off	25 7:00pm Trustees	26 2:00pm– 4:00pm Homework Club	27 12:00 Lunch with the Palo's 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study	29 5:45– 9:30pm Lay Servant Training Canfield UMC	30 8:00am– 4:00pm Lay Servant Training Canfield UMC 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
31 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship Missionaries: Scott & Kathy Murphy 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT						