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“Damascus Doings”

MAY 2019

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

Happy Mother's Day



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

May 2019



April Showers bring May flowers, at least that is how the saying goes. What is the real meaning/ Message? Do you think it is saying that if you are willing to endure the rain and the cloudy gloomy days of April, we will come to know the full beauty of nature in May?

Our Christian lives reflect nature at times. There are those long, cold, dark periods, when God and His love seem so very far away. There are also those periods when we do not understand and Jesus Christ looked to his Father in heaven for strength for what he must endure. Should we do any less? This was the dark gloomy period for Jesus, a period he may have liked to avoid. As he prayed at the Mt. of Olives, right after his arrest, he said to his Father in heaven, "If thou be willing, remove this cup from me, not my will, but thine be done." Jesus knew that he was sent for a reason. John 17:4 tells us that it was his task to glorify his Father in heaven. Each of us when we take Jesus into our lives and more exactly into our hearts- have that same task- and that is to glorify the Father.

This is often not an easy task for any of us. It began with Christ our prime example. It is meant to be carried on with and through every spiritual leader. I pray I have modeled Christ in some way at some time for you. Christ "in you" is meant to continue on in you as you share the love and the example of His life as it has touched upon your life. I have never known anyone personally who has ever had to endure personally what Jesus was called upon to endure. So to me it seems less of a task to say, "Not my will, but thy will be done." Crucifixion is not before any of us.

Twenty-seven years ago I sat with my first District Superintendent and described what I thought would be one of my greatest shortcomings or areas of concerns. It was that of taking on the emotions of those I am with. Some of you have seen the full me: if you have ever had a loved one slowly slip away or to be snatched away, if I have baptized your small child, or officiated at your wedding. It was not long into ministry that I soon learned, that which I thought was a shortcoming was one of my greatest strengths. Over 25 years ago I reversed my thinking about how I look at the trait of connecting with ones emotions. I learned that people of God would rather know that their pastor cares and shares and sheds tears and laughter than to be stone cold to the life happenings of those in his or her congregation. We question God. The Scriptures tell us that if we will wait upon the Lord, we will be lifted up.

I will always remember the Sunday that Carolyn Caldwell shared of my upcoming move. There was some of what I expected, but yet more that of pain in the eyes of those in attendance, those who could not speak until later on. At times love hurts. This morning I was asked how many years I served at previous church charges? And then, why not as long here? I have no answer. When I finally said, "YES" to God roughly 29 years ago, I did so stepping out in faith, without a lot of answers. I did not even ask the questions. It was with, and still is with, a faith that my/our God will provide. I told my first D.S. that I would live in a shack if God asked me to and many times over He has provided for my family and me well beyond a shack. I/we understand that it's hard letting a pastor go-because for us -in reverse- it is equally hard in our letting go of you. BUT, if I am to be obedient to the Father I must answer the call to go. More than taking vows to be itinerant to a denomination, I made a solemn vow to be God's first and foremost servant. God choose me for this vocation called ministry, I did not choose it. I was not equipped, but He equipped me. I am His and He is mine. Please know that Karen and I have felt blessed by our time at Damascus. We hope and pray you have been blessed by our time here as well.



Souls After Living Truth News

May Events

May 5 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

May 12 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

May 19 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)

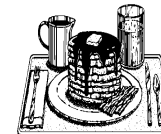
May 26 SALT 6-8 pm (6th-12th Grade)



2019 Summer Mission Trip June 30th – July 6th

Our group is rapidly planning to make this year more special than ever. Our final destination is Camden, NY. We will be working with the Cluster 13 Ministries in that city about performing an outreach in their area. They are very excited to have us. This year's trip cost is \$125.00 per person. All participants must have worked in 7 or more fundraisers. Stay tuned for more details and fundraisers! We are blessed this year to have several people from the Middle Sandy Presbyterian Church in Homeworth for the 6th year. We have a few very important meeting coming up in the very near future. PLEASE mark your calendars. Your trip fees are due now. What a blessing!

Monthly Community Breakfast



Proceeds Benefit Summer 2019 Mission Trip

Saturday May 18

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

"STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Dettweiler Family thanks the church's Handy Man Ministry Team, for upgrade in their kitchen.

Dick & Karen Elsner, both back home after being hit hard with a virus. Quarantine has been lifted from Crandall

Martha Wilson, mom of Jean Phillips & Harold Wilson; recovering at Auburn following severe fall at home

The ministry of Scott & Kathy Murphy-Spain & parts Europe; with us 3/31
Shelia Lucas; Lord's healing touch



That a new Christian Education Director might step forward or be found.

Those serving in the military, families, veterans

Ron Pumphry, homebound, strength

Sally Wilson, multiple health conditions

Jack Ramsey, continued healing & strength

Mary Imhoff, therapy @ Crandall

Lois Greenamyre, strength & recovery @ Crandall

One recently diagnosed with dementia

Wanda Sterner, recent surgery

Dina Sprague, surgery 4/16/19 off work 4 weeks

Cathy, Tracie Stittle's mom- Lymphoma

Martha Wilson, healing & strength

Lee Steer leg Surgery 4/9 another yet to come

Linda Moulin, more stents placed

Our college students finishing up

Erica Johnson, upcoming surgery

Mary Jane, colon surgery 4/19

un-named teen

Jim Keener, neighbor to Lydic's-Hospice Care

Upcoming Mission Trips

Bill Humphrey's Heart Issues

All Pastors and churches in transition

Rev. Vernon & Karen Palo as they transition to Mt. Pleasant, Carrollton

Pastor Matt Wilson & Family as they transition to Damascus UMC



Angela Altenhof & Dean Hornbeck were married April 13, 2019.

Congratulations and best wishes can be sent to:

Dean & Angela and Dean Tyler

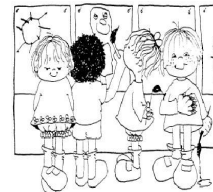
108 Carolina Ave.

East Liverpool, OH 43920

As we all know Mother's Day is quickly approaching, and a phrase we frequently hear is that there is nothing greater than a "Mother's Love". I would have to say that is close to being accurate, but there is one thing that is greater and that is the LOVE of our Father in heaven for us. I believe there is nothing greater. There is nothing more powerful than God's love from which we can draw strength. Please remember that, in our walk with Christ, on the dark days, God sends the raindrops as assurance of a beautiful tomorrow.

Romans 12:2 says "Do not conform any longer to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.". Walk with God, talk with God, live your life for God, one day at a time, trusting that He is carrying you and holding you even in the showers and especially the storms.

Love,
Pastor & Karen Palo



Preschool News

Greetings from Preschool

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

Wow! It is hard to believe another year is coming to a close. We are continuing enrollment for our 2019-20 school year. If you know of someone who might be interested in our program, please let me know and I will be happy to contact them. Also if you have a place to display one of our flyers or one of our yard signs, please let me know and I will get you one.

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support this year! Many of you attended our programs, helped at the parent meeting, served food, or bought from our fundraisers. We appreciate all you do for us.

Our End of the Year Program will be on Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 P.M. We have been growing and learning all year. Now it's time to show what we have learned. We hope to see YOU at our program. A picnic supper will follow.

Continue to pray for our Preschool. May we always seek God's will.

Many Blessings,
Andrea, Michelle, Amy, Hannah & Linda



Damascus Women Of Faith

The Damascus Women of Faith met Thursday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.

This will be the last monthly meeting until September. Donna Lutz and Mary Kay Heverly served a delicious brunch of fruit salad, sweet rolls, bread, and beverages. Devotions were given by Treva Miller, sharing thoughts about the meaning of the cross and resurrection taken from the devotionals: “God of Eventide” and “He is Risen.” President, Mary Kay Heverly, led the business meeting and also led an inspiring and informative lesson on the various women in the Gospels who interacted with Jesus in many ways.

All women and girls are invited to join us for a banquet (at no cost to you) on Sunday, May 5, following Worship. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

Jane Beck, Secretary.



All Church Work Day

May 11, 2019

8:00 am

There will be an All Church Work Day May 11, at 8:00am. Please mark your calendar and plan to come and help spruce up the church.



The Copeland Oaks Chorale Spring Concert

May 17, 2019

7:00pm

The Copeland Oaks Chorale Spring Concert will be held on Friday, May 17, at 7:00pm in Murphy Auditorium. Everyone is welcome.



National Day of Prayer Gathering

Thursday May 2, 2019 12:00pm

The National Day of Prayer. **Love One Another!**

John 13:34: which says, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.”

Join us at the corner of State & Lincoln, Salem
(on the Village Green).



MEMORIAL WEEKEND SUNDAY

MAY 26, 2019

WHAT HEROES GAVE

Each donned their uniform to be
Defenders of our liberty
Their mission sure, their spirits bright
Guard freedom's home, be brave to fight

One final day each faced their call
Each gave their best enduring all
We'll never know what they went through
But know they loved this country true

Deep down inside we should all feel
What heroes gave, their cost so real
We must stay thankful, grateful of
The gift of freedom through their love

Their loved ones bore the gravest pain
What we can't know, some now sustain
To God I pray their pain will cease
And each will find long-lasting peace

Remember this from year to year
What heroes gave—shan't disappear
We'll never let their special day
Their time for honor slip away

These brave fought for a nation free
If not for them, where would we be?

2001 Roger j. Robicheau (Sp 5, US Army) The Poetic Plumber

We would like to remember our church's service personnel. If you have a photo, please get one to George or the church office by May 19. Email: gazeigler@gmail.com or give him a photo with your service member's information (branch, rank etc.) Please put your name on the photo so it can be returned.



May Birthdays

- 1: Courtney Wilson
- 3: Sean Santee
- 6: Garrett Grimm
Lane Loving
- 11: Mary Baab
Adam Niederhiser
- 12: Karen Elsner
Gayla Houshour
William Prendergast
- 13: Tristan Beagle
Donny Heverly
Todd Plocher
- 15: Toy Heverly
- 16: Elise Buttermore
Tracie Stittle
- 17: JD Rohrer
Harold Wilson
- 18: Bill Williams
- 21: April Dettweiler
- 22: Courtney Papic
Brent Phillips
- 24: Randy Murphy
Shaunda Uphold
- 26: Becky Huston
- 28: Ben Heverly
- 29: Angela Altenhof
Kealie Grimm
- 31: Louise Lautzenheiser

Anniversaries

- 15: George & Marge
Zeigler
- 27: Bill & Gayla Houshour

Nursery/Wee Worship

- 5: Shaunda Uphold &
Lleyton Uphold
- 12: Jamie Weingart &
Emily Tedrow
- 19: Karen Palo &
Shaylee Muckleroy
- 26: Barb Heverly &
Abby Heverly

Jr. Church

- 5: Troy Uphold &
Andrew Coffee
- 12: Steve Sprague &
Joey Sprague
- 19: Olivia Sowers &
Katie Tedrow
- 26: Lois Niederhiser &
Landon Stittle

Child Safety Monitor

- 5: Brian Coffee
- 12: Carey Weingart
- 19: Mark Muckleroy
- 26: Mike Mincks

Yuke Jam Sunday School

- 5: Karen Palo
- 12: Olivia Sowers
- 19: Troy & Shaunda
- 26: Grace Williams

Worship Assistant

Mary Kay Heverly

Lay Speaker

Steve Sprague

Coach/Van Driver

Carl Phillips
Helper: Al Lutz

Counters

Kathy Knoedler &
Carol Flickinger

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



Ryan Johnson Memorial 5K Run/ Walk
Saturday May 12, 2018

West Branch High School
14277 Main Street
Beloit, OH 44609

www.RyanJohnson5k.com

Race Time: 9:00am

Online registration available at: secondsoleohio.com or mail or drop off applications and
registration fee to:

Bonfert Glass Co. Inc.
30 S. Union Avenue
Alliance, OH
330-823-0450

West Branch High School
14277 Main Street
Beloit, OH 44609

Applications are also accepted day of event up to 1/2 hour before 5K run.
Race Fee: \$18 Pre-Registered (by May 1, 2019) \$20 Day of Race

Make checks payable to: Ryan Johnson 5K Memorial Run



Children's Education Director

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is looking to hire a Christian Education Director. For more information, interested individuals may contact SPRC Chair, Carolyn Caldwell or Rev. Palo. Or if you know of someone who may have the gifts and talents of working with our children please let us know.



Congratulations 2019 Graduates

We would like to honor our high school and college graduates in church and in the June newsletter. Names and information (regarding activities, honors, future plans, etc.) can be given to Donna Lutz if you would like to be included.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Choir	2 6:30 pm Church Bible Study 7:00 pm. Ruritan Board	3	4 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
5 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship After Worship— Women/Girls Banquet 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	6 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	7 ELECTION DAY 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	8 6:00pm PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Choir	9 6:30 pm Ruritans 6:30 pm Church Bible Study	10	11 8:00am All Church Work Day 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
12 Happy Mother's Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	13	14 1:30pm— 7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	15 8:00 am Salvation Army Breakfast 7:00 pm Choir	16 6:30 pm Church Bible Study	17	18 9:00am Ryan's Run 7-10:30 am DUMC Community Breakfast 9:30am— 12:30pm Transition Work Shop North Canton Grace— All Church Leaders 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
19 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT After Worship-Palo Farewell Party 4:00 pm Preschool End of Year Program	20 6:30pm Church Council	21	22 12:00 Lunch with the Palo's 7:00 p.m. Choir	23 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study	24 Preschool- Last Day	25 7:00pm Bible Study at the Lucas Home
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:10 am Worship 6:00pm— 8:00pm SALT	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 7:00pm Trustees	29 7:00 p.m. Choir	30 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study	31	