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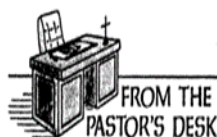
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# “Damascus Doings”

May 2021

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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVES

May 2021



As Spring has sprung and the world around us changes the grass turns green, flowers bloom, and we emerge from our homes to take in the wonder of God's creation watching the daily change is inspirational. How we spring forward in faith, answering God's call is just as exciting and inspirational. Planting seeds, flowers, and vegetables brings an inner pleasure to your mind and a joy to the heart when the planting is done. Knowing that in time you will reap the fruits of your labor and nourishment to your body.

Using your gifts for the Lord also bears fruit. However, the benefits that you reap are many times greater. As we return to worship and restart our mission work that has been on hold for a year. There is a feeling of excitement and newness again and it is time to sow our spiritual gifts in our garden. To connect with old friends and explore ways to reach out and touch people in need once again. To fellowship and catch up on what has been missed because our old life style was put on hold.

I take this time to suggest that you spend time thinking, pondering, and reflecting on what was and what can be. This is a time of new opportunity to grow, change, and renew your commitment to serving the Lord. Read Galatians 5 let the scripture reach out and touch you. Feel the message about the fruits of the Spirit that you will receive when you live by verse **14 - For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."** Allow yourself to fully feel, accept and realize the message of reward in these verses:

**<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

We all have accepted Jesus as our Lord take time to give thanks for your gifts, use your gifts, and allow the Holy Spirit to work within you every day. Blessing to you and go out and enjoy the majesty of God's creation see, hear, and feel the bountiful blessing that spring brings into each of our lives.

Your Partner in Christ

Pastor Frank (330) 212-0275

Office Hours: Monday 4-7pm, Tuesday 10am-12pm, Wednesday 2pm-4pm, Thursday 9am- 11am



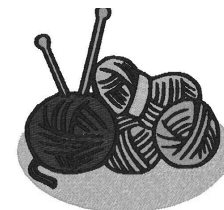
## Souls After Living Truth News

### April Events

Hello from S.A.L.T. (Souls After Living Truth), the DUMC youth:

Have you ever heard the story of the apostle Peter walking on water? It's found in Matthew 14:22-32, and it pops up sometimes in sermons and devotionals. When discussing the account, folks often focus on the negative. "Peter messed up!" they exclaim, and proceed to emphasize his doubt, his fear, his sinking feet, his failure to make it all the way to where Jesus stood on the lake. But the fact remains that Peter was the only disciple to make the attempt. For all we know, he was the only one to even recognize the opportunity! As a fisherman, Peter no doubt thoroughly understood the threat posed by strong winds, high waves, and deep currents. But he got out of the boat anyway. How did he manage it? Where did his courage come from? I believe the seed of that courage first sprouted when he refused to focus on the familiar – the boat, and his friends surrounding him in it. He refused to settle for what he'd known or even give it his attention. Instead, fixing his gaze on his Lord, Peter's faith budded and blossomed – faith to believe for the impossible, to go somewhere new, to take that first step over the bow and onto the water, to let go of the gunwhale and stride toward Jesus, to keep moving forward despite the fierceness of the storm. And even when Peter lost focus and started to sink, he stretched out his hand toward Jesus, not the boat. That, too, took faith, and Scripture shows it wasn't misplaced! Jesus reached out and caught him. Perhaps it's also true to say that Peter caught *Jesus*, because I think it was the desire for closeness with his Lord that drove the brave disciple to step out of the boat that night. If faith explains the "how", then passionate love explains the "why." Peter saw a chance for a special moment with Jesus and determined to pursue it wholeheartedly! And, in the end, despite an imperfect attempt, Peter got what he wanted! To me, that sounds far more like success than failure. How about you? Have you been looking for opportunities to move closer to Christ? When you see your chance for a moment with Him, will you pursue it with Peter's courage and passion?

Blessings,  
Phil



## **"Yarn For Christ"**

I am planning a group for knitters and crocheters and those wanting to learn called "Yarn For Christ". Projects will be donated to a variety of facilities. I plan to hold meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30pm–4:30pm. If you are homebound and unable to attend meeting, project directions will be provided.

Please call Abby Heverly for details (234)567-0299.

## "STEWARDSHIP PAGE"



Congratulations to Scottie Muckleroy on the purchase of his first home

Congratulations to Hannah Sprague on her summer job as a surgical assistant at Angels for Animals

Nancy Walter– home, improving

Becky Wilson– improving

Dorothy Walther– improving



Sheila Lucas– continued healing

Marge Zeigler– vertigo

Joanne Dobbs– surgery 4/30

Jim Bruderly– cancer

Ruth Bruberly– prayers of comfort

Jenn Zeigler– prayers for the Lord’s guidance

Patricia Palmer– thyroid cancer

Dominica Rose– brain tumor, symptoms of a stroke

Steve Sprague– bone marrow biopsy 4/29



Family of Nick Shannon

Family of Stefan Guy

Family of Doris Stille



## **DAMASCUS UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL Greetings from Preschool**

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

Wow! It’s hard to believe our school year is coming to a close. It was nice to be back in the classroom for the entire year.

We are looking forward to having our pets visit us in May. We are busy working on an End of the Year Celebration. We will be doing 3 mini programs. We won’t be having our traditional family picnic. We would like to give families a small snack as they leave. If you would like to donate water bottles, juice boxes or prepackaged snack size treat bags (pretzels, chips, crackers, etc.) there are donation boxes in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations. If you have any questions please contact Andrea or any PAC member.

As we conclude our school year, we are busy preparing for 2021-22. If you know of someone that might be interested please let me know. God always blesses us with a great group of students. Please pray for our students, both current and future, their families, and our staff.

Many Blessings,  
Andrea, Amy, Phil, Abby & Courtney



### **Ryan Johnson Memorial 5K Run/ Walk Saturday May 8, 2021**

West Branch High School

14277 Main Street

Beloit, OH 44609

Race Time: 9:00am

Online registration available at: [secondsoleohio.com](https://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



## Children's Ministry Announcement

We held a Family night April 18<sup>th</sup> with a Ventriloquist named Daniel Jay. The kids laughed and smiled the whole hour. There are pictures from the night on the website and Facebook page (the link is on the website) if you would like to

check those out.

May 1st will be our next Work Credit Day for those who are trying to build their three credits for the DUMC Scholarship. We will be at the church. Parents must be present with children. In order to receive the credit, volunteers will need to work 2 of the 4 hours provided. 9am-1pm.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is another chance to receive a work credit. We will be meeting at the Pearce House in Damascus to do some community service. Parents are to be present with children. I will provide the time on our website and Facebook page.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Will be a great opportunity to Earn 2 work credits! This is the Church Work Day and the cleaning Party begins at 8am! Parents must be present with children.

If there are any questions, let me know!

Children's Ministry Director  
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## All Church Work Day May 22, 8:00am

Miscellaneous projects inside and out please come and help.



From your Lay Leader ...

**Count it All Joy!**  
**May 2021**

Some Biblical principles are harder to rationalize than others. **James 1:2-4 Dear brothers and sisters, [a] when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing...**

There is an old axiom that says, "when it rains it pours." Lately it seems we have had quite the monsoon season. It's times like these that we wonder why. Or maybe why is the wrong question maybe we don't need to know why maybe we need to know who is in control. It's in times like these that we need to trust our Lord and savior it's times like these that we need to realize that we should be honored to know that God is trusting us to go through trials. In addition to your regular devotional reading this month, consider reading the book of Job. We all have to admit that we do not know what is actually going on in the spiritual realm. Just as God trusted Job to keep trusting Him in the midst of struggle, He is now trusting us. It is in the midst of pain and suffering either of our own or those that are close to us that we need to remember that every test is designed to strengthen us. The things you have gone through are unique. No other person out of the seven billion on earth has your ability to sympathize and understand when you come across someone going through something similar to whatever you have been through. Joel Osteen says that God offers all joy and peace and He exists for that very reason. Christians know better. Life is not always a bowl of your favorite ice cream with sprinkles on top. When it is not, you can be assured that God has not abandoned you and it is up to us not to abandon Him. Your faith can be strengthened through the suffering. Also, know this: God's plan for you, dear Christian, does not end at the grave. Even if all on earth is lost including your earthly life, Heaven awaits. A place with no pain, no sadness, no trouble of any kind and unspeakable joy from living in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Counting it all joy that we have struggle does not mean that the struggle itself is joyful but it does mean that we can be joyful in the fact that we are being tested and strengthened by our creator. So, let's count our blessings this rainy season and count the rain itself as a blessing as well. Amen?

**Steven Sprague – Lay Leader**  
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**cell 216-789-4650**



May Birthdays

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



May Anniversaries

- 26: Pastor Frank & Lin Zugaro  
27: Bill & Gayla Houshour  
Jack & Linda Henderson



Worship Assistant

Chris Lydic

Liturgist

Dina Sprague

Counters

Gary Mercer,  
Art Johanson  
&  
Kathy Knoedler

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



It is with great pleasure that your Staff Parish Relations Committee announces that Bishop Malone has assigned Pastor Frank and Lin to our church. We are pleased to have a Bible teaching pastor and one who has a deep desire to become a part of our church family and the community. We look forward to a time when we can have a church luncheon to formally welcome Pastor Frank and Lin. In the mean time, get to know our pastor. He has hours posted on his office door when he is in the office or you can call him on his cell. His office hours and cell number are posted in the bulletins and newsletters. Pastor Frank looks forward to getting to know each one of you. Help us to welcome the Franks with your kindness and love as the DUMC family knows how to do.

SPR is pleased to announce that God has brought one of our church family members to accept the open custodian position. Effective May 1st, Holly Morrow will become our church custodian. When you see Holly, thank her for using her God gifted talents for taking care of God's house. We are blessed to have Holly and her family in our house of the Lord. Thank you Holly and may God bless you. Also, thank you to all of God's children who stepped up and took care of the church over the last couple of months. There have been many who just stepped forward and did what needed to be done and much more! We are a blessed church and church family working together to do Jesus's work.

Carolyn Caldwell - SPR Chair



We are planning to collect an **item a month** so that next November we will have a wide variety of beautiful items! **May items** are scissors, toothbrushes & nail clippers.



ENDOWMENT REQUESTS

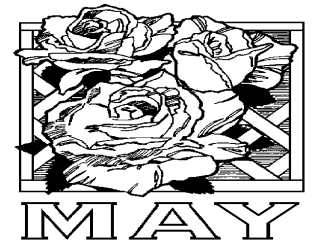
Updated forms are located in the work room in the Endowment mail slot. Return completed requests to the mail slot or to Gary Mercer by May 10th.



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Sunday

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<b>2</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 7:00pm– Talk with the Pastor 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	<b>3</b> 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:30pm– 4:30pm Yarn for Christ	<b>6</b> 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9am Ryan Johnson Memorial Run/ Walk
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 7:00pm– Talk with the Pastor 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:30pm– 7:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>12</b> 3:30pm– 4:30pm Yarn for Christ 6:30pm PAC Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Children's Work Credit Day at the Pearce House Time: TBD
<b>16</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Worship 7:00pm Talk with the Pastor 6:00pm– 8:00pm SALT	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Church Council	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting	<b>19</b> 3:30pm– 4:30pm Yarn for Christ	<b>20</b> 9:30am TOPS 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00am All Church Work Day
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