



THE BEACON



Easter at DUMC

We celebrated Easter Sunday at DUMC with two services: a Sunrise Service in the cemetery, and a 9am service in the sanctuary.

People were gathered in the cemetery at 6:45am for a service of hymns, communion, and a special presentation from the Confirmation Class of 2024

Back in the sanctuary, a team was already setting up for a glorious service. The bulletins were printed, the festive lilies prepared, and the children's choir robes set. The pews were filled with people ready to worship on Easter morning!

He is Risen!



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LIST OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

3/29/24

1. Advocates for the Homeless
2. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
3. Calvary U.M. Church Diaper Ministry/UMCOR – collecting diapers/wipes and distributing during the Fair
4. Carroll County Bureau of Aging & Disability
5. Carroll County Health Dept. – Narcan distribution, STI information, HIV testing, Hepatitis testing, breast self exam info., Covid and Flu Vaccines
6. Carroll Hospice – Bridging Life
7. Carroll Lutheran Village
8. Dr. Christian Smith, Internal Medicine – glucose and vision screening, BP checks
9. Elder Law Attorney, Tim Barkley, Esq.
10. Four County Lions Club
11. Frederick County Division of Aging and Independence
12. Frederick County Office of Children and Family Services
13. Frederick Housing and Human Services
14. HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM)
15. Health Unlimited
16. Heartly House
17. Human Services Program of Carroll County – Shelter & Housing Services, utilities assistance, family support and financial education
18. Infinite Legacy
19. Jen Acupuncture
20. Kiwanis Club of Mt. Airy
21. Lactation Room – women’s health
22. Lions Club of Mount Airy
23. Love for Lochlin – preventing, educating, and driving awareness to the deadly impacts of infectious diseases
24. Mt. Airy Commission on Aging and Livability
25. Mt. Airy Disaster Relief
26. Mt. Airy Net – collecting non-perishable donations
27. Mt. Airy Police Department
28. Mt. Airy Veterans of Foreign Wars
29. Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company
30. National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)
31. NovaCare Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy
32. On Our Own of Carroll County
33. Pharmacist, Karen McCann – bring your medications and she will review drug interactions and how they should be taken
34. Rotary Club of Mt. Airy
35. SNAP Fitness
36. Sports Clips Haircuts
37. The Compassionate Friends – international support group for parents who have lost a child

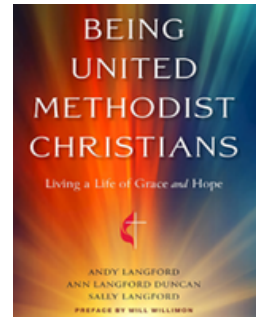
Information only:

Mental Health Association Walk-In Crisis Care Center

National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) - /Be The Match

CPR Class Information and Sign-Up

What's Happening?



Sundays Nights: Methodist Living Book Study

All are invited to join Rev. Helen Ballew, Rev. Jim Miller (senior pastor of Grace UMC), and the congregation of Grace UMC to explore what it means to be a United Methodist today.

Whether you are a long-time United Methodist or brand-new to Methodism, please join us for this guided conversation based on the new book by Andy Langford: *Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope*.

We will meet on **Wednesday evenings** for six weeks, **starting April 10th**. Sessions run from **6:30pm-7:30pm on ZOOM**. Join one, or attend all six. To participate, go to the Grace UMC website at www.graceumc.org and click on the red "button" that says "Church ZOOM Link" - or enter this address into your browser:

<https://graceumc.org/wednesday-evenings-with-grace/>

Questions?

Contact Rev. Helen Ballew at 301-661-1149 or helen.ballew@damascusumc.org



Kinship Singers: Paths We Travel Home April 6th

Date: Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 7 pm

Location: Damascus United Methodist Church

Polly Baldrige, Creative Director and Founder
Micah Tsoi, Collaborative Pianist

An uplifting journey of song into the places we call home.

Kinship Singers is a musically diverse group of 45+ local singers who gather to tune their voices and build community. Our inaugural program honors the paths of people, past and present, who call our local area home and explores larger themes of finding home.

Tickets: \$25 /children under 10 included with adult ticket
Tickets available at the door (Venmo, cash, check)

KINSHIP
SINGERS

What's Happening?

Upcoming Ladies Outings

April 7th: Lunch Out & Free Concert (Frederick)

Noon at Firebirds, 5201 Buckeystown Pike in Frederick

Concert at 3pm, Calvary UMC, 131 W. 2nd St., Frederick

Come have a great lunch at noon after church & sunday school

There is also a free concert at 3pm featuring voice, flute & piano

All ladies welcome. RSVP to Sandra Malley at 301-518-2220 by 4/5



May 9th: Ladies Night Out Thursday @ 6pm (Clarksburg)

Clark's Lodge (former location of Grill Marx)

12011 Snowden Farm Pkwy.

Explore this new restaurant that will transport you to a mountain ski lodge.

Come enjoy a new place and meet friends new and old!

All ladies welcome. Separate Checks.

RSVP to Sandra Malley at 301-518-2220 by 5/7

June 13th: Ladies Night Out Thursday @ 6pm (Mt. Airy)

Carter Que

1310 Main Street

Enjoy fantastic B-B-Q and fellowship

RSVP by June 11th to Sandra Malley at 301-518-2220

What's Happening?

Annual Plant Sale supporting DUMC Missions

A green poster for the 2024 Damascus UMC Plant Sale. The top half is solid green with white text and a white leaf illustration on the left. The bottom half features a circular inset image of a field of colorful flowers (pink, red, purple, white). A white circular callout with green text is overlaid on the bottom right of the flower image. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and a website link, all in white on the green background.

2024
**Damascus UMC
PLANT SALE**

FLOWERS • VEGGIES • HERBS
HANGING BASKETS

Located in church pavilion

**Saturday, April 27th-
Tuesday, May 7th**

SUPPORT
DUMC
MISSIONS

 Damascus United Methodist Church
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 www.damascusumc.org

Dear Church Family,

The annual Missions Plant Sale is coming soon! This is the main fundraiser for DUMC's Missions, near and far. It's also a community outreach because we have so many repeat customers.

Please sign up for a slot or two to help during the sale. Many helpers are needed.

You could team up with a friend to cover a shift, if needed.

Contact me at gabriellehulcher@gmail.com for more information.

Many thanks for your support!

[Sign-Up Linked here](#)

Blood Drive May 3rd



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive **Damascus United Methodist Church and Damascus Lions Club**

Dining Hall
9700 New Church Street
Damascus, MD 20872

Friday, May 3, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: "DamascusUMCMD" or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your life-saving donation!

Eligibility concerns, please call the Red Cross at 1-866-236-3276.

Please make a POWER RED donation if you are blood type O-, O+, A- or B-.

Remember to bring a photo ID or Red Cross donor card, eat a healthy breakfast/lunch and drink plenty of water before your donation.

Contact Charlie Hertel at chtelcom@aol.com or Chris Fletcher at chriswfletcher@verizon.net or David.Hull@redcross.org or call/text 240-676-9955 for more info!



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Sunday Night

Youth Events:

- 4/7 – **Monster Mini Golf (RSVP Required)**
- 4/14 – **Scavenger Hunt (Driver's needed)**
- 4/21 – **Game Night**
- 4/28 – **D & D Night**

Youth Summer Bible Study:

- Join Ms. Tina for an 8-week bible study about "Awakening to a Movement of God". Study times will be in-person, time & location will be TBD based on sign-ups
- **Starting week of June 10th**
- **RSVP to Ms. Tina at 240- 678-9248 or tina.kelly@damascusumc.org**



FAITH TIME



Every Sunday Morning

Christian Education

DUMC SUMMER FAITH TIME Camp Firelight

July 22ND – July 25TH 9 AM TO 12 PM daily.

KEY VERSE: Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

PSALM 56:3

- Open to all Friends of God – 4yrs old to 5th grade.
- No fees. Donations welcome.
- Registrations opening in May for campers and volunteer youth (6th grade – 12th)

- **Youth** 6th – 12th grade
 - Small group // 10:15-11:15am
- **FROGS** 3yrs- 5th grade
 - 9am- 10:30am (after Children's Message)



GRADUATING SENIORS: ROBERT M. TREGONING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 4/15-- SEE WEBSITE FOR

APPLICATION

The Robert M. Tregoning Memorial has been established to encourage and support a deserving student in his/her quest for a higher education. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior attending Blake HS, Clarksburg HS, Damascus HS,

Paint Branch HS or Damascus UMC who will be enrolled in a full time undergraduate program at an accredited college/university in Maryland for the fall 2024 term. The recipient will be selected based upon academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, community service, character and leadership.

SENIOR BINDER TIME

If you are not familiar with this awesome tradition of our Church – each year we create a binder for our graduating high school seniors that we present at senior Sunday – May 19th this year. The binder is filled with pages contributed from family members and other members of the congregation who would like to contribute. Our past Seniors have enjoyed receiving these binders finding them inspirational and comforting during the next step in their lives.

1. If you are the parent of one of the seniors – Kelly Shiflett will be reaching out to you shortly.
2. If you would like to create a page please click the link on our web page for details.
3. All pages need to be submitted by May 15th.

This year's Seniors: Emma Baldrige, Keegan Gregory, Natalie Best, Cody Mullinix

Disciple Ship Voyage (DSV) Adult Small Study Group



Starting New Book Study April 14, 2024

When: Sunday, 4/14, 10:30am

Where: Virtual, occasionally in person

Are Christians dividers or bridge makers? Certainly, we want to believe we're the latter. But, what if we are "dividers?" Pastor and author Adam Hamilton says, "Christianity has become a wedge that drives people from Christ, rather than drawing them to Him. And Christians have, in their political involvement, acted to divide our nation rather than serve as the balm that can heal it...There are a growing number of Christians who believe the gospel calls us to be healers and bridge builders not dividers."

In *Seeing Gray in a Black and White World*, Hamilton attempts to "draw upon what is best in both fundamentalism and liberalism by holding together the evangelical and social gospels, by combining a love of Scripture with a willingness to see both its humanity as well as its divinity, and by coupling a passionate desire to follow Jesus Christ with a reclamation of his heart toward those whom religious people have often rejected."

Join the Disciple Ship Voyage (DSV) Adult Small Study Group as we read, study, and discuss this controversial and mind opening book. It's hard to believe Hamilton wrote this in 2008.

The DSV study group will meet virtually, and occasionally in person, and we'll begin Sunday, April 14.

This small group study is perfect for those who can't physically make it to church, but still want to participate in a DUMC small study group. If your schedule takes you away on weekends, or you live a distance from the church, you are welcome to join this class virtually via your computer, tablet or phone. We already have members participating from western MD, Tennessee and Georgia, so all are welcome no matter where you are." If you'd like to join us, please contact Cathy Heinbaugh

(cheinbaugh@comcast.net), Jeff Heinbaugh (heinbjc@comcast.net), or Don Hecht (don.hecht@avendra.com) so we can send you an email and a Zoom link to our weekly discussions.



DUMC MISSIONS



Mission Opportunities

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

- Harwood House which serves the community and whose proceeds support nearly 30 other non-profit, helping organizations
- Resettlement of the Joya family in Frederick
- Supporting Neema Kenya projects for preschool children and the clinic
- Plant Sale-- April 26 – May 5, 2024
- Spring Work Day at Laytonsville Safe Haven for Vets—May 4
- Fall VIM North Carolina--October
- Blood Drive —May 3

Volunteers Needed in the Spring

- The **plant sale** starts April 27th. Flower and vegetable plant sold fund our local mission projects. Gabrielle Hulcher will be scheduling volunteers for the 10 days of the sale.
([sign-up link](#))
- Doug Marshall will head the team of volunteers who do yard work and maintenance at the **Laytonsville Safe Haven** on May 4th.
- The week-long **Volunteers in Mission trip** to North Carolina with a team of people from DUMC who help with maintenance and construction is forming. If you are interested in serving people who do not have the finances to do repairs to damaged homes because of weather events, contact Carol Yocum. The trip will be in early October of 2024.

Thank you!

- Thank you to all who helped make the **Rise Against Hunger** event on January 21st a big success.
 - 10,000 meals were packed for school children with teams of people—a fun time!
 - Marcia Hofman coordinated the event so well!
 - The 50+ volunteers were amazingly efficient!
 - The United Methodist Women made a generous donation covering 25% of the \$4,100 cost. Individual donors and the Mission Fund covered the remaining cost.

- In December the **Mission team allocated \$2,500 from the Mission Fund for food for the LaDanta community in Nicaragua**. They have experienced drought this growing season. The funds provide:

Food for 52 families in the community for about a month.

The breakdown is as follows for each family:

25 pounds of rice

25 pounds of beans

19 pounds of sugar

3 liters of cooking oil

And then a small amount would be paid to load the food onto the local public bus.

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DAMASCUS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Prayer Requests, Joys, Concerns

LET US KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Ernie Screen, Sue Constantinides, Joyce and Earl Patrick, Sharon Warfield, Mary Emma Linthicum, Inga Tokar, Jean Barr, Ted Constantinides, David and Janet Lingrell, Nancy Nickerson, Pat Duvall, Stephen Tracy, Marilyn Kinsey, Pat Tregoning, Mary Nieter, Kate Musallam, Kathy (sister of Gail Kohlenburg), Kristin Smith (niece of Gina Wilson), Michael Dearin (nephew of Jacque Janss), Bob Duvall (father of Anita Duvall), and all who are facing health concerns.

Faith Time at DUMC

A STRUCTURE TO GROW IN OUR FAITH

What is Faith Time?

Faith Time encompasses services, missions & ministries, small groups (FrOGs, Youth, Adults, etc).

- 8:45am announcements play
- 9am service
 - 9:15am FrOGs invited to convene after Children's Message
- 10am Connections Café & Transition to Faith Time Small Groups
- 10:15-11:15am Faith Time Small Groups

Fr- Friends
o- of
G- God
S- Squad
CHILDREN 3 YRS - 5TH GRADE



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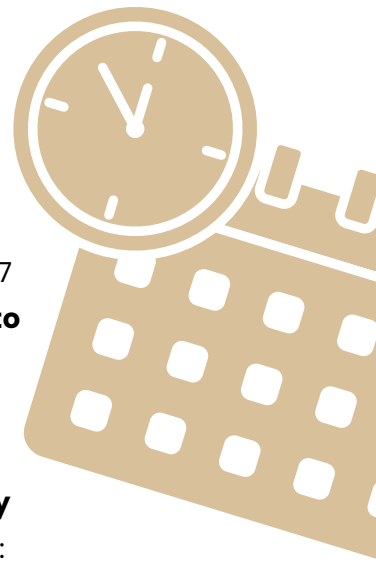
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METHODIST CHURCH

Announcements

- **Sign-up to volunteer at the plant sale!** Visit website or TW@DUMC for link. Sale starts 4/27
- **Robert M. Tregoning Scholarship extended to 4/15.** See details in Youth Newsletter, and church website or TW@DUMC for the application
- **Future cards and well wishes for Hilda Lemly** should be sent to daughter Susan's address: 5040 Mussetter Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754.
 - "Some of you have reached out with regards to her birthday. She will turn 104 on July 3. God is so good! She appreciates the thoughtfulness. Thank you. Susan Hitchcock"



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