



THE BEACON



Sacred Path: Tilling the Spiritual Garden

In spite of the recent cooler temperatures, spring is in the air. The trees are bursting into bloom, daffodils and tulips have pushed their way through the detritus of last year's fallen leaves and old growth. My bleeding-heart plants remind me of the precious blood spilt for our redemption in the recently passed remembrance of Good Friday. Perhaps you have already begun preparing your flower beds and vegetable gardens for the new season just about to begin.

Spring is an excellent time of year to take a walk in the labyrinth. Like the orderly rows of a well-kept garden, the winding path of the labyrinth can lead us to look inward and turn the spiritual soil in the center of our being. The sun is warm, the bird song and gentle breezes, calming. The earth is bursting with new life in the wake of the spring equinox and the joyful

--- celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. ---

"The point of a maze is to find its center. The point of a labyrinth is to find your center."

----- from <https://thatonerule.com> -----

World Labyrinth Day falls on Saturday, May 4th this year. Sacred Path invites you to take this opportunity to ***"Walk as One at One"*** when people all over the world will walk their labyrinths at 1:00 PM in their respective local time zones. Please consider a labyrinth walk between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM that day.

On Sunday April 7th, **Jan Mullinix** and our labyrinth mentor, **Beverly Polk** conducted a labyrinth workshop and guided walk for our **DUMC youth**. The weather was a bit cool but sunny and everyone enjoyed learning more about how labyrinths can enhance the Christian life experience. Sacred Path is grateful to **Tina Kelly**, our Youth Ministry Director for the opportunity to share this workshop with our young adults at DUMC.

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What's Happening?

Plant Sale: Open through May 7th

Hours:

Weekends: 9am- 5pm

Weekdays: 4pm-7pm



2024
**Damascus UMC
PLANT SALE**

FLOWERS • VEGGIES • HERBS
HANGING BASKETS

Located in church pavilion

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

SUPPORT
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MISSIONS

Damascus United Methodist Church
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www.damascusumc.org



Kinship Singers: CWS Alumni Collaboration

APRIL - JUNE 2024

Rehearsals

Monday nights at 7:30 pm
(April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17)
Thursday nights at 7:30 pm
(June 6, 13, 20)

Dress Rehearsal

Friday, June 21, 2024 @ 7 pm

Performance

Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 7 pm

Performance (Gospel Mass ONLY)

Sunday, June 23, 2024 @ 9 am

Participation - sing or attend concert

Kinship Singers are hosting a collaboration with alumni of the Charles Wesley Singers and other guests to present Ray's Gospel Mass. All events happen at Damascus UMC.



A CONCERT ABOUT BELIEF
CREDO
FEATURING ROBERT RAY'S
GOSPEL MASS

A KINSHIP SINGERS COLLABORATION
with Charles Wesley Singers Alumni

KINSHIP
SINGERS

Workday at Laytonsville: May 4th

Laytonsville Safe Haven

DUMC Local Ministry



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!
THE **DUMC MISSION'S COMMITTEE** IS ORGANIZING A **WORKDAY AT THE LAYTONSVILLE SAFE HAVEN** LOCATED ON RIGGS ROAD IN LAYTONSVILLE. THIS FACILITY/PROGRAM, RUN BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND FUNDED BY VETERANS AFFAIRS, PROVIDES EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR MALE AND FEMALE VETERANS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DMV AREA.

THERE ARE MANY MAINTENANCE NEEDS ON THE PROPERTY, WE WILL FOCUS ON OUTSIDE CLEANUP IN THE YARD AND GARDEN. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US! IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW NEW PEOPLE AND MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 9AM – 3PM

WHERE: MEET AT DUMC PARKING LOT AT 9AM, RETURN TO DUMC BY 3PM.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

TOOLS NEEDED: SHOVELS (FOR EDGING AROUND GARDENS), GARDEN TROWELS, PRUNING SHEARS, RAKES, LEAF BLOWER, TARPS (FOR HAULING LEAVES/WEEDS). PLEASE LET DOUG MARSHALL KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US AS WE NEED A COUNT FOR LUNCH: DOUGANDLISAMARSHALL@YAHOO.COM OR 301-325-9071

What's Happening?

Upcoming Ladies Outings

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)

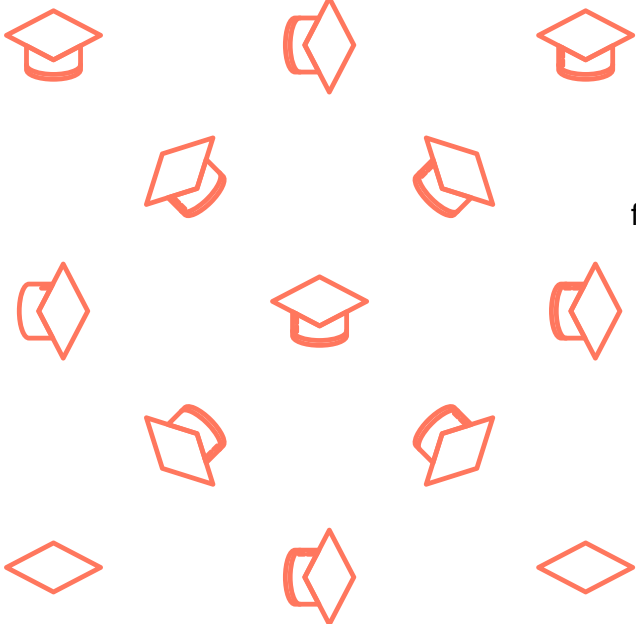
Carter Que
1310 Main Street

Enjoy fantastic B-B-Q and fellowship

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

Senior Sunday: May 19th

Join us on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate our graduating seniors! They will be presented their senior binders during this service. 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. Contributions to those binders are due by May 15th.



What's Happening?

DTC: Into the Woods Jr.
Damascus Theatre Company

DTC Kids

INTO THE WOODS JR.

**Music & Lyrics by
Stephen Sondheim**

**Book by
James Lapine**

**Originally Directed on Broadway by
James Lapine**

**Directed & Choreographed by Megan McNellage
Music Direction by Sam Weich
Produced by Elli Swink & Jenny Wheeler**

**Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:30PM
Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 2PM & 7:30PM
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2PM
at Damascus United Methodist Church
9700 New Church St, Damascus**

**\$15 General Admission/\$12 DTC Members
\$10 Senior Citizens/Students K-12/Children 2-5**

**Tickets available on our website or at the door
damascustheatre.org**

Into the Woods JR is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 10019

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Sunday Night

Youth Events:

- 5/5 – Outdoor Game Night
- 5/11* – Shadow Land 5-6:30pm
- 5/12 – NONE (Mother's Day)
- 5/19 – End of Year Cookout @ Kalnoske's

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



Thank You: As the school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and families that have helped to make our Faith Time approach to Sunday Children's time so successful. **With a special thank you to our weekly leaders – Joan Hartle, Diane Loomis, Amanda Dominguez, Allison Greer and the music guidance provided by Angie Thompson.**

Our Faith Time Sunday's take a hiatus for the Summer, with the **last session Sunday May 19th.** We will resume Sunday Faith Times in the Fall. In the meantime **we would love to see your children at Summer Faith Time.**

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 NOW OPEN for campers and volunteer youth (6th grade – 12th) on website



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



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 7, 2024
- **Spring Work Day** at Laytonsville Safe Haven for Vets—May 4
- **Fall VIM** North Carolina--October
- **Blood Drive** —May 3

Spring Volunteer Opportunities

- The **plant sale** began April 27th, and will run through May 7th. Flower and vegetable plant sold fund our local mission projects! Hours are 4-7pm on weekdays, and 9am-5pm on weekends!
- 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.

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DAMASCUS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Prayer Requests, Joys, Concerns

LET US KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Inga Tokar, Yasuko Walcott, Todd Wilson, Sue Constantinides, Joyce and Earl Patrick, Sharon Warfield, Mary Emma Linthicum, Jean Barr, Ted Constantinides, David and Janet Lingrell, Nancy Nickerson, Pat Duvall, Stephen Tracy, Marilyn Kinsey, Pat Tregoning, Mary Nieter, Kate Musallam, Judy and Kathy (sisters 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?

Fr- Friends
o- of
G- God
S- Squad

CHILDREN 3 YRS - 5TH GRADE

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 (through 5/19)
- 10am Connections Café & Transition to Faith Time Small Groups
- 10:15-11:15am Faith Time Small Groups

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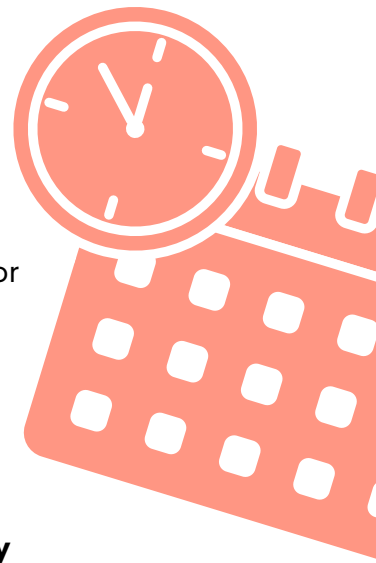


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Announcements



- Last Sunday of Children & Youth Faith Time for the school year will be **May 19th** including:
 - FrOGS for children during worship
 - Regular Sunday Night Youth Group
- **Memorial Day:** Church Office Closed
- **Senior Binder Submissions** due May 15th
- **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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