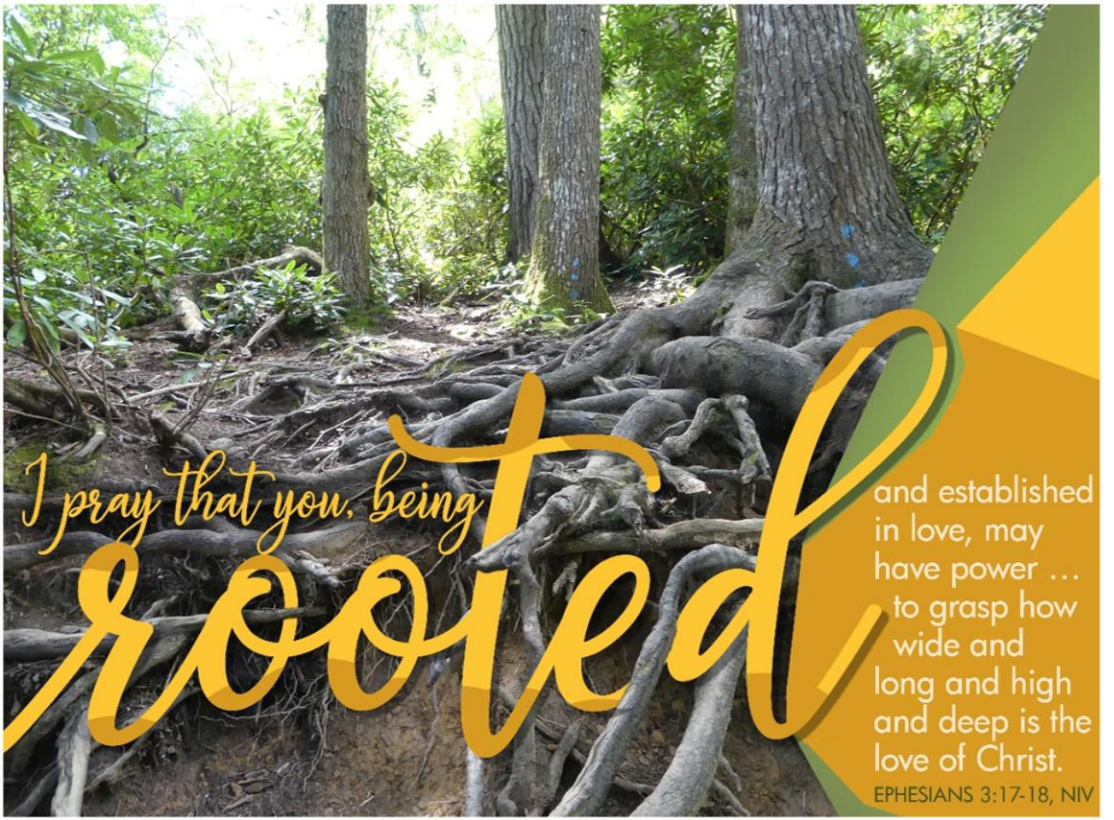
DAMASCUS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Serving Damascus Faithfully Since 1822

Rooted in faith, growing in love, branching out into God's world.



October 11, 2026 | 9:00 am

DAMASCUS UMC | 9700 New Church Street | Damascus, MD 20872
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Monday – Thursday | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Welcome to Sunday Worship at Damascus United Methodist Church!

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ
who, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously
in local communities and worldwide connections.

Welcome! The church warmly welcomes everyone, especially guests, hopes the worship is meaningful, and invites all to fellowship with refreshments after the service in the Connections Café, with help available to guide attendees. If you are new or visiting with us, we would love to connect with you. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a greeter and leave contact information on the attendance pad so we can welcome you properly!

Please note that our service is being live-streamed and video recorded

Worship Accommodations: The church offers large-print materials, hearing assistance devices, and children's worship bags, all available upon request from a greeter.

Sunday Nursery Care: A staffed nursery for children six months through kindergarten is available starting at 8:45 a.m., with staff and greeters ready to assist families in finding it.

Our Shared Life and Witness: Worshipers are encouraged to notice discipleship opportunities shown on screens and in the bulletin and to sign and pass the attendance pad during the service.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

WORSHIP SERVICE

1st DUMC Retreat, "Rooted in Faith"

Please mute or turn off all devices.

ROOTED IN FAITH

Welcoming and Announcement — Bryce Taylor

Our Common Vision:

At Damascus United Methodist Church,
We are: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love, Branching out into God's World.

Opening Prayer — Bryce Taylor

Prelude — Fugue in A Minor — J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship — Bryce Taylor

L: Blessed are those whose delight is in the way of the Lord.
P: They are like trees planted by streams of water.
L: They yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
P: Lord, plant us deep in you today.
L: May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.
P: May we be rooted and grounded in love.
All: Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn — All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded — UMH #132

Children's Message — Pam Nehring

GROWING IN LOVE

Prayer for Illumination — Doug Taylor

Holy Spirit, Breath of God and wind of heaven, blow through our minds and hearts today. As we hear these ancient scriptures read, ignite the fire of your truth within us. Remove all distractions and fears, that we might hear your voice clearly and be empowered to live out your word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3:16-17 PB, NT, p. 182

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

Anthem Offertory John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon Rooted in Faith Myungha Baek

*Hymn My Hope Is Built UMH #368

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH#895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings Bryce Taylor

Offertory Panis Angelicus César Frank

Panis angelicus

Fit panis hominum;	English translation:
Dat panis caelicus	The bread of angels
Figuris terminum.	Becomes the bread of mankind;
O res mirabilis!	The bread of heaven
Manducat Dominum	Brings an end to earthly symbols.
Pauper, servus et humilis.	O wondrous thing!
	The poor, the servant, and the humble
	Partake of their Lord.
Te trina Deitas	O Godhead, three in one,
Unaque poscimus:	We beseech you:
Sic nos tu visita,	Visit us,
Sicut te colimus;	As we worship you;
Per tuas semitas	By your paths
Duc nos quo tendimus,	Lead us where we long to go,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.	To the light in which you dwell.

*Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

*Offertory Prayer Together

Gracious God, you are the source of every good gift. All that we have comes from your rich and generous hand. As we bring our offerings, receive them as signs that our roots run deep in your love. Use these gifts to nourish your church and reach your world, so that what is planted here may grow, bear fruit, and bless others. We give ourselves, along with our gifts, in the name of Christ, who dwells in us. Amen.

*Hymn How Firm a Foundation UMH #529

*Blessing

L: Go now, rooted in faith.

P: Plant us deep in you, O God.

L: May God and the Spirit strengthen you, and may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith.

P: Dwell in us, Lord Jesus, and make us your home.

L: May you be rooted and grounded in love.

P: Root us in love, that we may grow and branch out into your world.

L: Go in peace, to love and to serve.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude Improvisation S. Kalnoske

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

***Please keep all who are facing health concerns in your prayers, including*:**

Dean Elliott, Wilma Orndorff, Nancy Nickerson,
Shannon Barr, Lois Springirth, Bob Braden,
Inga Tokar, Mary Emma Linthicum, Pat Tregoning,
Robert (Opie) Duvall, Jr. (brother of Anita Duvall), Carol Badenoch (sister of Sharon Starling), and Daniel (Luke) Lorenzo (brother of Angie Thompson).

Online Prayer Ministry

The DUMC online prayer team is ready to pray with you and for you. As requests are received, they are emailed to team members along with words of prayer. If you wish to submit a prayer request – or to join this ministry - please contact Rev. Helen Ballew at helen.ballew@damascusumc.org

Safety and Security

The DUMC Safety and Security Team would like to inform you that to help provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone during worship.
All perimeter doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of the 9 am worship service. If you arrive after that time, someone will be happy to assist you at the main entrance.
Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to worshiping God with you.

Missions Team Announcements

November 7th the Fall workday will be led by Mark Nehring. Please call Mark at 617-312-5497 to register your willingness to do yard work for a morning at the Laytonsville Haven House for Veterans. Lunch will be provided by a Harwood House donation to this project. Bring your yard cleanup tools!

Earth Steward's Adopt A Road Clean Up (Woodfield Rd.)

All equipment will be provided! Meet at Woodfield Road at the end of the church parking lot November 7th.

Arts & Crafts Vendor Sale

We will need help on the day of the Fair getting vendors set up Friday 11/13 and Saturday 11/14. Please contact Gina if you are able to help: mozzarellarn@gmail.com
Details for help needed in TW@DUMC or contact Gina for more information.
Still accepting vendors! Contact Gina Wilson for more information.

Worship Committee:

Our Communion Steward, Michele Tregoning, needs communion servers. We have communion as an important part of our church service on the 1st Sunday of every month. Each time we need a minimum of 4 servers to help distribute the elements. This is an opportunity for the entire family to contribute to the worship service as children can be servers, as well. Please contact Michelle via text, 301-512-5647, or email micheltregoning@gmail.com Let her know how many in your household can help and which months you can serve. Thank you!

Harwood House

November 8th 12pm – 3pm Christmas Kickoff Shopping Event! Great prices and your purchases support 30 local charities!

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

- 10/11 - church wide retreat – **No Youth Group**
- 10/18 - **No Youth Group**
- 10/25 - **Trunk or Treat** – 4:00 – 5:30 **MUMC** parking lot

College Student Care Packages – November 4th

- We will be preparing care packages, on **November 4th** during the Youth Group event, for our college students.
- Donations of cookies, crackers, teas, cocoas and other treats will be collected in a bin in the Narthex starting on Sunday October 25th. Homemade treats always appreciated.
- If you have a College Student, make sure to give Ms. Tina their current address.

The DUMC Mission Team has scheduled a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on November 8. This will be our fifth time hosting this event and participation provides a perfect opportunity for us in little ole Damascus to give back to the world!

Our church community needs to provide 60 volunteers to help pack 10,000 meals. That's right, 10,000 meals and we'll do it in less than two hours!!! The meal packing will take place in our church Dining Hall right after our Sunday morning service on November 8. Rise Against Hunger is a wonderful organization that will provide all the basic supplies and the know-how to make this happen. Then within a few months these meals will be shipped to a community somewhere in the world that has a need for food.

If you'd like to participate in this event and make a difference in the world, you need to sign up in advance. We need to make sure that we have enough hands to accomplish this task. This is a great opportunity for families to work together. It is best, though, for children 8 years and older and it's perfect for teens who want to earn service-learning credit. Participants do not need to be church members.

Just click on the link below and enter your information.
https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e837819

If you have further questions or you don't have computer access, you may contact Marcia Hofman @ marciahofman67@gmail.com or 301-455-2960.

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Trunk or Treat Oct 25 – MUMC parking lot

We are planning on doing this again this year. So far DUMC has 2 cars planning on attending & we could use a few more. You don't want to miss the fun! Further details coming next month
Please notify Ms. Tina via text 240-678-9248 if you are willing to host a trunk at MUMC on 10/25.