

SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, August 4, 2026

6:00 pm After the Sermon
7:00 pm Phone-In Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, August 6, 2026

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Aug. 3	Tues., Aug. 4	Wed., Aug. 5	Thurs., Aug. 6
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm

How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church

- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have not been baptized by immersion since your conversion, you will need to follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

When Do I Join?

At the close of every worship service as we sing the "Invitation Hymn", the pastor stands facing the congregation. Walk to him and tell him you want to join the church or make some other decision.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

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Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintry conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship

August 2, 2026

Call to Worship

*Song *"Good God Almighty"* Congregation

Meet and Greet

*Song *"Where Would I Be"* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Song *"We Are Called to Be God's People"* Congregation

**Message Pastor Dennis

"COURAGE IS GREATER THAN GOSSIP"

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

*Song *"Blest Be the Tie"* Congregation

*Song *"The Family of God"* Congregation

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).

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Your tithes and offerings will be collected at the end of the service upon leaving.

EVENTS

Friday, June 26 – Aug. 9, USBC Food & School Drive

Sunday, August 2, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, After the Sermon

Tuesday, August 4, Prayer Meeting

Thursday, August 6, Women's Bible Study

Sunday, August 9, Pancakes w/Pastor @ IHop

Tuesday, August 11, Forever Young @ "Golden Corral"

Saturday, August 22, Minute to Win It

Sunday, August 30, Church Chat

Sunday, August 30, Dive Deeper Bible Study



During the month of **July** and the first part of **August**, our church will take on two very important tasks. First, we will collect non-perishable food for families needing a helping hand. Please make certain that the non-perishable food you donate has not expired. Grocery Gift

Cards (Weis or Safeway) are also appreciated.

Second, we will be collecting school supplies for children who need that extra support. A list of items needed are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. These items can be dropped off in the church's foyer and will be distributed at a later date. To provide a monetary donation toward the purchase of new school supplies, please go to the Faith in Action website (<https://www.faithinactionmd.com>).



If you are interested in bringing donuts, pastries or fruit to help with the coffee shop on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

“Courage is Greater than Gossip”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

August 2, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

Synopsis: Jesus gives us specific instructions on how to deal with conflict and sin in the church community. Those of us who follow Jesus will choose courage. We will go directly to the source as Jesus instructs, instead of going to everyone else and spreading gossip. We will always choose courageous kindness over gossip.

How to deal with conflict:

I. Be _____.

Matthew 18:15 – *If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.*

Be willing to confront your offender.

Deuteronomy 31:6 – *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

When it comes to conflict, time is of the essence.

Ephesians 4:26-27 – *“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.*

Gossiping makes it harder to mend the broken relationship.

Proverbs 16:28 – *A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.*

The goal is to mend the relationship.

Galatians 6:1a – *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. ...*

II. Seek _____.

Matthew 18:16 – *But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.*

Seek the godly counsel of others to help guide you.

Proverbs 13:10 – *Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*

Take others that will express concern and kindness.

III. Stand _____.

Matthew 18:17 – *If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.*

Protect yourself against someone who hurts you.

Titus 3:10 – *Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.*

Always be willing to extend forgiveness.

Colossians 3:13 – *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Never give up hope on restoring a broken relationship.

Stop talking about the person and start talking with the person.

If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at www.USBChurch.org.



Come join Pastor Dennis on **August 9** (immediately after worship service), at the Mt. Airy IHOP for pancakes and fellowship.

The *Forever Young Luncheon* will take place on Tuesday, **August 11** at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



Join us for a fun night of *Minute to Win It* on Saturday, **August 22** at 6 p.m. *Minute To Win It* will be an entertaining evening filled with challenging games for all ages to enjoy. All you need is to bring is yourself, an adventurous attitude, and you can end up in victory. Along with games, there will be hotdogs, chips, and drinks.

If you are planning on attending, please sign up on the list located on the magnetic board in the church's foyer.

On Wednesday, **August 26** at 11:30 a.m., the men will gather at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for an enjoyable lunch to connect and to plan for future events for the men.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for **August 30** for our next *Church Chat*. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. *Church Chat* is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.

On Sunday, **August 30**, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* topic will be "*The 1000 Year Reign*". The thousand-year reign—what Scripture calls "the millennium"—generates genuine theological tension. This study will address the hard questions surrounding the events of the 1000-year reign.



Calling all adventurers and vacationers! We want to see all of the fun and memorable moments from your summer travels. Show us your stunning scenery, tasty treats, and family fun. We can't wait to see where you have been and what you have been up to this past summer! So, share your best vacation pictures with us to be featured in our September Newsletter.

Please submit your picture(s) by **August 24** to be included. Please email your pictures to pastordennisusbc@hotmail.com or text your pictures to 843-957-5140. Be sure to include your name and the location of the picture(s).

FOOD DRIVE

Damascus Help Collection

During VBS and the month of July, USBC will be collecting non-perishable, non-expired canned Goods for Damascus Help. Please remember that we help supply the food closet. Grocery Gift Cards (Weis or Safeway) are also appreciated.

- 2 lbs bags of flour
- 2 lbs bags/boxes of sugar
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta or rice
- Canned tomatoes
- Baked/canned beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Cereals (cold or hot)
- Baby and Adult Diapers
- Instant coffee (less than 3oz)
- Tea bags
- Peanut butter (medium jars)
- Jelly (small jars)
- Baby food
- Powdered milk (prefer 1 qt packets)
- Soups
- Instant or canned potatoes
- Mac & cheese boxes
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Soap

FAITH IN ACTION 2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

HELP UNDERSERVED STUDENTS IN THE GERMANTOWN, DAMASCUS & CLARKSBURG AREA HAVE A BRIGHT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR BY DONATING ***NEW*** SUPPLIES IN THE BLUE BINS AT YOUR CHURCH FROM **JULY 12 -AUGUST 9**

WE ARE COLLECTING:

Paper (wide** or college-ruled):

- composition books**
- spiral notebooks
- loose leaf paper
- post-it notes

Writing Tools:

- packs of pencils**
- dry erase markers**
- pencil boxes (hard or soft)
- erasers & eraser caps
- pens (blue, black & red)
- highlighters

Organization:

- pocket folders**
- binders (1 or 2 inch)**
- dividers**
- backpacks** (no characters)
- lunch boxes

Arts & Crafts:

- school scissors
- markers
- Crayola crayons
- colored pencils
- glue sticks

****Indicates items of greatest need**



To make a monetary donation, please visit <https://www.faithinactionmd.com>

