

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Deerfield United Methodist Church

August 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? Isaiah 43:18-19 The Message

During the month of August, we talked in worship about the importance of praying together corporately as the body of Christ at Deerfield United Methodist Church. One of the characteristics we talked about of a praying church is that the people will be focused on the mission of the church. In Acts 4:29, when Peter and John had been released from prison and returned to the disciples, the gathered church did not pray "Grant that we may be kept safe," or "Grant that Peter and John may be protected," or "Lord, don't let them be arrested again." No, the gathered church prayed "Lord, help us to get on with the job of proclaiming the gospel!" In a praying church, focusing on the mission will be the overwhelming desire of the members. We won't be focused on the past or on challenges we've faced. We will be focused on how we can best make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, one life at a time.

In worship, we talked about praying over the chairs in the sanctuary one by one, praying for the person that Jesus wants to send us to sit in each chair. We practiced praying over the chairs, and we practiced praying together in groups, boldly asking God for the power we need to be faithful to our mission.

To help Deerfield UMC unite around the primary purpose and mission of Deerfield UMC, Church Council has been meeting with Mary Shumard, Certified Lay Minister and West Ohio Conference Lay Leader, in order to refine our understanding of Deerfield's mission and vision. Members of church ministry teams, such as trustees, finance, staff parish relations, hospitality, missions, discipleship, and worship will be invited to meet with Church Council and Mary Shumard on **Sunday, August 28, from 4 to 7 pm** for a planning and visioning workshop. Others who are interested are also welcome to attend.

God has a preferred future for Deerfield UMC, and we can be sure that this preferred future involves reaching out to the community with the love of Jesus, inviting folks who do not have a church home to experience the love of Jesus through us. Whenever you are gathered with others at church, please unite around praying for the mission and vision of Deerfield UMC, asking God to open our eyes to God's preferred future and seeking guidance and power to be the body of Christ in the community of Landen and beyond. In so doing, we will be leaning into God's preferred future for us and for our community. What a joy! What a blessing!

Praying and leaning into our mission with you,

Pastor Linda



Passionate Worship

(Sundays, 11:00 am)

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29

August 7, Christians at the Table of World Religions: Jewish Neighbors
Genesis 12:1-3

August 14, Christians at the Table of World Religions: Muslim Neighbors
Genesis 21:1-20

August 21, Christians at the Table of World Religions: Hindu Neighbors
Ephesians 2:1-10

August 28, Christians at the Table of World Religions: Buddhist Neighbors
Romans 8:18, 28

Church Council

Trustees

Weeds, weeds, everywhere there are weeds and we need your help pulling them around the church! Feel free to come any time you can to pull weeds, even if it's just for 5 minutes, every little bit helps. So come often, the weeds are calling you!

New Prayer Circle to Start

As Deerfield UMC continues discernment about God's preferred future for this body of Christ, you are invited to join in a weekly prayer circle on Thursday evenings, from 7 to 8 pm in room 106, starting on August 18. Our focus will be on corporate prayer for Deerfield UMC. Come weekly or come as often as you can to join in praying for Deerfield UMC's mission and vision. Childcare will be provided with prior notice to Pastor Linda by calling the church office at 513-683-7729 (PRAY).

Radical Hospitality

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Summer Swim Party

Mark your calendars for Friday August 5, 6–9:00 pm, our second annual swim party. There was a large turnout last year and we are looking forward to this year. Martha Miker is the hospitality member leader for this event. The event is held at the Sailboat Pointe Pool. Sailboat Pointe Subdivision is part of

the Landen Community, at the intersection of Columbia Road and Irwin Simpson. The Hospitality Committee encourages all to come, bring a friend, and fellowship with church families.

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? Matthew 25:37-39

August "Back to School" Supplies Drive



We are continuing our relationship and support of our local school district, Kings, by providing 30 backpacks filled with back to school supplies for students whose families need a little extra help at this exciting time of the year. Please assist as you are able, whether supplying an item or two needed from the list to all the items needed to fill a bag. Missions is providing the book bags as well as some of the supplies needed. A supply list is located on the back of this Newsletter or you can take a copy of the supply list needs from the Missions Bulletin Board or the Welcome Center. Turn in items to the laundry basket near the welcome center. We will be collecting items now through Sunday, August 14 so they can be delivered to the school during the first week of classes. Contact Stephanie Copley at 513-404-4922 or email her at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Welcoming Teachers Back to School

We would like to show our support for returning teachers to JF Burns Elementary and Kings Mills Elementary on their first day back to school with treats to help energize them through this exciting day. We are in need of someone who would be available to deliver the trays to each school on the morning of August 17. We will then be continuing to show our support and appreciation by taking a basket filled with goodies once/month. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information and how to get involved! Please sign the cards that will be left out in the lobby praying for a great year for teachers and their students this upcoming year. Cards will be delivered with the treats on the first day of school.

Community Dinner



Come and join us on August 14 for our next Community Dinner. We will be having a Mexican Fiesta featuring a Taco Bar and other Mexican favorites. The dinner will be served from 6pm - 7:30 pm and is open to the entire community. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up to bring a dish on the Communication Card in your Sunday Bulletin or at the Missions Center bulletin board. We will also be working to collect contact information from attendees. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with any questions.

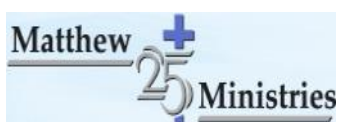
August Food Pantry

Luke 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. August 26 is "National Dog Day" so we want to remember dogs and other furry family members who need food too! This month's food pantry drive includes pet food and pet hygiene items. Some examples are: dog food, cat food, dog shampoo, nail clippers, or cat litter. Please see the Food Pantry display for more ideas or contact Stephanie Copley at Stephanie.copley@gmail.com or Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com.



Matthew 25 Ministries

Matthew 25 Ministries Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 9-11 am. The work of Matthew 25 Ministries helps the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world. Volunteers play an essential role in the work of Matthew 25 Ministries. The donated goods they receive must be sorted, counted, packaged, and put on pallets ready for shipment to various parts of the world. There is a job for everyone! Volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries can be a great team-building activity, and is also very family friendly. A morning or afternoon's work will typically produce enough finished materials to help hundreds of people in need in the U.S. and around the world. Their staff will place and train you on a specific work station when you arrive, based on greatest need and availability of products. Tasks are simple and easy-to-learn, and many can be adapted to fit a variety of ability levels. They are located at 11060 Kenwood Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please sign up at the Missions Bulletin Board and/or communications card in your Sunday bulletin.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Have you started filling shoeboxes in preparation for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection in November? Now is the time to look for sale and clearance items and also shop for personal care items, like toothbrushes and toothpaste. One of the children in our church set a goal of filling 1,000 boxes this year! While that may seem like a lot, in reality, individuals and groups around the country do just that by involving other people in filling boxes.

Who is in your circle of influence that you could invite to start filling boxes now so we reach that goal of 1,000 boxes in November? Is your child involved in sporting organizations, or other groups? Could you invite those families to take shoeboxes and fill them? Does your child have a birthday party coming up? Invite party guests to bring a toy for an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in addition to (or instead of) a toy for the birthday child. (Yes, there are children who do this!) Invite your neighbors or co-workers to fill a box or more!

For ideas of what to look for each month, go to <http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas>. August's item is school supplies. If you need more red/white striped boxes, you can pick some up by the Food Pantry bin.

Live Free



This was our most successful year for Live Free! We had a total of 52 children in all that registered this year, how amazing is that?! The children had fun brushing up on their reading skills, sharing Bible story time together, doing crafts, sharing in a meal and snack, running around during recreation time and best of all, just interacting with one another throughout their time here. New friends were made and old ones were reunited from previous years.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time, whether it was attending meetings, running videos, checking children in/out, setting up for meals, ordering supplies, taking pictures and just interacting with the children. There were many positive comments from parents of children that were coming for the first time to Deerfield UMC. The five week camp ended on July 28 with the children playing



during fun outside water time, followed by singing for their parents and then enjoying an ice cream treat. We are looking forward to what 2017 Live Free has in store for Deerfield UMC!



Intentional Faith Development

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42

Fall Sunday School Kickoff

Please be sure to join us Sunday, August 14 for "Move Up Sunday." At this time children will officially move up to the Sunday School class that coincides with the current grade they will be attending in school. The incoming 3rd graders will be presented with their own Bible for use during class. We're excited about the start of the school season!

Also, don't forget to bring your backpack to church with you on Sunday, August 14, for our backpack blessing. We will pray over the backpacks of all of our returning students for the new school year.



Northern Lights Emmaus Community 20 years strong

Twenty years ago, Northern Lights Emmaus Community was birthed from the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community. Today, hundreds of men and women have attended the Emmaus Walk Weekend through Northern Lights.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Northern Lights is celebrating their 20 years of existence on Saturday, August 6, from 4-9pm at Keehner Park at 2211 Barrett Road in West Chester, Ohio. Welcome will be at 4:30, a shared meal from 5-6:00pm, music and story sharing and Communion will be 6-9:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and bring some friends with you! Make sure to also bring chairs, a side dish to share, blankets, cash for silent auction, flip flops or hiking boots and be ready to

share in the fun and fellowship. Meat will be provided at the dinner.

A reservation needs to be made by August 1 to NLEinfoMgmt@gmail.com. Please check the website, www.NothenlighthitsEmmaus.org, if rain is in the forecast for new details.

Walk To Emmaus

Sponsoring someone on a Walk to Emmaus is an art. The requirements for being a good sponsor begin with prayer and careful discernment. Yes, you want to share the mountaintop experience with those closest to you. Yes, you want to help raise up leaders for your church. Yes, your heart is in the right place. What the Walk to Emmaus needs is people who sponsor with both heart and head, from a place of sacrificial love.

The next men's Walk to Emmaus is October 13-16, 2016 and the women's Walk to Emmaus is October 20-23, 2016 at Christ United Methodist Church in Middletown, Ohio. Download an application at <http://northernlightsemmaus.org/NLEapp2016v1.pdf> and send it to Deb Turner, 3990 Everett Dr., Loveland, OH 45140.

Adult Sunday School

An adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am in Room 101. We are studying *Fearless* by Max Lucado. Come join in!

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 6)

- ◇ August 7, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ August 14, 21 & 28, attend Sunday School.

Children start in the worship service and leave for their class after the time Especially for Children. They can be picked up immediately following worship.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ August 7, 21, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ August 14 & 28, attend Sunday School.

Let Us Pray!

E-Prayer Group

Wanting to help in the power of prayer? Join the Prayer Team! If you are interested, please contact Karen Long at 513-543-0965 or by email kshlong357@gmail.com). You'll receive emails sent from the weekly prayer requests submitted at Sunday service, as well as information about helping when a member of Deerfield UMC is in need.

Prayer Concerns

Woody Adamson	Kim & family
Jon Barker	Katie Koslovski
Will Bender	Joe Laake
Jullian Boren	Barb Leach
Jensie Caguimbal	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Mark & Linda Caliendo	Mike Losey
Carroasco family	April Matson
Scott Cates	Glen Miller
Emre Clark	Linda Murray
Clytie Cooper	Jeanice Owens
Harriette Cross	Heather Pope
Mindy & Dan Darlene	Destiny Pope-Gould
Don & Carol	Susan Roosen & family
Jon Gee	Amy Ryan
Bette Farrell	Karen Schauer
Susan Farrell & family	Melanie Schwibert
Ruth Gibbons	Harriet Smith & family
Judy Hallman	Sue Staab
Hershey family	D. Troy
Roberta Jacobs	Tyler Woodward
Dorothy Johnson	Nadine Van Hook family
Libby Kelly	W. Virginia flood victims

PRAY

August Birthdays

8/3	Timothy Bredemeier
8/6	Michael Neal
8/12	Eric Barcus
8/12	Margie Burke
8/14	Elena Jeanne Barcus
8/17	Marilyn Clark
8/19	Chelsey Eakins
8/19	Judy Mannix
8/21	Heidi Etensohn Barcus
8/23	Emre Clark



August Anniversaries

8/3	Eric & Betsy Etensohn
8/15	David & Jackie Marshall
8/31	Dale & Jody Wik



Pinterest



Have you ever seen this little red symbol on the left when you have visited a webpage? Ever wonder what it is all about? Well, wonder no more! It is a link to a website called Pinterest, and now, Deerfield UMC is on Pinterest! What is the point of Pinterest you may be asking yourself. Well, think of it as a peg/bulletin board that you can virtually “pin” things to that you want to save to use later, such as a recipe or craft idea. How many times have you cut out a recipe in a magazine and tucked it away in a cookbook or found a great article on a fun craft or childrearing suggestion or even a DIY project? Now you no longer have to cut them out and wonder where did I put it?

Why would Deerfield UMC be on Pinterest? Good question! It is another way to get our church “out there” for others to see us. There are “boards” on our page that have suggestions for things to pack in Operation Christmas Child boxes, wedding ideas for someone who may be looking to get married and looking for a church to get married in and belong to (there are links to our website on that board), inspirational messages if you need a pick me up, ideas of things to do with your children that are faith based and missions and outreach ideas. Every time someone sees a “pin” on one of our boards and they want to save it on one of their virtual boards it gets Deerfield UMC’s name out there a little bit more for others to see!

If you already have an account on Pinterest, then you can follow us by going to Deerfield UMC page at <https://www.pinterest.com/deerfieldunited/>. If you are new and would like to create an account, then you can go to <https://www.pinterest.com/>. It is quick and easy to do!

So come check us out on Pinterest!



Motherless Daughters Ministry

The Motherless Daughters Ministry, Inc. is a Christian organization dedicated to serving women who have lost or missed the nurturing care of a mother. Let’s first start by defining a motherless daughter. A motherless daughter can be a woman who has experienced mother loss through death of her mother, either by early loss before her 20s or later loss after her 20s. A motherless daughter could be a woman who has experienced having a mother

who may have quit nurturing her at an earlier age, and then she loses her mother again through death as an adult. This is defined as a double loss. A motherless daughter might be a woman who has a living mother but has never experienced her mother's nurturing care. Does one of these define you? Motherless Daughters is a non-profit organization that hopes to serve you; join us to connect, laugh, talk and know you are not alone.

Upcoming Class:

Motherless Daughters: A Legacy of Loss

⇒ Fridays, September 9—November 18
10 am-12:00 pm

Location: Deerfield United Methodist Church

Cost: \$60 includes workbook and handouts (purchase Motherless Daughters book on own)

Childcare is not provided.

This is a life-affirming 12-week study based on the book, Motherless Daughters: A Legacy of Loss 2nd edition by Hope Edelman. The book chronicles the author's brave search for healing following the death of her mother when she was 17. It is based on hundreds of interviews with women who lost their mothers from childhood ages through adult years. Although the author's perspective may not be factually similar to your time and situation of loss, previous classes have resulted in an emerging trend of revelations.

To register for this study, please contact Penny at Penny@motherlessdaughtersministry.com or go to <http://www.motherlessdaughtersministry.com>.

Kroger Plus Card

Deerfield UMC will receive proceeds from your Kroger shopping, and it doesn't cost you a thing! You can enroll anytime, but you need to re-enroll once a year to benefit Deerfield UMC! Please follow the steps below to enroll for the first time or re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card.

1. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards.
2. Sign in to your online Kroger account (or create an account if you don't have one).
3. Click Kroger Community Rewards and search for "Deerfield United Methodist Church" or our organization's number: 80765.
4. Under "Select Your Organization" click the dot for Deerfield United Methodist Church, then click Save.
5. Use your Kroger Plus card every time you shop at Kroger. Your purchases will earn money for Deerfield UMC!

Church Council

- Church Council Chair:** Deb Thomen
Staff Parish Relations Chair: Randy Cesco
Trustees Chair: Jackie Marshall
Finance Chair: Stan Brown
Treasurer: Karen Kenwell
Missions Chair: Stephanie Copley
Hospitality Chair: Penny Cesco
Intentional Faith Development
 Children: Julie Reed
 Teens: Jackie Marshall
 Adult: Open
Worship Chair: Open

Breakthrough Goals

In November 2015 the Church Council set goals for 2016 regarding number of people in worship, number of people involved in small groups, weekly giving, number of baptisms and professions of faith, and other markers that indicate our fruitfulness in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. These goals are shared below so we can work together inviting the community, connecting to God, growing as disciples, and serving others. Six months into the year, here is how we are doing.

Please pray regularly for our congregation to meet and even exceed these goals!

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Passionate Worship	55	45
Radical Hospitality		
Professions of faith	3	2
Baptisms	3	0
Intentional Faith Development		
Average no. small groups	4	3
Average no. attendees	25	18
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%	74%
Risk Taking Mission/Service		
Total number engaged in	15	16
Extravagant Generosity		
Average weekly giving	\$2,450	\$2,125
Apportionments	100%	52%
Additional giving		
Missions	\$25,000	\$27.32
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000	\$133.78
Capital	\$1,000	\$400
Memorials	\$500	—
Advance specials	\$500	\$400

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

9:30-10:30 am St. Mary Magdalene worship service, Sanctuary
 10:30-11 am Fellowship time, Lobby
 11:00-Noon Deerfield UMC worship service, Sanctuary

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	2	3 * Church Council Meeting 7pm Rms 101- 103	4 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	5 * Swim Party at Sailboat Pointe 6-9:00 pm	6 * Matthew 25 Ministries 9am-11 am 
7 * Worship (see above)	8 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	9	10 * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	11 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	12	13 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108
14 * Worship (see above) * Blessing of Backpacks * Community Dinner 6:00pm	15 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	16	17	18 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	19	20
21 * Worship (see above)	22 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	23	24 Newsletter Articles Due	25 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	26	27
28 * Worship (see above)	29 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Pumpkin Meeting 7pm	30	31	 <div data-bbox="1203 1696 1536 1957" style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Check out the calendar so you don't miss an important date </div>		

School Supply List for Kings Elementary Schools

Please bring to church by August 14.

24 ct Crayons
24 ct Colored Pencils
10 ct Ticonderoga Pencils #2 (sharpened)
8 ct Crayola Markers (washable and non-washable)
6 ea Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
2 ea Yellow highlighters
2 ea Large Pink Erasers
1 ea Fiskar Scissors (sharp and blunt tip)
1 in 3-ring Binder
70 ct 1-Subject Spiral Notebook
100 ct 1-Subject Spiral Notebook
3- subject Notebook (wide rule)
2 pocket Plastic Folders (red, green, yellow other solid colors)
Large Glue Sticks
Composition Books
Individual Pencil Sharpeners
Black Sharpies
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
3x5 Index Cards
Spacemaker School Box (8 x 5 x 2.5)
Zipper Pencil Cases
Tissues
6-pocket Plastic Accordion Files

Extra Donation items: Hand Sanitizer, Ziploc Bags (all sizes),
Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, **August 24, 2016**
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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www.deerfieldumc.org
11:00 am Worship
Rev. Linda Troy



Our Mission...Connecting to God, Serving Others

Our Vision...To be a *healthy congregation* who shares God's love, grace and power through:

Radical Hospitality - that is attractive, welcoming, and invitational,

Passionate Worship - where we offer inspirational community praise,

Intentional Faith Development - where we foster growth and transform into caring, active disciples, and

Risk Taking Mission and Service - through which we interact with others by modeling Christ-like examples of compassion and service, and

Extravagant Generosity—giving generously to the mission and kingdom work of our extravagant God.