

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

July 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Psalm 40:5

Business as usual. Unfortunately, many churches like to conduct themselves as "business as usual." We want to do the same things we did last year, and the year before that, and before that, and...you get the idea. We like seeing our same friends on Sunday, and we like singing our familiar and favorite songs. We don't want changes to the order of worship, and we like our familiar Sunday school class, or we prefer not to go to a study group at all. We want the church to be here for us when we need it, but we don't want our busy lives interrupted, and we don't want the church to make any demands on us or our time. Business as usual.

We may have forgotten that "going to church" is not something we do to be a good citizen, or to ensure that we will get to heaven. We may have forgotten that we are not called to "go to church" at all, but we are called to "be the church." We are called to love God first and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Luke 10:27), and we are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). We are called to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Following Jesus is not "business as usual," but rather following Jesus is like joining a radical movement that seeks to overturn the principalities of this world and bring the Kingdom of God to fruition in the here and now—the in-breaking of God's Spirit in our lives and in our community.

The West Ohio Conference has been encouraging churches to engage in a Breakthrough Prayer Lab experience for the past several years. Churches that have experienced Breakthrough Prayer have seen amazing results, and many of these churches' stories can be seen here: <http://www.westohioumc.org/search/site/Breakthrough%20prayer%20story>. At Annual Conference this year, we saw this video from Trinity UMC: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSM4XmzZ_Lo&list=PLMPOI6r4CbfmQpYQ5U_v8s_rjCzBbe8g&index=14.

Jesus does not expect business as usual. Jesus did not give business as usual. I invite you to join me in praying specifically for God to send Deerfield UMC a person to fill each seat in our sanctuary and for us to live out our mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, one life at a time, in miraculous ways that are beyond our imagination. Jesus did not give us business as usual. Let's not give Jesus business as usual.

Praying 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

- July 3,** Praying Together Is Powerful!
Acts 6:1-5
- July 10,** When Heaven Is Unleashed!
Revelation 8:1-5
- July 17,** Pray—Sounds Easy, but Is It?
James 4:1-2
- July 24,** Being a Church that Prays
Acts 12:1-11
- July 31,** Still Being a Church that Prays
Acts 12:1-11

Church Council

Finance

Matthew 6:21 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." When we cheerfully give of our income instead of keeping that money for ourselves, it shows that our heart isn't tied to our money and that we love God more than our money.

The pledged giving to the General Fund through May 31, 2016 is \$42,510, which is \$7,877 less than budgeted/expected giving based on commitments made during our 2016 campaign. Our current giving to the General Fund is \$7,700 less than giving for the same period in 2015.

23 family/giving units submitted commitments for 2016, and 22 have given toward their pledge to date. For comparison, we had 22 family/giving units pledging in 2015. Non-pledged giving to the General Fund through May 31, 2016 is \$4,802, which is \$198 less than budgeted and compares to \$6,500 given in 2015. Expenses through May 31, 2016 are in line with the budget.

Please keep the financial health of Deerfield in your prayers. Pray about and review your own personal progress toward fulfilling your pledge commitment.

Many have asked for other options for giving. The finance committee has begun to explore two additional ways to give, online and by text message. For some, this will seem very foreign, to others very natural. As we grow as a church, having a way to give that is natural to each of us is important. We hope to have selected a provider and have these two new options available soon!

Your personal giving record and details are available to you on-line at any time by signing into your account at onrealm.org. Once you have provided your login id and password, you can find your personal details in the "Giving" section under the "My Profile" menu option. Should you have any questions on how to access your account or questions on your giving details, please talk with Stan Brown at 513-490-4783.



Pumpkin Patch

We recently had a Pumpkin Patch meeting for our 5th annual pumpkin fundraiser. One big change is we have decided to change suppliers. We will now be getting our pumpkins from a local farmer in Middletown. This opens the opportunity for us to make a variety of changes as we will no longer be bound by the rules of our previous supplier. One change is that we will have to buy all our pumpkins upfront; but we will get them at a price approximately 75 percent cheaper. We are free to set our own hours and our own selling prices. We have plans to get a new sign; we are looking into lighting that will allow us to stay open later and getting new decorations (potentially including a maze of some sort). Our team is excited about the possibilities, and we are hopeful the entire church will support the pumpkin sales in any way they can.

Staff Parish Relations Committee



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee needs to hire two more nursery attendants. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact Randy Cesco at 513-398-7577 or 276-613-2696 (cell). This is a paid position.

Radical Hospitality

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

Hospitality And Fellowship

Great hospitality and fellowship go a long way to let guests to our church know that Deerfield United Methodist Church is a welcoming place that serves Jesus Christ. Our community is hearing about Deerfield UMC as the Pumpkin Patch church, the Community Dinner church, and the church that prays for our area in times of need.

Invite your neighbors to church and share your faith journey. The Hospitality Team consists of 6 people; but each of our congregation can shake the hand of someone they don't know in service, open the front

door with a smile, introduce yourself and welcome others to our church. We all want to share hospitality and warmth in Jesus' name.

If you visit another church during your vacation and see new ideas, we are always open to suggestions. If you want to be an usher, greeter, or bring snacks for coffee time; please let someone know. On the back of the Communication Card in the bulletin is a good place to write what you are willing to do.

At the end of the day, in your evening prayers, thank the Lord for giving you the opportunity to share his love with others. This is the mission Jesus gives us!

Welcome Baskets For J.F. Burns Families

This year from the Ohio River Valley District, Deerfield United Methodist Church received a grant to partner with our local elementary school, which is J.F. Burns Elementary School. This school is located less than 2 miles from our church and is part of the Kings Local School District. Last year when the assistant principal was asked what Deerfield UMC could do for their school; she answered with, welcome our new families, support us during parent teacher conferences, and share with us in showcasing all of our cultures in the school district.

With this thought, the Mission Team at Deerfield UMC wrote a grant which was awarded to us by the ORV District to provide child care to J.F. Burns for their parent teachers conferences twice a year, provide welcome baskets to the new families to their school, and create a cultural awareness event to highlight who J.F. Burns students are.

On July 20, at 10:00—11:00 am, we will be assembling welcome baskets at the church. The Mission Team has worked diligently gathering information from local dentists, doctors, hospitals, restaurants, grocery stores and churches within a 5-mile radius. In the baskets will also be a J.F. Burns directory, gifts from the school district spirit store, and gift cards from local restaurants. We hope to assemble 30 baskets to be ready for the school year. Please come and share in the work and fun. Community service hours can be given for junior high & high school students who help. See you on July 20 at 10:00 am!

Summer Swim Party

Mark your calendars for Friday August 5, 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 Team leader for this event. The party will start at 6:00pm at Sailboat Pointe neighborhood. The neighborhood is at the traffic light on Columbia Road and Irwin Simpson Road. Turn right into the Sailboat Pointe neighborhood and follow the balloons.

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

Fourth of July Treats for Deerfield Township Emergency Responders

To continue to show our support and appreciation of the hard-working men and women emergency response teams in Deerfield Township, we would like to deliver hand-made or store bought treats on July 4th to those who are working during the holiday (and every day) to keep us safe. If you are interested in providing a treat, please sign up on the Communication Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com. Treats can be brought to church on Sunday, July 3, or by 10:00 am on Monday, July 4.



Children's Missions

This month the children will be creating homemade Fourth of July cards for the Deerfield Township Emergency Responders to be delivered with tasty treats.

Bless Your Business Initiative and More

We are looking for creative and innovative ways to show the Deerfield Township/Landen community that Deerfield UMC is here, wants to help with specific community needs, and that all are welcome to worship among us. We are looking to further our relationships with the community's schools, service men and women, and businesses. Please pray over the following opportunities and contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com if you have any ideas and/or want to get involved:



1. Delivery of homemade treats (cookies, brownies, etc.) to the firehouse on holidays - please watch for our next opportunities to get involved and sign up on the Communication Card for the Fourth of July.
2. Delivery of "Bless Your Business" baskets to businesses and their employees in a 3-mile radius while also collecting their information (business cards, brochures, coupons, etc.) to be used in welcome baskets for new families to JF Burns Elementary.
3. Create and deliver welcome baskets for new families in the community with students at JF Burns Elementary for the 2016-17 school year.
4. Deliver treat baskets to JF Burns Elementary, Columbia Intermediate, and Kings Mills Elementary once a month for teachers and staff to show our support and appreciation.



Community Dinner

Come and join us on July 10 for our next Community Dinner. We will be celebrating the birth of our Country with a Fourth of July Cookout and will be serving Hamburgers and Hotdogs with all the fixings. The dinner will be served from 6pm-7:30pm 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.

July Food Pantry

1 Corinthians 6:20 *For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.* This month's food pantry drive is personal hygiene products and sunscreen. Some examples of needed supplies are: baby sunscreen, child sunscreen, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet paper, and deodorant. 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.

Help Needed:

Blessing of the Backpacks

We are in need of someone to work with Debbie Berta to coordinate and advertise a special Sunday service on August 14 in which Pastor Linda will be blessing student backpacks as well as their school year, classrooms and teachers. This would include advertising through communication with local schools, the Live Free program, YMCA, etc. Please indicate your interest on the Communication Card.

Live Free

Deerfield United Methodist Church is offering a FREE five-week summer enrichment camp for children from now until July 28 on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Live Free started the last week in June with many excited children, and a lot of fun activities, including reading, Bible stories, and planting seeds. During the children's time here at camp they also participate in games and sports, and do crafts and projects and receive a free lunch and snack. Children who are entering 1st grade through 6th grade are eligible to attend camp. All are invited, and can come as schedules allow. The camp program is run by trained college students, and adults and teens from Deerfield UMC are invited to come as able to meet children and parents and participate. Sign children up at <http://bit.ly/1RNFYog> or complete an application (found on the Welcome Center) and leave it in the church office.



50 Children Signed Up - Live Free Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for Safe Sanctuary trained volunteers to help this summer with the implementation of our Live Free Camp. There are many time slots available, so sign up for as many as you would like! Come join in on the fun with the children attending Live Free and help build relationships with the children and their families! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/1UieXuP>.

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 from recent holidays 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!

This story was on the Operation Christmas Child Facebook page: "For my daughter's 8th birthday she asked her friends to bring donations to fill boxes instead of presents. Natalee's goal this year is 50 boxes. She's currently at 36 boxes and counting!" - Marisol D.



To see what is suggested to look for in stores each month, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas> for ideas. July's item is clothing. "One of my favorites in my shoebox was white socks because in the orphanage you get bad quality socks that always stink and have holes in them." –Timur, Central Asia One child in Grenada was delighted to find his shoebox packed with underwear in his exact size. His family was so poor that they could not afford to buy this for him. If you need more red/white striped boxes, pick some up by the Food Pantry bin.

Intentional Faith Development

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

Annual Conference

West Ohio Conference 2016 was an amazing and uplifting experience. Opening worship brought clergy and lay delegates together to pray and sing God's praises. Several guest preachers brought inspiring messages.

This year we considered 5 recommendations. Three recommendations come up every year related to the budget for the West Ohio Annual Conference, and salaries and pension information for clergy. We also discussed the sale of Camp Asbury to the Friends of Camp Asbury and a study of the effectiveness of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative.

In addition, we heard from many churches regarding their success in meeting or exceeding their Breakthrough Goals, and we celebrated clergy who were licensed, commissioned, or ordained, and lay people who were certified as Certified Lay Ministers. All these people have shown commitment to study and learning for leading the church. We also celebrated clergy who retired, and we remembered clergy and laity from all 8 districts who have gone on to glory.

You can learn more about Annual Conference 2016 and watch the videos we were shown about different

topics at this web link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMPOI6r4CbfmQpYQ5U_v8s_rjAzBbe8g

I was proud and honored to represent Deerfield UMC at West Ohio Conference 2016. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Debbie Berta

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 upcoming 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. You can download an application at <http://northernlightsemmaus.org/NLEapp2016v1.pdf> and send it to Deb Turner, 3990 Everett Dr., Loveland, OH 45140.

Children's Summer Sunday School

This summer, we will be going to a one-room schoolhouse format. All kids ages 4 through 6th grade will attend Sunday school on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. This format will be in effect for June and July. Join us for summer Sunday school fun!

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)

- ◇ July 3, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ July 10, 17 & 24, attend Sunday School.
- ◇ July 31, Fun day Sunday.

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)

- ◇ July 3 17, & 31 attend worship with parents.
- ◇ July 10 & 24, 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

Will Bender	Judy Huth
Al & Judy Billock	Gayle Irons
Rita Boggs	Libby Kelly
Jullian Boren	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Liz Bowser	Little Miami Alumni choir
Julie Brandau	Glen & Sandy Marcks
Marsha Brashear	April Matson
Gary Brown	Esther Matson
Karen Bundy	Stephanie Miller
Jensie Caguimbal	Bill & Mickie Montgomery
Mark & Linda Caliendo	Linda Murray & family
MaryEllen Collins	Chad Murray & family
Connie Combs	Chris Murray & kids
Chery & Ron Condo	Gilbert Owens
LJ Dorsey	Jeanice Owens
Andrew Douglass	Destiny Pope-Gould
Emily Douglass	Karen Schauer
Scott Douglass	Chris Schenkel
Jerry Drake	Emily Schenkel
Jim Drake	Mike Schenkel
Earnhardt family	Shaughnessy family
Ron Ewen	Lois Shipp
Jon Gee	Sue Staab
Ruth Gibbons	Joani Thomas
Judy Hallman	Thompson family
Jenae Hickman	D. Troy
Lynn Huber	Kathy Wolf

July Birthdays

7/3	Gail Brengman
7/4	Nancy Bredemeier
7/8	Ed Burke
7/21	Teddy Copley
7/26	Calvin Meeker



Celebrate July Anniversaries

7/6	Ron & Laura Hetzer
7/11	John & Marilyn Clark
7/14	Randy & Penny Cesco
7/26	Mike & Bonnie Schenkel
7/30	Mark & Nancy Bredemeier
7/31	Ed & Margie Burke

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:

Connections and Conversations

⇒ Monday, August 1, 2016, 6:30-8 pm
Montgomery Community Church
11251 Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45249

Topic: *"Disenfranchised Grief"*

As we face life's daily challenges, we might ask ourselves, "Why am I feeling this way? How should I respond? I'm overwhelmed, what should I do or who can I talk to?" We all have relationship issues, whether at work, home or in our community. Know that you are not alone in this journey of "womanhood."




Motherless Daughters Ministry's "Connections & Conversations" group can help you process your feelings and choices. We meet monthly, in an informal, yet supportive setting to discuss how mother loss, whether through death, neglect or absence, has affected us as women.

To register for either event go to <http://www.motherlessdaughtersministry.com>.

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

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 * Worship (see above)	4 	5	6	7 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	8	9 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108
10 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	11 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * 2757 Meeting 6:30pm, Rm 104	12	13 * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	14 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	15	16
17 * Worship (see above)	18 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	19	20 * Welcome Basket assembly 10am	21 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23
24 * Worship (see above)	25 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	26	27	28 * Live Free 11:00am-3:30pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	29	30
31 * Worship (see above)						

Check out the calendar so you don't miss an important date

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

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!



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, July 22, 2016
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



2757 West U.S. 22-3, Maineville, OH 45039
(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829
www.deerfieldumc.org
11:00 am Worship
Rev. Linda Troy



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.

	<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

Please join me in praying regularly for our congregation to meet and even exceed these goals!

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.