

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

June 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

*The LORD says—who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters,
Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history.*

Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?

I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

Isaiah 43:16, 18-19



General Conference of the worldwide United Methodist Church took place in Portland, Oregon, from May 10-20, 2016. General Conference brings together clergy and lay delegates from around the world to come together for what John Wesley called "Christian Conferencing," talking through topics and issues, praying over them, and then seeking the Lord's guidance in decision making. During 10 days in Portland, delegates passed an increased budget, atoned for past sins, celebrated 60 years of full clergy rights for women, along with celebrating other church milestones, and voted to create a new, high tech version of the hymnal.

Those from our West Ohio Conference who attended General Conference say that the highlights of the Conference were the worship services. Multicultural and highly dynamic in nature, worship featured music from around the world, preaching from several Bishops, and a sense of living into the spirit of Pentecost, a church holiday celebrating the birth of the church and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Some of the low points of the General Conference were bickering and arguing among delegates, unkind and unchristian behavior, and downright meanness to one another, particularly over the topic of human

sexuality. The Conference was live streamed, so whatever was happening at the Conference was visible to all who cared to watch around the world. At some points, the behavior of the delegates was downright embarrassing.

Human sexuality was a hot topic of the Conference, and the delegates implored the Council of Bishops to take leadership and guide the denomination. The Council of Bishops will commission a special team to continue to explore this topic and bring recommendations to the General Conference either before or at GC2020.

For more information about General Conference, go to <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/its-a-wrap-united-methodist-general-conference-2016> to see video of many parts of General Conference.

Please join me in praying for God's leadership and guidance for the United Methodist Church through the next quadrennium. God is doing a new thing in our midst—may we have eyes and ears to recognize it. Amen.

Watching and waiting 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

- June 5, Road Signs on the Journey—
Detour 
- June 12, Road Signs on the Journey—
Steep Grade 
- June 19, Road Signs on the Journey—
No U Turn 
- June 26, Road Signs on the Journey—
Proceed with Caution 

Church Council

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Nursery Help



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee needs to hire one new nursery attendant NOW and two more by the end of June. 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.

Volunteer Office Help

In an effort to control administrative costs, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking volunteer office help to do some routine office work. Can you spare an hour or two a week to help in the office? Watch for more information on Sunday mornings, where you will have a chance to sign up if you are willing to help. Those of you who indicated an interest in this area in last fall's Stewardship Campaign will be contacted also. Thank you!

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Anyone wanting to work with the youth and children of Deerfield United Methodist Church must be Safe Sanctuary Trained and have clearance. Deerfield UMC has had a policy in place since 1992. Last year this policy was changed by the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church to make the policy mandatory and require that any group using our church that works with children must adhere to the policy. Deerfield UMC has been working to have the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops trained. Deerfield UMC is scheduling bi-annual trainings to

keep volunteers and employees current. Each year you must have a refresher course. If you have any questions please contact Penny Cesco at rcesco@zoomtown.com or 513-398-7577.

Radical Hospitality

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

Bluebird Safari



Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather issues, this year's Bluebird Safari had to be cancelled. Stay tuned next year for this opportunity to return!

End of School Blast

Come join in the celebration of the end of the school year fun, Friday June 3 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Deerfield UMC. If the weather is good, old-time games will be outside like hop scotch, red light/green light, jump rope, tug of war, and a kick ball game. If you know of any other games, come and teach us. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share, and the hospitality committee will provide s'mores and beverages (and coolers). Invite your friends and neighbors! Debbie Berta is the hospitality member leader for the evening events, so if you have any questions please contact her at 513-847-8008.

Summer Swim Party

Mark your calendars for 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 member leader for this event. There will be more information in the future, so stay tuned!



Exercise and Eat

A number of years back, we had an exercise class that met once a week at Deerfield. After we exercised we enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. I wonder how many of you might be interested in trying something like that again. I have a couple of exercise tapes by Leslie Sansone which are fairly easy and take between 20 and 30 minutes to do (one is even for seniors). Also, I have a tape called Tai Chi for Arthritis by Dr. Paul Lam and one called Yoga for Seniors by Jane Adams. This last one has (it says) "safe, easy to follow movements, all done seated or standing alongside a chair." Maybe some of you have others, also. The potluck lunches were miracles like

the "loaves and fishes;" no one ever knew what the others were bringing (and some brought nothing), but we always had enough. Anyone interested in forming a class, please contact Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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

Thank You!

An Article from the Recent "Kings Electronic Black Board News" Newsletter Champions Deerfield United Methodist Church!

Local Church Supports J.F. Burns.

Last school year, Deerfield United Methodist Church members provided over twenty Whiz Kids reading mentors for our students at J.F. Burns Elementary. This school year, many have returned as a Whiz Kids reading mentor, but in addition, in collaboration with JFB Assistant Principal, Jenny Wilson, Deerfield United Methodist Church members and staff wrote and were awarded, a grant to support J.F. Burns in three further ways.

The grant first provided volunteer babysitters for JFB families during Spring conference night, which allowed families to focus on their student's conference. The grant also provides items that will be placed in welcome baskets which the JFB PTO will provide



to new families. Lastly, next school year, the grant will provide funding for a multi-cultural night at JFB. Members of Deerfield UMC will assist with the planning and serve as volunteers for the actual program. J.F. Burns says "thank you!"

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 Father's Day and 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.

Children's Missions

This month the children will be creating homemade Father's Day cards for the residents at Berrywood to be delivered with tasty cookies. They will also be creating cards to be delivered with the homemade treats made for our Landen/Deerfield Township service men on Father's Day and July 4th.

Community Dinner

Come and join us on June 12 for our next Community Dinner. We will be having a Father's Day Celebration featuring meat and potato dishes. The dinner will be served from 6:00 - 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. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with any questions.

June Food Pantry

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8

This month's food pantry drive is focusing on fresh produce so that families in our community may enjoy the benefits of fresh fruits



and vegetables. 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.

Live Free

Deerfield United Methodist Church will be offering a FREE five-week summer enrichment camp for children from June 27 through July 28 on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Included at camp are games and sports, crafts and projects, Bible stories, reading practice, and 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. Take brochures to pass out to your friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances and invite them to sign up, as well!



35 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>.

Live Free Donations

Attention crafters, Deerfield UMC is asked to provide basic craft supplies for our summer children's program, Live Free. Some needed items are yarn and empty 2-liter bottles for projects this summer! If you have either of these that you are able to donate, please contact Deb Thomen at (513-490-0867) or Debbie Berta at (513-847-8008).

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

A few weeks ago, Penny Cesco handed out red and white striped boxes to children in worship during the Time Especially for Children. She was



encouraging the children to take the boxes home and start filling them 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 Penny was interacting with in worship 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!



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. And if you need more red/white striped boxes, there are plenty waiting in Pastor Linda's office!

Knitters and Crocheters



For the past two years we have been donating hats, scarves and mittens to Bernie's Place (2014) and Berrywood seniors (2015). There is an organization called BLOC (Believing and Living One Christ) in Price Hill that could also use our needlework talents. Some of you may remember Joan Morgan who used to be a Deerfield UMC member. She now lives in Price Hill and is heavily involved with the BLOC (Believing and Living One Christ) ministries. In fact they are working on providing housing for homeless teens which will be named after Joan's recently deceased son Cary. Cary's House teens as well as other children served by BLOC ministries could use some of our winter hats, scarves and mittens next fall and winter, so anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com. Thank you!



Intentional Faith Development

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

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!

An Invitation From Rev. Jackie Marshall

Happy June everyone! As we move into the summer months with differing schedules and vacations, I have an invitation for the church. This invitation is a "God thing," and I feel the Holy Spirit pushing me to do this. (Yikes! ☺)

I am reading a book called "Weird Church" by Beth Ann Estock and Paul Nixon. Just published this year, the authors write about the seven "meta shifts" the church must make now in order to survive, and then tells the stories of churches that are doing just that. Using scripture, this book lays our postmodern shrinking church dilemma on the line.

"Weird Church describes the massive shifts in culture that have impacted the church. It also provides a helpful common language for the different worldviews that exist in the institutional church today that might prevent further blaming of each other. Finally, it gives examples of the richness of diversity in healthy, relevant faith communities." (quote from UMC Bishop Dyck)

Contact me, Rev. Jackie Marshall, at 513-461-9400 via text or regular phone if you feel God nudging you to be a part of a Deerfield UMC discussion. You can also email me at: marshall.jackie1@gmail.com. Together we'll figure out a schedule for reading and discussion and prayer. Looking forward to seeing where God can move us forward as we place our faith and trust and love in loving God and loving our neighbors.

District Spring Conference

Gather at Sharonville UMC, 3751 Creek Rd, Cincinnati OH, 45241, on Thursday, June 2, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm to hear news about General

Conference. At 7 pm, we will start the Ohio River Valley District annual tribute honoring ministry milestones with worship, pre-annual conference briefing, and fellowship.

United Methodist Summer Camps!

The United Methodist Church has three camp locations in Ohio: Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater. Camping opportunities are available for ages 6 years to 18 years, and also for entire families! New this year! On June 8, 9 or 10, you and your child are welcome to attend a One-Day Adventure at any of the three camps to learn more about summer camp and try out the fun activities! Cost is only \$20, and scholarships are available. Invite your friends to come with you for this fun day, and learn more about the overnight camp opportunities offered. Activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, sports, ropes courses, cooking, and more! Call 800-437-0028 to reserve your spots! To learn more, go to <http://www.westohiocamps.com/camp>. Scholarships available. See Pastor Linda.

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)

- ◇ June 5, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ June 12, 19 & 26, attend Sunday School. Children will 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)

- ◇ June 5 & 19, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ June 12 & 26, attend Sunday School.

June Birthdays

6/9	Debbie Berta
6/15	Kaylin Hawker Karen Kenwell
6/19	Eric Etensohn
6/21	Janet Carpenter
6/23	Bonnie Schenkel
6/28	Cindy Goodlander Lynn Robinson





June Anniversaries

6/15	Josh & Heidi Ettensohn Barcus Stan Brown & Deb Thomen
6/24	Chuck & Martha Miker
6/28	Shane & Regina Meeker

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

Audrey Barbian	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Vincent Barth	Brandie Lumpkins
Will Bender	Marilyn
Bethany	April Matson
Jay Bloom	Nancy Minor family
Jullian Boren	Bill & Mickie Montgomery
Marsha Brashear	Linda Murray
Jensie Caguimbal	Sheila Plummer
Connie Combs	Destiny Pope-Gould
Chrissy Davis	Heather Pope
Craig Douglass	Bill Robson family
Emily Douglass	Chris Schenkel
Earnhardt family	Emily Schenkel
Michelle Ferguson	Mike Schenkel
George & Joan	Sherrie Sekyra
Ruth Gibbons	Shaughnessy family
Mary Ellen Grounds	Dalton Thomas
Judy Hallman	Joani Thomas
Heidenreich family	Shonn Thomas
Jenae Hickman	Dan Troy
Lynn Huber	Vicky Tucker
Judy Huth	Marge Turner
Barry Jewell	Tony Williams
Dorothy Johnson	Wisby Family
Tony Johnson	Kathy Wolf
Barb Leach	



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.

Passionate Worship	55
Radical Hospitality	
Professions of faith	3
Baptisms	3
Intentional Faith Development	
Average no. small groups	4
Average no. attendees	25
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%
Risk Taking Mission/Service	
Total number engaged in	15
Extravagant Generosity	
Average weekly giving	\$2,450
Apportionments	100%
Additional giving	
Missions	\$25,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000
Capital	\$1,000
Memorials	\$500
Advance specials	\$500

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. Which one of these defines you? Motherless Daughters is a non-profit organization that hopes to serve you; join us to

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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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	3 * End of School Blast 6:30 	4
5 * Worship (see above)	6 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	7	8 * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	9 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108
12 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	13 * 2757 Meeting 6:30 pm Rm 104 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	14 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	15 * Daisy Scout Meeting 6-7:30pm Rm 107 * Church Council Meeting 7pm	16 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	17	18
19 * Worship (see above) 	20 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	24	25
26 * Worship (see above)	27 * Live Free 11:00am- 3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	28	29	30 * Live Free 11:00am- 3:30pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary		

connect, laugh, talk and know you are not alone.

Upcoming Class:

The Journey Retreat

⇒ Thursday June 9 – Sunday, June 12
Jesuit Retreat Center, Milford, Ohio

The Journey: Healing the Wounds of Mother Loss One Step at a time is a residential retreat focusing on mother loss & its effect on your life, how her absence shapes your identity, influences your style of mothering and relationships, how your grief surfaces throughout your lifetime, and how you experience living beyond your mother's final years. This weekend could literally change your life. Are you ready?

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



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!



Thank You

Members of DUMC-
We would just like to say thank you for your continued support of the Kings Food Pantry. We truly appreciate everything you do to help our local families in need.
Traci Shirkey
Coordinator of Kings Food Pantry

NewsLetter DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, June 20, 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



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.