

Deerfield United Methodist Church

November 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

It happened to me. Has it happened to you? I was with a dear friend who has been important in my life for the past 30 years. She and her husband are like family to me and to our family. I had stopped by my friend's house for a short visit when work took me to Columbus several weeks ago, and as I was getting ready to leave her house, I asked her what she thought about this year's elections. I was making small talk, not really expecting much controversy in our conversation. "Well," she said, "I am really frustrated." With that, she proceeded to tell me what was wrong with one candidate. Later, when I was home, I sent her an email with some of my own thoughts in response to her comments. Soon I received an email from her, refuting my comments and reinforcing her original comments. Also she included a statement affirming our friendship and that since we live in America, we could have differing viewpoints and still remain as close friends.

At this point, I decided to let the conversation drop, realizing that neither one of us was likely to change our viewpoints, even though we were both probably disappointed at the other's choice for president.

Very often feelings can get hurt during an election year when we find out a friend not only has an opposing opinion, but may have made a judgment about our position. "How can my friend be so wrong," we may think.

Ideally, as a friend we should be trying to find

out why a friend chose to vote the way he or she did rather than to judge the choice. Our job as a friend is not to judge but to seek to understand our friend. Different life circumstances lead to different choices.

The Bible tells us that as God's people, we should learn to live together in harmony, even when we have differing opinions. If you believe that the upcoming elections have hurt your relationship with a friend (or relative), try understanding the other person's point of view and offering an apology if necessary. For example, "You know what? I didn't realize all that you had been through, and even though we disagree on some things, I really care about you as a friend. I'm so sorry that sharing my opinions has hurt your feelings. Your friendship is important to me."

Fortunately, we can remember during this election season that while we elect certain people to represent us as leaders in this country, God is our one and only ultimate leader. Our allegiance first and foremost is to God.

As we learn of election results, please join me in praying for unity and peace in our land.

Looking to God,

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

November 6	<i>All Saints' Sunday The Fall of Israel</i>
November 13	<i>Psalms and Proverbs</i>
November 20	<i>Pledge Sunday The Prophets</i>
November 27	<i>First Sunday of Advent How Will I Know?</i>

On November 6, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday by reading aloud names of those who have passed on to glory this past year and lighting a candle on the altar in their memories. Later in the worship service, you will have the opportunity to light candles in memory of others you love who have passed on in previous years. Please give names of those who have passed on this past year for the bulletin to the church office by November 2.

On November 20, we will have the privilege of making our financial pledges to God through the work of Deerfield UMC for 2017. You will receive pledge cards in worship on November 20. Please begin now to be in prayer about your financial support of God's mission at Deerfield UMC, and talk with your spouse or others you need to confer with. Come to worship on November 20 prepared to offer your pledge card to God in worship.

November 20 after worship we will share lunch with St. Mary Magdalene Church and decorate the church building for Advent and Christmas. You are invited to bring a dish to share for lunch and plan to stay after church for 90 minutes to eat and put up church decorations for the holidays! This is a fun time for families, couples, and singles to work together to beautify our sanctuary!

November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord.



Church Council Trustees

We unfortunately have a leaky roof! It is a section of roof that is over the closet in the old building as well as in a section of the education wing over room 101. The cost to repair the roof is going to be in the neighborhood of \$2000.

As I'm sure some of you have noticed, we have been having some issue and glitches with the computer in the sanctuary. Len Troy is currently trying to rebuild the sanctuary computer, and hopefully this will fix the Sunday morning glitches.

Radical Hospitality

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

Election Day Hospitality

We want to again extend hospitality to the poll workers and the voters who enter our building on election day, Tuesday, November 8. We are in need of congregation members to sign up to help replenish the snacks and drinks we will be providing. You can go to Signup Genius at <http://bit.ly/2ePL1ol> to help with this community outreach. Did you know that poll workers are there for over 10 hours? Did you know that Deerfield United Methodist Church is one of the only places that extend hospitality to the workers and the voters? Voting is a right that all Americans aged 18 and older should participate in and do. This election could be one of the highest turnouts in many years. To help with this outreach, the Hospitality Team will be purchasing the beverages and snacks that will be supplied to the workers and community members who come in to vote. When you sign up for a slot, all that is needed for you to do is come and check on the beverages and snacks on the table, and make sure the table is organized and supplies are replenished. Deerfield UMC has stated that we want to support our community and we need all your help!



November Fellowship Event

Ladies of Deerfield UMC, join us for a relaxed evening of dinner and conversation. For November, the Hospitality/Fellowship Event is being held on Friday, November 4, at 6:00 pm at Aponte's Pizzeria Restaurant in the downtown section of Mason. The address is 312 Reading Road. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Miker at cmiker@cinci.rr.com, or call her at 513-398-8704. Feel free to invite a friend to come along.

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

Trunk-or-Treat

October's Trunk-or-Treat was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who either creatively decorated a car/trunk, helped with games and other activities like cookie decorating and face painting. The children as well as adults had a great time and I know we blessed many families with our hospitality.



Community Dinner

This month's community dinner will feature a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We will need at least 3 turkeys and 1 ham prepared, as well as sides and desserts. Missions is willing to purchase the meats but still needs assistance cooking them the day of the dinner, Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. Please watch for the Signup Genius or use the communication card in the Sunday bulletin. There will also be a tree set up for us to hang paper leaves to give thanks and ask for prayers during this season. Thank you in advance for helping provide people in our community with a hot, homemade Thanksgiving dinner! If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up to bring a dish on either the communication card in your Sunday Bulletin or on Sign Up Genius once the sign up has been created. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com.



November Un-Food Drive

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season are one of the most popular times for giving and the Kings Food Pantry is usually well stocked with food donations, plus they also give goods baskets to families. Therefore, this year we are doing an "un-food" drive for the following items: Personal Care Items, Baby Products or Cleaning Supplies Don't forget about our furry friends too! Some people in dire straights would rather go hungry themselves than let their dog or cat suffer. So remember pets too when you shop for the above "un-food" items. Please bring your donations to church during the month of November and we will deliver them to the Kings Food Pantry in early December. THANK YOU! Please see the Food Pantry display for more ideas or you can contact Stephanie Copley at Stephanie.copley@gmail.com or Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com.

Simply Give at Meijer

Kings Food Pantry has been chosen by Meijer to again partner with their location on St. Rt. 22&3. The 2016 Holiday "Simply Give" began October 30 and will finish December 31, 2016. This campaign assists Kings Food Pantry in replenishing their shelves with food they cannot always purchase.

For every \$10 donation at the Montgomery store, Meijer will match it with an additional \$10. Meijer has also designated November 11 & 12 as double match days! That means for every \$10 donation card purchase they will match it with \$20! There are Simply Give cards located on the Missions Board and you can also get them at Meijer. Just present them at any checkout register with your donation.

The cards customers have purchased will be converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to the Kings Food Pantry.

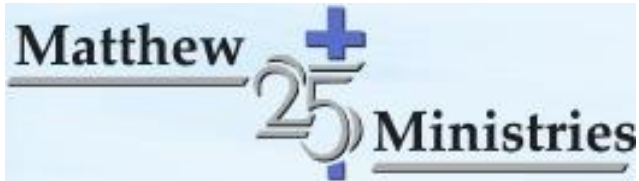
Thanksgiving Day Treats

We will be delivering treats to our local Deerfield Township Emergency Responders on Thanksgiving Day to show our appreciation and support for all they do for our community. Treats of cookies, brownies, pies, etc. can be delivered to church kitchen by Wednesday, November 23 at 7 pm. There will be cards to be signed in the lobby on Sunday, November 20.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



Deerfield UMC will be collecting filled shoeboxes and items to fill more shoeboxes during our "Packing Party" on November 5 from 10am - 2pm. There is always a need for items to be donated to fill boxes, things such as bars of soap, flashlights and extra batteries, cups, toothbrushes and toothpaste, school supplies and toys for all age ranges. Everyone is invited to help pack boxes! Last year Deerfield UMC filled 167 boxes, so let's try and top that number this year! You may use your own shoebox or take one from the lobby. Boxes that are filled should be marked with the age and gender of child and returned to church by November 18. Also donations made to cover shipping costs are welcome - \$7 per box. Please clearly mark your donation for shipping costs if you place it in Sunday offering. To read about lives changed through a shoebox filled with gifts, go to <http://bit.ly/1P6m5XR>.



Matthew 25 Ministries Save the Date

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, December 3 from 9 - 11 am at Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash. It is a wonderful time for fellowship while working to support people in need all over the world. Watch the Sunday bulletin announcements for more information.

Buckeye Time Coming Soon

It is not too early to be thinking about our annual Buckeye Sale. We make the buckeye centers at home and freeze them several weeks in advance. Then we get together at church on a Saturday in December (date will be announced later) to dip and pack for sale. Order forms will soon be available. Check the communications card if you are willing to help. Proceeds will be used to fund our Community Dinners and other mission projects.



If you have any questions or would like to help or donate ingredients, please contact Barb Dixon at 513-683-0281. Plans are flexible, so all suggestions and help are welcome.

Buckeye Recipe

(yield: about 5 dozen)

Center ingredients:

1 stick butter, softened (1/2 cup)
1 box (1 lb.) powdered sugar
18 oz. jar of creamy peanut butter*
1 tsp. vanilla



Mix together thoroughly and roll into 1 inch balls. Freeze. *If all you can find is the 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, use that and if the batter is too stiff add more peanut butter from another jar.

Dipping ingredients:

12 oz bag of chocolate chips
small piece of paraffin

Heat chocolate chips and paraffin in the top of a double boiler. Stir when melted. Dip by putting toothpick into a center and dipping and swirling it in the melted chocolate. Let cool on waxed paper. Makes about 60 Buckeyes.

Intentional Faith Development

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

Wesleyan Moment on Money

by Dale Wik

I think we have all heard that the Bible tells us the love of money is the root of evil. John Wesley fairly early in his life sat down to develop a budget for his money. He decided how much money he "needed" to live on. His housing, food, clothing etc. Anything that he made over that amount, he would give to the church. The amazing part of this commitment to me is that in the course of his lifetime, he never increased the amount he spent on necessities or bought frivolous things when he got extra money. He was dedicated to giving anything above his necessities to the church. Later in his life, he was making as much as 5 times the amount he was making when he decide how much he "needed" to live on, yet kept to his promise to give everything over and above this fixed amount to the church. There was even a story that he once broke his commitment when he saw a beautiful painting that he fell in love with. He purchased the painting and hung it on the wall where he was staying. Later he saw a woman on the street that did not have a coat on a very cold day. He thought of the painting he had hanging on his wall and knew that it cost about what a coat would cost for this poor woman. He saw this as a sign from God and went home, got the painting, sold it and bought a coat for the woman.

I know you are probably thinking as I did, John Wesley lived in a much simpler time. He did not have the necessities we have today, a nice car, cable TV, a 65" LED TV, iPhone with extra data plan..... Or have we just fallen into the trap of loving "things" (not money) instead of helping those truly in need.

In this season as we consider our own stewardship for Deerfield UMC, perhaps we should review our own "necessities" and give serious consideration to adjusting our lifestyle so that we too can give generously to those in need. Follow John Wesley's lead in how we spend the financial gift we receive from God.

Something to ponder.

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 2)

- ◇ November 6, attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ November 13, 20 & 27, 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.

iWitness Study

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ November 6, 20, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ November 13 & 27, attend Sunday School.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ November 6, 20 attend worship with parents.
- ◇ November 13 & 27, 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

Abigail & Baby Zayden	Greg Kenwell
Liz Bowser	Ryan Kenwell
Karen Burke	Sandy Marcks
Jensie Caguimbal	April Matson
Mark Caliendo	Glenn Miller
Emily Cates	Jim Rahn
Bette Farrell	Amy Ryan
Jon Gee family	Mary Shumard
Mark Gibbons	Joe Shipley
Ruth Gibbons	Den Stabb
Judy Hallman	Sue Staab
Hurricane Victims	Jeff Stacy
Libby Kelly	Jess V.
Val Kellam	

November Birthdays

11/6	George Mason Regina Meeker
11/9	Stan Brown Sarah Miker
11/14	Deb Thomen
11/15	Laura Hetzer
11/18	Jennifer Carpenter
11/21	Barb Dixon
11/22	Joey Copley
11/27	Nancy Miller
11/28	Bob Liedhegner Jayden Neal
11/30	Luke Copley Noah Prather



November Anniversaries

11/12	Lee & Michelle Prather
11/14	Sheldon & Mei Carpenter Roy & Barb Dixon



Motherless Daughters Ministry

The Journey: Healing the Wounds of Mother Loss One Step at a Time focuses 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 4-day accelerated class could literally change your life. Are you ready?

Upcoming Class:

Connections & Conversations

Boundaries in Relationship 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 Group, Connections and Conversations 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.

⇒ Monday, November 7, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Location: Montgomery Community Church
11251 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Cost: \$10 Light refreshments will be available.

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

Election Wisdom

A 1774 entry in John Wesley's journal:

"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

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. Eleven 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	21
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%	46%
Risk Taking Mission/Service		
Total number engaged in	15	13
Extravagant Generosity		
Average weekly giving	\$2,450	\$2,270
Apportionments	100%	80%
Additional giving		
Missions	\$25,000	\$7,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000	\$3,300
Capital	\$1,000	\$500
Memorials	\$500	—
Advance specials	\$500	\$500

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

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 * ORV District Committee Meeting 8:30am -4pm	2 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Church Council Meeting 7pm Rms 101-103	3 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	4 * Motherless Daughters Class 9am-2:30pm Rm. 102 * DUMC ladies dinner 6pm	5 * Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 10am-2pm Rms 101-103
6 * Worship (see above)  	7 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * E100 Study group 7pm Rm 106	8  Election Day	9 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	10 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	11 * Motherless Daughters Class 9am-2:30pm Rm. 102 	12 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108 10am
13 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	14 * 2757 Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105 * E100 Study group 7pm Rm 106	15	16 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Daisy Meeting 6-8pm, Rm 107	17 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	18 * Motherless Daughters Class 9am-2:30pm Rm. 102 * Operation Christmas Child boxes due	19
20 * Worship (see above) 	21 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * E100 Study group 7pm Rm 106	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108,	24 	25 	26
27 * Worship (see above) 	28 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * E100 Study group 7pm Rm 106	29	30 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108,	Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 107:1 		

The First Thanksgiving

November is the month in which we look forward to Thanksgiving celebrations. We may remember the story we learned in elementary school about Thanksgiving being a feast between the Pilgrims and Native Americans to celebrate the harvest together and to celebrate the assistance the Native Americans gave to the Pilgrims the first year after the Pilgrims arrived from across the ocean.

Native Americans, however, have a differing perspective on the day American Europeans call Thanksgiving. Rev. Dr. Randy S. Woodley shares these first person thoughts: The first feast related to our current national holiday, which we call Thanksgiving, was celebrated in either October or November of 1621. The feast included around 50 English Separatists (of Mayflower fame) held at their Plymouth Plantation, and nearly 100 Wampanoag Indians. In addition to Wampanoag oral history, there are just a few original sources for the first Thanksgiving celebration in America but they all seem to agree on several things:

- The Wampanoag, slow to introduce themselves, treated the Pilgrims well when they finally made themselves known to them.
- The Native Americans felt compassion and sympathy for the Pilgrims, sharing their technology. With numerous settlers having died in the winter of 1620, none of the Pilgrims would have likely survived without the Wampanoag teaching them local customs of planting, gathering and preserving foods.
- At that first harvest festival some food was harvested and some hunted. The meals

consisted of deer brought by the Wampanoag and fowl provided by the settlers (possibly ducks, geese, quail, passenger pigeon, and/or turkey). In addition, the meals probably included walnuts, chestnuts (maybe chestnut bread), seafood (such as lobster, crab, mussels and fish) and whatever had been harvested like corn, beans, pumpkins, other squash, potatoes, sun-chokes, etc. Also present was surely lots of beer since it was the most common drink among the Pilgrims.

- The reason nearly 100 Indians showed up during the English feast that was already in progress was because the Pilgrims set off a celebratory gun volley and the Wampanoag, who had agreed to a peaceful coexistence with the Pilgrims, thought they were coming to the Pilgrim's aid from an outside attack.
- After arriving and seeing there was not enough food for them all, the Indians hunted five deer (and probably other wild game) and ceremoniously gifted the hosts with their prizes.
- The whole celebration probably lasted for three days.

Beyond the "facts" of history remains the American Myth of Thanksgiving. The myth neglects the rest of the story between English settlers and Indigenous peoples. It presents the "First Thanksgiving" as a template some people would like to lay as a false basis for all Indian-White relations in America. Unfortunately, the attitude of presumed superiority on the part of the English is totally neglected in the myth. The Pilgrim's false claim to have an *a priori* right to an already occupied land is also missing from the existing myth.

Seeking justice for all people, including our Native American brothers and sisters, is integral to United Methodists.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, **November 22, 2016**
Email to: dumc@deerfielddumc.org



2757 West U.S. 22-3, Maineville, OH 45039
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www.deerfielddumc.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.