

Deerfield United Methodist Church

October 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

"A leader of good judgment gives stability."

Proverbs 29:4 *The Message*

If you are like me or others in our nation, the presidential campaign has been a source of much consideration. It seems as though daily I read some new headline claiming that one candidate or the other has lied about something. Other headlines emphasize experience or lack thereof in political arenas or call out past behavior. Marital experiences are lifted up and called into question. Candidates' judgment and temperament are topics of debate. Some information, upon checking on Snopes or Politifact, is revealed to be untrue, or at best is only half true with a lot of slant given in a particular direction.

What is a follower of Jesus to do?

Someone has suggested that I preach on the elections. I will be honest and say preaching on elections is considered to be a "danger zone" amongst clergy. The risk of sounding like a pastor is recommending one candidate over another, even if the pastor is being careful not to, is high—thereby overstepping boundaries. That being said, here are some thoughts for analyzing candidates and what each represents.

1. First of all, pray. Pray for candidates. Pray for national and local leaders. Pray for the collective wisdom of voters in our country. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to guide and direct voters, candidates, leaders, and other world leaders.

2. Make use of the fact-finding websites. Not everything that someone says about a

candidate is true. Fact checking websites won't give you all the answers or tell you what to think, but they can help you sort out what is and isn't true – and that's important. Check out what you hear against websites such as Politifact www.politifact.com or FactCheck www.factcheck.org. The Washington Post also has a fact-checking website www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker and there is the familiar Snopes, with a special political section www.snopes.com/politics/politics.asp.

3. Make use of The League of Women Voters' website lww.org. The League of Women voters is committed to remaining nonpartisan, yet supplying information to help people learn about the candidates and the issues on each upcoming ballot. A League chapter located in Cincinnati focuses on upcoming elections with a spotlight on issues in Cincinnati <http://lww.org/local-league/lww-cincinnati-area>. You can even go to The League's Vote411.org webpage at www.vote411.org and type in your address. You will be directed to a webpage that will give you a copy of the upcoming ballot and list all the candidates and issues specific to where you live. You can click on candidates and learn their positions on various topics, helping to inform your voting selection, and you can read about the issues on the ballot as well. As you read through the candidates and issues, you can select candidates and issues, which will give you a list of your choices you can print out to take with you to the polls for voting. I have found this tool to be very helpful.

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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

- October 2** When God Speaks
October 9 The Law and the Land
October 16 Here Comes the Judge!
October 23 We Want a King!
October 30 We Have this Treasure
 (2016 Church Conference)

Church Council Church Conference

Deerfield UMC's annual Church Conference is October 30, 11:00am. At a Church Conference, all members of the church have a vote. At the request of our new DS, Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson, we will be holding a Church Conference in a worship format, during the time we are accustomed to being in worship. We will be voting on the pastor's salary and lay leadership for 2017. We will welcome Rev. Fred Shaw as guest preacher and presider over the Church Conference.

Pumpkins Are Coming

The pumpkins are coming! They will be arriving on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00am!! We will need everyone to help to unload! This year our pumpkins are coming from Garver's Farm, on SR 63 in Monroe, Ohio, and the unloading should be a lot of fun because we'll be using a forklift to locate the pumpkin bins near the pallets. There will be some new colorful assorted "squash" pumpkins, smaller pie pumpkins, small white pumpkins, and lots of beautiful thick stemmed big pumpkins.

Watch for all the ways you can be of help: lights, decorations, and signing up for work times. Here are new hours for the patch: Monday-Friday 11am-1pm, and 4-8pm (closed during the week from 1-4pm) and Saturday - Sunday 10am-8pm.



Trustees



New lights have been installed along the education wing entrance sidewalk and they are called "bollards." These are state of the art LED fixtures that provide a well lit sidewalk. We are sure the voters using our church next month as a polling place will appreciate the well lit walk, as well as anyone coming and going through this entrance after dark.

In addition, light fixtures for the parking lot were updated to LED fixtures, which are much brighter. These will be handy as we are approaching longer winter nights.

Thanks for your support of these projects. New LED fixtures for the inside of the building will be arriving soon. When this project starts, we will need your help with the installation.

Radical Hospitality

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

Save The Date



Deerfield UMC Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday, November 4. We will be having dinner at Aponte's Restaurant in Mason, Ohio at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Miker at cmiker@cinci.rr.com, or call her at 513-398-8704.

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

Come one, come all to Trunk-or-Treat! Sunday, October 9 at 5:00pm. Decorate your car/van/truck in your favorite trick-or-treat theme and bring candy to



pass out to kids of the community! It is a safe environment for the kids. Trunk-or-Treat will be from 5-5:30pm with games beginning at 5:30 (so a person can sign up for a 'trunk', then move on to staff a game). If you would like to join in the fun, then come with a festively decorated trunk or vehicle and candy or some sort of treat to pass out to the 'trunk-or-treaters.' You can also help with the cookie decorating station, serving the cider/hot chocolate, or help run a game station. Sign up today by going to Signup Genius at: <https://goo.gl/SzQwjL>.

After the Trunk-or-Treating, we will welcome all of our costumed friends and their families in for the October community dinner that begins at 6:00pm!

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Reed at 513-253-4953 or email her at jdr1@roadrunner.com.

Community Dinner

Come and join us on October 9 for our next Community Dinner, directly following the special event "Trunk or Treat" at 5pm. We will be celebrating Oktoberfest with all our favorite German dishes, fall favorites, and some kid-friendly dishes too! 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. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com.

October Food Pantry

Psalm 127: 3 Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him. We are remembering infants during this month's Food Pantry drive and collecting baby supplies. Some examples of needed supplies are: diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, formula, bottles, and baby food. Please see the Food Pantry display for more ideas or you can contact Stephanie Copley at Stephanie.copley@gmail.com or Barb Dixon at [bdbbluebird@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com).



Supporting JF Burns Teachers and Parents Opportunity

As we continue to build a relationship with our local schools, we are continuing to participate in activities that were requested by the school and financially supported by the Ohio River Conference Grant we received for 2016 called JF Burns Connections. The Assistant Principal had expressed a need for responsible and safe childcare for Parent-Teacher Conferences so that parents with small children could attend their child(ren)'s conference without the stress of finding childcare for their child(ren). It is time for Fall conferences and we are looking to provide at least two safe-sanctuary trained adults for the evenings of Tuesday, October 18, Thursday October 20, and Thursday, October 27 from 4:00-8:00pm. The shifts are organized in two-hour increments and responsibilities would include having parents/guardians sign children in and out while supervising children during your shift. The school expects 5-10 children per conference time which lasts approximately 15 minutes. Games and activities will be provided. Please sign up for a shift or two at <http://bit.ly/2cv6AbV> or in your Sunday Bulletin. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation of time to support the children and families in our community!



Teacher Treat Refills

We will be refilling our baskets for teachers during the week of October 24 located at JF Burns Elementary, Columbia Intermediate, and Kings Mills Elementary School. Items needed for the baskets include individually bagged snacks and candy. Some examples are: chips, pretzels, crackers, granola bars, popcorn, and cookies. If you are interested in donating but don't have time to get to the store, you can make a monetary donation to the special envelope found in your Sunday Bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of Deerfield UMC's outreach to our local schools, teachers, students, and families!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Each year, Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to boys and girls around the world. These shoe boxes not only provide gifts, personal care items, and school supplies, but more importantly share the Good News of Jesus with children with story books about Jesus written in their

native language. Last year Deerfield UMC filled 167 boxes! To read about lives changed through a shoebox filled with gifts, go to <http://bit.ly/1P6m5XR>. Deerfield UMC will be collecting filled shoeboxes and items to fill other shoeboxes during our "Packing Party" in November. Everyone is invited to help pack boxes! You may use your own shoebox or take one from the lobby beginning October 16. Boxes that are filled should be marked with the age and gender of child filled for and returned to church in November. 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.



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

By Dale Wik, Lay Leader

John Wesley was the founder of Methodism. As Methodists, I think we have drifted from some of the principles that Wesley taught or many of us we were never taught these principles.

I would like to share one of Wesley's teachings on devotion.

For Wesley, true devotion to God involved 6 things that he committed to do daily. As we become disciples, I think it would serve us well to integrate these things into our daily lives.

1. Bible study ~ It is vital that we learn, study and apply the word of God given to us in the scriptures.
2. Daily Prayer ~ Sadly, we may not have been taught how to pray and therefore are reluctant to pray every day.
3. Solitude ~ It is important to spend time alone with God, listening to Him.
4. Hospitality ~ We need to be a friend to all we come in contact with during the day (which is not always so easy).
5. Charity ~ Giving to others in need is God's will for all of us.
6. Journaling ~ This I will admit is the hardest thing for me to do, but when I do, I realize how important it is to write down those things in my life that drew me closer to God each and every day.

So our challenge is to take these 6 things and integrate them into our life. It will help us grow as individuals, and as a congregation. We can hold each other accountable to be devoted to God in these ways.

Look for more about Wesley in future newsletters.

Walk To Emmaus

The Northern Lights Emmaus walk for men scheduled October 13-16 has been cancelled due to lack of participation. If any man wants to attend a walk this fall he could contact Greater Cincinnati's Men Walk #99, Hyde Park United Methodist Church-Oct.13-16, 2016 www.cincinnatiemmaus.org



The Northern Lights Emmaus women's walk #40 is on target and scheduled for Oct. 20-23 at Christ United Methodist Church in Middletown. The deadline for applications is Oct. 6, 2016. 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 2)

- ◇ October 2, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 9, 16 & 23, attend Sunday School.
- ◇ October 30, Funday 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.

iWitness Study

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ October 2, 16, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 9 & 23, attend Sunday School.
- ◇ October 30, Funday Sunday

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ October 2, 16, 30 attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 9 & 23, attend Sunday School.

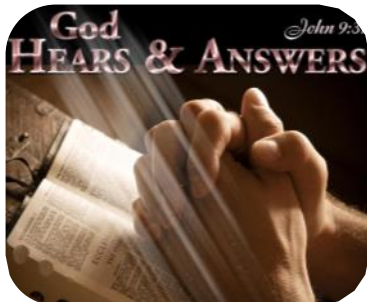
ENGAGE

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

Abbi & Zayden	Julian
Mr. Benewitz	Ted Keith
Brian Cesco	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Penny Cesco	Sandy Marcks
Ugene Cesco family	Glen Miller
Christal	Heather Pope
Clayton	Destiny Pope-Gould
Pat Donovan	Jim Rahn
Emily Douglass	Karen Schauer family
Tara Dixon Engel	Ann & Brian Shoulter
Jon & Julie Gee	Mary Shumard
Mark Gibbons	Sue Staab
Ruth Gibbons	Den Stabb
Bill Hengels	Marsha Zansell
Wanda Iverson	



October Birthdays

10/2	Jysiah Neal
10/12	Christine Troy
10/15	Ron Hetzer
10/17	Betsy Ettensohn
10/20	Sheldon Carpenter
10/29	John Burke
	Juric Neal
10/31	Ryan Kenwell
	Dale Wik

October Anniversaries

10/9	Bruce & Gail Brengman
10/21	Bob & Judy Liedhegner
10/25	Tom Reed & Julie Dian-Reed



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?

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 planning 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.

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!



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:

The Journey: Healing the Wounds of Motherless New accelerated format. We have reformatted this 12-week class into an accelerated 4-day non-residential class format.

⇒ Fridays, October 28—November 18
9 am-2:30 pm



Location: Deerfield United Methodist Church
2757 West US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Cost: \$70 includes workbook and handouts
(purchase Motherless Daughters book on own)

Childcare is not provided.

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

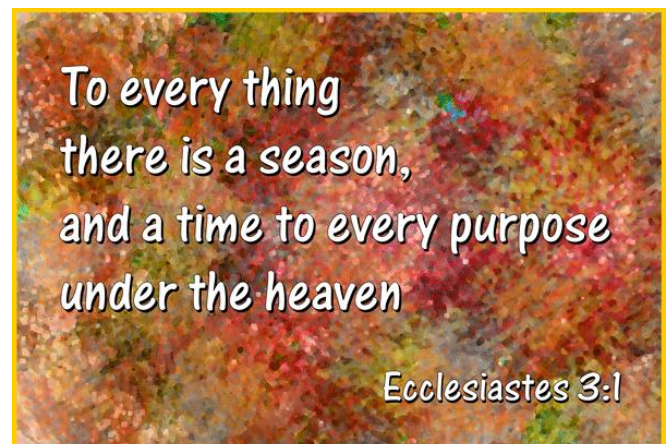
- Church Council Chair:** Deb Thomen
Staff Parish Relations Chair: Randy Cesco
Trustees Chair: Jackie Marshall
Finance Chair: Stan Brown
Treasurer: Karen Kenwell
Missions Chair: Stephanie Copley
Hospitality Chair: Penny Cesco
Intentional Faith Development
 Children: Julie Reed
 Teens: Jackie Marshall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

	<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%	40%
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

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
							1 * Matthew 25 Ministries Volunteering 9am-11am
2 * Worship (see above)	3 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	4	5 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Church Council Meeting 7pm	6 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	7	8 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108  PUMPKIN DELIVERY	
9 * Worship (see above) * Trunk-or-Treat 5pm-6pm * Community Dinner 6:00pm Pumpkin Patch Hours: 11:00am – 1am AND 4:00pm – 8:00pm (Closed 1–4 pm) Weekend Hours: 10:00am—8:00pm	10 * 2757 Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 	11	12 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	13 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	14	15	
16 * Worship (see above) Pumpkin Patch Hours: 11:00am – 1pm AND 4:00pm – 8:00pm (Closed 1–4 pm) Weekend Hours: 10:00am—8:00pm	17 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Daisy Meeting 6-8pm, Rm 107	20 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	21	22	
23 * Worship (see above) Pumpkin Patch Hours: 11:00am – 1pm AND 4:00pm – 8:00pm (Closed 1–4 pm) Weekend Hours: 10:00am—8:00pm	24 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	25	26 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108,	27 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	28 * Motherless Daughters Class 9am-2:30pm Rm. 102	29	
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4. Most importantly, consider the values of Jesus and who Jesus stands for as you consider who will get your vote. Your Christian faith should inform your voting. Jesus said the Greatest Commandment is to love God and love your neighbor as yourself in Mark 12:28-31 and Matthew 22:36-40. When asked who is our neighbor, Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan, where a man who was a national enemy of the other cared for the first, sparing no expense to see to his needs. How does this teaching inform us today? Jesus also said "blessed are the poor" in Luke 6:20. Jesus speaks often of the poor and how they are beloved in God's eyes. One of the responsibilities of the early church was to take care of the widows and the orphans, two groups of people who had no means of supporting themselves. Or remember 1 John 3:17 *"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?"* Leviticus 19:34 reminds us that *"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."* Deuteronomy echoes the same sentiment *"And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt."* What scriptures come to your mind as you consider the elections?

5. Encourage others to vote, and make sure you vote, yourself. Not voting is giving away a God-given right that we have in this country, a right that other people in other nations would love to have. Men and women have died

defending our right to vote. Not voting because you "don't like either candidate" is abdicating a responsibility and a gift.

"Be a good citizen. All governments are under God. Insofar as there is peace and order, it's God's order. So live responsibly as a citizen."

Romans 13:1 *The Message*

Praying with you this election season,

Pastor Linda

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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, **October 18, 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.