

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

September 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18

Throughout the Bible are stories of God giving specific vision and guidance to different groups of people. Moses was given a vision of leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams to foretell years of plenty and then years of famine. Ananias had a vision to welcome the Jew named Saul into his home. Saul later went by the name Paul. Paul had a vision telling him to go to Macedonia, and Peter had a vision telling him it was OK to eat meat formerly considered unclean.

God still gives visions to people today, and the Deerfield UMC Church Council has been meeting with Mary Shumard, a member of Hartzell UMC and our Conference lay leader, to consider God's preferred future for this church. Over the next several months, the Church Council will be reading scripture together and considering what God's message is in a particular passage, as well as how the passage may apply to Deerfield UMC. Please be in prayer for Church Council, your leadership board, as we work together to consider different perspectives and ideas on where God is leading us into the future.



One topic of recent concern has been the church's financial stability as we move through 2016. Our spending as a church is about on target with the budget set for 2016, but giving is not keeping up. Please check your records and make sure you have been keeping up with your pledge. If you didn't make a pledge, now is a good time to focus on honoring and worshipping God with our tithes and offerings. In Biblical times, the phrase "tithes and offerings" referred first to the tithe, or 10 percent, that believers gave to God. Second came the offerings, which were over and above the 10 percent. People were expected to bring their tithes, first, and then to bring their offerings. Let's be sure to worship God, who gave all, that we might have all, with our tithes and offerings.

Looking to the future 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

September 4, The Purpose of Labor

September 11, The Essential 100, In the Beginning Firefighter and Police blessing

September 18 E100, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

September 25, E100, The Story of Joseph

The Essential 100, or E100, is a reading schedule of 100 essential scripture passages. We will do this over the course of 20 weeks. Pick up a copy of the reading schedule on the table in the back of the sanctuary, grab your favorite Bible, and let's read! Five readings are scheduled for each week, and we will focus on either one or the whole group in worship. If you are interested in being part of a study group, please contact Pastor Linda or sign up on the Communication Card in worship.

Church Council Installation Service/ Abundant Fruit Celebration

Bishop Palmer invites all clergy and laity to attend the Installation Service of our new Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson on Sunday, September 11 from 4-7:00pm. It will take place at Faith Community United Methodist Church, 8230 Cox Rd. West Chester, OH 45069. An hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception will follow.

After the installation, Ohio River Valley grant recipients will be on hand for our annual Abundant Fruit Gathering to share stories from the ministries that are supported with apportionment dollars. A district choir is being formed to sing "He Never Failed Me Yet" and rehearsal will begin at 2:45pm the day of the event.

Trustees

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



New Prayer Circle

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



Radical Hospitality

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

Future News/Planning

The Hospitality Team is not just the members on the committee. Every person who attends church is part of hospitality. As new families are guests in our church ask yourself if you are greeting them and inviting them to Sunday School. All of us can do a little which goes a long way to share God's love. Please help us by introducing yourselves. Make everyone feel they are part of God's family.

- ◆ The Hospitality Team's next meeting is Thursday, September 8, 6:30-8:00pm. This meeting will be to finalize plans for the remainder of 2016.
- ◆ Parent/Teachers Conferences at JF Burns Elementary: Thursdays October 20 and October 27 from 4-8pm. These are open conferences with the majority of parents coming. We will need several volunteers. Watch for signups.
- ◆ Election Day Tuesday November 8, 6am – 7pm. There will be a Sign-up Genius set up in October for you to pick a time slot to volunteer.
- ◆ Hospitality will assist the Children's Ministry with Trunk or Treat on October 16, as well as participating at JF Burns for Multicultural Night (date TBD).

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

Chili and Tailgate Community Dinner



Come and join us on September 11 for our next Community Dinner. We will be having a Tailgate party featuring our favorite chili recipes. Bring your best chili or side dishes you may see at a tailgate party to help get in the spirit of the new football season. The dinner will be served from 6 - 7:30pm and is open to the entire community. We are looking for extra help this month as the Copley family will be out of town and several of our members will be attending the Abundant Fruit Gathering to exhibit what we have been doing to support JF Burns with the grant money we are receiving. If you would like to volunteer to help set up, provide food, and/or clean up, please sign up using the Sign-up Genius at <http://bit.ly/2blUeky>, sign up on the communications card, or contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com.

September Food Pantry

Acts 20:35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' September's food pantry drive is focusing on "household cleaning products." Some examples of needed supplies are: paper towels, dish soap, Lysol, laundry detergent, and bathroom cleaner. 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.



Children's Missions

This month the children will be creating homemade cards that show our continued support of our Deerfield Township Emergency Responders as well as an open invitation to join our service on September 11 and/or attend the community dinner. These cards will be delivered with treats on Labor Day to the Deerfield Township Fire Station and Sheriff's Post.



Teacher Treat Refills

We are continuing to show our support of the teachers and faculty of our local schools JF Burns Elementary, Columbia Intermediate, and Kings Mills Elementary by providing them snacks once per month. Baskets were delivered on August 16 and were received with excitement and thanks. We are collecting individual-wrapped/bagged treats such as crackers, chips, pretzels, cookies, popcorn, granola bars, nuts, etc. to refill their baskets. We need

approximately 80 items per building. Also watch for an envelope that is labeled "Love Offering for Teacher Treats" that you can donate money if it is more convenient than shopping. Please leave treats in kitchen labeled "Teacher Treats" using the sticky labels located on large fridge. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this easy but meaningful outreach!

What's New in the Pumpkin Patch?



The pumpkin patch is a fun way for Deerfield UMC to be known in the community. Often church folks in conversation with people in the community will mention Deerfield's name, and the response will be "Oh, the pumpkin church!" The pumpkins will be locally sourced this year, and they will be delivered to the church on October 8. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to be at church to help unload, sort, and move the pumpkins onto the front lawn. We will be offering new photo opportunities for families and an interesting maze for families and children. Help will be needed at the pumpkin patch to sell pumpkins, so watch the bulletin. Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Matthew 25 Ministries: Save the Date

Matthew 25 Ministries Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, October 2, 2016 from 9:00-11:00 am. The work of Matthew 25 Ministries helps the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world. With the help of our volunteers, donated goods are processed at our 168,000 square-foot Processing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio and then shipped via forty-foot seagoing containers and by semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. There is a job for everyone! Volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries is a great team-building activity, and is also very family friendly. Tasks are simple and easy-to-learn, and many can be adapted to fit a variety of ability levels. They are located at 11060 Kenwood Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please sign up at the Missions Bulletin Board, or contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com.

JF Burns Elementary Connection Update:

We are continuing to build our relationship and show our support of our local schools and one great opportunity has been receiving grant money for our JF Burns Elementary Connections grant. To date, we have provided free, safe-sanctuary trained,

childcare during Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences for parents who needed to attend conferences but did not have childcare. We have created 30 welcome baskets that included cleaning supplies, toys, information on Deerfield township, Warren County, local maps, local business and emergency support, as well as information about our church and upcoming events such as the Community Dinner. Please watch for future opportunities to participate in this exciting connection with a Multi-cultural/Diversity Night and Fall Parent-Teacher conferences child care.

Festival of Sharing Is September 17

Once again West Ohio churches can participate in Festival of Sharing by putting kits together to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged and shelter the homeless. These kits are held in storage until there is a need, and the supplies are distributed. For example, with the flooding in Louisiana, clean up buckets have been distributed. Many kits are distributed here in Ohio. To see more stories about where kits have been used, go to <http://cwskits.org/stories-and-reports>.

Hygiene and school kits are needed, as well as emergency clean-up buckets. Kit pickup takes place in our district on Friday, September 16. Thank you, Rev. Joel Harbarger, for volunteering to be the driver for pick ups this year!

Deerfield UMC is challenged to complete 2 flood clean-up buckets as a congregation! We started 2 flood clean-up buckets last year, but did not complete them. Let's get the job done! Five gallon buckets with already donated supplies will be in the church lobby, along with a list of what is needed. Put your initials on the list by what you plan to purchase and bring the items to church by September 15. To give you an idea of supplies needed, the lists are reproduced below.

Needed per clean-up bucket:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid.
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins

- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new – all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

If you are interested in personally completing other kinds of kits, go to <http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits>.

Let's show the world some love!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

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

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

For ideas of what to look for each month, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas>. For the month of September, the items to collect are games. If you need more red/white striped boxes, you can 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

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 Northern Lights Emmaus walk for men scheduled Oct. 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)

- ◇ September 4, attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ September 11, 18 & 25, 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)

- ◇ September 4, 18, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 11 & 25, attend Sunday School.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ September 4, 18, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 11 & 25, 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

Anderson Family	Libby K.
Jullian Boren & family	Barb Leach
Gary Brown	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Brown Family	Louisiana flood victims
Jensie Caguimbal	Glenn M.
Mark & Linda Caliendo	April Matson
Penny Cesco	Cary Murray & family
Charles & MaryLou Combs	John Murray
Jamie, Chris, Ari &	Linda Murray & family
Cayden Crossman	Maria Ramey
Pat Donovan	Renner Family
Egmy	Lynn Robinson
Bette Farrell	Karen Schauer
Katie Gaefe & family	School Administrators
Jon & Julie Gee	Slupek Family
Ruth Gibbons	Ann Smith
Judy Hallman	Sue Staab
Lynn Huber & family	Den Stabb
Roberta Jacobs	Taylor Family
Dorothy Johnson	Donna Troy
Libby Kelly	Sandy V.
Greg Kenwell	Vicky
Myanmar earthquake victims	Weber Family

September Birthdays

9/1	Marla Douglass
	Emily Douglass
9/20	Patricia Troy
9/24	Meredith Troy
9/27	Scott Douglass
9/28	Chelsea Cesco



Celebrate

September Anniversaries

9/16	Luke & Steph Copley
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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

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>.



United Methodists Support Standing Rock Sioux

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, resident bishop, Dakotas-Minnesota Area and some clergy of the Dakotas Conference show support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who stand in protest to the Dakotas Access Pipeline (DAP). The Tribe, with Earth Justice, is waiting the decision of a federal judge on a pending lawsuit that would halt the construction of the pipeline. The Dakotas Access Pipeline is a 1,172-mile pipeline that travels through four states is expected to be in service by the end of the year.

Now a growing number of protesters are objecting to the oil pipeline's Missouri River crossing a half-mile north of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, which they argue could threaten the water supply for the tribe and other communities downstream. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe filed a lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers on July 27 to stop the pipeline that would cross under the Missouri River, the reservation's sole source of water. The corps approved the pipeline last month, but the tribe argues they were not properly consulted, and that cultural and historical sites would be destroyed during construction. An early proposal for the Dakota Access Pipeline called for the project to cross the Missouri River north of Bismarck, but one reason that route was rejected was its potential threat to Bismarck's water supply, documents show. Please pray for God's direction.

A Special THANK YOU!

Thank you for participating, donating items, and donating time for our largest back to school backpack drive to date! We filled and blessed 30 backpacks that were delivered to JF Burns Elementary and Kings Mills Elementary (KME) and were greatly appreciated by the administration.



Thank You

Thank you for the generous donation of backpacks and school supplies. My school counselor delivered the supplies to students in need...what a welcome surprise to have such beautiful backpacks full of school supplies!

Thank you for making a difference!
Shawn Rosekrans
Principal, Kings Mills Elementary



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

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	2	3
4 * Worship (see above)	5 	6	7 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Church Council Meeting 7pm Rms 101-103	8 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Hospitality Meeting 6:30-8pm * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm	9	10 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108
11 * Worship (see above) * Abundant Fruit Celebration 4-7pm * Community Dinner 6:00pm	12 * 2757 Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	13	14 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	15 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	16	17
18 * Worship (see above)	19 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	20	21 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108, Newsletter Articles Due	22 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106 	23 <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"> Check out the calendar so you don't miss an important date </div>	
25 * Worship (see above)	26 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Pumpkin Meeting 7pm	27	28 * Cub Scouts 6-8:30pm Rms 101-103, 105, 108,	29 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Prayer Circle 7-8:00pm Rm. 106	30	

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%	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

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
 Wednesday, **September 21, 2016**
 Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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 (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.