

## Deerfield United Methodist Church

# April 2013 Newsletter

### A Note From Pastor Jackie

#### Helping the Stranger

*“...therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:7b-10)*

As you know, a steward is a caretaker of what is. We are to be good stewards of our earth, our money, our church family, our loved ones, our work, and says I Peter, of the grace of God. We are to love, care, and share the unmerited love of God that we have received with others. It’s easy to share it with people we know and love, and more challenging to remember to share grace with strangers.

With our district grant, DUMC has been able to prepare learning and doing sessions to help and love strangers. In March, through Matthew 25 Ministries, we helped process soap to be sent to folks around the world who will use it for washing dishes, clothing and themselves. In May (Sat. the 11<sup>th</sup>) we will head to “Kids Against Hunger” to put together complete nutrition packets that will feed starving children both nationally and internationally.

In September we will have a family Friday overnight (Sept. 6-7<sup>th</sup>) in Athens, Ohio for Good-Works.net.

There will be some way that everyone there will be able to help a stranger, and it won’t matter how old or young, skilled or unskilled you are. All you need is an open heart to help a stranger!

The good work of the folks at “Good-Works” in Athens reminds me of our own U.M.



Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. I went there three years ago this month for one week. We packed hammers, drills, saws, knee pads, gloves and scissors to be able to level and replace floors, and to clip thousands of soup label coupons and box tops for education. I wanted to share some of my God-moments with you from that trip, as I remember how good it was to be God’s hands and feet in God’s world on that particular trip.

While in the Henderson Settlement area, our teams replaced a kitchen floor for an elderly man, patched/ repaired the livingroom and kitchen floor and laid new tile for an elderly woman, and clipped more than 40,000 coupons so that the settlement can get a new van!

I remember we learned that “love can cover a multitude of sins!” We made a difference in at least 2 peoples lives simply by sharing and caring. We also learned:

- Laughter can dispel weariness
- One team member can teach two inexperienced but determined women (one of them your pastor) to level and patch a floor
- Women are lightening fast with scissors!
- Knee pads are wonderful!
- Devotions at 7am in the beautiful mountains of Kentucky are Spirit-filled
- Pastor Jackie and Teri made a good team (even if the tile wasn’t perfectly straight)

Being the hands and feet of God isn’t always easy, but always fills the hearts of those served and those serving.

Helping strangers by extending the love and grace of God was what we wanted to do. We were determined and would not be deterred. We had some long work days and some challenges. None of the challenges and long hours can compare to the grace and love that was given to us as a pure gift of God. The shared love and team work, and helping to improve someone’s life situation were more than enough for us. God’s grace is very, very, sufficient.

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I pray that everyone has a chance sometime in their lives to “get out of their comfort zone,” take a chance and go do something significant for a stranger. We will never see the people we helped ever again (this side of heaven, as I told Edith!), but we were good stewards of God’s grace and that’s all that mattered.

Deerfield UMC- there are more opportunities in the future, (both near and far, long and short) and I pray you can be a part, when the time is right for you.

*“Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” (I Peter 4:11)*

*Pastor Jackie*



## Passionate Worship in April On-Going Resurrection!

*(Sundays, 11:00 a.m.)*

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| <b>April 7</b>  | Acts 5: 12, 16-21, 25-32<br>John 20: 19-29<br>“Story-catchers and Story-tellers” |
| <b>April 14</b> | John 21: 1-14<br>John 21: 15-19<br>“Appearances”                                 |
| <b>April 21</b> | John 10: 22-30<br>Acts 9:36-43<br>“Signs”  |
| <b>April 28</b> | John 13:31-35<br>Acts 11:1-18<br>“More Signs”                                    |



## Let Us Pray!

### Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome! For information, contact Margie Burke.

### E-Prayer Group

Wanting to help in the power of prayer? Join the Prayer Team! If you are interested, contact Julie Reed (933-0471, jdr1@roadrunner.com). You'll receive emails sent from the weekly prayer requests submitted at Sunday service, as well as helping when a member of DUMC is in need.

### Prayer Concerns

|                                   |                                  |
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| <i>Dick Alexander</i>             | <i>Linda Barnes</i>              |
| <i>Emily Cates</i>                | <i>Jim Davidson</i>              |
| <i>Lou Duvelius</i>               | <i>Bob Elfers</i>                |
| <i>Aileen Ettensohn</i>           | <i>Andrew Fant &amp; Family</i>  |
| <i>Bette Farrell</i>              | <i>Flora &amp; Dustin</i>        |
| <i>Tim Godby</i>                  | <i>Elaine Goodman</i>            |
| <i>Shawna Hershey</i>             | <i>Carolyn Howard</i>            |
| <i>Jensie &amp; Family</i>        | <i>Wayne Jump</i>                |
| <i>Fred Kellerman</i>             | <i>Greg Kenwell</i>              |
| <i>Karen &amp; Ryan Kenwell</i>   | <i>B.J. Kinch &amp; Family</i>   |
| <i>Eric Koone</i>                 | <i>Dave Kroger &amp; Family</i>  |
| <i>Mel Lamz</i>                   | <i>Michelle Landon</i>           |
| <i>Laurie</i>                     | <i>Casey &amp; Megan Liggett</i> |
| <i>Matthew Logan</i>              | <i>Barb Loman/Angie Calvert</i>  |
| <i>Maxine</i>                     | <i>Tom Moore &amp; Family</i>    |
| <i>Pat Morrison</i>               | <i>Marvin Phillips</i>           |
| <i>Reecher Family</i>             | <i>Ronnie</i>                    |
| <i>Chris Schenkel</i>             | <i>Ed &amp; Pat Shaughnessy</i>  |
| <i>Heather Shaughnessy</i>        | <i>Shaughnessy Family</i>        |
| <i>Kathy Weidner &amp; Family</i> | <i>Wik Family</i>                |
| <i>Sue Wilson</i>                 | <i>Charles Wuest</i>             |
| <i>Debbie Young</i>               |                                  |

## Intentional Faith Development

### ADULT

#### Bible Study

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Topic: "Chronological Walk through the Gospels."

#### Craft/Bible Study Group

Please join us for our study on the book of the Revelation as we learn from DVDs by Professor Craig R. Koester, Luther Seminary, Union Theological Seminary. We meet in the Deerfield kitchen from 6:30-8 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Bring your craft to do while we study. Contact Barb Dixon at 683-0281 if you have any questions.



### CHILDREN

#### Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 through grade 2)

- ◇ April 7, attend worship with parents
- ◇ April 14, 21, 28, attend Sunday School. Children can be dropped off at 10:55 a.m. and picked up immediately following worship.

#### Children's Bible Study

(Grades 3 – 6):

- ◇ April 7 & 21, attend worship with parents
- ◇ April 14 & 28, attend Bible Study. Children can be dropped off at 10:55 a.m. and picked up immediately following worship.

Children will be singing "Fruit of the Spirit" song in service on May 5. They are practicing on April 14, 21 and 28 during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School. All children are invited to sing.

## Financial/Fundraising News

### Kroger Community Rewards

The 2013-2014 Kroger Community Rewards Program begins May 1, 2013 and enrollment officially opened April 1, 2013. All supporters of Deerfield UMC who registered prior to April 1, 2013 must re-enroll online to continue supporting DUMC by April 30, 2013. Re-enrolling only takes a few moments and is completed in a few simple steps. To have re-enroll:

1. Visit the Kroger's website at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
2. Sign in using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, just click on "forgot password" and a link will be sent to your email to change your password.
3. Enter Deerfield UMC's five digit NPO number (80765) or the first three letters of the organization's name, click search.
4. Select your organization by clicking on the circle to the left of your organization's name.
5. Save changes.

For the 2013-2014 program year, Kroger will donate \$4,000,000 for the Kroger Community Rewards program. Therefore, for each quarter of the program year, \$1,000,000 will be donated to participating organizations based on total sales generated by the supporters.

### Risk-Taking Mission News

*We invite anyone with an interest in missions to join our team.  
Submitted by Barb Dixon & Julie Dian-Reed*

**COMMUNITY DINNER**—The April Community Dinner will be on the second Sunday as usual, which is April 14. The theme will be "Take me out to the Ball Game" as we feast on hot dogs and other ball park fare. If anyone has any Reds decorative items they would like to contribute (or loan us) to carry out the theme, Missions would appreciate it.

**FOOD PANTRY**—Items needed now at the food pantry include peanut butter, laundry detergent, personal care items and spring cleaning items.

**BERNIE'S PLACE**— A group of about 10 people from DUMC took dinner, Easter Eggs to color and music to Bernie's Place on March 16. There was plenty of food, fun and fellowship as the DUMC contingent stayed to eat

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with the residents and sing along with them to the music of Ryan Roosen and Dale Wik. One of the women commented, "This is the best meal I've had since I've been here." Reagan and Rylan Lofland livened things up and broke the ice with their antics which broke the ice and put everyone at ease.

Thanks to Dale and Jody, Susan and Ryan, the Lofland family, Karen Long, Barb Dixon, Karen and Ryan Kenwell, Chuck and Martha Miker for supporting this activity. We look forward to another in May and hope others will join us in helping to make Bernie's Place seem more like home, if only for a few hours.

**SEED DONATIONS**—The seed donations are much appreciated and will be passed out to those needing them in April. Twenty four people requested seeds. The most requested seeds were lettuce and cucumber. The food pantry director is investigating the possibility of having a community garden in South Lebanon so even people without land to plant a garden may be able to get some fresh veggies.

## April Birthdays

- 6 – Dylan Webster
- 12 – Jenny Liedhegner
- 17 – Mark Bredemeier
- Olivia Reighard
- 19 – Bob Solimeno
- 23 – Tricia Reighard
- 24 – Greg Kenwell
- 26 – Joey Liedhegner
- 28 – Julie Clark
- 30 – Patricia Lozier



## April Anniversaries

- 27 – Scott & Marla Douglass
- 29 – Gordon Denker & Gail Prather



*If your birthday or anniversary was not listed, please either call the church office or send an email to [deerfieldumc@zoomtown.com](mailto:deerfieldumc@zoomtown.com).*

## Like to Sing?

Join a group once a month —practice at 10:30 a.m. and sing during the worship service. The “pick-up” choir will sing on the third Sunday of each month. April 21 will be #601 Thy Word and May 19 will be #560 Help us Accept Each Other. All people are welcome, come that morning and join in the fun. See Martha Miker for music.



## A Note of Sympathy



Our sympathy to the Wik family on the passing of Jody's mother, Margaret R. "Mickey" (Laake) Staab, on April 1, 2013. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 AM on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at the Church of the Assumption, 7711 Joseph Street, Mt. Healthy.



## You're Invited!

The Carpenter Family cordially invites you to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

**Kurt Ronald Carpenter**  
 Saturday, April 27, 2013  
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Scout Achievement Center  
 10078 Reading Road  
 Cincinnati, OH 45241

Reception following ceremony.

R.S.V.P. by April 13, 2013  
 513-737-1578 or  
[meicarpenter@roadrunner.com](mailto:meicarpenter@roadrunner.com)



# April Calendar

Deerfield events, Boy Scouts events and St. Mary Magdalene worship services are listed here.  
For all other events check the website at [www.deerfieldumc.org](http://www.deerfieldumc.org).

## Monday, April 1

(April Fool's Day)

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105
- \* Craft Bible Study: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 108

## Tuesday, April 2

- \* Troop 21 PLC Meeting: 6:00-8:00 pm, Rm. 101
- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- \* Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Rm. 104

## Wednesday, April 3

- \* All Church Mission Learning Adventure: 6:00 - 8:15 pm, entire bldg.

## Thursday, April 4

- \* Cub Scouts: 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Rms. 101-103
- \* Trustees' Meeting: 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Rm. 108
- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Saturday, April 6

- \* Cub Scouts: 9 am - noon, Rms. 101-103

## Sunday, April 7

- \* Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* Jackie's Sunday School Class: 9:30-10:30 am, Room 103
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- \* Fellowship time: 10:30 am, Narthex
- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00 am-noon, Sanctuary

## Monday, April 8

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105
- \* St. Mary Magdalene Mission Committee, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Rm. 104

## Tuesday, April 9

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, April 10

- \* Cub Scouts Pack 417 Den Meetings: 6:15 - 8:15 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105, 107

## Thursday, April 11

- \* Deerfield Admin. Council: 6:30-8 pm; Room 101
- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:00 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 14

- \* Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* Jackie's Sunday School Class: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 103
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- \* Fellowship time: 10:30 am, Narthex
- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:00 am - noon, Rm. 106, 107
- \* Children's Bible Study (grades 3-6), 11:00 - noon; Rm. 105
- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00 am-noon, Sanctuary
- \* Community Dinner, 6:00-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Monday, April 15

Tax Day

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105
- \* Craft Bible Study: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 108

## Tuesday, April 16

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, April 17

- \* Cub Scout Pack 417 Meeting: 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Sanctuary & 108
- \* Deerfield Mission Committee: 6:30 - 8 pm, Rm. 104

## Thursday, April 18

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Saturday, April 20

- \* Troop 21 Pinewood Derby: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, sanctuary

## Sunday, April 21

- \* Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* Jackie's Sunday School Class: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 103
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- \* Fellowship time: 10:30-11 am, Narthex
- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2), 11:00 - noon; Rms. 106-107
- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00-noon, Sanctuary
- \* Troop 21 Committee Meeting: 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Rm. 105

## Monday, April 22

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm 101-103, 105

## Tuesday, April 23

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, April 24

- \* Cub Scout Pack 417 Den Meetings: 6:15 - 8:15 pm, Rms. 101-103

## Thursday, April 25

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:00 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 28

- \* Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* Jackie's Sunday School Class: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 103
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- \* Fellowship time: 10:30-11:00 am, Narthex
- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:00 am -noon, Rm. 106, 107
- \* Children's Bible Study (grades 3-6), 11:00 - noon; Rm. 105
- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00-noon, Sanctuary

## Monday, April 29

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm 101-103, 105

## Tuesday, April 30

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Please mark your calendars now for next Mission in Action outreach opportunity! On Saturday, May 11, we will be participating in the morning public packing session at the Cincinnati Kids Against Hunger "Factory." All ages are welcome! To learn more about this amazing organization and how we will be helping to feed hungry kids around the world, please visit [www.kidsagainsthunger.org](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org) or the Cincinnati site at [www.thechildrenarewaiting.org](http://www.thechildrenarewaiting.org)



### Save the Date!

*Wesley Education Center for Children and Families*

*(a UMW-related mission in Avondale, celebrating 93 continuous years of caring for children and families in need)*

*Invites you to attend their*

*9th annual "Circle of Care Banquet and Silent Auction"*

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

*Twin Towers banquet room, 5343 Hamilton Avenue*

*6:00 p.m. Fellowship, Appetizers, Silent Auction*

*7:00 p.m. Dinner (donated by Outback Steakhouse)*

*followed by short program*

*Keynote speaker: Ms. Roxanne Qualls, Cincinnati's Vice Mayor*

*Tickets: \$50.00 or \$400/ table of 8 persons*

*(Cash donations are also welcome)*

*For reservations, please make checks payable to: "Wesley Education Center" and mail to:*

*Wesley Education Center*

*ATTN: Circle of Care*

*P.O. Box 36260*

*Cincinnati, OH 45236-0260*

*To donate an item to the silent auction or for questions, please contact:*

*Rose: [rpalmieri@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rpalmieri@cinci.rr.com) or 513-300-4939*

*Evelyn: [evelynj44@aol.com](mailto:evelynj44@aol.com) or 513-858-1757*

**Newsletter**  
**DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter is:

Wednesday, March 20

Email to [DeerfieldUMC@zoomtown.com](mailto:DeerfieldUMC@zoomtown.com)



**Deerfield United  
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*Connecting to God, Serving Others*

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(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829  
[www.deerfieldumc.org](http://www.deerfieldumc.org)  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Rev. Jackie Marshall

**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,

**Faith Forming Relationships, Experiences, and Education** - where we foster growth and transform into caring, active discipleship, and

**Risk Taking Mission and Service** - through which we interact with others by modeling Christ-like examples of compassion and service.