

## Deerfield United Methodist Church

# April 2015 Newsletter

### *A Note From the Pastor*

*He is not here; he has risen!* Luke 24:6

My earliest memories of Easter are as a young child, under the age of 5, searching for my Easter basket in the house before going to church. These memories shift around the time of high school to being part of the teen Sunday school class that led the sunrise service on Easter morning in a grove of pine trees on the church property. I remember more about getting ready for the service early that morning than I do about leading the service or even if anyone came besides the teenagers leading the service.

Eventually Easter memories are about hiding our daughters' Easter baskets in the house for them to find on Easter morning, planning Easter egg hunts for the neighborhood children, and then on Easter Sunday eating lunch after church with extended family and being amazed that our young daughters and their cousins never seemed to notice that a few of the adults would slip out as the meal was ending and then *voilà*, the Easter bunny had come and hidden eggs all over the lawn! Now that our children are grown, the days of hiding baskets and eggs are past. Currently, Holy Week and Easter involve planning for multiple church services.

No matter how much changes over time in my life on Easter, however, the central, important message stays the same. "Christ is risen from the dead—he's alive!" Jesus rising from the grave changes everything in our lives. Despair is trumped by hope! Brokenness is trumped by hope! Sadness is trumped by hope! Loneliness is trumped by hope! Whatever hardship you are facing, Easter says that hardship has been trumped by hope! Because Jesus rose from the grave, we can have hope in our lives that the worst thing is never the last thing.

Perhaps Paul says it best in his letter to the church in Rome: *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Celebrating the miracle with you,

*Pastor Linda*

*Alleluia*  
*Christ is risen!*

## 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

**April 5,** 24 Hours that Changed the World:  
Christ the Victor

**April 12,** What's in the Bible about God:  
God Loves

**April 19,** What's in the Bible about God:  
God Creates

**April 26,** What's in the Bible about God:  
God Saves and Restores

### Holy Week

April 2, **Maundy Thursday** 7 pm  
Combined DUMC and SMM service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

April 3, **Good Friday** 7 pm  
Combined DUMC and SMM carrying the cross on the church lawn with Stations of the Cross and prayer for our community.

April 4, **Easter Egg Hunt** 10:45 am  
Combined DUMC and SMM community Egg Hunt

April 5, **Easter** 11 am  
Celebrate Jesus' resurrection by inviting friends, co-workers, and family to join in worship!

## Radical Hospitality

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

Christian hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the transforming love of Jesus Christ. "It describes a genuine love for others who are not yet a part of the faith community, an outward focus, a love that motivates church members to openness and adaptability, a willingness to change behaviors in order to accommodate the needs and receive the talents of newcomers." (Robert Schnase, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, pp. 11-12) Jesus said "I was

a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35) "Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40) "Hospitality is prayer, work, habit, practice, and initiative for the purposes of Christ." (Schnase, p. 14).

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In order to be faithful to our mission, we want to welcome newcomers into the Body of Christ at Deerfield UMC. A genuine welcome goes beyond a polite handshake on Sunday. A genuine welcome includes engaging in conversation that invites relationship, and a genuine welcome invites newcomers into the lives of members of the Body. Participating in small group studies in the church is another way to build genuine relationships with other people.

How are you helping to contribute to a culture of radical hospitality at Deerfield UMC? What are you willing to change or give up in order to offer radical hospitality? How can we offer hospitality that is not just typical, but *radical*? If you have any thoughts or ideas on radical hospitality, please see Pastor Linda.

## 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*

### Easter Egg Hunt

Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church are joining together to offer an Easter egg hunt for the community on Saturday, April 4. The event starts at 10:45 a.m. and includes an egg hunt, face painting, the Easter story, and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch at noon. Invite your grandchildren, friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances who may not have a church home. Fun for all ages!



## Hop on Down the Bunny Trail to Our Next Community Dinner

Our next Community Dinner will be a reprise of an Easter dinner so come join us on Sunday, April 12 6-7:30pm, and we will celebrate Easter at Deerfield. Bring anything that you would serve for an Easter dinner and we will celebrate with our friends and neighbors.



## Looking Ahead

Here are some future mission plans to look forward to: We tentatively plan to serve dinner at Bernie's Place in May, so watch for more details in the May Newsletter. Looking WAY ahead--since the crochet/knitting project for Bernie's Place last year was so successful, this year we are planning to do "scarves for seniors" at Berrywood. More details on that later, too.

## It's Almost Planting Time



Some of the food pantry clients plant vegetable gardens, and we would like to encourage them in that pursuit. So when you're out shopping, please look for the vegetable seed displays in places like the Dollar Store, Meijer, Tractor Supply, even Walgreens sometimes carries seeds. Drop the seed packets into the large flower pots that are set up in different areas of the church. We will get the seeds to interested food pantry clients starting in mid-April. Thanks for your donations.

## Save the Date!!

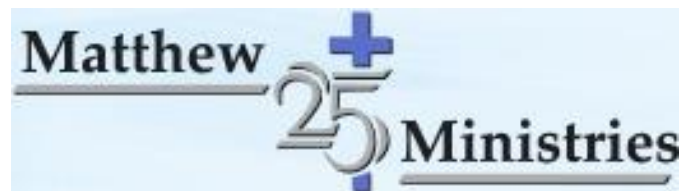
Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 21-25. We'll again go with an evening program for our 'Top Secret' Agency D3 VBS. Do you choose to accept this mission of outreach and teaching of Jesus for the children of our community? If you'd like to help Discover, Decide, Defend -- please contact Julie Reed (253-4953). Look for more information coming in Bulletins/Emails, including planning meetings. Even if you can only help out 1 night - that's still a big help to our VBS program!



## Matthew 25 Ministries Summer Mission Trip

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church is taking a summer mission trip, and Deerfield UMC folks are invited to join along.

This year's trip will be July 5-10. We will be going to West Virginia to work at schools in a very rural and impoverished county. Projects for the week will include completing desperately needed maintenance on the school buildings, running an educational day camp for the students, and preparing and serving lunch to the team, school staff and students.



Just to give you a little background, Matthew 25: Ministries has partnered with one particular school for the past 10 years. There are no funds available at this school for any non-essential activities. The principal needs volunteers to answer phones, perform secretarial duties, tutor children, and clean the school. Along with the leaders at the school and the local church, M25M developed a parent volunteer program that has been the catalyst for significant change in the community. Parents who volunteer at the school earn points for their work. Once a month they can spend the points in a special store (stocked by M25M's donations) and purchase supplies and materials for their children and families. M25M's relationship with this school has changed the culture of the school and has impacted the entire community.

We do require all participants under the age of 18 to be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian. The cost for the trip is \$350 per person, which includes lodging, linens, a breakfast buffet, lunch at the work site, dinner most nights (except Wednesday) and work supplies. Everyone will be responsible for their own transportation as well as their own leisure activities. The deadline to commit in May 4.

If you are interested, contact Maryellen Grounds @ [Maryellen\\_grounds@mercy.com](mailto:Maryellen_grounds@mercy.com)



## Intentional Faith Development

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

### What Does the Bible Say

Have you ever wanted to understand the Bible better? Does the Bible seem like it's all Greek to you? Join Pastor Linda on Monday evenings starting April 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm for a study of *What Does the Bible Say and Why Should I Care?* Topics will align with the Sunday sermons and take a deeper look at each week's theme. Weekly readings will include short scripture passages and opportunities for written reflection. These classes will run for the next 12 weeks. Childcare will be provided by reservation.

### What is a Walk to Emmaus?

*The Walk to Emmaus is a three day experience of renewal, learning and sharing in the atmosphere of a Christian community. It is a different experience for each individual.*

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of the resurrected Christ appearing to two men walking on the road between Jerusalem and the small town of Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35)

This story provides the background for the Emmaus Weekend, a program sponsored by *The Upper Room*. The Emmaus brochure puts it best: "The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations and the world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church."

Think you might be interested in attending, have questions, or just want to hear more? Please get in touch with Dale Wik, Jackie Marshall, Julie Dian-Reed, Karen Kenwell, Shannon Clark, Susan Roosen, Margie Burke, or Penny Cesco. These individuals have been on an Emmaus Walk. They can provide you with more information.

There is a Women's Walk to Emmaus on July 9-12, and a Men's Walk to Emmaus on July 16-19. Contact someone on the list above to find out how to get registered to attend.

## Church Summer Camps

April is the right time to plan for your child's summer camp experience in one of three West Ohio Conference summer camps! Camp Otterbein (Hocking County), Camp Wesley (Bellefontaine), and Camp Widewater (Toledo) all offer exciting opportunities for children ages 6 and up, plus camping opportunities for families, children and grandparents, and more! The theme of the 2015 camps is Plant, Grow, Thrive, and different camps offer many different fun activities! There is even a one-day camp for the first time this year! There is "Garage Band Camp" for musicians, and "Science and Adventure Camp" for the scientific. There is "Horse Camp" and "Choir Camp." There are exploring and adventure camps, and there are wild and wacky water camps, featuring all kinds of fun activities with water! No matter your age or your interests, there is sure to be a summer camp for you at one of the great United Methodist camps in Ohio. To learn more about the camps, go to [www.westohiocamps.com/camp](http://www.westohiocamps.com/camp). Scholarships are available—talk to Pastor Linda.



## ENGAGE

### Adult Bible Study

This class meets on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 101. They are studying the Book of Acts. Come join in!

### Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ April 5, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ April 12, 19 & 26, attend Sunday School. Children will start in the worship service and leave for their class after the time Especially for Children. They can be picked up immediately following worship.

### Children's Bible iWitness

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ April 5 & 19, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ April 12 & 26, attend Bible Study. Children will start out in the worship service and leave for their class after the time Especially for Children. They can be picked up immediately following worship.

### Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

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

# Let Us Pray!

## Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm 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 Karen Long (543-0965, Karen.long@scripps.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

Al Billock	Judy Hunter
Marsha Brashear	Sue & Frank Jackson
Brenda & Rick	Jensie & family
Gail Brengman	Sonia Jump
Margie Burke	Linda Knipple
Emily Cates	Lori & Phil
Jack & Joyce Chipner	Jim Megie
Laura Collins	Nancy Minor
Duane Crowe	Mickie Montgomery
Debbie Daniel	Carole Renter
Earnhardt family	Chris Schenkel
Elaine Goodman	Emily Schenkel
Diane Graham	Mike Sckenkel
Pam Guice	Shaughnessy Family
Judy Hallman	Iva Wells
Bill & Paula Hume	Tony Williams
Cindy Hunter	

## Church Council News

### Trustee News

We have been busy! Recently the sump pumps were serviced and a new battery back up installed, and our Education wing furnace has been serviced as well. The sanctuary carpet, office and hallway have been cleaned, the furnace filters have been ordered and changed, and exit lights serviced as well as the general lighting in the building grounds around the entrance were spruced up.

### You Can Help!!

The Trustees have identified several clean-up projects and have scheduled one per month for 2015. Each month we will highlight the project and let you know how you can help!



April 25 – Saturday – 9am until noon: This morning will be spent staining our swing set, pulling weeds and mulching around the church, replacing dead shrubs, and washing outside windows. Please bring gloves, wagons, hoes, hand cutters, and rags (for staining). Let's beautify our wonderful building together. We can use your talents and willingness for part, or all of our time together!

Also during April, we need folks willing to sew two pieces of cutout upholstery material together to refinish 50 of our fellowship hall chair tops. (We did the bottoms in 2014) Materials and instructions will be in the office, and you can see Jackie Marshall for more information.

*Upcoming projects this year:*

May 16 – Saturday – 9am until noon: Chair party! We will finish our chairs by installing the newly sewn tops. It is our goal to have 50 reupholstered chairs!! We had a fun time last year doing this together!

June – Closet cleaning: we'll go through the general closet and the table closet in the main hallway.

July – Worship closet assembly and organization. Stain and preserve the outside deck.

August – Basement and Youth Room Cleaning

September – Kitchen Closet Cleaning

October – Fall Clean-up Day

November – Misc. cleaning from other months

By the end of this year, our church will be more functionally organized and all rooms will be utilized well. Our goal is for our whole building to look nice, be clean, and ready to use as intended. Your Trustees know that you will want to be a part of the continuing effort to help be good stewards of our building and property. We are truly blessed to have this beautiful space to use for God's glory!

### Garden Note

DUMC and SMM have four 4 X 8 raised garden plots on the driveway side of the church. If any person or class would like to plant and tend any one (or more) of these plots in 2015, please let any Trustee know by April 24. If our plots are not needed, we will be removing them at our workday on April 25. Your Trustees are: David Marshall, Jackie Marshall, Dale Wik, Luke Copley, Bonnie Schenkel, Tom Reed, and Len Troy.

## Recycling



We have been in discussion with Rumpke and will begin a new 3-year service contract with them for trash and recycling. This will be saving us a minimum of \$75.00 per month! (And possibly more.)

We invited their recycling representative to our meeting and learned a lot about recycling! The results of that information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You will also notice our efforts to recycle in the containers around the church. Please take a look at the board and help us be good stewards of our earth by recycling at church and at home in conscientious ways. We are aiming for 100% participation of our churches, our scouts, and other groups who use our building. Questions about recycling can be directed to any of the Trustees! We thank you and so does God on behalf of our beautiful planet!



## 100 Percent Apportionment Paying Church

Recently Deerfield UMC received a letter from Bishop Gregory Palmer congratulating us on paying 100 percent of our apportionments for 2014. Apportionments are monies that we send to the Ohio River Valley District and the West Ohio Conference to support wider programs of the United Methodist Church. Together, we as United Methodist Churches are able to accomplish far more than any one of us could accomplish alone. Thank you for your faithfulness to supporting the ministries of the United Methodist Church! If you have any questions about apportionments, please contact Pastor Linda.



## 2757 Meeting

The committee met on March 23 to plan collaboration for the next few months. Discussion included grounds cleaning dates, Holy Week Services and events, signage to clarify entrances of building, drama presentation in the fall by Friends of the Groom.

On Sunday April 26 both congregations are invited to a presentation on Advance Health Decisions. The time will be following Deerfield's service. This presentation is facilitated by MaryEllen Grounds and Dwight Packard.

Both churches will be involved with VBS this summer. The dates are June 21-25 with a theme of Agency D3.

St. Mary Magdalene Youth Group is looking to do a service project for the church. The next 2757 meeting will be held at the church on June 1, at 6:30pm.

## Advance Care Planning

National Healthcare Decisions Day is an initiative to encourage individuals to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be. The decisions a person makes regarding their healthcare and treatment preferences are extremely important. National Healthcare Decisions Day exists to remind all people, regardless of age or current health of the importance of making these decisions known.

MaryEllen Grounds and Dwight Packard from St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will present an informational session on Advance Care Planning on Sunday, April 26, following the Deerfield UMC's 11am worship service. All are invited to learn more about Advance Care Planning and Living Wills.

## April Birthdays

4/17 Mark Bredemeier  
4/28 Julie Clark

## April Anniversaries

4/27 Scott & Marla Douglass

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

**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 Worship service, Sanctuary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	2 * Maundy Thursday 7pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	3 * Good Friday 7pm 	4 * Easter Egg Hunt 10:45am 
5  * Worship (see above)	6 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	7 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * SPRC 7pm	8 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108 * Trustees 6:30pm	9 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary * Church Council Meeting 7pm	10	11 * Girl Scouts 9:30-11am Rm. 101
12 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	13 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	14 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary	15 * DCOM 8:30am-6:30p * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	16 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	17	18
19 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship	20 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	21 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary	22 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	23 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	24	25 * Clean up day 9:00am-12pm
26 * Worship (see above) * Advance Care Planning Noon	27 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	28 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary	29	30		

## Breakthrough Goals

In December 2014 the Church Council set goals for 2015 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 to be the Body of Christ, Inviting the Community, Connecting to God, Growing as Disciples, and Serving Others.

Passionate Worship	60
Radical Hospitality	
Professions of faith	6
Baptisms	3
Intentional Faith Development	
Average no. small groups	8
Average no. attendees	50
Percentage of congregation in small groups	65%
Risk Taking Mission/Service	
Total number engaged in	55
Extravagant Generosity	
Average weekly giving	\$2,500
Apportionments	100%
Additional giving	
Missions	\$25,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000
Capital	\$1,500
Advance specials	\$500

NewsLetter  
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:  
Sunday, April 15, 2015  
Email to: [dumc@deerfieldumc.org](mailto:dumc@deerfieldumc.org)

## Thanks



Deerfield family, Words cannot express how thankful we are to have such an amazing and loving church family! Ever since we've been at Deerfield, and especially since we announced the pregnancy and then our move to Springfield, we have received nothing but support and love from everyone here. It is hard for us to leave, but we know it's part of God's plan for us and for Deerfield. Thank you for the wonderful baby shower for Baby Roosen. He is so loved by so many, even before he arrives! Thank you all for your unending support and love for our family! We will stay in touch and will always love Deerfield and each and every one of you!

Blessings in Christ,  
Ryan and Susan  
Roosen

Our new address:  
6222 W. National Rd.  
Springfield, OH 45504



thank  
you!

Friends,  
We just want to again thank you for the blessing of the dessert auction for Sam. You will never know how much this has helped our family. May God bless you all for your kindness and generosity.

The Simonson family



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[www.deerfieldumc.org](http://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.