

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

April 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear friends,

With the changing seasons, we are reminded that nothing in life stays the same. Winter gives way to spring. Death leads to resurrection.

One of the changes happening at Deerfield UMC is that the Children's Ministry Team has decided not to offer Vacation Bible School this summer. Instead we will be offering an Ohio River Valley District supported children's ministry offering called Live Free. Live Free starts the last week of June and runs through the last week of July, a total of 5 weeks. Deerfield UMC will be offering Live Free 2 days a week, from 11 am to 3:30 pm, and the daily schedule will include Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, free lunch and snack, and reading practice. Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 6 can participate in Live Free.

Live Free is run by trained college students hired by the Ohio River Valley District. Church members are invited to come and help with registration, serving lunch, hanging out with children during the program, and getting to know parents at drop off and pick up. Teens from our congregation are invited to help out, as well, helping the college students and practicing reading with the children. We want to offer hospitality to the children and families who participate. We will be inviting children from JF Burns Elementary, Kings Mill Elementary, and any children in our surrounding community. Flyers will be available to share with your neighbors and friends. Let's get the word out and let people know about this great opportunity to provide fun and meaningful activities for children during the summer for free! Help us make Live Free a successful outreach to our community!

Looking forward to a new season,

Pastor Linda



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And a time
for every purpose
under heaven.

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 3, Upside Down: Happiness Redefined
Matthew 5:1-12

April 9, Upside Down: You Can Change the World
Matthew 5:13-20

April 17, Upside Down: A Higher Standard
Matthew 5:21-30

April 24, Upside Down: Love the One You Hate
Matthew 5:38-48

Church Council

Trustee news

The Deerfield UMC trustees have been busy! We will be getting new lights in our parking lot and in parts of the church. Thank Jackie and Dave Marshall and Dale Wik for a lot of leg work on this project. Help may be needed to install some of the new lights in the church. Watch for more information to come.

Also mark your calendars for these two events where your help is needed:

- ⇒ Saturday, April 23, 9 am to noon we will Spring Clean at Deerfield, including cleaning flower beds, other yard work, staining the bridge and swing set, and cleaning windows. Everyone's help is needed!! The rain date will be April 30.
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 17, 7 pm we will gather to fix and reglue the sanctuary chairs. The more people we have, the better we will be able to have an assembly line and "get 'er done."

Thank you to all our trustees who care for our facility and provide a welcoming atmosphere for guests and members!

Deerfield UMC Church Council Approves Visioning Process

In February, members of Church Council met with Rev. Dr. Tim Waugh, assistant to the District Superintendent, and Mary Shumard, Certified Lay Minister and member of Hartzell UMC, to talk about options for leaning into God's preferred future for

Deerfield UMC. After an interesting and invigorating retreat, Church Council agreed to continue meeting with Mary Shumard to plan and vision for where and how God is calling Deerfield UMC into the future. The entire congregation will be invited to participate in some of the sessions. Watch for more information to come!

Deerfield UMC Finances



Good news from the Deerfield UMC Finance Ministry Team! Deerfield UMC finished 2015 in the black—a blessing from God! The finance team has been busy, as they worked with Newtown UMC to complete an audit for 2014 and begin work on the audit for 2015. Each church audits the other church's finances—a win-win! Our treasurer, Karen Kenwell, and Finance Chair, Stan Brown, also worked on changing over the software Karen uses to track church finances, making it easier for individual reports to be completed for each Ministry Team. The Finance Team welcomes Stacey Marroso as our new Recording Secretary, and we invite you to join us in praying that God raises up a new treasurer, as Karen has been in the treasurer role for many years and is ready to train her successor. At the March Church Council meeting, a church budget of just under \$180,000 was approved for 2016. The Finance Team also encourages everyone to turn in receipts when you purchase something for the church in order to be reimbursed. When we all turn in receipts, we have a better idea of the true costs of running the church and can better plan for the church budget. Check Request forms to complete and turn in with receipts for reimbursement are located in the "C Mail" hanging file folders under the Missions bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

2757 Committee

The 2757 Committee is a liaison between Saint Mary Magdalene and Deerfield UMC. Our next meeting is Monday, April 11, at 6:00 -7:00pm. This committee meets every three months to share information between the two churches and to plan for the next quarter of the church year. Examples of our shared vision were the Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday cross walk as well as the Easter Egg Hunt. If you have a suggestion for any future joint activities feel free to contact Penny Cesco at rcesco@zoomtown.com.

Safe Sanctuary Training

If you want to work with children and youth at Deerfield United Methodist Church it is a requirement that you are Safe Sanctuary Trained. There will be a training day on Monday, April 4 from 6:30-7:30pm. This includes completing the application, providing 2 references, attending the training course, being e-background checked and have been attending Deerfield United Methodist Church for 6 months. This policy protects the children, youth, and volunteers. If you have already been screened and trained you must attend a course annually to refresh your clearance.



Radical Hospitality

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

Voters and Poll Workers Hospitality

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped either set up supplies, provide food and helped to clean up once voting was completed. There were many thanks given to Deerfield UMC by the workers and voters as they appreciated the warm hospitality.

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

Despite the rain and dreary weather, there were 35 children along with their families that came out to share in our Easter Egg hunt. The children were quickly registered, broken up into 3 groups and they were sent off to gather eggs. Afterwards they were treated to a telling of the Easter story by Pastor Linda, decorated cookies to eat and had a chance to get their face or hand painted.



Lunch was served after the festivities and what a spread it was! Thank you to the many people who helped make this outreach event possible for our wonderful community!

Family Missions

Matthew 25 Ministries Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9-11 am. The work of Matthew 25 Ministries helps the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world. There is a job for everyone! Volunteering at Matthew 25 can be 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 contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com. Registration forms for individuals and families are available on the welcome desk to bring with you to Matthew 25.



Children's Missions

Imagine No Malaria! During every Children's Sunday School, children will be given an opportunity to partake in an offering. The offerings collected this month will be added to the Imagine No Malaria collection pond at the entrance of the church. Coins are appropriate. Giving children opportunities to practice giving will help build their understanding of being a good steward and generosity.

Community Dinner

Come and join us on April 10th for our next Community Dinner. We will be having an Italian Dinner with salad, bread, spaghetti, and of course some delicious desserts. 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. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with questions.

April Food Pantry Drive

This month's food pantry drive is focusing on "Spring cleaning" and helping to provide families in our community with household cleaning items. 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.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to Penny Cesco for passing out Operation Christmas Child boxes to the children during Sunday worship a few weeks ago! What a great way to remind us to keep a watch out for clearance sales and after-holiday-sales for items to pack in Operation Christmas Child boxes! Toys, books, flashlights, school supplies, eating utensils, and personal care supplies are all great items to fill boxes with. Some American children ask for items to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes at their birthday parties instead of presents for themselves! I hear that one of our Deerfield UMC children thinks it would be great if we could pack 1,000 boxes! That is a lot of boxes, but if we all commit to filling several boxes, who knows what God will do through us? We will be collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes in November. It's never too early to look for bargains to fill the boxes!



Knitters and Crocheters

For the past two years we have been donating hats, scarves and mittens to Bernie's Place (2014) and Berry Wood seniors (2015). There is an organization called BLOC in Price Hill that could also use our needlework talents. Some of you may remember Joan Morgan who used to be a Deerfield UMC member. She now lives in Price Hill and is heavily involved with the BLOC ministries. In fact they are working on providing housing for homeless teens which will be named after Joan's recently deceased son Cary. Cary's House teens as well as other children served by BLOC ministries could use some of our winter hats, scarves and mittens next fall and winter, so anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com. Thank you!



Intentional Faith Development

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

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

There are two Women's Walk to Emmaus; the first one is April 14-17, 2016 and the second one is October 20-23, 2016. There are also two Men's Walk to Emmaus; the first one is April 28-May 1, 2016 and the second one is October 13-16, 2016. If you would like to attend one of these walks, contact one of the people listed above.

Exercise and Eat

A number of years back, we had an exercise class that met once a week at Deerfield. After we exercised we enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. I wonder how many of you might be interested in trying something like that again. I have a couple of exercise tapes by Leslie Sansone which are fairly easy and take between 20 and 30 minutes to do (one is even for seniors), also, I have a tape called Tai Chi for Arthritis by Dr. Paul Lam and one called Yoga for Seniors by Jane Adams. This last one has (it says) "safe, easy to follow movements, all done seated or standing alongside a chair". Maybe some of you have others, also. The potluck lunches were miracles like the "loaves and fishes;" no one ever knew what the others were bringing (and some brought nothing), but we always had enough. I do not claim to be a Phys. Ed teacher but the tapes might work or if anyone out there would like to lead such a class, be my guest. Anyone interested in forming a class, please contact Barb Dixon at [bdbbluebird@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com).

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)

- ◇ April 3, attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ April 9, 17 & 24, 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 3 & 17 attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ April 9 & 24, 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 3 & 17, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ April 9 & 24, 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, contact Karen Long (543-0965, 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

Bethesda North Hosp Staff	Kings Bus Drivers
Al & Judy Billock	April Matson
Marsha Braeshear	McKensey
Bruce Brengman	Glenn Miller
Gail Brengman	Nancy Minor
Karen Bundy	Bill & Mickie Montgomery
Jensie Caguimbal	Sarah Murphy
Mark & Linda Caliendo	Michelle & Noah Prather
Heath Cartmill	Bob Rowlette
Jack & Joyce Chipner	Chris Schenkel
Shirlee Collins	Emily Schenkel
Connie Combs	Mike Schenkel
Chery & Ron Condos	Mary Scherle
Lori Curlis	Shaughnessy family
Sue Denney	Den Staab
Earnhardt family	Thompson family
Rick & Brenda Ellis	Dan Troy
Family of Marilyn Clark's	Joe Troy
Aunt Margaret	Pastor Linda Troy
Mark Gibbons	Vicky Tucker
Ruth Gibbons	Marge Turner
Katie Griffith	Martha Walker
Judy Hallman	Wisby Family
Janet & Clarence Humboldt	

April Birthdays

4/16	Tonya Oriol
4/17	Mark Bredemeir
4/24	Sonny Marroso
4/28	Julie Clark

April Anniversaries

4/27 Scott & Marla Douglass



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.

Passionate Worship	55
Radical Hospitality	
Professions of faith	3
Baptisms	3
Intentional Faith Development	
Average no. small groups	4
Average no. attendees	25
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%
Risk Taking Mission/Service	
Total number engaged in	15
Extravagant Generosity	
Average weekly giving	\$2,450
Apportionments	100%
Additional giving	
Missions	\$25,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000
Capital	\$1,000
Memorials	\$500
Advance specials	\$500

Motherless Daughters Ministry

The Motherless Daughters Ministry, Inc. is a Christian organization dedicated to serving women who have lost or missed the nurturing care of a mother. Let's first start by defining a motherless daughter. A motherless daughter can be a woman who has experienced mother loss through death of her mother, either by early loss before her 20s or later loss after her 20s. A motherless daughter could be a woman who has experienced having a mother who may have quit nurturing her at an earlier age, and then she loses her mother again through death as an adult. This is defined as a double loss. A motherless daughter might be a woman who has a living mother but has never experienced her mother's nurturing care. Which one of these defines you?

Upcoming Classes:

The Emotionally Absent Mother

⇒ Thursdays, April 7 - May 12, 2016
Deerfield United Methodist Church

In this class, we will be using the book *The Emotionally Absent Mother: A Guide to Self-Healing and Getting the Love You Missed* by Jasmin Lee Cori. The class focuses on women who have missed mothering in their lives whether their mother is deceased or living. This is called "under-mothered." For whatever reason, she just was not there for you. We will explore what impact the absence of mothering has had on your life and explore what you can do to support your healing.

The Road to Forgiveness

⇒ Thursdays, April 7 – May 12, 2016
Montgomery Community Church

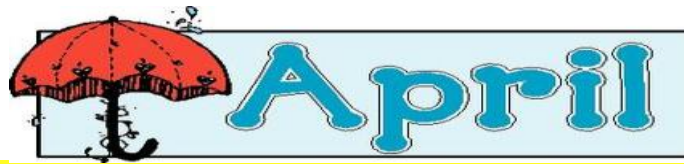
Forgiveness is a journey. Ever wonder why you keep forgiving the same thing or person over and over? It may be you really have not understood what you really need to forgive. What are your losses? How did the losses affect your life? Each time we lose something, it changes who we are. Our identity is different. Each loss forges a new road to forgiveness. When you can become clearer about what you need to forgive, the road becomes straighter. Each loss plays a central part of being alive and to avoid loss is to avoid being alive.

General Conference 2016

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. United Methodists from around the world will meet as the top legislative body at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20, 2016. Our West Ohio Conference voted on delegates to General Conference at our 2015 Annual Conference, and we are sending 40 delegates, half clergy and half laity. The daily agenda will include worship, preaching, and Holy Conferencing. Holy Conferencing is the term John Wesley used to describe the conversation that takes place when United Methodists gather to discuss issues and to make decisions on topics. Please be in prayer daily for General Conference and the decisions that will be made.

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	2 * Ministry Outreach 9-11am Matthew 25 Ministries
3 * Worship (see above)	4 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Safe Sanctuary Training 6:30-7:30pm	5 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm * Church Council Meeting 7pm	6 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * DCOM Meeting 1-8:30pm	7 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm Rm 105	8	9
10 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	11 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * 2757 Meeting 6-7pm	12	13 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Daisy Scout Meeting 6-7:30pm Rm 107	14 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm Rm 105	15	16
17 * Worship (see above)	18 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	19 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	20 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm Newsletter Articles Due	21 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm	22	23 * Spring Clean 9am-noon
24 * Worship (see above)	25 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	26	27 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	28 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm Rm 105	29	30

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

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



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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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.