

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

August 2014 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:18-19

Len and I are very blessed to be at Deerfield United Methodist Church! What a wonderful “new thing” God has brought into our lives! We are enjoying meeting friendly and welcoming people, and we have been impressed with the amount of initiative and energy expended for mission outreach! Deerfield United Methodist Church is alive with God’s Spirit!

The Staff Parish Relations Ministry Team has set up a schedule for me to be able to visit every person in the congregation in their home or at a place of your choosing. Please check out the sign-up board outside the sanctuary door, find a time that fits your calendar, and sign up! I will give you a call to confirm the appointment, and I look forward to meeting all of you and deepening our relationships! The times will also soon be available on Sign-Up Genius if you prefer to sign up from your computer. You are important to God and you are important to me!

How tempting it can be, at times, to keep looking backwards, remembering and longing for “the good old days.” God, however calls us forward

into the future, expressly telling us to let go of the “former things.” When we drive our cars, the windshield for seeing where we are going is large, but the rearview mirror for seeing where we’ve been is small. So it is with our lives and God. Deerfield United Methodist Church, please join me in praying for God’s future for our time together. One prayer I like is “Lord, what do you want to do through me to fulfill your vision for Deerfield United Methodist Church?”

Looking forward to God’s future with you,

Pastor Linda





Passionate Worship in August

(Sundays, 11:00 a.m.)

August 3

Summer at the Beach: How Can I Fit In? Luke 5:3-7

When a new or rededicated believer starts to wade into the waters of church, how can we help this person have a good experience and want to go deeper in a relationship with God?

August 10

Summer at the Beach: When Our Feet Come Off the Bottom Judges 6:11-24

As a new or rededicated believer goes out into deeper waters of a relationship with God through the church, a time comes when faith and trust are essential because feet can no longer touch bottom! How do we help someone keep swimming?

August 17

Summer at the Beach: Just Keep Swimming, Swimming, Swimming.... Luke 22:24-34

A believer at this stage of her or his spiritual journey is finding joy and fulfillment in following where God calls. Swimming out into deeper waters to serve God while using spiritual gifts helps to build and spread God's Kingdom. How do we find this joy? What are some pitfalls to avoid?

August 24

Summer at the Beach: Who Is Your Diving Partner? John 14:12-14

The cardinal rule of SCUBA diving is never dive alone. So it is with ministry. There is a reason Jesus sent the disciples out 2 by 2. When you are ready to put on SCUBA gear and give your life to following God, don't try to go it alone.

August 31

Summer at the Beach: Is the Path Clear? Matthew 28:16-20

By now we've learned about believers at all stages on their journey with Jesus. What stage are you at? How can we welcome those who are searching for something to believe in, who need the transforming love of Jesus? We want to encourage folks that the water is warm—come on in!

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Sat., August 2, 2014, at 9 AM in Room 108 (kitchen) to discuss plans for the Fall and a possible men's Reds game outing. All men please plan to attend!

Thank you,
Randy Cesco

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC will meet on Tues., August 5, 2014, at 7 PM in Room 101. Need all members present. Please confirm to Randy Cesco at 398-7577 or via email rcesco@zoomtown.com. Thank you!

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 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 & Judy Billock
The Family of Jeff Crum
Mary Goodlander
Judy Hallman
Sue & Frank Jackson
Jackie Kuhn
Camber Lawson
Mr. Prickett
Bonnie Schenkel
The Shaughnessy Family
Troy/Murray Family
Jude Williams*

*Emily Cates
Polly D.
Jerry Grotjan
Rebecca Hershey
Melissa King
Lauri L.
Cathy Ott
Ken Runyan
Tom Semienac
Ed & Pat Shaughnessy
Patricia Troy
Dusty Winch*

(Please add names to the Prayer Board. Names will remain on the board until the beginning of the next month. Those mentioned are still close to our hearts, but we want to ensure that the Prayer board is current.)

Intentional Faith Development

Adult Bible Study

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

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 through Grade 2)

- ◇ August 3, attend worship with parents
- ◇ August 10, 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 Study

(Grades 3 – 6):

- ◇ August 3 & 17, attend worship with parents
- ◇ August 10 & 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.

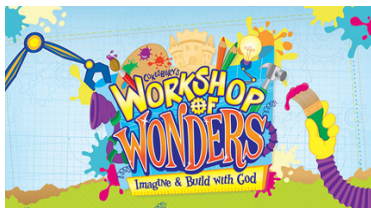
Children's Fun Sunday

(Age 4 – grade 6):

- ◇ August 31, all children will gather together for a 5th Sunday Fun morning. 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.

Vacation Bible School Update

A HUGE thank you to all who supported/helped in the DUMC/SMM 2014 VBS! We had an ample volunteer base, and the kids loved the newly added science lab at the Workshop of Wonders! Our VBS served 30 children from the local community and their families - with examples of how they can Imagine, Grow and Walk with God! So many people put in many hours of their time and talents for creating decorations, planning, advertisement, leading and teaching. We are so blessed by such a diverse pool of talent and such passion for Children's ministry. Thank you! We raised \$122 for the Cincinnati chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and collected items for 25 'dignity bags' for the homeless community. We already have VBS chosen and decorations to use for VBS 2015 from Loveland UMC, and our own 2014 decorations were shared with Northern Hills UMC for their VBS this year and John Wesley UMC next year! What great stewardship of resources! Thank you!



Risk-Taking Mission & Service

2014 Mission Trip

September 5 - 7

Goodworks, Inc., Athens, Ohio

The vision of Good Works is to create a COMMUNITY OF HOPE with and for people who are struggling with poverty and homelessness in rural Appalachia. DUMC/SMM's mission trip will work alongside Good Works, Inc., to provide support enabling individuals to believe in themselves and improve their homes and lives.

Good Works, Inc., is an established mission of 33 years. The organization and structure is in place; our team will step right into work that is in process and ongoing. All we have to do is get there. The team is leaving on Friday September 5 at 1:00 PM arriving in Athens by 4:00 PM. The cost per person is \$20. After unloading our gear we will have dinner with Good Works, Inc., Friday Night Life. An organization sponsors the dinner for approximately 100 people from the area to come eat and fellowship together. Our cost is \$5 per person for the dinner.

On Saturday morning, we prepare our own breakfast and pack our lunches for the work day. After morning devotions; projects are announced and each of us chooses an appropriate task that we can do. We prepare lunches for the Good Works staff that go with us as well as individuals who we are helping. Saturday night there is a concert at the amphitheater with dinner provided called a Community of Blessing to which we are invited. Before returning to our bunk house an evening devotion and reflection of our work will prepare us for a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning bright and early our caravan will return home bringing tired, inspired, and joyous workers back to our daily lives. Each member will have experienced God in his or her own way. We will fully be aware of what God has given each of us. Please talk with God, ask him is this something you should do. Step out in faith, become the hands, feet, and mouth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Last year 32 individuals experienced this trip and want to go again. Please ask one of them what the experience was like or visit www.good-work.net to see for yourselves what this wonderful organization does for transforming disciples for Christ.

Community Dinners Remember These Dates!

The Community Dinner for August will be a brunch theme and be held from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on August 10. We will need all the help we can get, so if you haven't attended one of the dinners or are new to our church please come, bring a dish and enjoy making new friends.

Bernie's Place

Also, we will be hosting another dinner at Bernie's Place (the homeless shelter in South Lebanon) on Saturday, August 23. Please consider supporting this mission by contributing food and your presence at this event. See Shem Lofland or Barb Dixon if you have any questions.

Pet Blessing & Pet Food Drive

Look for a pet blessing and pet food drive coming in early October!

August Birthdays

- 3 - Timothy Bredemeier
- 4 - Rylan Lofland
- 6 - Adam Wik
- 7 - Haley Delaney
- 12 - Margie Burke
- 14 - Elena Jeanne Barcus
- 21 - Heidi Etensohn Barcus
- 27 - Ryan Roosen
- 28 - Collin Delaney



August Anniversaries

- 1 - Lee & Julie Clark
- 3 - Eric & Betsy Etensohn
- 13 - Ryan & Susan Roosen
- 15 - David & Jackie Marshall
- 31 - Dale & Jody Wik



If your birthday or anniversary was not listed, please either call the church office or send an email to deerfield@deerfieldumc.org.

Radical Hospitality

Radical Hospitality Needs You

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers” Romans 12:13 (NRSV)

These past few weeks Pastor Linda has been taking us through an exciting and interesting series entitled “Summer at the Beach.” We are exploring together the important topic of sharing our faith with our friends and

neighbors; as well as how to invite and encourage them to ‘come and see’ how Deerfield UMC lives out her call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Radical Hospitality is an important part of who we are at DUMC. We want to be a church known for caring for each other and welcoming all who ‘come and see’ us! As a member of the Deerfield family there are several opportunities for you to help provide Radical Hospitality. We are always looking for friendly folks with smiling faces to extend a warm welcome to all who attend worship on Sunday mornings. Members of our Greeter team usually serve one Sunday a month. Our Usher Team assists the children who are serving as Acolytes, places the attendance pads in the each aisle, and collects our offerings at the appropriate time during the worship service. **There is a specific need for ushers to serve during the fourth Sunday of the month .**

Gift Bags are a fun, easy way to welcome visitors and start a conversation. You can find our visitor gift bags on the Welcome/Information Center in the lobby. Please feel free to grab one and present it to folks you might not recognize. Don't worry if it isn't really their “first time”...these are harmless, fun “mistakes.” Some of the best relationships start with a shared laugh.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions considering Radical Hospitality at DUMC or if you would like more information regarding serving as a Greeter and/or Usher, please contact Deb Thomen @ 490-4783 or email sdszcc@aol.com.

Election Day Hospitality - Thank You Barb Dixon!

For many years, Barb Dixon has led our efforts to provide Radical Hospitality on Election Days. Deerfield UMC serves as a polling place for each General and Special Election. Over the years, Barb has coordinated refreshments for the poll workers who tirelessly spend 12 hours at our church and the many members of our community who come to vote. We want to recognize Barb's commitment to this ministry and take time to say Thank you! We so appreciate your heart for hospitality Barb!

After many years of service, Barb has decided that it is time to allow someone else to serve in this role. The Hospitality Committee is actively seeking a new leader for this important ministry. **Please consider this twice-a-year opportunity to serve! If you believe that Election Day Hospitality Coordinator might be a good fit for you, or you would just like more information, please contact Deb Thomen at 490-4783 or email sdszcc@aol.com.** You can follow Barb's format or choose to do something different. The Radical Hospitality team has ideas also.

August 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.

Saturday, August 2

- * United Methodist Men's Meeting: 9:00-10:00 am, Rm. 108
- * Eagle Scout Court of Honor: 1:00-4:00 pm, Sanctuary, Rms. 101-103

Sunday, August 3

- * Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- * 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, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

- * Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- * Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting: 7:00-8:30 pm, Rm. 101

Thursday, August 7

- * Pumpkin Patch Meeting: 7:00-8:30 pm, Rm. 101
- * Trustees' Meeting: 7:00-8:00 pm, Rm. 104
- * Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

Tuesday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 14

- * Administrative Council Meeting: 6:30-8 pm, Rm. 101
- * Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 17

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

Monday, August 18

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

Tuesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 24

- * Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- * 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
- * Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:10 am-noon, Rm. 106, 107
- * Children's Bible Study (grades 3-6): 11:10 - noon; Rm. 105

Monday, August 25

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

Tuesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 31

- * Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- * St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- * Fellowship time: 10:30-11:00 am, Narthex
- * Deerfield Worship service: 11:00-noon, Sanctuary
- * Children's Fun Sunday School (age 4-grade 6): 11:10 am-noon, Rm. 101-103

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

Trustees Update

We have generated a good amount of funding to pay for the flooring replacement in the education wing, but we have not paid for it all. We still need about \$2100 to complete the funding. If you are able to help with this, place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday and mark it as flooring.

We were not able to do our spring cleaning day due to the weather. There are things that still need to be done. Bushes need trimmed on the parking lot side of the building, windows outside need to be washed, the gate for the dumpster needs some repair to name a few. If you would be available to help with any of these projects, contact Dale Wik (237-3594).

The Eagle Scout has completed his portion of the bridge construction. Check it out if you have not done so! We need to build some ramps on each end to make it handicap accessible. It also needs to be stained. If you can help with either of these projects, let Dale know.

As always, we ask that you turn off lights when you leave rooms. Let someone know if you find a toilet running or a faucet dripping or a light bulb out. If you adjust the thermostat in the education wing, please return it to the specified temperature. Opening windows is not usually necessary; but if you do, please make sure to close them when you leave.

Thank you for caring for your church facility. God has blessed us with a wonderful facility for ministry and asks us to be good stewards of this gift.

God Bless,

Dale Wik

Pumpkin Patch Update

The first Pumpkin Patch meeting will be August 7 at 7:00 PM. There is BIG news that will be announced at that meeting. The meeting is to discuss any changes to make this year operate better, and to discuss the time frame for actions that need to be done in preparation. It has already been decided that instead of an outdoor festival we'll be having an indoor craft show. Several vendors have already signed up to participate, including outdoor food vendors. We had a great 2013 year with record sales and hope to surpass that record this year in 2014. Start thinking PUMPKINS!



Thank You Notes

Dear DUMC Family,

As many of you may know, I graduated from high school this past spring. In the fall, I will be attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, studying Computer Science. I know that there are some of you who have been with the church since I first joined as a toddler-time sure flies.

I would like to thank all of you for your support for me over the years - buying popcorn from me, donating to my Eagle Scout project, allowing me to volunteer at VBS and the pumpkin sale, and just being interested in general. Thank you very much!

Lastly, thank you very much for the graduation card and Subway gift card - I really appreciate your kindness!

With gratitude, Kurt Carpenter

Deadline for the next newsletter is:

Friday, August 15, 2014

Email to deerfieldumc@deerfieldumc.org

NewsLetter
DEADLINE



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www.deerfieldumc.org
11:00 a.m. 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.