

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 2015 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

The following letter was posted by Bishop Gregory Palmer
in the West Ohio Conference Newsletter.

Dear Ones in Christ Jesus:

During Annual Conference this year, I shared that I had been nudged inwardly and outwardly about the need for us to find our “praying ground” together across the West Ohio Conference. Some of you have been especially thoughtful and helpful in suggesting that in this season leading up to the 2016 General Conference it would be good if we could embrace the time-honored practices of Christians of prayer and fasting. We who are Christians in the Wesleyan way call these means of grace that have nourished the personal and corporate lives of many.

So I am inviting you to join together across this conference on the first Friday of every month starting Friday, September 4 in a time of prayer and fasting. We will continue this pattern through Friday, June 3, 2016. This will take us not only through the General Conference but to the eve of our next Annual Conference.

- *Following the Wesleyan pattern, fasting would ideally begin following the evening meal on Thursday evening and continue until the fast is broken with the evening meal on Friday.*
- *You may want to consider donating the money saved by fasting from food to some mission initiative in the life of the conference.*
- *Your abstinence or fasting from food should be done in consultation with your medical practitioners and your own bodily needs. Not all can abstain from food but all can pray.*
- *You are encouraged to spend intentional time in prayer from Thursday evening until early Friday evening. As you are able, devote some time to private prayer and to prayer in community (a prayer partner, small groups etc).*
- *In general our prayers should focus on the well-being of the church and the mission of the church. We will be seeking the heart of God to renew the heart of the church. Prior to each first Friday, a suggested focus for our day of prayer will be made available through the conference website, Facebook, Twitter etc.*

For now, look ahead on your calendar and mark these days. Connect with others who will covenant to join you in designated times of prayer. Be on the watch for suggestions on prayer and fasting. Finally, there are two images about prayer stirring in me. First, think of this call to prayer and fasting as if you are intentionally participating in a holy conspiracy – a breathing together. Secondly this quote from Karl Barth: “To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.”

So let’s learn to breathe together and join the uprising. I am.

Yours in Christ,

Gregory V. Palmer



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

August is time for Summer at the Movies! We will be looking at theological truths illustrated in popular movies. You may want to watch each movie prior to the Sunday we will be talking about it. All are appropriate for children.

August 2, A Heart...A Brain...A Home...Courage!

August 9, Rev. Elaine Parulis-Wright preaching

August 16, A League of Their Own

August 23, Inside Out

August 30, The Blind Side

On August 23, children will be moving up to the next grade in Sunday School. Teachers will be anointed in worship and children in 3rd grade (or older) will receive Bibles in worship. Contact Pastor Linda if your child has not received a Bible.

Friends of the Groom Coming on September 13

Friends of the Groom is a local theater company committed to revealing the Christian message with a unique blend of humor, story, challenging content, and scenes that are hard to forget. Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene are partnering together to bring Friends of the Groom to each worship service on September 13 to help lead worship. This will be a great Sunday to contact people from our churches who have gotten out of the habit of attending worship and invite them to come for this special service! Watch for more information coming, and to learn more about Friends of the Groom, go to <http://www.friendsofthegroom.org>.

National Back to Church Sunday

National Back to Church Sunday is a campaign designed to help churches reach out and invite everyone to try church again. Church members are encouraged and empowered to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances to come to church on September 20, 2015, a special Sunday designed for them. Deerfield UMC has partnered with the United Methodist Communications team to

send 1,000 postcards to homes in the area of the church inviting them to come to church on September 20 for a blessing of the backpacks. Watch for more information to come, and get ready to invite people in your sphere of influence to come to church on September 20, National Back to Church Sunday! To learn more, go to <http://www.backtochurch.com/about>.

Church Council Trustee News

It was a joy to use the new appliances in the kitchen for our Community Dinner in July!!! The Live Free children's program has also been using them this past month. All new appliances have been installed, the kitchen counter has been extended, and a few new cabinets are ready for their new contents. Still to come: rearranging the open shelving in the kitchen and closet to create more space in the kitchen, and installing the stovetop backsplash and potential open (or closed) shelving above the countertop extension.



The Trustees have gathered quotes from both landscapers and electricians for the on-going projects of shrub replacement at the front of the church and the lighting needs both



inside and outside the church. Our next project of top priority is the staining of the swing set this fall. This past week the Trustees painted the deck/bridge with its first coat of stain and it looks great!

Additional fall projects still include rearranging the closet spaces all around the church and we will need help with this large project. Watch the bulletin to see how you can help.

Taking care of "God's house" is always a lot of work. Together we can create a beautiful space where all who enter will know that we are good stewards of all that God entrusts to us. Happy August everyone!

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Teachers Needed

The children/youth of the congregation need your help (as well as Sunday School

LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME."
FEBRUARY 16, 1997

Radical Hospitality

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

The committee wants to welcome our newest member, Debbie Berta. After completing the talent survey Debbie identified hospitality as one of her talents. We welcome her presence and service on our committee and would like to welcome anyone else to join us to give radical hospitality to those that enter our doors, are in our community, as well as nurture our church family. If you have any ideas on this topic please contact one of the members: Martha Miker, Barb Dixon, Deb Thomen, Bruce Brengman, Debbie Berta, Karen Kenwell, Nancy Bredemeier or Penny Cesco.

On Friday, July 31 we enjoyed fellowship at a pool party held at Sailboat Pointe. This was the 2nd event the hospitality committee planned to encourage our church families and their friends to spend time fellowshiping together and getting to know one another better. Our 3rd event will be a pizza, movie, bonfire night at the church on Friday,



Sept. 4 from 6:00—9:00 pm. The movie is not decided yet, but it will be family friendly. The 4th event is a Bunko game and appetizer night on Friday, Nov. 13 here at the church from 6:00—9:00pm. Come join in, get to know your church family better, and most of all, have fun! So mark your calendars!



Did you know that hospitality extends to our bathrooms? Pastor Linda has provided some personal care items in both men and women's restrooms, and now Deb Thomen has taken over this assignment.

Coffee time fellowship between Saint Mary Magdalene Church, Deerfield United Methodist Church and all our guests is running smoothly. If you would like to provide any items, please contact Karen Kenwell and she will add you to the Sign Up Genius website.

Our hospitality doesn't start or stop when guests walk through our door. Deerfield is striving to be radical by providing support to groups that use our beautiful building, neighbors who need our help, guests entering our church and the church families.

Teachers). Did you know that Sunday school is offered for kids/youth from age 4 all the way up through High School? We have been blessed with a very dedicated group of teachers to be able to offer 3 age levels of Sunday school for the Deerfield UMC/SMM congregations, as well as new guests to both of our churches. We would very much like to continue this effort, but we need your help. We have been praying for God to raise up additional co-teachers/substitutes, as well as assistant teachers (no planning involved for assistants, you just lend a helping hand!) for the Age 4-Grade 2 class, as well as our growing Middle School/High School group. If you feel called to help, we welcome the men and women of the congregation to join in our efforts to lead our young members in the way of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider being either a part of our 'pool of substitutes' (we'd contact this group when we need someone to fill in – we would ensure you have the curriculum you need for that week), or one of 3 positions needed as a regular assistant (once a month). If you're not Safe Sanctuary screened/trained and are interested, we'll be sure to offer training soon! If interested, please call/email Julie Reed: jdr1@roadrunner.com/513-253-4953.

Live Free



This past Thursday, the Live Free program concluded by welcoming three new children, and with a pizza party, watermelon, popsicles, and kittens! Thank you to

the Ohio River Valley District for sponsoring this awesome summer program for children and for training the college student staff and providing free meals. Thank you also to Deerfield UMC members who helped with registration and feeding children: Debbie Berta, Penny Cesco, Deb Thomen and Jody Wik. We look forward to reaching more children for Jesus next year!



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

Community Dinner

Buenas Dias todos! Good day everyone! You don't have to brush up on your Spanish to come to our Mexican Fiesta Community Dinner on Sunday, August 9. Drop in any time from 6:00—7:30 pm, bring a dish to share (it doesn't have to be Mexican), and enjoy some good food, good company and a una bienvenida calurosa (warm welcome).



It's Party Time!

Saturday, August 15, at 2:30 Deerfield UMC will be hosting a Pampered Chef party at the church and the proceeds will go back to the church for any kitchen items needed. Our own Laura Hetzer (Caleb's mother) will be the presenter. This is an opportunity to buy any kitchen items you've needed or, if your kitchen is well stocked, perhaps you'll see something that you feel the church kitchen could use. Sign up on the Communication Card and make sure you share the event from Deerfield UMC's Facebook page too!



Back to School Ministry

Mary Ellen Grounds, from St. Mary Magdalene, is heading up this mission for our two churches. She has contacted J.F. Burns for their supply list and plans to fill 12 backpacks for students in kindergarten through 4th grade. A supply list is available on the Welcome Center. Supplies should be returned to church by August 16.



Tax Free Shopping

Ohio is joining other states this year to have a tax-free shopping weekend for back to school supplies. Friday, August 7, to Sunday, August 9, you pay no sales tax on any piece of clothing under \$75, and any individual supplies under \$20. Your total cost is not limited. You could not buy a computer, tablet, etc., because those items are over \$75. This is the first year Ohio is participating in the program. Be sure to share with your friends and families.



It's Not Too Soon to Shop for Operation Christmas Child!

Back to school sales are a great time to stock up on school supplies for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Crayons, scissors, pens, pencils, and rulers are available at rock-bottom prices and make great additions to Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Each year, Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to boys and girls all over the world. These shoe boxes share not only gifts and personal care items, the boxes share the good news of Jesus with the children, as well. To read about lives changed through a shoe box full of gifts, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/>.

Remember the Food Pantry

Please continue to support the Kings Food Pantry with your donations of food items, personal care items, cleaning supplies and pet food. With school starting up again some donations of healthy lunch box or snack items would be welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

Pumpkin Patch

The 4th Annual Great Pumpkin Patch is coming soon, October 3-31. Lots of fun, fellowship and work. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Mark your calendars now to unload pumpkins on October 3. Sign up on the Communication Card to join in the fun! Questions, ask David Marshall, Shem Lofland or Jody Wik.

Pumpkin Patch Publicity Help Needed

Randy Cesco and Bruce Brengman need additional help in getting the word out in our community about the Pumpkin Patch and related activities. Help is needed to plan, brainstorm, make media contacts, place signs, write news releases and various other responsibilities. Please contact Randy Cesco at

513-398-7577(h), 276-613-2696(c) or email rcesco@zoomtown.com or David Marshall 513-480-4238(h), 513-461-1351(c) or email david.marshall@miamioh.edu. Please volunteer soon!



Festival of Sharing

For many years, the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church has supported Church World Service in collecting items for the Festival of Sharing. The 2015 Festival of Sharing will take place on September 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Otterbein University. The Festival of Sharing is churches coming together to support needs around the world through supplying different kits, such as emergency clean-up kits, school kits, birthing kits, baby care kits, hygiene kits, and hospitality kits. Church World Service collects the kits and distributes them throughout the world where needs exist, for example, after a natural disaster. Many local churches participate by collecting various kits and sending them to the Festival of Sharing, even if members cannot attend the Festival. Watch for more information to come in bulletins and next month's newsletter.

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.

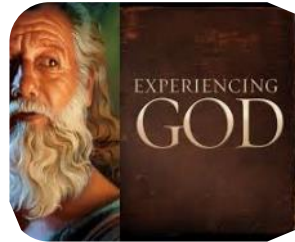
1. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards.
2. Sign in to your online Kroger account (or create an account if you don't have one).
3. Click Kroger Community Rewards and search for "Deerfield United Methodist Church" or our organization's number: 80765.
4. Under "Select Your Organization" click the dot 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!



Intentional Faith Development

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

Experiencing God



Plan now to make time in your schedule starting in October to be part of a study group that will help you grow in your spiritual life. Many adults have a 6th or 7th grade knowledge of the Bible because the last time they studied it was in Sunday school in elementary school. Or maybe you haven't studied the Bible at all.

If you would like to have a grown up understanding of and appreciation for the Word of God, plan to be part of the new Monday night class starting on October 5, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. We will be using a 12-week study called *Experiencing God* to help us draw deeper in relationship with God and with others. Learn more about how God speaks to us in our lives!

Make your relationship with God a priority in your life. Plan now to join this study!

Adult Bible Study

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

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ August 2, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ August 9, 16 & 23, 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.
- ◇ August 30, Fun day Sunday

Children's Bible iWitness

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ August 2 & 16, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ August 9 & 23, 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.
- ◇ August 30, Fun day Sunday

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ August 2 & 16, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ August 9 & 23,30, attend Sunday School.



Let Us Pray! **Prayer Group**

The Tuesday evening prayer ministry is on hold while Margie Burke is recuperating from surgery. Please keep Margie in your prayers.

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

Beanland Family	Eddie Jones
Julie Brandan	Jeri Kattleman
Bruce & Gail Brengman	Greg Kenwell
Margie & Ed Burke	Barb Leach
Emily Cates	Casey Liggett
Randy Cesco	Laurie Lyons/Sahlin Family
John and Marilyn Clark	Haley Messenger
Charles & Marylou Combs	Martha Miker and Family
Mike Contreras Family	Linda Murray and Family
Gary Cook Family	Cathy N.
Jim Davidson	Judy & Brandon Overstake
Barb Dixon	Kenneth Pope
Edie	Lynn Robinson
Ruth Gibbons	Bill Rucks Family
Judy Hallman	Den Staab
Charlie Hawkins	Janet Steele
Sharon Herrick's Dad	Gordon Stewart
Janet & Clarence Humboldt	Randy Stewart
Roberta Jacobs	Cpl. Hayden Taylor Family
Jensie & Family	Vicky Tucker

August Birthdays

- 8/3 Timothy Bredemeier
- 8/4 Rylan Lofland
- 8/6 Adam Wik
- 8/12 Margie Burke
- 8/14 Elena Jeanne Barcus
- 8/17 Marilyn Clark
- 8/21 Heidi Ettensohn Barcus
- 8/27 Ryan Roosen

Celebrate²



August Anniversaries

- 8/3 Eric & Betsy Ettensohn
- 8/13 Ryan & Susan Roosen
- 8/15 David & Jackie Marshall
- 8/31 Dale & Jody Wik

HAPPY Anniversary

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

Light of My Life Questionnaire

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:15-16)

One of the things I love most about the Deerfield United Methodist Church family, the United Methodist family, and the Christian family, is the diversity and richness that each individual brings to God's table. We are all on different paths that lead to the same home. As we at Deerfield United Methodist Church (DUMC) work to live out our mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," we want to spread the Good News and how God and DUMC have worked in our lives and helped light our path. If you are interested in sharing your story to be placed on the DUMC website and DUMC Facebook page, please complete the Light of My Life Questionnaire and return it to the office and/or Stephanie Copley. Please also complete the photo/video authorization form to allow us to use pictures or videos from our events and outreach on our digital pages. Questionnaires are available on the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Copley via email at: stephanie.copley@gmail.com.

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	
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2 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	3 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	4	5 *	6 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	7	8	
9 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	10 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	11	12 * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm	13 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	14	15 * Pampered Chef Party 2:30pm	
16 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship	17 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	18	19 * Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:00pm	20 * Church Council 6:30pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm	21	22	
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Thanks

I wanted to take the time to thank all of you for praying for me while I was gone the week of July 20-24 on my mission trip. Although my husband and I didn't travel to some exotic location, we both feel passionate about serving God and helping to do his handy work here on earth. Some of you may have heard of the place we go to, it's called Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. For the last 3 years

I have gone down and helped build a home for someone in need, almost like we do locally here for Habitat for Humanity. I go with a group that my home church, Loveland UMC, is involved with called S.O.W.E.R.. It is so rewarding and you build a wonderful bond with the family you are helping along with the people you work with. This year, instead of building for just one family, the settlement asked us to build two cottages on the settlement that would accommodate the needs of anyone that would come and stay there that may have some sort of physical handicap. It was a huge undertaking but we welcomed the challenge. I definitely felt the love from Deerfield UMC



surrounding me while I was away! If you would ever like to know more information do not hesitate to ask. Thanks again!

Tonya Oriol

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

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Sunday, **August 21, 2015**
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.