

## Deerfield United Methodist Church

# July 2015 Newsletter

### *A Note From the Pastor*

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:* Ecclesiastes 3:1

July is upon us! Children are out of school. Pools are open. Vacation Bible School, Agency D3, is past. Live Free has started! People are traveling on vacation. We have passed the longest day of the year or the Summer Solstice on June 21. We are well into summer!

God's Word says that the seasons are God's gift to us. With the change of seasons we experience new weather, new activities, and a different pace of life. Seasons bring a rhythm to our lives that offers comfort and stability. Our family has fond memories of water skiing on the various lakes and rivers in the area during the summer when our children were small. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins all enjoyed afternoons on the water together.

Cooler weather brought trips to apple orchards, and marching band competitions. Finally snow meant sled riding and ice skating outside, and crackling fires and warm blankets inside.

Just as we experience different seasons in our physical lives, we also experience different seasons in our spiritual lives. Sometimes we feel like we are in the spring of our spiritual life with Jesus. We take time to walk and talk with Jesus; we pray and share about our faith with others and make time to read the Bible. We feel excited and in love with our Lord. Our faith is maturing and we are learning to walk more closely with God as days lengthen into summer. Other times we may feel like we are in the fall, or even winter, of our spiritual lives. God seems far away or even absent. Our troubles weigh us

down. We are depressed and may have trouble getting out of bed or trouble falling asleep. Relationships with family and friends can become strained. Our hearts feel cold and shriveled.

Fortunately, just as seasons come and go, we do not need to remain stuck in a particular season spiritually. Talking with a friend, teacher, or pastor about our feelings and praying together can help move us into a new, fresh season spiritually. Joining a Sunday school class or evening study group can help us get back in the habit of reading our Bibles and talking about how our faith shapes our lives. Renewing a commitment to be in church on Sundays and to invite a friend or neighbor to come with us puts us in touch with God's work in our lives.

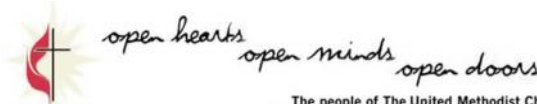


Chris Rice wrote a song called "Life Means So Much." The refrain starts with these words from Psalm 90:12—"Teach us to count the days. Teach us to make the days count." How are your days counting as we count off the days of summer?

May your summer be glorious, full of sun, laughter, love, and good friends and family; and may your spiritual life be rich in the things of the summer season—growing, maturing, warm, and nurturing.

Enjoying the seasons with you,

*Pastor Linda*



## 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

**July 5,** There Is an App for That:  
What Now? Again?

**July 12,** There Is an App for That:  
What If...? What If...?

**July 19,** There Is an App for That:  
Too Much to Do!

**July 26,** There Is an App for That:  
Woe Is Me!



## Church Council

### Annual Conference Report

The 46 Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held June 7-10 at Lakeside Chautauqua on the shores of Lake Erie. I had the privilege of representing Deerfield United Methodist Church as your Lay Member of Annual Conference. Together with Pastor Linda and over 3,000 other laity, clergy members, special guests, and friends of the West Ohio Conference; I had the responsibility and honor of tending to the business of the Annual Conference. We also were celebrating the ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church here in West Ohio and around the world, worshipping together, hearing inspiring and equipping teaching, and meeting new friends along the way.

Among our responsibilities during the 3-day session was the election of delegates to the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Jurisdictional Conference. We successfully elected 8 Clergy and 8 Lay delegates to each of these Conferences. We also voted on 11 Recommendations which had been brought to the Annual Conference. Many local churches, mission organizations, and individuals were recognized for the work they are doing in their communities and around the world to help make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A highlight of the Annual Conference was the Global Praise Worship Service which featured the collection of offerings for Imagine No Malaria. With that morning's offering of \$403,735, the West Ohio

Conference surpassed our goal of raising \$3.5 million to help end the suffering caused by malaria.

Pastor Linda and I also had fun joining many other Annual Conference attendees at the Bishop's 5K Run for Their Lives to benefit Imagine NO Malaria. And, yes, we got the t-shirt!

I would like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity and privilege of representing you at Annual Conference. I would encourage you to visit [www.westohioumc.org/ac/2015/week-review](http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2015/week-review) for more details on your 2015 West Ohio Annual Conference.

I left Annual Conference blessed, humbled, and encouraged by how God is using the United Methodist Church to impact the world with the transformational news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! I hope this report leaves you encouraged as well!

-Deb Thomen

### Staff Parish Committee

We are collecting a Love Offering for Rebecca Packard. She has been a nursery Staff Attendant for the last two years. Rebecca has graduated from high school this year and will be starting college in August at The Ohio State University. Rebecca has served both Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene congregations with dedication, care and love for our children. We will miss her greatly and will always welcome her back for a visit.

In appreciation and gratitude for her care and service the Staff Parish Committee is collecting a love offering from the Deerfield UMC congregation as a gift to honor and thank Rebecca for her dedicated service. We will have Love Offering envelopes inside our Sunday worship bulletins for most of the month of July. We will recognize Rebecca in our worship service on July 19, 2015, at which time we will bless her, thank her, and present her with our love offering.

Please pray for her and give generously from your hearts so we can send Rebecca off on the next phase of her life having expressed our greatest gratitude, love and best wishes for her love of God, her happiness, and her success wherever her life endeavors may take her.

Please put your offering envelopes in the collection plate so we can combine them all for presentation to Rebecca on July 19, 2015. If you have any questions please see Randy Cesco or call him at 513-398-7577 or 276-613-2696.

## Trustee News

During the month of June your Trustees have been busy in the church kitchen! In conjunction with our Missions Team, who wrote the ORV appliance/table grant, we have been purchasing and installing three new appliances. The double ovens and the dishwasher are functional, and the 5-burner stovetop will be installed to the right of the double ovens sometime in the first half of the month of July.

Additional work to help with storage of kitchen and mission materials for our Community Dinners will be on-going this summer. New shelving or cupboards, countertop (already installed), glasses/mugs, and a small reconfiguration of kitchen items will complete the new look. Keep watching during the summer for renovations in the kitchen!

Here are the people who have helped make installation possible:



Randy Cesco – purchase of the appliances

Dale Wik – building the new double oven cabinet, the dishwasher cabinet and the countertop extension

Juric Neal, Len Troy, Dale Wik, Luke Copley and Brian Staab (Dale's

nephew) - installing all the electrical lines, plumbing lines, and cutting the hole for the stovetop

**These guys are amazing!**

By the end of July the church kitchen will be able to cook for a large volume of people and clean up will be easier. Additionally, with a dishwasher we will be able to use glasses/mugs and silverware with ease, as well as wash all our Sunday fellowship items on a weekly basis.



All this is made possible because the Missions Team wrote and applied for a grant, DUMC is able to pay for its part (thank you faithful servants for your tithes and offerings!) and the Trustees used their skills to build and install everything.

**Most important: our new kitchen represents new ministry possibilities!! What shall we dream, how will we envision what God wants us to do to serve others with the gift of this kitchen?? Everyone, please pray about this!! Leadership, please talk about this!! Together we will discern where God can take us, who we will meet, and how we can serve folks better.**

## Radical Hospitality

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

### 6 Ways to Follow Up with First-Time Guests

Which of the following are 6 good ways to follow up with first-time guests?

1. Ask the guests to stand in worship to be recognized. This way all the regulars will see the newcomers and be sure to greet them after the service.
2. Personal phone call. Calling the guest to thank them for attending worship and asking if they have any questions lets them know they are important.
3. Catch the guest on the way out of church and set up an appointment to visit. It is important to get that appointment set up before the person leaves the building.
4. Sincere thank you note. A handwritten note to thank someone for worshipping at your church lets them know they were noticed.
5. Doorstep deliveries. Nothing says “welcome to our church” like a well-thought-out gift of salsa and chips, a pie, or other consumable item. The intent is to stay on the porch and simply say thank you for coming today—short and sweet.
6. Face-to-face meeting. A phone call inviting the guest to meet for coffee or a beverage to get to know each other.
7. Welcome video. Email a “welcome video” to the guest the day of the visit. Let them know about the church and that they are valued.
8. Social media messages. “Friend” the guest on Facebook or Twitter and keep in touch in this casual way. Express your gratitude they visited your church.

Ready for the answers? Numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 are all recommended ways for following up with first-time guests to encourage their return and engagement in your congregation. Numbers 1 and 3 make folks feel uncomfortable. The others, done well, increase the chances someone will return for a second and third worship service. If you would like to help the Hospitality Ministry Team work on any of these opportunities, contact Penny Cesco, 398-7577 or 324-5843. (Data from Outreach Magazine.com, 6 Ways to Follow Up with First-Time Guests)



## 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



### Live Free

Live Free has begun here at Deerfield UMC in full force and the children are having a blast! It's not too late to sign up. Deerfield UMC is offering a new children's summer ministry called Live Free until July 31, 11:00 am to 3:30 pm, on Mondays and Thursdays. Live Free is sponsored by the Ohio River Valley District and is funded by grant money as well as contributions by the local churches participating in the summer ministry. Live Free is run by college students who are hired to come to different churches and offer the reading practice/Bible teaching/games and meals/snacks to the children. Church children as well as children from the community who have completed Kindergarten thru grade 6 are invited to Live Free, and the goals are to help children keep reading skills up over the summer as well as teach about Jesus and provide organized activities, including meals, to children during the summer. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Center. Invite your friends! While college students are responsible for running the program, church members who are safe sanctuary trained are invited to come offer support and build relationships with the children and their parents.

### Community Dinner

July's Community Dinner, on July 12, will be a Fourth of July Cook-Out (only 8 days late!), but any time is a good time to celebrate our country! All kinds of summery, picnic type foods will be welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

## Remember The Food Pantry

The food pantry has been receiving fresh-picked organic vegetables from an "angel" from Waynesville. This is the third or fourth year he has been doing this and it is my understanding that he does this for other food pantries, as well. God bless him for his generosity as food pantry clients often lack sources for fresh fruits and veggies. If anyone at Deerfield has a vegetable garden and a surplus of veggies, they would be very welcome at the food pantry.

## 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](http://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!

## VBS Success!



On behalf of the 30-plus children who attended Vacation Bible School this past week, thank you to Julie Reed, director, and all the adults and youth helpers who worked hard to present a fun, informative, and creative VBS! At Agency D3, children were invited to Discover, Decide, and Defend the evidence that Jesus is God's son, Jesus is more than just a good man, Jesus worked miracles, and we can commit to follow Jesus. Children learned through songs, games, missions and crafts, and story time as they looked for clues and used their minds to discover who Jesus is, decide to follow him, and defend that Jesus is who he says he is. About \$250 was collected for Imagine No Malaria as children learned that malaria is





children learned that malaria is carried by the bite of female mosquitos at night, and the importance of bed nets, medicine, and education in ending malaria in Africa. Thank you for making an

difference in the lives of these children and their families and in the lives of children in Africa!



## Intentional Faith Development

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

### Emmaus Walk

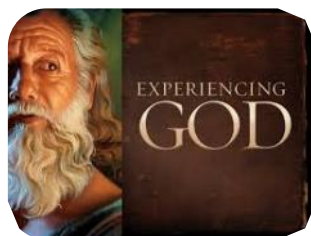
Karen Long is participating in the Emmaus Walk July 9-12. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes this journey.

### Experiencing God

Plan now to make time in your schedule starting in the fall 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 it 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. We will be using a 12-week study called Experiencing God to help us draw deeper in relationship with God and with other.

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. They are studying the Book of Acts. Come join in!

### Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ July 5, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ July 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)

- ◇ July 5 & 19, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ July 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)

- ◇ July 5 & 19, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ July 12 & 26, 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

Bruce & Gail Brengman	Janet & Clarence Humboldt
Margie & Ed Burke	Jensie & Family
Emily Cates	Jeri Kattleman
Randy Cesco	Martha Miker and Family
John Clark	Kenneth Pope
Mike Contreras	Robertson Family
Ruth Gibbons	Lynn Robinson
Judy Hallman	Janet Steele
Charlie Hawkins	Vicky Tucker

## July Birthdays



7/4 Nancy Bredemeier  
 7/8 Ed Burke  
 7/12 Jack Burke  
 7/21 Teddy Copley  
 7/26 Calvin Meeker



## July Anniversaries

7/11 John & Marilyn Clark  
 7/14 Randy & Penny Cesco  
 7/26 Mike & Bonnie Schenkel  
 7/30 Mark & Nancy Bredemeier  
 7/31 Ed & Margie Burke



*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).*

## 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

## Christian Sympathies

We would like to offer our Christian sympathies to Bruce and Gail Brengman for the loss of their great nephew, Tyler Faul, who was Gail's sister's grandson. He passed in a car accident on June 19 at the age of 21. Cards can be sent to the Brengman family at: 890 W. Loveland Ave., Loveland, Ohio, 45140. Bruce and Gail have experienced 6 deaths in their family over the last 6 months. Please pray for the Brengman's during this time of grief.

We also offer our Christian sympathies to Martha and Chuck Miker for the loss of Martha's brother, James Anderson. Cards can be sent to them at: 8056 Heritage Lane, Maineville, OH 45039.

We offer Christian sympathy to our St. Mary Magdalene friends on the death of Illa Sahlin on June 30. Please be in prayer for Illa's family and her church family.

## Thanks

### Thank You!

Thanks to Martha Miker for helping to package the cookies for Berry Wood residents for Father's Day. Enough cookies were donated so that each resident received a packet of five.

## Church Emails

If you would like to send an email to Cindy or Tonya in the church office, please use the following email address for correspondence:  
[dumc@deerfieldumc.org](mailto:dumc@deerfieldumc.org). Thank you.

## Spiritual Gifts

The last Sunday of May, Pastor Linda talked about Spiritual Gifts, the empowerment by the Holy Spirit of each member of the body of Christ with gifts of ministry for the purpose of building up the body of Christ in order to serve God in the world. Much has been written about Spiritual Gifts, and if you would like to borrow books from Pastor Linda, please let her know. Also, Spiritual Gift Inventories can be helpful in guiding you to know what your spiritual gifts are. One inventory can be found on-line at [www.kodachrome.org/spiritgift](http://www.kodachrome.org/spiritgift). A copy of this same inventory in hard copy is located on the Welcome Center at church. Once you have completed the survey, be sure to write down your top 3-5 gifts and give the information to Pastor Linda. When we each serve in our areas of giftedness, the body of Christ at Deerfield UMC grows stronger! Come Holy Spirit—stir up your gifts!



**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 * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm	2 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	3	4 
			5 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	6 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	7 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	8 * Church Council 6:30pm
12 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	13 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	14 * ORV Grant training 1:00-3:00pm * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	15	16 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	17	18
19 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship	20 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	21 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	22	23 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	24	25
26 * Worship (see above)	27 * Live Free 11am-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	28 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	29	30 * Live Free 11-3:30pm * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	31	

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



# VBS 2015

## NewsLetter DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:  
Sunday, July 20, 2015  
Email to: [dumc@deerfieldumc.org](mailto:dumc@deerfieldumc.org)



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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.