

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

## Deerfield United Methodist Church

# June 2015 Newsletter

### *A Note From the Pastor*

*When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. Luke 4:16*

True story: At another church, one man who was very active during the school year told the pastor at the end of May that he would see the pastor in September—he and his family didn't come to church over the summer. The pastor, who had only been at the church since the previous July, was stunned. The concept of "taking the summer off" from church, or the summer slump, had never occurred to him. Sure, summer means traveling and different activities, family vacations and trips to the lake, but summer shouldn't mean taking time off from God. God doesn't take time off from us!

Sunday worship will continue on a weekly basis at Deerfield UMC, and you are invited to be present unless you are out of town, working, or sick. Scripture tells us that Jesus was accustomed to attending the synagogue on the sabbath—meaning he made it a habit to attend worship weekly. Attending worship to praise God was his custom!

Even when traveling, we are able to attend worship at a church in the place we happen to be on Sundays. Doing so allows us to praise God, see how other churches do things, and even make new friends! If you attend a church while traveling, please bring me a bulletin! I love to look at what our brothers and sisters are doing at other churches!

Worshiping with you,

*Pastor Linda*



*open hearts  
open minds  
open doors*

The people of The United Methodist Church™

## 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

**June 7,** What Does the Bible Say About Jesus: Who Is Jesus?

**June 14,** What Does the Bible Say About Jesus: What Did Jesus Say?

**June 21,** What Does the Bible Say About Jesus: What Did Jesus Do?

**June 28,** What Does the Bible Say About Jesus: How Can We Respond to Jesus?

### Musicians

Thank you to Luke Copely for stepping into the leadership role for the worship praise band! Luke has been playing with the band for several years, and he is looking forward to this new challenge! With the changes in the praise band, we are looking for additional musicians to join the band. If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, drums, piano, saxophone or violin, or sings, please contact Luke Copely, 513-582-7238. Commitment can be once a month, twice a month, or more! If God has given you the gift of music, is God calling you to share that gift to help lead worship?

## Radical Hospitality

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

### End of School Blast Fellowship Event

A wonderful time was shared by the 30 people that attended the fellowship event on Friday May 29. It was a get to know and spend some time with church families in a fun and casual environment. Appetizers were brought by the families. The game of the night was hands down LRC (Left, Right, Center). After we finished the games portion of the night participants made s'mores around an amazing campfire managed by the Scott Douglass, David Marshall, Juric Neal, Matthew Lofland and Dale Wik. The younger generation loved playing on the playground equipment and making the s'mores. The surprise of the evening was a multi-colored fire. Jody Wik brought a packet and it made the fire green, blue,

purple. Everyone had a wonderful time. Plan to come to the next event.

## 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

### Matthew 25 Ministries

We have an opportunity to volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries this Saturday, June 6 from 9am - 11am. We will be meeting at the Church at 8am for those who would like to meet and carpool. The event is open to children as well, so everyone is welcome to come and help out. There is a Volunteer form that needs to be filled out prior to going. It can be found under the Volunteer Guidelines section of the Matthew 25 Website. There will also be some printed off and available Saturday Morning. If you would like to go, please send an e-mail to Shem Lofland at [ivyrowe1818@yahoo.com](mailto:ivyrowe1818@yahoo.com) to let her know you are coming so she can get an approximate headcount.

### Live Free

Deerfield UMC will be offering a new children's summer ministry called Live Free from June 29 to 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**

We will honor the men in our lives with a "meat and potato meal" at the next Community Dinner on Saturday, June 12, so look up those potato recipes and check out various meats (maybe cook them together?). Of course, we will still need salads and desserts, so bring whatever sounds good. It WILL be eaten! All are invited!

## **Food Pantry Update**

During the month of June, we will be collecting personal care items for the Kings Food Pantry. Things like bread and even fresh fruits and vegetables are donated to us by Krogers; other food items come from Shared Harvest, as well as from your donations. Personal care items are one of the things we are most likely to run out of because we depend completely on donations from you for these items. So next time you are shopping, please pick up some of the following items for the food pantry: shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, bar soap, liquid soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, denture cleaner or whatever else qualifies as a personal care item. Thank you!

## **Father's Day Collection**

In honor of Father's Day St. Mary Magdalene is collecting men's socks, underwear and gently used or new men's jeans during the month of June. These will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene's homeless shelter in downtown Cincinnati. Men who are homeless are allowed to take a shower, use the phone and computer, get new clothes or wash theirs. There will be a basket by the Welcome Center for you to place your donations. Mary Ellen Grounds will be taking the donations to the shelter.

## **Father's Day Berrywood Request**

In May, Missions bought flowers for the residents of Berrywood in honor of Mothers Day. The Sunday School children helped to pot them up and then Shem took them to Berrywood to be passed out to all residents (even the men). In June, we would like to recognize Father's Day by distributing cookies to the residents. We are asking any of you who would like to help with this, to donate some cookies-either home-made or store-bought. The Saturday before Father's Day, June 14, we would like some volunteers to meet at the church at 10:00 am to package the cookies. We will use ziplock bags and put in a half dozen assorted cookies in each one. Please bring cookies to church the Sunday before Father's Day or on the Saturday we will be packing them. They will be given to all the residents just as we did with the flowers.

## **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 Is Coming Soon!**

Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 22-25. We'll again go with an evening program for our 'Top Secret' Agency D3 VBS. Do you choose to accept this mission of outreach and teaching of Jesus for the children of our community? There are still a few open spots that need filled, so if you'd like to help Discover, Decide, Defend, please contact Julie Reed 513-253-4953 or sign up to help through Sign Up genius at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B44AAAB28A57-workshop/24955622](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B44AAAB28A57-workshop/24955622).

There are registration forms in the lobby for the children or you can also go online and register at <http://planetreg.com/E51216212525296>.

## **VBS Supply Request**

As part of a VBS craft - we are in need of donations of empty pop or water bottles (the 1 liter/16 oz bottles, not 2 liters). We thought we'd more likely be able to collect enough water bottles rather than 2 liter bottles by VBS time to create a jet pack - great recycle craft! Please bring your bottles in to church, there will be a tub for collecting them. Don't forget your work recycle bins too!



## Intentional Faith Development

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

### What Does the Bible Say

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



### What is a Walk to Emmaus?

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

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of the resurrected Christ appearing to two men walking on the road between Jerusalem and the small town of Emmaus. The two men were discussing the events of the last few days when a stranger joined them. He explained to them the scriptures and how the Christ would suffer before entering his glory. The two men enjoyed his company so much that when they reached their destination they asked him to join them for supper. He agreed. When he took the bread, he blessed it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him as the risen Christ and he disappeared from their sight. Overjoyed, they rushed to Jerusalem to tell the others. (Luke 24:13-35)

This story provides the background for the Emmaus Weekend, a program sponsored by *The Upper Room*. The Emmaus brochure puts it best:

"The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations and the world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church."

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

There is a Women's Walk to Emmaus on July 9-12, and a Men's Walk to Emmaus on July 16-19 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Contact someone on the list above to find out how to get registered to attend or you can go online and download an application at [northernlightsemmaus.org](http://northernlightsemmaus.org) or email the office at [registrar@northernlightsemmaus.org](mailto:registrar@northernlightsemmaus.org).

### 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! On June 14 this class will meet at church at 9:00 am and travel to Otterbein North to meet at Margie Burke's room.

### Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ June 7, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ June 14, 21 & 28, 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

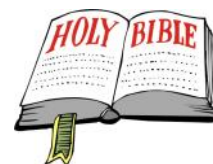
(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ June 7 & 21, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ June 14 & 28, 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)

- ◇ June 7 & 21, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ June 14 & 28, 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

Maria Bowman-Ramey	Maris Laake
Gail Brengman	Barb Leach
Margie Burke	Abigail Lehmkuhl
Emily Cates	John Maurer
John Clark	Jim Megie Family
Mike Contreras	Renate Miller
Darlene David	Ben Morris
Danica De La Cruz	Linda Murray
Tifani DeMaria	Susan Neyer
Craig Douglass	Ashley Padgett's Dad
Bertie Flippin Family	Parker
Ruth Gibbons	Kenneth Pope
Elaine Goodman Family	Steve Protiva
Judy Hallman	Mike Quinn
Elliot Horstman Family	Reagan S.
Lynn Huber	Carol Renner
Jade Humble & Paula	Ezra Sauer
Roberta Jacobs	Bonnie Schenkel
Jensie & Family	Den Staab
Jeri Kattelman	Vicky Tucker
Greg Kenwell	Matt Williams
Dave Kroger Family	

## Trustees

### Trustee News

Twelve people gathered on a recent Saturday morning to work around our church building, and we hope that everyone is enjoying our newly mulched grounds, trimmed plants, and weeded beds! Many thanks to Randy and Penny Cesco, George and Arlene Mason, Luke and Stephanie Copley, David and Jackie Marshall, Juric Neal, Dale Wik, Mike Voshefski, and Len Troy.

Six people gathered on another recent Saturday to work on the refinishing of our Fellowship Hall chairs. Please thank the following people for their hours and hours of work to make our main meeting rooms comfortable and beautiful for everyone who uses our building.

- ⇒ David and Jackie Marshall – cutting out the pattern for chair backs
- ⇒ Lynn Robinson – making the prototype pattern
- ⇒ Martha Miker, Karen Kenwell, Karen Long, Jackie Marshall, and Arlene Mason for sewing the material together
- ⇒ Bruce and Gail Brengman, Gail Prather, Arlene Mason, and David and Jackie Marshall for ripping out tons of staples, placing fabric on chairs, stapling and replacing chair backs.
- ⇒ Dale Wik – thanks for ordering the material and using your supplies.

Coming this summer – it's closet clean out time, and time to stain both the swing set and the deck. Please watch both the newsletter and the weekly bulletin to see where you can be helpful. It would be great to have more people involved! This ministry is where we practice being good stewards of this amazing building, where we learn and grow in our walk with Jesus, sit with each other and listen to each other's stories, envision God's future plans for DUMC, worship and pray for each other. Together we can make our church building better than it's ever been!

Coming soon – new shrubs in the front of the church, new lighting in the parking lot and inside the church, new directional signs outside the main doors, and a water softener. (Not to mention the new appliances going into the kitchen [awarded us from our district Mission Society grant!] You should hear more about this soon!)

Reminder for all – we now recycle and Rumpke picks up our recycling every week and our trash



every other week. This is resulting in a significant savings for the church!! (Over \$700.00 this year!!) Thanks trustees for working on this! Your recycling items can be placed in any blue recycling bin!

As you can see, we have been very busy! Everyone's support is vital for continuing our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. Our beautiful building transformation only comes because we are faithful in our membership with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Thank you!

**Safe Sanctuary**



Sunday, May 31, Penny Cesco led a Safe Sanctuary training. Church folks who want to work with youth and children attended. You may ask yourself whose responsibility is it to keep children safe. The answer is everyone in the church. Even if you

are not planning on working with the children or the youth, if you are aware of the policy and trained you can be an extra set of eyes to keep our children/youth safe.

The next Safe Sanctuary training is Wednesday, June 3, 7:00-8:15pm. If you have been trained before, this is your annual refresher course which is mandated by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. If you have never been trained before, this training session would be your starting point to complete the process. You must attend training, complete an application, be background checked, and provide 3 references that will be checked. The more people who understand our policy, the better we will be at keeping children safe. Please plan to attend Wednesday's training or contact Penny Cesco at 513-324-5843 if you cannot attend.



**June Birthdays**



- 6/15 Karen Kenwell
- 6/19 Eric Etensohn
- 6/21 Janet Carpenter
- 6/23 Bonnie Schenkel
- 3/28 Cindy Goodlander
- Lynn Robinson

**June Anniversaries**

- 6/15 Josh & Heidi Etensohn Barcus
- 6/16 Merv & Martha Matteson
- 6/24 Chuck & Martha Miker
- 6/28 Shane & Regina Meeker



*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	80
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

**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

**JUNE**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	2 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	3 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108 * Safe Sanctuary	4 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	5	6 * Girl Scouts 9:30-11am Rm. 101
7 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	8 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	9 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	10 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108 * Trustees 6:30pm	11 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary * Church Council 6:30pm	12	13
14 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	15 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	16 * ORV Grant training 1:00-3:00pm * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	17 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	18 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	19	20 * Decorate for VBS
21 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship <b>FATHER'S                      DAY</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School ~Agency D3~</b>			25 <b>6:30-8:30pm</b>	26	27
28 * Worship (see above)	29 * Live Free 11am-3:30pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	30 * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm				

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

## Thanks

### Thank You!

We would like to thank Deerfield UMC and the Staff Parish Committee for our beautiful flowers and gift card for Secretaries Day. We greatly appreciate your generosity in recognizing us on this day.

Cindy Goodlander and Tonya Oriol

### 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!

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

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