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Deerfield United Methodist Church

March 2015 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Quick—pop quiz! What is the mission of the United Methodist Church? Scratching your head? Not sure of the answer? Look up at the top of the first page of this newsletter and you will see the mission statement of the United Methodist Church, no matter if the church is located in Ohio, New York, Vietnam, or Korea. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I like to add “one life at a time.”

Because that is how transformation takes place, isn't it? Someone is touched by the love of Jesus and that person's life is transformed. Someone is forgiven, receives grace, and that person learns to forgive and give grace to others. Someone is fed and receives kindness and friendship, and that person learns to feed others and to share kindness and friendship. Someone studies the Bible and understands God's Word in new ways that bring good changes to that person's life, and a life is transformed.

Soon, as first one life, and then another and another life is transformed, a community can be transformed. People start taking care of each other. Neighbors shovel snow for a neighbor who is elderly or a single mom. Someone else offers to bring in food to a family where surgery has taken place. A couple folks from church engage in dialogue about race issues, and they meet new friends from across town—people whose skin is a different color, and soon they are walking together in a march to make change for social justice.

In a few weeks, we will be celebrating Easter, the primary holiday of the Christian church. Easter is also a day when people who do not attend church are open to an invitation to go to a worship service. Who do you know who would be able to benefit from the transforming love of Jesus? Begin to pray about who God might be calling you to invite to church on Easter. An invitation from YOU, a trusted friend, is the primary reason why someone would come to church. Living into our mission requires all of us to be attentive to who we know who might say yes to an invitation to church. Making disciples begins with one first step—inviting someone to come to church with you. It is the mission Jesus gave to us. May we be found faithful.

Living out our mission with you,

Pastor Linda



Passionate Worship

(Sundays, 11:00 a.m.)

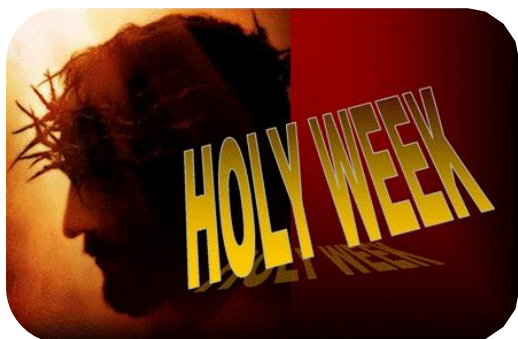
March 1, 24 Hours that Changed the World:
The Garden of Gethsemane; Holy Communion
Mark 14:32-42

March 8, 24 Hours that Changed the World:
Condemned by the Righteous
Mark 14:53-72

March 15, 24 Hours that Changed the World:
Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
Mark 15:1-15

March 22, 24 Hours that Changed the World:
The Torture and Humiliation of the King
Mark 15:15b-23

March 29, Palm Sunday
24 Hours that Changed the World:
The Crucifixion
Mark 11:1-11



Holy Week

March 29, **Palm Sunday** 11 am
We will start by waving palms and then move closer to the crucifixion.

April 2, **Maundy Thursday** 7 pm
Combined DUMC and SMM service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

April 3, **Good Friday** 7 pm
Combined DUMC and SMM carrying the cross in the community with Stations of the Cross for prayer.

April 4, **Easter Egg Hunt**
Combined DUMC and SMM community Easter Egg Hunt

April 5, **Easter** 11 am
Celebrate Jesus' resurrection by inviting friends, co-workers, and family to join in worship!

Radical Hospitality

Top 10 Reasons Guests Don't Come Back to Your Church

1. Having a stand-up and greet time during the service
2. Unfriendly church members
3. Unsafe and unclean children's areas
4. No place to get information
5. Bad church website
6. Poor signage
7. Insider church language (narthex, charge conference, UMW)
8. Boring or bad service
9. Members telling guests they are in their spot
10. Dirty facilities

Bonus: 11. We call them visitors, which implies they aren't expected to stay.

At the January 31, 2015 Ohio River Valley District Leadership Training Day one of the sessions that was presented was **Lasting 1st Impressions**. The speaker was Kim Brodbeck, Director of Connectional Ministries at Anderson Hills United Methodist Church. She encouraged the attendees to think of Hospitality as Customer Service. Hospitality doesn't stop at "a Hello." Always wear your name badge, introduce yourself, get their name, if a person is looking for the nursery, bathroom or coat rack, don't point; walk with them to the location. Deerfield United Methodist is always looking for ways to improve and share Radical Hospitality. We want to welcome new guests into our church home and invite them to stay!

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

Candy Donation

St. Mary Magdalene has a candy donation box by the Welcome Center, outside of the sanctuary. The candy donations are for the Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on April 4. Any type of candy is welcomed and should be individually wrapped.



2757 Committee

Did you know there is a committee to plan the common works between Deerfield United Methodist Church and St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church? The two churches have shared a building and been in fellowship, service, and worship together for 4 years. The latest was a combined Ash Wednesday service on February 18.

Over the years the two churches have served the Lord and our community by having combined Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants, mission work, Easter Egg Hunts, community garden, coffee time fellowship, and worship services.

The 2757 committee meets quarterly to plan for the upcoming quarter of events, and our next meeting is March 23 at 6:00pm. The committee consists of Mike Voshefski, Mary Ellen Grounds, and Julia Leary from SMM; Linda Troy, Dale Wik, and Penny Cesco from DUMC. If you have any questions or suggestions of projects, please contact one of the above named people.

ONE LOCATION - TWO GREAT CHURCHS!!

Italian Feast

Bon giorno every one! If you missed the Spaghetti Supper, last month, never fear. We are having a reprise of it at our March community dinner. So if you can't get enough of Luigi's superb spaghetti here's another chance to eat your fill. See you on March 8, 6:00-7:30 pm. Bring a dish to share.



Annual Dessert Auction
a Delicious Success!

In spite of the weather, many people worked together to make this year's auction a big success.



Our professional auctioneers, Steve South and Joe Wilson, volunteered their time and talents again this year. Following are some of the highlights according to Shem Lofland:

"Matthew's Olaf in the Hot Tub cake was the high seller at \$320. Nancy's Snoopy house sold for \$150 and my Ninja Turtle cake sold for \$200. There were lots of desserts that sold for \$100 or more. Two highlights for me were the Birthday cake and the fact that so many people cut into their desserts and shared them during the auction! I had not seen this in the last few years. Sammy's mom was beyond touched and could not thank us enough. It is interesting to note that Sammy's grandma actually sold us the straw for our Pumpkin Patch two years ago at a significant discount. Sammy's mom helped load the straw in our car. So it is funny how things work out."



At last check, the total proceeds for the dessert auction were \$3600. Thank you everyone for all your help and hope you enjoyed your desserts!



Donations From Local Businesses For
The Dessert Auction

The following businesses donated gift cards or gift certificates which we paired with some of the desserts in the dessert auction. So if you would like to show your gratitude, please consider giving them your business next time you eat out or have need of their services.

- Orange Leaf Yogurt 5 ea- \$5 gift cert.
- Original Pancake House \$10 gift cert.
- Mac's Pizza Pub \$25 gift card
- Marco's Pizza (Landen only) free large 2 topping pizza
- Sushi Kingdom \$5 gift cert.
- El Rancho Nuevo 3 ea- \$5 gift cert.
- Landen Nails \$15 gift cert.
- Balance Cafe and Smoothies \$25 gift card
- Bucks Tavern 2 ea- \$5 gift cert.
- Chili's 4 ea- \$5 gift cert.
- Supreme Nut and Candy Co. \$10 gift cert.

Thank You from Pumpkin Patch

We received this letter recently from the Pumpkin Patch organization and want to share it with you.

Dear Pumpkin Patch Partner.

My name is Harry Descheene, I am the Human Resources Director for Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. I've been with Pumpkin Patch, off & on for 22 years. I would like to thank you as Pumpkin Patch Partners for participating in the project and to let you know what your participation helps provide to Native Americans.

I am a Navajo, living on the reservation all of my life (56 years). Pumpkin Patch has been employing Native Americans here on the Reservation for over 20 years. Our staff here in New Mexico is 100% Navajo, including all management. During the harvest we also hire Pueblo, both Zuni & Hopi tribes (300 workers). Unemployment on the Navajo Reservation is 42%.

My experience as an employee and manager is that Pumpkin Patch goes above and beyond what any organizations of the Reservation do to take care of their employees.

Pumpkin Patch pays for the transportation of their employees from all of the different Reservations, some as far as 4 hours away. Pumpkin Patch also provides residential facilities (dorms), laundry facilities, recreational facilities, an upscale kitchen with a chef and kitchen staff, a huge dining hall and extensive safety orientation before workers actually begin field work. Transportation was also provided to and from the fields. After completion of the harvest season, all workers are provided with transportation back to their communities.

For many of our workers, it's the only opportunity to provide for their families and themselves. The approximately 1.3 million dollars in harvest labor makes a significant difference in the quality of the lives of my people. Opportunities like this are very scarce on our reservations.

I grew up tending livestock on the Reservation, went to boarding school and worked in local government as an elected official in the capacity of chapter president for 12 years. My salary and benefits with Pumpkin Patch are substantially above what I might receive from other private enterprises in the Farmington area. I have found that the owners of Pumpkin Patch are extremely concerned with the welfare of all of their employees both full and part time.

Another important aspect of Pumpkin Patch are the donations that are made to local organizations. Thousands of school children, senior citizen centers, special education & handicapped facilities, behavioral health facilities, church organizations, government services, correctional youth services and civic groups receive free pumpkins for their causes.

Again let me say that I cannot understate the value of the service and work provided to the Navajo people by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers and its non-profit partners.

*Thanks,
Harry*

Operation Christmas Child

Remember last November when we collected 109 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world? Our shoeboxes were sent to Rwanda, where they are helping to bring cheer to children AND share the gospel of Jesus, opening the door for transformed lives!

Now is a great time to be on the lookout for items for OCC shoeboxes. Stores put various items on clearance after holidays like Valentine's Day or Easter. Small toys, personal care items, and small books found on clearance add up to great savings and allow us to pack more shoeboxes! Back-to-school will be a great time to buy school supplies, like crayons and scissors. One woman shared on the OCC Facebook page a picture of her shopping cart filled to the brim. "The basket is full of OCC goodies we found at 70% off. We shared with the girl at the register what it all was for, so by the time we rang the last item she and I were both in tears. God is everywhere." - Yvette H.

Designate a plastic tub for Operation Christmas Child items, and fill it up throughout the year. Bring your tub next November, when we have an OCC packing party. We never know how God will use a small gift to make a big difference in someone else's life!



PS, The Newport Aquarium has partnered with Operation Christmas Child to provide free aquarium tickets based on the number of boxes packed. Deerfield UMC received 6 free tickets this year for our shoeboxes packed. The children's ministry team is looking for ways to make use of the tickets with children for an outreach event.

Intentional Faith Development

What is a Walk to Emmaus?

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

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of the resurrected Christ appearing to two men walking on the road between Jerusalem and the small town of Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35).

This story provides the background for the Emmaus Weekend, a program sponsored by *The Upper Room*. The Emmaus brochure puts it best: "The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, congregations and the world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church."

Think you might be interested 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, Susan Roosen, 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. Contact someone on the list above to find out how to get registered to attend.

Church Summer Camps

Snow may be falling now, but March is the right time to plan for your child's summer camp experience in one of three West Ohio Conference summer camps! Camp Otterbein (Hocking County), Camp Wesley (Bellefontaine), and Camp Widewater (Toledo) all offer exciting opportunities for children ages 6 and up, plus camping opportunities for families, children and grandparents, and more! The theme of the 2015 camps is Plant, Grow, Thrive, and different camps offer many different fun activities! There is even a one-day camp for the first time this year! There is "Garage Band Camp" for musicians, and "Science and Adventure Camp" for the scientific. There is "Horse Camp" and "Choir Camp." There are exploring and adventure camps, and there are wild and wacky water camps,

featuring all kinds of fun activities with water! No matter your age or your interests, there is sure to be a summer camp for you at one of the great United Methodist camps in Ohio. To learn more, go to www.westohiocamps.com/camp. Scholarships are available—talk to Pastor Linda.



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!

Lent Small Group Study

During Lent, we will be following a study by Adam Hamilton called *24-Hours that Changed the World*. You are invited to participate in a six-week, small-group study to take a closer look at each weekly theme, starting Monday, March 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. All are invited—bring a friend! Childcare provided by reservation to Pastor Linda.

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ March 1, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ March 8, 15 & 22, 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 Boot Camp

(Grades 3 – 6)

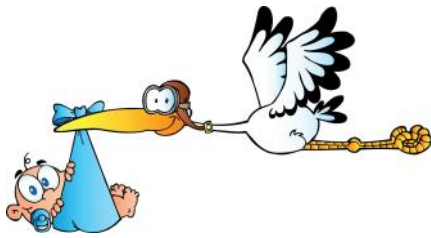
- ◇ March 1 & 15, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ March 8 & 22, attend Bible Study. Children will start out in the worship service and leave for their class after the time Especially for Children. They can be picked up immediately following worship.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ March 1 & 15, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ March 8 & 22, attend Sunday School.





IT'S A BOY!

Cute and cuddly, bundle of joy
Susan and Ryan are having a boy!

Come one, Come all!
March 15

Immediately following the worship service
there will be a potluck luncheon followed by
a baby shower to celebrate!!
Please bring a dish to share.



Let Us Pray!
Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm 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.

March Birthdays

- 3/13 Susan Roosen
- 3/15 Mei Carpenter
- 3/15 Jimmy Liedhegner
- 3/15 Martha Miker
- 3/16 Julia Reed
- 3/17 Shane Meeker
- 3/20 Julie Denicola
- 3/22 Pastor Linda Troy
- 3/27 Len Troy
- 3/28 Joshua Crane
- 3/30 Brad Delaney



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| Tim A. | Jensie & Family |
| Debbie Berta | Heidi Jones |
| Al & Judy Billock | Linda Knipple |
| Liz Bowser | Tom Labbe |
| Martha Brashear | Holly Lanter & Aliyah |
| Brenda & Rick | Barb Leach |
| Bruce & Gail Brengman | Lori & Phil |
| Margie & Ed Burke | Mari-Cait & family |
| Patty Caldwell | Jim Matson |
| Heath Cartmill | Nancy Minor |
| Emily Cates | Bill/Mickie Montgomery |
| Laura Collins | Leonardo Morghen |
| Charles & Mary Ann Combs | Mike Quinn |
| Lois Combs | Maria Ramey |
| Ernhardt Family | Chris Schenkel |
| Renee Fleshman | Emily Schenkel |
| Bertel Flippen | Mike Schenkel |
| Gloria Gillespi & Family | Shaughnessy Family |
| Judy Hallman | Dave Sherman Family |
| Terri Herbst | Barbara Smith |
| Jade Humble | Den Staab |
| Cindy Hunter | Shelly Staab |
| Judy Hunter | Aixa/Ron Thompson |
| Sue & Frank Jackson | Renee Walker |
| Roberta Jacobs | Katherine Williams |

March Anniversaries

No known anniversaries.

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

Daylight Savings Time

Mark your calendars so you can make it
to worship on time! Sunday, March 8,
spring forward your clocks by one hour.



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

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	2 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	3 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary	4 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108 * Trustees 7pm	5 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	6	7
8 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6-7:30pm <u>Spring Ahead!</u> <u>Time Change</u>	9 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * Lenten Study 7-8:30pm	10 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * SPRC 7pm	11 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	12 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	13	14 * Girl Scouts 9:30-11am Rm. 101
15 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship * Susan & Ryan Baby Shower	16 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	17 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Lenten Study 7-8:30pm 	18 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	19 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	20	21
22 * Worship (see above)	23 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * 2757 Meeting 6:00pm	24 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Rivers Edge Homeowners Rms 101-102 * Lenten Study 7-8:30pm	25 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	26 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	27	28
29 * Worship (see above) * Fun Sunday for Children 	30 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	31 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Lenten Study 7-8:30pm	April 1	2 * Maundy Thursday 7pm 	3 * Good Friday 7pm 	

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

Prayer Concerns 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

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Sunday, March 15, 2015
Email to deerfieldumc@deerfieldumc.org

Congratulations Deerfield United Methodist Church!

In March, Deerfield UMC is being recognized at the Cabinet of the West Ohio Conference for achieving our Breakthrough Goal in Risk Taking Mission and Service! Each month the Cabinet (Bishop Palmer and the 8 District Superintendents) look at Breakthrough Goals for churches across the Conference and choose 8 churches to recognize for achieving Breakthrough Goals. On March 25, Pastor Linda and a member of the missions team are invited to lunch at the Conference Office with members of the Cabinet and other churches that have achieved a Breakthrough Goal in order to celebrate the churches' successes! Congratulations, Deerfield UMC, on your witness and service to the community through Risk Taking Mission and Service!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to Tonya Oriol

In January, Church Council approved hiring someone in the church office in an administrative role for a second day. Cindy Goodlander prefers to keep her hours set to Thursdays, so Tonya Oriol will be joining Deerfield United Methodist's staff in the office on Tuesdays. Tonya will be producing the newsletter and helping with other administrative needs for Pastor Linda, including mailings, letters, etc. Tonya comes with experience working in a church office, and she is married to Bernard. They are parents to 9-year-old twin boys, Dominic and Jackson, and they attend Loveland United Methodist Church. Welcome, Tonya!



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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.