

Deerfield United Methodist Church

March 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

John 11:25

As I write this pastor's letter, Bruce Brengman has come successfully through triple by-pass surgery that took place on his 70th birthday. Someone made the comment that it is a good birthday present to receive the gift of extended life. Praise God!

Also as I write this, a former parishioner from another church, a woman in her mid 40s who is a wife and a mother to two adopted boys (I walked with her through the journey of adopting their first son, and I was at their house when they returned from Russia after picking up their new infant son) has received the news that her body is shutting down from cancer and hospice has been called in. Thank God this family is surrounded by a loving community of faith to accompany them on this painful and devastating journey.

Life is like this, isn't it. Good news and celebration one day and painful, sorrowful news another. Where do we turn to find words of healing and life?

One day, Jesus was talking to the crowds and said "I am the bread of life....Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood

have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:35, 54) Many were upset by what Jesus said and complained and turned back from following him. Jesus turned to the twelve, his chosen, and asked "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:66-68)

As we move through these last weeks of Lent and look ahead to Holy Week and the Resurrection, we can take heart and remember that whether we are in life or in death, we can turn to Jesus, knowing that he has the words of life—eternal life—and we can put our trust in him. He is the Holy One of God.

I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with you and praising God for the hope we have in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God!

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

March 6, I Am the Good Shepherd

March 13, I Am the True Vine

March 20, I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
Palm Sunday

March 27, I Am the Resurrection and the Life
Easter Sunday

Holy Week Schedule

March 20	Palm Sunday	11 am worship
March 24	Maundy Thursday	7 pm worship
March 25	Good Friday	7 pm Carry the Cross Prayer Walk (outdoors weather permitting/indoors if not)
March 27	Easter	10:15 am Easter Brunch 11 am worship



Do not forget on the eve of March 12 to set your clocks forward by one hour! We spring forward and start gaining more daylight!!!

Church Council

Trustee news

We have renters for the parsonage. A family with 4 children has signed a 4 year contract to rent the parsonage. They are in the process of moving in.

Church Council has approved phase one of the lighting proposal that will replace the parking lot lights and the T12 fluorescent fixtures in the original building with LED lights. When all the lighting has been updated, expected energy savings should be \$400 a month. We will need help with replacing the T12 fixtures. Contact Dale Wik at 513-683-5793 to volunteer.

Children's Ministry

Some changes in summer kids programs here at Deerfield! Last summer, Deerfield UMC began participating in the Ohio River Valley District *Live Free* program, serving children/families of our community by offering daytime enrichment activities. Several of our church family members helped out with this unique program. Both adult helpers, Deerfield UMC kids, and neighborhood children had a very positive experience in the *Live Free* program! We will again participate in summer 2016.



With *Live Free* offering such a broad enrichment opportunity for children of our community, the Christian Education Committee decided to focus our energy and efforts into *Live Free 2016* instead of a traditional Vacation Bible School. What's *Live Free*? Please see info below for details. If you have questions, please speak with Deb Thomen, Debbie Berta, Julie Reed or Pastor Linda.

Summer Community Outreach: *Live Free* is a summer enrichment program for children entering Kindergarten through Sixth grade that meets the needs of the children in the community surrounding your church. It works well in small and medium sized congregations. There is an emphasis on reading skills, with hands on science fun, nutritional activities, music, games/sports, crafts, community guests and fieldtrips, and biblical messages of hope. Lunch and snacks are also provided. Deerfield UMC will offer the program on a two days a week schedule, with days running from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. *Live Free* will run for 5 weeks from June 27-July 29.

A trained team of three to four college students gives leadership along with a coordinator and two or three volunteers from the church each day. *Live Free* began in our district in 2012 and experience demonstrates that churches participating in *Live Free* for multiple years have increased attendance from children each year. The children are reached for Jesus, mentored in reading skills, and receive nutritious meals they might otherwise go without. Churches participating in *Live Free* have seen families becoming connected to the church.



Technology and the Church

Technology is becoming more prevalent in the church every day. To that end, Deerfield UMC has been using a service called Realm. We are using the system as our electronic directory as well as for giving statements. We would like to use it for more things, like a place for the prayer chain. To do this we need the correct information for everyone.

Everyone should have received an email from the church asking you to sign up for Realm. If you did not get an email or can't find it in your inbox please contact the church office so a new Realm email can be sent to you.

For more information on Realm you can visit their website www.acstechnologies.com/products/realm.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Anyone currently working with the children's ministry, nursery, Boy and Cub Scouts chartered by Deerfield UMC, or anyone wanting to start the Safe Sanctuary process, please plan to attend a Safe Sanctuary training. Deerfield UMC is adopting the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Safe Sanctuary Policy. If you attended a training class prior to May, 2015, you need to take a refresher course. Watch for training dates to be announced in the Sunday bulletin.



Radical Hospitality

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

Voters and Poll Workers Hospitality

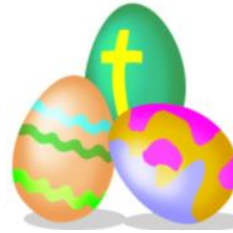
Election Day is just around the corner, Tuesday March 15, 2016. Ohio voters go to the polls to vote on issues. Deerfield UMC extends hospitality to the poll workers and voters from opening to close. We provide coffee, tea, and sweets in the morning and then change to apples, cookies, snacks and water in the afternoon. This is a big success with voters. We need people to set up the snacks, replenish several times during the day, and some people to close up the table. There will be a Sign Up Genius for you to volunteer to cover one of the shifts. Thank you in advance for making Deerfield UMC a friendly and caring church.



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

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Story



The annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal and Deerfield United Methodist Church will be held Saturday March 19 this year from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Registration will begin at 10:50 am. Hundreds of eggs are hidden on the grounds according to age groups. After the hunt, participants will come inside to engage in some activities which include an interactive Easter Story, face painting, and cookie decorating. Following the activities free lunch will be served for all in attendance.

This event is an outreach to our community, but they will not come if we don't get the word out. You can help by inviting and bringing your neighbors, sharing the event on your Facebook page, taking flyers to local childcare locations as well as having local businesses put the flyers on their local boards or windows. There will also be a sign on the lawn soon to advertise.

Let's claim this area for Jesus Christ, welcome all, attend the event and share his love.



We need cooks, egg hiders, candy, face painters, registration takers, and picture takers. There is something you can do, you are never too young or old to share God's love. A signup sheet will be on the Welcome Center just above the box for donated candy.





THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or volunteered during our 29th Annual Dessert Auction, this year benefiting Royce Martin, 21-month old who had face and jawbone injuries resulting from an accident. We had 50 desserts donated and raised \$2,000 for the Martin family!



A message from the family:

*"Thank you so much for honoring us tonight at the dessert auction! We feel so blessed to have met such wonderful giving people! Your gift will help us more than you will ever know!
-the Martins"*



Outreach Opportunity at Local Schools

Deerfield UMC is continuing to reach out to show the Landen/Maineville area that we ARE here and that ALL are welcome! Please help us continue this ministry by building our relationship with the local school district, Kings. There are three upcoming events, where we are partnering with Kings, to show Jesus's love of children, parents, and teachers in our community.

The events are:

1. JF Burn's Krazy Karnival on Saturday, March 5 from 11 am - 3 pm. Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JFB.Krazy.Karnival/>.

2. Parent Teacher Conferences at JF Burns on Thursday, March 10 from 4 - 8 pm. Please note, volunteers must be safe sanctuary trained for this event. Please sign up on the following link: <http://bit.ly/1SqCPhe>.
3. Kings Mills Elementary Extravaganza, on Saturday March 12 from 11 am - 3 pm.

We would like to have several people representing DUMC in 2 hour shifts for all the above opportunities. If you (or someone you know!) are interested in helping run a booth or games, or help with child care during Parent-Teacher Conferences, please email Stephanie Copley as soon as possible at stephanie.copley@gmail.com.

March Food Pantry Drive

Genesis 1:29 *Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you."* This month's food pantry drive is packets of seeds. Some examples of needed seed packets are: tomatoes, green beans, squash, cucumbers, and peppers. Please see the Food Pantry display for more ideas or contact Stephanie Copley at Stephanie.copley@gmail.com or Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com.



Community Dinner

Come and join us on March 13 for our next Community Dinner. We will be having an Easter Dinner with ham and delicious sides. The dinner will be served from 6 - 7:30pm and is open to the entire community. Please sign up to bring a dish on the communication card in your Sunday Bulletin or at the Missions Center bulletin board. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with questions.



February Community Dinner Leftovers

Unfortunately due to the unsafe road conditions, the February 14 "Breakfast for Dinner" community dinner was cancelled. If you had already made loads of breakfast items and put them in your freezer, please bring them in for a hot breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 27. Breakfast will be served beginning at 10:15 am.

Intentional Faith Development

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

What Is a Walk to Emmaus?



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

There are two Women's Walk to Emmaus; the first one is April 14-17, 2016 and the second one is October 20-23, 2016. There are also two Men's Walk to Emmaus; the first one is April 28-May 1, 2016 and the second one is October 13-16, 2016. If you would like to attend one of these walks, contact one of the people listed above.

GOD IS LOVE!

Adult Sunday School

An adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am in Room 101. We are studying *Fearless* by Max Lucado. Come join in!

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ March 6, attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ March 13, 20 & 27, 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)

- ◇ March 6 & 20 attend worship with parents.
 - ◇ March 13 & 27, 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 6 & 20, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ March 13 & 27, attend Sunday School.

Let Us Pray!

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

Bethany Abbott	Glen Marcks
Don Abbott Sr.	Royce Martin
Al & Judy Billock	April Matson
Jay Bloom	McKensey
Marsha Braeshear	Megie family
Bruce Brengman	Al & Carol Meisman
Gail Brengman	Nancy Minor
Brown Family	Bill & Mickie Montgomery
Karen Bundy	Tonya Oriol
Jensie Caguimbal	Quinn Family
Mark & Linda Caliendo	Lois & Lloyd R.
Emily Cates	Lee & Kathy Reynolds
Jack & Joyce Chipner	Randy & Lisa
Shirlee Collins	Rose
Connie Combs	Chris Schenkel
Chrissy Davis	Emily Schenkel
Duvelius Family	Mike Schenkel
Bridgett Dye & Family	Shaughnessy family
Ernhart family	Al Schultze & Family
Sue Farrell	Slier Family
Jennifer Fields	Smith Family
Judy Hallman	Ann Smith
Jenae Hickman	Thompson family
Hicks family	Dan Troy
Tricia Jaros	Pastor Linda Troy
Jennifer Kimball-Casto	Mary Jean W.
Tim Kelly Family	Martha Walker
Greg Kenwell	Mother Ann Wilson
Tom Kidwell	Pam Wisby
Barb & Lenny Leach	Mrs. Wright
Roxanne Mahboob	

March Birthdays

3/15	Mei Carpenter
	Jimmy Liedhegner
	Martha Miker
3/16	Julia Reed
3/17	Shane Meeker
3/22	Pastor Linda Troy
3/26	Stacey Marroso
3/27	Len Troy
3/28	Joshua Crane



March Anniversaries

3/14	Bernard and Tonya Oriol
3/25	George & Arlene Mason

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

Breakthrough Goals

In November 2015 the Church Council set goals for 2016 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 inviting the community, connecting to God, growing as disciples, and serving others.

Passionate Worship	55
Radical Hospitality	
Professions of faith	3
Baptisms	3
Intentional Faith Development	
Average no. small groups	4
Average no. attendees	25
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%
Risk Taking Mission/Service	
Total number engaged in	15
Extravagant Generosity	
Average weekly giving	\$2,450
Apportionments	100%
Additional giving	
Missions	\$25,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000
Capital	\$1,000
Memorials	\$500
Advance specials	\$500

Thank You!

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to send a card to my sister April Matson while she was in the hospital. Your prayers were felt and we were both touched by your thoughtfulness.

Cindy Goodlander



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	2 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	3 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm	4	5 * JF Burns Krazy Karnival 11am-3pm
6 * Worship (see above)	7 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Lent Study 7:00-8:30pm	8 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	9 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104	10 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * JF Burns Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	11	12 * Kings Mills Elem Extrava- ganza 11am-3pm
13 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm 	14 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Lent Study 7:00-8:30pm	15 * Primary Election Day 5:45am	16 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Daisy Scout Meeting 6-7:30pm Rm 107	17 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 * Easter Egg Hunt 10:45am 
20 * Worship (see above) 	21 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105 * Lent Study 7:00-8:30pm	22 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	23 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	24 * Maundy Thursday 7pm 	25 * Good Friday Cross Carrying 7pm 	26
27 * Worship (see above) * Brunch 10:15am 	28 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105 * Lent Study 7:00-8:30pm	29	30 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	31 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary		

Church Council

Church Council Chair:	Deb Thomen
Staff Parish Relations Chair:	Randy Cesco
Trustees Chair:	Jackie Marshall
Finance Chair:	Stan Brown
Treasurer:	Karen Kenwell
Missions Chair:	Stephanie Copley
Hospitality Chair:	Penny Cesco

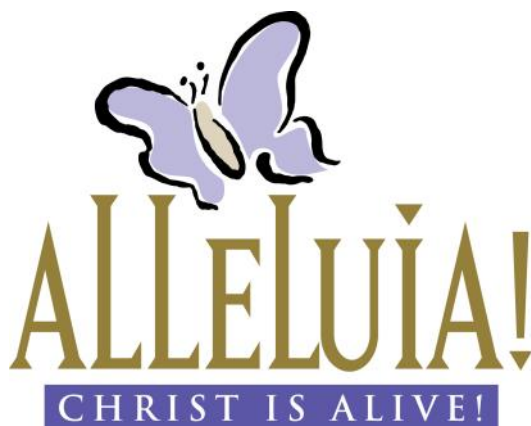
Intentional Faith Development

Children:	Julie Reed
Teens:	Jackie Marshall
Adult:	Open
Worship Chair:	Open

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!



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, **March 18, 2016**
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



2757 West U.S. 22-3, Maineville, OH 45039
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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.