

Deerfield United Methodist Church

May 2015 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task.... Acts 6:3

The church calendar has a rhythm that includes a process of nominating people to serve in positions of leadership in the congregation. Usually this process takes place in the fall leading up to new leaders taking their roles in January. Sometimes someone needs to step down from a roll midyear or other changes take place. Recently a newly formed Lay Leadership/Nominations team met to pray, discuss, and discern regarding needs in the lay leadership teams at Deerfield UMC. The word "lay" comes from "laos," which refers to the people of God. "Laity" also refers to people in a congregation who are not clergy. The term "lay leadership" refers to non-clergy people in the congregation who serve in positions of leadership in the church.

Acts 6:3 describes a time in the early church when the church was growing and the apostles found they could not attend to all the needs of all the people, so they decided to add some additional leadership help to the growing band of Jesus followers. Characteristics they were looking for in leaders were people of good character and standing in the community, people full of the Holy Spirit, and people full of wisdom. Prayer and discernment were part of the process of choosing these new leaders.

Deb Thomen recently accepted the role of chair of Church Council, which is the governing body of the church responsible for approving a

budget, visioning for the future, and setting direction for the church's ministry. Deb prayed about this role and talked to several people before accepting this responsibility. Penny Cesco recently accepted responsibility as chair of Radical Hospitality; Penny also prayed about accepting this role and believes that God is calling her to lead us in offering Radical Hospitality to the community and world around us.

Luke Copley has recently accepted the role of director of the praise band, and Len Troy has agreed to play the bass guitar every Sunday. Michelle Prather is taking on a larger roll with worship media, as well.

In addition to all these new leaders, several others leaders are also needed. The Lay Leadership/Nominations ministry team is actively praying about someone to chair a Passionate Worship ministry team, someone to focus on marketing as part of Radical Hospitality, someone to chair Adult Intentional Faith Development, as well as individuals to serve on Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, Missions, and Teen Ministry.

If you feel God is calling you to serve in any of these positions, or if you would like to learn more about what is need, contact Pastor Linda. Together we are the Body of Christ, and all parts are needed for the body to be healthy and to function well!

I look forward to hearing from 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

- May 3,** What Does the Bible Say About God: God Is With Us
- May 10,** What Does the Bible Say About the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit Creates and Renews
- May 17,** What Does the Bible Say About the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit Inspires
- May 24,** What Does the Bible Say About the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit Empowers
- May 31,** What Does the Bible Say About the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit Is with God's People

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)

Radical Hospitality Ministry Team

Recently, after much prayer, I accepted the role of chairperson of the Radical Hospitality Ministry Team. Radical Hospitality should address each guest who comes through our doors, whether for a worship service, mission event, Vacation Bible School, Boy Scouts, community meetings, looking for assistance, and our own members. In Ephesians 6:7 we should render service with a good will as to the Lord and not to humans. In Matthew 25:40 it says "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

This church for the past 30 years has tried to live by these scriptures. Deerfield UMC has a presence in the community of being a church that serves. Hospitality is a vital thread through every committee and mission of this church. In our mission statement, "Connecting to God, Serving Others" we are directed to reach out to others.

The Hospitality Team will be meeting soon to pray, develop, and strategize how to continue in the good works that have gone on before us and how to strengthen our presence to others. Please pray for this ministry team and ask how you can show radical hospitality to others you meet each day.

Sincerely,
Penny S. Cesco

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

Whiz Kids

Monday, April 27, was the last Whiz Kids tutoring session for this year at JF Burns Elementary School. Six people from Deerfield UMC partnered with 24 people from Rivers Community Crossing Church to offer reading tutoring throughout the school year. The one-on-one tutoring offered significant help to children who may struggle to read and also built wonderful loving relationships between tutor and child. The tutoring year ended with a party, where children sang a rap written by Penny Cesco, made picture frames for pictures of themselves with their tutors, played games, and enjoyed complimentary Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and cupcakes. Tears were shed as children and tutors said their goodbyes for the summer, with a promise of seeing each other next year. Thank you, wonderful tutors!





Live Free

Deerfield UMC will be offering a new children's summer ministry called Live Free from June 29 to July 31, 11 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 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. Live Free has been offered to churches in the Ohio River Valley District for the past 4 years; this is Deerfield's first year to participate. Other churches involved are Calvary-Hilltop (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Cheviot (Thursday), Zion (Friday), Elizabethtown (Monday & Wednesday), North Bend (Tuesday & Thursday), Addyson (Friday), Deerfield (Monday, Thursday), Newtown (Tuesday, Wednesday). While college students are responsible for running the program, church members are invited to come offer support and build relationships with the children and their parents. Watch for more information in bulletins and emails.

Community Dinner

Our next Community Dinner will be on Sunday, May 10. We will be having our Mother's Day Celebration and will be serving salads, soups and sandwiches. Please join us from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. All are invited-mothers too!



Bernie's Place Dinner

We will be providing dinner for the residents of Bernie's Place on Saturday, May 16. Please join us for a night of food and fellowship at this adult homeless shelter in South Lebanon. We need to provide a meal for 20 people, so please contact Shem Lofland at 513-722-5963 to sign up. The meal should arrive between 5:15 and 5:30 pm at their location in South Lebanon. If you cannot attend but would like to provide food, we can make arrangements for a pick up at the church.

Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Last year Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene joined together and continued the *Mother's Day Diaper Drive* to help in some small way mothers who are in less fortunate situations. This year we will sponsor the Bethany House Shelter in Fairmount. As we learned before, many mothers living in poverty have to keep their babies in the same diaper all day since few social services, not even food stamps, cover the cost of diapers.

For those not familiar with Bethany House: Bethany House Services is an emergency shelter for homeless women and children in South Fairmount. Bethany House works with the community to provide a full range of housing, education and assistance programs to homeless disadvantaged women and children.

Through Sunday, May 24, we will collect donations of diapers, wipes, diaper rash creams, as well as cash donations give to honor your own mother this Mother's Day.

If you need any more information, please contact Maryellen Grounds at:
Maryellen_grounds@mercy.com

It's Spring Cleaning Time

And since it is spring cleaning time, the Kings Food Pantry is requesting donations of cleaning supplies such as window cleaner, liquid cleaners such as Mr. Clean, Ajax, etc., powder cleaners such as Comet, bleach and any other cleaners or cleaning supplies. Even laundry and dish cleaners will be happily received. Please place donations in the Missions box under the coat rack.

Scarves for Seniors

Last year a number of you helped make hats, scarves and mittens for Bernie's clients and we ended up with 70 items. This year, let's make scarves for seniors who reside at Berry Wood. Since there is a maximum of 50 residents at Berry Wood, this should be a cinch, given that we are "kicking off" in May. If anyone needs yarn, instructions or wants to learn to crochet or knit, contact Barb Dixon at 513-683-0281 or email her: bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com.

We usually carol at Berry Wood during the Christmas season and will present the scarves to residents then.

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 April is Kroger's official re-enrollment month to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card 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!

VBS Save the Date!!

Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 21-25. 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? 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.

Look for more information coming in bulletins/emails, including planning meetings. Even if you can only help out 1 night - that's still a big help to our Vacation Bible School program!

Matthew 25 Ministries Summer Mission Trip

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church is taking a summer mission trip, and Deerfield UMC folks are invited to join along.

This year's trip will be July 5-10. We will be going to West Virginia to work at schools in a very rural and impoverished county. Projects for the week will include completing desperately needed maintenance on the school buildings, running an educational day camp for the students, and preparing and serving lunch to the team, school staff and students.

Just to give you a little background, Matthew 25: Ministries has partnered with one particular school for the past 10 years. There are no funds available at this school for any non-essential activities. The principal needs volunteers to answer phones, perform secretarial duties, tutor children, and clean the school. Along with the leaders at the school and the local church, M25M developed a parent volunteer program that has been the catalyst for significant change in the community. Parents who volunteer at the school earn points for their work. Once a month they can spend the points in a special store (stocked by M25M's donations) and purchase supplies and materials for their children and families. M25M's relationship with this school has changed the culture of the school and has impacted the entire community.

We do require all participants under the age of 18 to be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian. The cost for the trip is \$350 per person, which includes lodging, linens, a breakfast buffet, lunch at the work site, dinner most nights (except Wednesday) and work supplies. Everyone will be responsible for their own transportation as well as their own leisure activities. The deadline to commit is May 4.

If you are interested, contact Maryellen Grounds @ Maryellen_grounds@mercy.com

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 starting May 13 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.

Church Summer Camps

May 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 about the camps, 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!

Children’s Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ May 3, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 10, 17 & 24, 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.
- ◇ May 31, Fun day Sunday

Children’s Bible iWitness

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ May 3 & 17, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 10 & 24, 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.
- ◇ May 31, Fun day Sunday

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

(Grades 7 – 12)

- ◇ May 3 & 17, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 10 & 24, attend Sunday School.
- ◇ May 31, Fun day Sunday

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, Karen.long@scripps.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

Al & Judy Billock	Jensie & Family
Marsha Brashear	Sonia Jump
Brenda & Rick	Carlin Kallay
Margie Burke	Greg Kenwell
Becky Carossco	Kroger Family
Emily Cates	Maris Laake
Jack & Joyce Chipner	Barb Leach
John Clark	Lori & Phil
Laura Collins	Mike Losey
Mike Contreras	Jim Megie
Jim Davidson	Nancy Minor
Ernhardt Family	Bill/Mickie Montgomery
Ron Foss	Lynn Robinson
Ruth Gibbons	Shaun and Jesi Rostron
Frank Goodlander	Chris Schenkel
Elaine Goodman	Emily Schenkel
Judy Hallman	Mike Schenkel
Teri Herbst	Shaughnessy Family
Todd Hershey	Den Staab
Bill & Paula Hume	Linda/Dave Stanley & Family
Jade Humble & Paula	Aixa/Ron Thompson & Family
Cindy Hunter	Iva Wells
Judy Hunter	Ashley Westendorf
Sue & Frank Jackson	Jacque Wilburn
Roberta Jacobs	Paul, Mary & Matt Williams



Extravagant Generosity

Financial Update

Recently the Finance Ministry Team met to plan a potential budget for 2015. While it may seem like the Finance Team is late on this effort, members' schedules made meeting together a challenge. The really good news is that Deerfield UMC ended 2014 in the black by \$14,000, and we have been able to keep ministry happening without an approved budget yet. A 2015 proposed budget will be presented to Church Council on May 14. On another note, the church annual audit will take place by June 30. If you have questions about the Deerfield UMC finances or budget, please see Stan Brown, finance chair (513-398-0867).

Trustees

You Can Help!!

The Trustees have identified several clean-up projects and have scheduled one per month for 2015. Each month we will highlight the project and let you know how you can help!

May 16 – Saturday – 9am until noon: Chair party! We will finish our chairs by installing the newly sewn tops. It is our goal to have 40 reupholstered chairs!! We had a fun time last year doing this together!

Upcoming projects this year:

June – Closet cleaning: we'll go through the general closet and the table closet in the main hallway.

July – Worship closet assembly and organization. Stain and preserve the outside deck.

August – Basement and Youth Room Cleaning

September – Kitchen Closet Cleaning

October – Fall Clean-up Day

November – Misc. cleaning from other months

By the end of this year, our church will be more functionally organized and all rooms will be utilized well. Our goal is for our whole building to look nice, be clean, and ready to used as intended. Your Trustees know that you will want to be a part of the

Clean Up

continuing effort to help be good stewards of our building and property. We are truly blessed to have this beautiful space to use for God's glory!



Recycling

We have been in discussion with Rumpke and have begun a new 3-year service contract with them for trash and recycling. This will be saving us a minimum of \$75.00 per month! (And possibly more.) We invited their recycling representative to our meeting and learned a lot about recycling! The results of that information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You will also notice our efforts to recycle in the containers around the church. Please take a look at the board and help us be good stewards of our earth by recycling at church and at home in conscientious ways. We are aiming for 100% participation of our churches, our scouts, and other groups who use our building. Questions about recycling can be directed to any of the Trustees! We thank you and so does God on behalf of our beautiful planet!

2757 Meeting

"2757" refers to the address of our building. The 2757 meeting is representatives of Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene coming together to share ministry plans and ideas. The next 2757 meeting will be held at the church on June 1, at 6:30 pm.

May Birthdays

- 5/2 Jackie Marshall
- 5/4 Karen Long
- 5/6 Shem Lofland
- 5/8 Jorja Burke
- 5/10 Craig Douglass
- 5/19 Elliott Cesco
- 5/22 Caleb Hetzer
- 5/25 Julie Dian-Reed
- 5/28 Judy Liedhegner
- 5/31 Josh Barcus



May Anniversaries

- 5/2 Howard & Joyce "Lynn" Robinson
- 5/19 Len and Linda Troy

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



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

9:30-10:30 am St. Mary Magdalene worship service, Sanctuary
 10:30-11 am Fellowship time, Lobby
 11:00-Noon Deerfield Worship service, Sanctuary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 * Worship (see above)	4 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	5 * Election Day * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	6 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	7 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	8	9 * Girl Scouts 9:30-11am Rm. 101
10 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	12 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	13 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108 * Trustees 6:30pm	14 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	15	16 * Chair Party! 9:00am-Noon
17 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship	18 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	19 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	20 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	21 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	22	23
24 * Worship (see above)	25 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	26 * Prayer Group 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary * Bible Study Rm. 106 7-8:30pm	27 * Cub Scouts 6:15-8:15pm Rms.101-103, 105, 108	28 * Band Practice 8:00-10:30pm Sanctuary	29	30
31 * Worship (see above) * Children Fun day						

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

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

Thanks

Food Pantry Thank You

Thanks to everyone for all the vegetable seeds! There were 20 food pantry clients who signed up to receive them. They will be passed out during the next two weeks to those who signed up. Any seed packets left over will be distributed in May to anyone who did not get a chance to sign up previously.



2757 West U.S. 22-3, Maineville, OH 45039
(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829
www.deerfieldumc.org
11:00 am Worship
Rev. Linda Troy



Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, concerns and wonderful meals that were brought to our home. We are so blessed to be part of a gracious church family. May God's Blessing shine upon you.

Debbie Berta, Shannon and Emre Clark

Christian Sympathies

Ashley Nichole Murray ("Nikki"), the niece of Gail Brengman, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2015, and Joe Murray, Gail's cousin, passed away the week before Nikki. Cards may be sent to Gail and Bruce Brengman at 890 W. Loveland Ave., Loveland, Ohio 45140.

Dave Kroger, a former member of Deerfield UMC, passed away April 12, 2015. Cards may be sent to the Kroger family at 6866 Prairie View Drive, Maineville, Ohio 45039

New Member

Welcome!

Marilyn Clark joined Deerfield UMC on March 15, transferring her membership from Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. Marilyn has been attending Deerfield UMC since January 12, 2014. She moved to Maineville in December 2013. Her husband is John Clark and she has been the sole caregiver for her mother, Ruth Gibbons, since December of 2011. Marilyn enjoys reading, movies, playing games and traveling. She said her passion is to see people smile and laugh!



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.