

Deerfield United Methodist Church

November 2015 Newsletter

Congratulations Deerfield! We had an amazing year in the Pumpkin Patch, topping \$9,000 in sales, which bumps us to a higher profit level and means we keep 33 percent of sales as our net income. Combined with Craft Fair sales and donations, Deerfield UMC will receive over \$4,000 from the pumpkins, an increase of \$1,000 over last year's income! This money goes into the church operating fund. Thank you to David and Jackie Marshall and Jody and Dale Wik for their leadership of this meaningful fund raiser, and thank you to all the people who spent countless hours working sales in the pumpkin patch; preparing for, setting up, and tearing down for the Craft Fair; and thank you to Karen Kenwell for her nightly totals of pumpkin sales and tracking money. In addition to raising money for the ministries of Deerfield UMC, the Pumpkin Patch increases our visibility in the community, helping us to be a "known" presence in the neighborhood. The Pumpkin Patch also provides income for people living on Native American Reservations. Read the letter below from Harry, who works for the Pumpkin Patch organization in New Mexico.

Dear Pumpkin Patch Partner.

My name is Harry Descheene, and I am the Human Resources Director for Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. I would like to thank you as Pumpkin Patch Partners.

I am a Navajo, living on the Reservation all of my life (56 years). Pumpkin Patch has been employing Native Americans on the Reservation for over 20 years. All staff and workers are Native American. Unemployment on the Navajo Reservation is 42%.

Pumpkin Patch goes above and beyond to take care of employees. Pumpkin Patch pays to transport employees from all of the different Reservations, some as far as 4 hours away. Pumpkin Patch also provides residential facilities, laundry facilities, recreational facilities, an upscale kitchen with a chef and kitchen staff, a huge dining hall and extensive safety orientation before workers begin field work. Transportation is 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.

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 of pumpkins made to local organizations such as school children, senior citizen centers, special education and handicapped facilities, behavioral health facilities, church organizations, government services, correctional youth services and civic groups. These donations provide income for these organizations.

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

Thanks,
Harry



Harry's letter reinforces that the Pumpkin Patch benefits not only Deerfield UMC and our ministries; the Pumpkin Patch makes a significant difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who grow and harvest the pumpkins on Reservations. Praise God for partnerships that bring meaningful results to all who work together in the effort.

Grateful and with a full heart,

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

- November 1,** *All Saints.*
We will remember those who have gone on to glory in the past year.
- November 8,** *Membership & Stewardship 101*
- November 15,** *Membership & Stewardship 201*
- November 22,** *Membership & Stewardship 301*
- November 29,** *First Sunday of Advent*

Church Council

Trustee News

Hello church! Your Trustees have been busy with several projects in recent weeks. Our biggest project has been to prepare the parsonage for the next tenants. The parsonage has been cleaned inside, with part of the kitchen ceiling tiles being replaced, furnace serviced, and new outside lights by the front door, side and front garage replaced. Additionally three of the large maple trees have been majorly trimmed, and dead trees removed. The weeds have been pulled, mulch placed appropriately, a new mailbox installed, and the cobwebs are gone. All is now ready for new tenants. If you know of anyone who would like to rent a 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath house in Pond Woods please contact Jackie Marshall at (513-480-4238).

No doubt you have noticed the new signage that is now up at the main entrance to our building. Please thank Dale Wik for the post design and installation! This will help folks not familiar with our building know which door to enter, and which driveway is ours. Speaking of driveways – the cracks in our parking lot have been filled and sealed. This is critical for the overall health of the parking lot. Winter is almost here.

Another project that has been completed is the staining of the swing set. Now all children can continue to have a wonderful place to play. Our restroom floors have been scrubbed and rewaxed, and one of two new thermostats that can be controlled from a trustee’s home have been installed. Now we can make sure that the temperature can be checked and maintained without having physically to come to church. This is

important because so many groups use our church and they do not always make sure that the temperature is turned down when they leave.

Small projects will continue to be done in the near future. A new faucet set in the handicapped bathroom in the Sunday School room will be installed. Walls will be repaired, broken chairs will get fixed, and gutters and roof repaired.

The Trustees continue to prepare an all-church lighting upgrade proposal, have discussions around a new water heater and water softener, organizing all church closets, and fixing the downstairs so it can be used.

We welcome new members to join our team. It is important work taking care of God’s house! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Watch for more project opportunities in the future. Thanks to all for your support!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Help keep our Sunday School going strong! Your team of Sunday School teachers is looking for assistants and substitutes to ensure we keep 2 trained/ screened adults in the room at all times. Considering being an assistant? No preparation required! If you sign up, just show up and assist the lead teacher. Please contact Julie Reed at (513-933-0471) if you can help keep our Sunday School program strong! Not Safe Sanctuary Trained, but would like to help? We'll schedule a training session soon; contact Julie Reed if you're interested. Already trained and willing to help? Go directly to the Sign Up Genius link: <http://bit.ly/1RgZxmt>



Consecration Sunday November 22

Letters will be in C-mail soon that include a Commitment Card for members/regular attenders to make a financial commitment to God and Deerfield UMC for 2016. Please pray about your financial commitment to God’s work through Deerfield UMC and plan to return your Commitment Card to the church on Sunday, November 22, for our Consecration Sunday as we consecrate our giving to God. The Biblical goal for giving back to God a portion of the many gifts God has given us is the tithe, or 10 percent of our income (Malachi 3:10). If you are not currently tithing, please pray



about moving in this direction by “stepping up” your giving at least 1 percent for the upcoming year. We receive so much joy when we give freely and with a cheerful heart! (2 Corinthians 9:7) “Some of us are even called to give more than a tithe, for we desire *“not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.”* If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stan Brown, finance ministry team chair for Deerfield UMC. We seek to be open and transparent regarding the church finances.



Hanging of the Greens

Time is quickly approaching for one of the great seasons in our faith. The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning *coming*. The Lord is coming. This year the first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 29. To prepare our church, Hanging of the Greens will occur on Sunday, Nov. 22, immediately following Deerfield UMC’s service. Between Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal and Deerfield United Methodist we have a vast amount of decorations. Help from both congregations is needed. It takes about two hours to fully decorate our wonderful church.

A covered dish luncheon will start the decorating party. Please bring your dish to share; after St. Mary Magdalene’s service, they will set-up for the luncheon. After Deerfield UMC’s service both congregations will eat and fellowship together. Then the decorating will begin. After the decorating, we will sing some Christmas carols, and the Deerfield congregation will clean up from luncheon.

Much help is needed to set up the large sanctuary tree, the mitten/hat tree, and the Giving Tree. There are banners, wreaths, altar cloths, and manger scenes to take out of storage and prepare for the church. If you and your family are new to St. Mary Magdalene or Deerfield UMC you are invited to bring an ornament to hang on the Sanctuary tree. Many families have added the date that they started to worship with us. This event is a wonderful way to get to know each other and feel a part of this wonderful community we share. All are welcome. Please join us in the celebration.

A note for your planning as well: We will have a repeat of the luncheon on January 3 to “Unhang the Greens,” so mark your calendar to help both times in anticipation of the birth of our Christ.

Radical Hospitality

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

Hospitality – Voters and Workers

Election Day is just around the corner. Tuesday November 3 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 changing to apples, cookies and water in the afternoon. Barb Dixon is making soup for the workers for their lunch. Go to sign up genius <http://bit.ly/1irWgnZ> to volunteer to cover one of the shifts. Thank you in advance for making Deerfield UMC a friendly and caring. Thanks in advance for supporting our hospitality to the community.

November Fellowship Event

Looking for some fellowship? Come and share time with friends and families from Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene on Friday November 20 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. There are 2 games scheduled – Bunko and Left, Right, Center. Children are welcome.



Bring a snack to share (usually we have 25-30 attendees). The lemonade, tea, and water will be provided. We have had 3 other fellowship events in the last few months and everyone that attended gave them great kudos. No one is too young or old to enjoy the fun. It is a great way for people to get to know more about our church families. Hope to see you there.

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

Mission Updates

Deerfield UMC friends and family: I will be sharing with you on Sunday, November 8 what the Missions committee has been up to and how we use your extravagant generosity currently, and our hopes and dreams for the future. Please continue to pray with me that we may be the hands and feet of God and help serve those in our community and spread the message of his love and grace. I am including a

brief description of our upcoming and ongoing missions. If you are feeling called to help serve on the missions committee, please do not hesitate to see me, Stephanie Copley at (stephanie.copley@gmail.com or [513-404-4922](tel:513-404-4922)). ALL are welcome!

Deuteronomy 16:17. *Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you.*

We will be reinvigorating our food pantry contributions by having monthly themed drives. Please keep this opportunity to give in mind while you are grocery shopping and watch for specials or coupons. Even the smallest item can make the biggest difference in someone's life.

More information to come soon on Berrywood Christmas Caroling in December, Christmas food baskets, and the Christmas Giving Tree.

Things to think and pray about, Matthew 25:40. *Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'*

We welcome suggestions for more missionary outreach in our immediate community, such as deepening our bond at J.F. Burns Elementary, as well as beyond, and providing our youth mission opportunities. We will continue to work and pray daily about how we can help Deerfield UMC's mission: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



Community Dinner

This month's community dinner will feature a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We will need at least 3 turkeys and 1 ham prepared, as well as sides and desserts. Missions is willing to purchase the meats but still needs assistance cooking them the day of the dinner, Sunday, November 8. Please visit goo.gl/qLckqF to see the Sign Up Genius or contact Stephanie Copley at (stephanie.copley@gmail.com or [513-404-4922](tel:513-404-4922)) for questions. There will also be a tree set up for for us to hang paper leaves to give thanks and ask for prayers during this season.

Thank you in advance for helping provide people in our community with a hot, homemade Thanksgiving dinner!

Food Pantry "Un-food" Drive

The Christmas season is one of the most popular times for giving and the Kings Food Pantry is usually well stocked with food donations, plus they also give good baskets to families. Therefore, this year we are doing an "un-food" drive for the following items:

Personal Care Items

Shampoo and Conditioner
Body Wash, Hand Soap and Hand Sanitizer
Moisturizer/Body Lotion
Shaving Cream (male and female)
Deodorant (male and female)
Feminine Products
Toothpaste, Mouth Wash and Toothbrushes
Kleenex and Toilet Paper

Baby Products

Diapers
Baby Wipes
Baby Wash and Baby Lotion
Children's Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Cleaning Supplies

Dish and Laundry Soap
Powdered Cleanser
Liquid Cleaner ie: "Mr. Clean"
Storage Bags
Window Cleaner
Paper Towels
Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Also, don't forget our **furry friends!** Some people in dire straights would rather go hungry themselves than let their dog or cat suffer. So remember pets too when you shop for the above "un-food" items.

Please bring your donations to church during the month of November and we will deliver them to the Kings Food Pantry in early December. THANK YOU!

Operation Christmas Child

Pack a shoebox with toys, personal care items, and school supplies for children around the world, and know that you are also sharing the story of Jesus with them! Grab an empty box in the lobby for each member of your family, for example, and return the boxes filled to church on November 15 (include \$7 for packing per box or go on-line to www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box to pay your packing costs and receive an email telling you where your boxes go). OCC has impacted lives of



millions of children around the world and started the children on a journey of knowing the love of Jesus in their lives. **Come to church on Saturday, November 14 to help pack 100 boxes—the more help, the better! We will start packing at 10:00 and stop when the last box is packed—probably around 2:00. You can also bring items on November 14 to put in boxes. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, washcloths, soap and especially small flashlights and batteries are needed.**



Buckeye Brigade

Recruiting for the Buckeye Brigade! It's not too early to be thinking about our annual buckeye sale. We make the buckeye centers at home and freeze them several weeks in advance. Then we will get together on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 am at the church for dipping and packaging them for sale. Order forms will soon be available. Check the communication card if you are willing to help. The proceeds will be used to fund our Community Dinners and other mission projects. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer or donate ingredients please contact Barb Dixon at (513-683-0281). Plans are flexible, so all suggestions and help are welcome!

Buckeyes

Yields about 5 dozen

Center Ingredients:

1 stick of butter, softened (1/2 cup)
1 box (1 lb.) powdered sugar
18 oz. jar of creamy peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix together thoroughly and roll into 1 inch balls. Freeze.

Dipping ingredients:

12 oz bag of chocolate chips
Small piece of paraffin

Heat chocolate chips and paraffin in the top of a double boiler. Stir when melted. Dip by putting toothpick into a center and dipping and swirling it in the melted chocolate. Let cool on waxed paper. Makes about 60 buckeyes.



This recipe is the "old" one. Since then the manufacturer has decreased the size of the peanut butter jars to 16 oz., so you will need to add an additional 2 oz. from an additional jar of peanut butter. It is suggested to try mixing up the recipe using the 16 oz. jar and if the batter is too stiff, then add the additional peanut butter from new jar.

Scarves For Seniors

A big THANK YOU to all those who made and donated scarves for the "Scarves for Seniors" at Berry Wood. There have been more than 50 donated, so you may all take a break from knitting and crocheting now!



Intentional Faith Development

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

Advent Study: Under Wraps

Starting November 29, two new small-group study opportunities will be available. This study will last the 4 weeks of Advent and will help us prepare for Christmas. In tandem with the sermon series, the small groups will take a closer look at the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ. Each week centers on a key word describing a characteristic of God: faithful, dangerous, expectant, and jealous. One group will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30. The other group will meet Tuesday mornings at 11 am. Plan now to be a part of one of these small-group studies to prepare your heart for Christmas!

Adult Bible Study

This class meets on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 101. We are studying the Book of Acts. Come join in!

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ November 1, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ November 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 iWitness

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ November 1 & 15, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ November 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)

- ◇ November 1 & 15, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ November 8 & 22, 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

Anderson/Ward Family	Kallay Family
Alta Bedinghaus	Barb Leach
Jay Bloom	Abbi Lehmkuhl
Julian Boren	Jason Lindeholm
Jane Brown	Mike Losey
Brown Family	April Matson
Ed & Margie Burke	Family of Joan Morgan
Emily Cates	Linda Murray & Family
Emre Clark	Oberson Family
Mary Ellen Collins	Kenny Pope
Mary Lou & Charles Combs	Ben Staab
Jim Davidson	Lynn Robinson
Barb Dixon	Louise Rodrigue Family
Melody Gate-Murray	Gwen Slone
Dorothy Green	Randy Stewart
Judy Hallman	Amanda Turner & Family
Sharon Herrick	Marge Turner
Lynn Huber	Fr Tom Van Brunt
Clarence & Janet Humboldt	David Wik
Berta Jacobs	



November Birthdays

11/5	Reagan Lofland
11/6	George Mason
	Regina Meeker
11/9	Stan Brown
	Sarah Miker
11/14	Deb Thomen
11/15	Laura Hetzer
11/18	Jennifer Carpenter
11/21	Barb Dixon
11/22	Joey Copley
11/28	Bob Liedhegner
	Jayden Neal
11/30	Luke Copley
	Noah Prather



November Anniversaries

11/12	Lee & Michelle Prather
11/14	Sheldon & Mei Carpenter
	Roy & Barb Dixon

Happy Anniversary

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

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!



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 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	2 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9pm	3 	4 * Church Council 7:00pm * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	5 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	6	7
8 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm	9 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * 2757 Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9pm * Children's Ministry Meeting 7pm	10 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	11 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104 	12 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	13	14 * OCC Shoebox packing party 10am-2pm Rms 101-103
15 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship	16 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9pm	17	18 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Daisy Scout Meeting 6-7:30pm Rm 107	19 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Newsletter Articles Due!	20 * Fellowship Fun Night 6:30-9pm	21
22 * Worship (see above) * Hanging of the Greens	23 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9pm	24 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	25 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	26 	27	<div data-bbox="1273 1415 1565 1671" style="border: 2px solid #8B872F; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #8B872F; color: white; text-align: center;"> Check out the calendar so you don't miss an important date </div>
29 * Worship (see above) * Children Fun Day * 1st Sunday of Advent * Under Wraps Study 9:30am	30 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9pm					

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.

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Current</u>
Passionate Worship	60	45
Radical Hospitality		
Professions of faith	6	0
Baptisms	3	3
Intentional Faith Development		
Average no. small groups	8	3
Average no. attendees	50	24
Percentage of congregation in small groups	65%	54%
Risk Taking Mission/Service		
Total number engaged in	55	45
Extravagant Generosity		
Average weekly giving	\$2,500	\$2,470
Apportionments	100%	100%
Additional giving		
Missions	\$25,000	\$3,025
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000	\$4,000
Capital	\$1,500	\$1,800
Advance specials	\$500	\$1,100

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you!

Thank You!

Congregation of DUMC,

I wanted to thank you for the gracious gift, it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank you for all your well wishes, thoughts and prayers as I embark on this new life. It has all helped more than you could imagine.

Bless you all,
Rebecca Packard

Dear friends,

I have tried to write each of you a personal thank you note (put in your C-mail), but I also want to take this opportunity to write a group thank you note, as well. The love you have shown me and my family through the month of October for Pastor's Appreciation has truly been uplifting and amazing. I am very blessed to serve alongside of you as we seek to follow where Jesus leads and fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. Thank you for so many special gifts and heartfelt cards. We give thanks to God, who has brought us together for this season.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor Linda

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, **November 19, 2015**
Email to: dumc@deerfielddumc.org



2757 West U.S. 22-3, Maineville, OH 45039
(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829
www.deerfielddumc.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.