

## Deerfield United Methodist Church

# October 2014 Newsletter

### *A Note From the Pastor*

Our lives are made up of relationships. We have relationships with God, spouses, parents, children, siblings, other family members, bosses, teachers, employees, neighbors, friends, even pets, and the list goes on. Our ability to navigate relationships by communicating in a positive manner makes up the quality of our lives. Times when we are feeling grouchy and get yelled at by the boss, come home and snap at a spouse or child, kick the dog (say it isn't so!), and yell at a neighbor are likely days that feel pretty negative—not a great quality of life. Times when we are praised at work or school, complimented by friends or strangers at the store, and have loving conversations with spouse, child, or parents are likely days that feel positive, and life seems wonderful!

In order to help us navigate our relationships here at Deerfield United Methodist Church, I encourage us to adhere to the following communication guidelines. These guidelines are useful in a variety of settings, and they encourage healthy communication and healthy relationships. What guidelines jump out at you? Any guidelines you would add?

#### Communication Guidelines for Deerfield UMC

\* Matthew 18:15-17 is the guiding scripture for our communication. "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love." Specifically, if one has an issue with another, go directly to that person and talk to that person.

- \* We respect each other as a child of God and therefore speak to each other in respectful tones.
- \* We will praise and support one another in public and bring up conflict issues only directly and in private.
- \* We will not speak about an individual in a negative way when that person is not present (i.e., behind someone's back).
- \* We will effectively communicate with one another so that all parties are "in the loop."
- \* We will talk in person on a regular basis and especially about areas of conflict or emotion.
- \* We will honor confidentiality. We will avoid secrets. Secrets: What I share about somebody else. Designed to keep someone in and someone out. Confidentiality: Information about somebody's life that is meant to be private.
- \* Email should be used for praise or routine communication, but not for conflict resolution. (55 percent of what we communicate is in our body language, which is not visible via email. 38 percent of what we communicate is in our tone of voice, not audible during email. Only 7 percent of what we communicate is via the actual content. Email leaves a lot of room for misinterpretation of tone of voice and body language.)

Adhering to these communication guidelines will improve our relationships and quality of life, both within Deerfield UMC and without!

Blessed to be communicating with you,

*Pastor Linda*



*open hearts  
open minds  
open doors*

## October/November Passionate Worship

*(Sundays, 11:00 a.m.)*

**October 5**, Wild Goose Chase Week 5—Cage of Failure  
World Communion Sunday  
Acts 27: 14-15, Acts 28:1-5

**October 12**, Wild Goose Chase Week 6—Cage of Fear  
1 Samuel 14: 6-15

**October 19**, All God's Kingdom  
Genesis 2:15-20a

**October 26**, Where is Your Treasure  
Matthew 6:19-23

**November 2**, The Problem with Two Masters  
All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Time ends)  
Matthew 6:24

**November 9**, How to Give  
Matthew 6:1-6

**November 16**, Don't Worry About a Thing  
Matthew 6:25-35

**November 23**, Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart  
Psalm 118:26-29

**November 30**,  
First Sunday of Advent

### Treasure: A Four-Week Study on Faith and Money



Starting Sunday, October 26, Deerfield UMC will be considering the many kinds of treasure that God provides to us. Matthew 6:21 says that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Whether we realize it or not, we all have treasure. What do you consider to be treasure? Often we think our treasure will follow our heart. But Jesus, in his sermon on the mount, suggests the opposite—that our heart will follow our treasure. For four weeks, we will be considering matters of the heart and treasure, culminating in our Consecration Sunday on November 16, where we have an opportunity and a privilege to make an estimation of giving pledge to God and Deerfield UMC for 2015. Jesus taught about our treasure because he cares about our hearts. Plan to join in a small group study of Treasure on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and use the Daily Readings guide to help answer the question—where is my treasure and where is my heart? Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount still hold life-changing power today!

## The Pumpkins Are Coming!!

Servants of Jesus are invited (and needed!) to help unload pumpkins at Deerfield UMC on Friday, October 10, at 5 pm! The pumpkins will arrive via a semi-tractor-trailer, and we will be unloading about half of the trailer in Deerfield's front/side yard! New this year will be a long ramp for unloading the truck (on loan thanks to Sycamore's marching band) and wheeled carts (loaned by Natorp's) for unloading the pumpkins.

Servants of Jesus are also needed for hosting the Pumpkin Patch to sell pumpkins from October 11-31 from roughly 10 or 11 a.m. until dusk (varies by day). Watch for more information to come in the Sunday bulletin about how to sign up on Sign Up Genius to help out in the Pumpkin Patch!

Also mark your calendars for the **Great Pumpkin Craft Fair** held at Deerfield UMC on Sat., October 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 21 vendors are coming with craft items, music is provided by various groups, food will be served, games are available for children, and Pastor Linda will have cats and kittens available for adoption through her animal rescue, His Eye Is on the Sparrow! **In addition**, a catapult or trebuchet will be available for you to pay a fee and catapult a pumpkin into the woods behind the church! How far can you throw a pumpkin via trebuchet?! **Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to come to Deerfield UMC on Saturday, October 18 for the Great Pumpkin Craft Fair!**



## Let Us Pray!

### Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. 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.

## Prayer Concerns

Jim Anderson	Pam B.
Margie Burke	Vikki Blount
Emily Cates	Frank Goodlander
Lisa Goodlander	Elaine Goodman
Laura Gordon	Judy Hallman
Rebecca Hershey	Jose & Ariel
Tammy Keith	Laurie L.
Mary Ellen	Jim Megie
Tom Reed	Ken Runyan
Jessie Sills	Den Staab
Thornburg Family	Renee Walker

*(Please add names to the Prayer Board. Names will remain on the board until the beginning of the next month. Those mentioned are still close to our hearts, but we want to ensure that the Prayer board is current.)*

## New Members

On Sunday, September 21, 2014, we received the following people into membership at Deerfield United Methodist Church:

Debbie Berta—transferred from Brecon U.M.C.  
Shannon Clark—transferred from Brecon U.M.C.  
Leonard Troy—transferred from Brecon U.M.C.  
Patricia Troy—transferred from Brecon U.M.C.

Please welcome these folks into our worship community.

## Intentional Faith Development

### 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!

### New Adult Small Group

Pastor Linda is leading a Monday evening Wild Goose Chase Study on Mondays through Mon., October 13, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at church. Starting Monday, October 27, this group will study Treasure. Childcare provided. See Pastor Linda for a book or to request childcare.

## Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ October 5, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 12, 19 & 26, 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 Study

(Grades 3 – 6)

- ◇ October 5 & 19, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 12 & 26, 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)

- ◇ October 5, 12, 19 & 26, attend Sunday School.

## Risk-Taking Mission & Service

### Food Pantry Going to the Dogs (and Cats) in October

Many food pantry patrons have difficulty affording food for their pets. A pet can be a bright spot in a person's life and we would like to ask you to donate dog, cat or even fish or bird food for the pets whose owners are having a tough time financially. We will be collecting your pet food donations during the month of October. There will be a box or basket in the sanctuary and some stuffed "pets" to remind you that pets get hungry, too.



The pantry can always use diapers, toilet paper, shampoo, body wash, kleenex, dish soap, wash detergent and other personal care items year round. Thank you for all you give year round!

## Community Dinner October 12

October's Community Dinner will be "Oktoberfest." Sprechen Sie Deutsch? You don't have to speak German to be welcome at our Oktoberfest; and if you don't have a special German dish to bring, just bring yourself and your family, and something you like. Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, contact Barb Dixon (683-0281) or Shem Lofland (722-5963).



## Bernie's Place

Keep on knitting or crocheting, ladies and gentlemen, and make scarves hats and/or mittens for Bernie's residents, the homeless shelter in South Lebanon. It would be good to have 14 sets as Bernie's is able to take 14 individuals, but throughout the winter some may leave and others may take their places. So the more we can donate, the more we can help. For patterns, help, etc. contact Martha Miker (knitters) at 398-8704 or Barb Dixon (crocheters) at 683-0281.

## Buckeyes Arrive Early!

This year we will be selling our famous Buckeyes at our Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 18 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Now we just need people willing to make them. For this event we are asking that you make the complete Buckeyes at home (including dipping them in the chocolate). If you will then bring them to the church the evening before the festival, volunteers will bag them by the dozen in Halloween bags for sale. We will sell them for \$8 per bag (dozen). The money from the sale will be added to the total of the festival profits. Please let Barb Dixon know if you will make some and how many dozen. Thank you. Following is a recipe, if you need it.

### BUCKEYE RECIPE

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



Mix together thoroughly all ingredients and roll into 1 inch balls. Freeze or refrigerate several hours till firm.

Dipping ingredients: 12 oz. bag of chocolate chips and a small piece paraffin (I have extra paraffin if any one needs it.) Heat chocolate chips and paraffin in the top of a double boiler. Stir when melted. Dip peanut butter balls by impaling one on a toothpick and dipping and swirling in the melted chocolate. Let cool on waxed paper.

\*I've noticed some of the peanut butter jars have "shrunk" and only have 16 ounces, so be sure to check the size when you buy. Meijer's still has 18 oz. jars.

## Operation Christmas Child

What if a shoebox is just the first step to following Jesus? A small shoebox can have a big impact. Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritan's Purse, encourages people to pack a shoebox with fun items for children along with personal care items. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. In addition to the items you put in each shoebox, each child receives a story of the gospel of Jesus in the child's native language. Shoeboxes are distributed by Samaritan's Purse in countries all around the world, and children are invited to a disciple-making program where they are invited to make a decision to follow Jesus. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

You can use your own shoeboxes and wrap them with Christmas paper (wrap lid separately), purchase plastic

shoeboxes and line them with colored tissue paper, or pick up red and white striped boxes at church starting October 26. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to Deerfield UMC by November 16. Invite your family, neighbors, and friends to fill shoeboxes, too!

A shoebox packing party is scheduled at Deerfield UMC for Saturday, November 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pastor Linda collects items all year long for Operation Christmas Child, and she needs help packing boxes. Feel free to pack your own boxes and/or to bring items to fill boxes at the packing party! Our goal is to fill 100 shoeboxes! Look for more information, including what to pack in shoeboxes, to come soon to Deerfield UMC!

## Radical Hospitality

### Election Day Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is actively seeking a new leader for this important ministry. Our goal is to provide hospitality to voters and the electoral volunteers who come through our doors. It could be as simple as DUMC water bottles with water and some granola bars. **Please consider this twice-a year opportunity to serve! If you believe that Election Day Hospitality Coordinator might be a good fit for you, or you would just like more information, please contact Deb Thomen at 490-4783 or email [sdszcc@aol.com](mailto:sdszcc@aol.com).**

### October Birthdays

- 5 - Ron Denicola
- 12 - Christine Troy
- 15 - Christopher Clark
- 17 - Betsy Ettensohn
- 20 - Sheldon Carpenter
- 29 - John Burke
- 31 - Ryan Kenwell
- Dale Wik



### October Anniversaries

- 1 - Matthew & Shem Lofland
- 21 - Bob & Judy Liedhegner
- 25 - Tom Reed & Julie Dian-Reed



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



We are also pleased to welcome the Morrow Homeschool Cooperative who are meeting in our church building on most Fridays from 9:30 AM—3:00 PM during this school year.

# October Calendar

Deerfield events, Boy Scouts events and St. Mary Magdalene worship services are listed here.  
For all other events check the website at [www.deerfieldumc.org](http://www.deerfieldumc.org).

## Wednesday, October 1

- \* Cub Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105 & 108

## Thursday, October 2

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday, October 5

- \* Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary
- \* Fellowship time: 10:30 am, Narthex
- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00 am-noon, Sanctuary
- \* Jr./Sr. High Sunday School (grades 7-12): 11:10-noon; Rm. 101

## Monday, October 6

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105
- \* Wild Goose Chase Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Room 106

## Tuesday, October 7

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wed., October 8

- \* Cub Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105, 108 & sanctuary

## Thursday, October 9

- \* Administrative Council Meeting: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 101
- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Friday, October 10

- \* Pumpkin Delivery: 5:00-6:30 am, yard

## Saturday, October 11

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 10:00 am - dusk, yard

## Sunday, October 12

- \* Adult Bible Study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101
- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary

- \* Fellowship time: 10:30-11 am, Narthex

- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00-noon, Sanctuary

- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:10 am-noon, Rm. 106, 107

- \* Children's Bible Study (grades 3-6): 11:10 - noon; Rm. 105

- \* Jr./Sr. High Sunday School (grades 7-12): 11:10 am, Rm. 101

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 1:00 pm - dusk; yard

- \* Community Dinner, 6:00-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Monday, October 13

(Columbus Day)

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

- \* Wild Goose Chase Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Room 106

## Tuesday, October 14

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 15

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

- \* Cub Scouts (inclement weather only): 6:15-8:00 pm, sanctuary

## Thursday, October 16

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Friday, October 17

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

## Saturday, October 18

- \* Great Pumpkin Craft Fair: 10:00 am-3:00 pm; church bldg.

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 10:00 am-dusk; yard

## Sunday, October 19

- \* Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101

- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary

- \* Fellowship time: 10:30-11:00 am, Narthex

- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00-noon, Sanctuary

- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:10 am-noon, Rm. 106, 107

- \* Jr./Sr. High Sunday School (grades 7-12): 11:10 am, Rm. 101

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 1:00 pm - dusk; yard

- \* Troop 21 Committee Mtg.: 3-5pm, Rm. 105

## Monday, October 20

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am - dusk; yard

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

## Tuesday, October 21

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am - dusk; yard

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 22

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am - dusk; yard

- \* Cub Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105 & 108

## Thursday, October 23

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am - dusk; yard

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:00 pm, Sanctuary

## Friday, October 24

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

## Saturday, October 25

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 10:00 am-dusk; yard

## Sunday, October 26

- \* Adult Bible study: 9:30-10:30 am, Rm. 101

- \* St. Mary Magdalene worship service: 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary

- \* Fellowship time: 10:30 am, Narthex

- \* Deerfield Worship service: 11:00 am-noon, Sanctuary

- \* Children's Sunday School (age 4-grade 2): 11:10 am-noon, Rm. 106, 107

- \* Children's Bible Study (grades 3-6): 11:10 - noon; Rm. 105

- \* Jr./Sr. High Sunday School: 11:00 pm, Rm. 101

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 1:00 pm - dusk; yard

## Monday, October 27

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am-dusk; yard

- \* Boy Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105

- \* Treasure Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Room 106

## Tuesday, October 28

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am -dusk; yard

- \* Prayer Group: 6:30-7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 29

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am -dusk; yard

- \* Cub Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rm. 101-103

## Thursday, October 30

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am -dusk; yard

- \* Band Practice: 8:00-10:00 pm, Sanctuary

## Friday, October 31

- \* Pumpkin Patch: 11:00 am -dusk; yard

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



## 3rd ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH:

Pumpkins Sold daily  
October 11-31  
M-F: 11 AM to dusk  
Saturday: 10 AM to dusk  
Sunday: 1 PM to dusk

## GREAT PUMPKIN CRAFT FAIR:

October 18  
10 AM—3 PM  
Crafters, Vendors, Food, Music

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter is:  
Wednesday, October 22, 2014  
Email to [deerfieldumc@deerfieldumc.org](mailto:deerfieldumc@deerfieldumc.org)



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(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829  
[www.deerfieldumc.org](http://www.deerfieldumc.org)  
11:00 a.m. 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.