

Deerfield United Methodist Church

October 2015 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

Remember the old adage “there is a first time for everything”? Recently I experienced a “first time” when I was working at our house, feeding kitties and doggies in the rescue portion (bottom level) of our house. Meanwhile, a friend was helping me clean our kitchen, mopping floors and washing counters and stove. As I was running water while cleaning something in the rescue, I noticed a drop in water pressure. I attributed it to my friend upstairs running water in the kitchen sink. Except suddenly she called down to me “Linda, there is no water pressure!”



Surprised, I called back up to her “I noticed—I figured it was because we were both running water at the same time!” A quick call to Len and checking the water main in the house did not reveal any answers, so Len called the water company. When Len called me back, he said “Oops, somehow a water bill got misplaced, so our water has been turned off! I have paid the bill, and the water should be turned back on later this afternoon.” “Oh!” I said, “there is a first time for everything!”

As I continued to work on feeding and cleaning the animals with the barest minimum trickle of water that eventually ended, I thought of our brothers and sisters who don’t have running water at the turn of a spigot. Perhaps these are brothers and sisters in our communities who routinely do not have money to pay a water bill and so do without. Perhaps these are brothers and sisters who live in poverty in other countries where there is no easy access to clean drinking water. Once when I was in Haiti, the water in the guest house where we were staying was supplied by boys in the orphanage walking down a hill with 5 gallon buckets to fill with water

and carrying them back up the hill to dump in a reservoir on top of the building so the sun could warm the water and gravity could provide water pressure. Every day 25 boys carrying 5 gallon buckets of water up hill so we could have running water in a spigot.

Even as I used up the last of the water traveling in the pipes at my house, I knew that when I returned home later in the afternoon, our water would be running again. Mine was a minor inconvenience. More people in the world die daily due to lack of clean drinking water than for any other reason. One estimate I saw says that Americans spend \$450 billion on Christmas each year, and the estimated cost to provide clean water to everyone in the world would be \$10 billion.

Mark 9:41 says *I assure you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to drink in my name will certainly be rewarded.*

An internet search reveals that there are several charity organizations devoted to funding and developing clean water resources. Check out a few at <http://www.goodnet.org/articles/1000>. As we consider that clean water is a foundational building block for life, what are some ways each of us might make sure all our neighbors around the world have access to clean drinking water? Will you join me in praying about clean drinking water for the world?

Praying with you,

Pastor Linda



*open hearts
open minds
open doors*

The people of The United Methodist Church™

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

- October 4,** Parables of Jesus:
Holy Mackerel (and Bread) Mark 6:30-44
- October 11,** Parables of Jesus:
Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-35
- October 18,** Parables of Jesus:
Good Soil Matthew 13:3-9
- October 25,** Parables of Jesus:
Wise Stewards Matthew 25:14-30

Church Council Charge Conference

Deerfield UMC's annual Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, October 18, from 3pm to 5pm at Monroe UMC, 206 East Ave, Monroe, OH 45050. Church Council members are strongly encouraged to attend; everyone is welcome to attend. From 3pm to 4pm, we will be worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other churches in our area. At 4 pm, we will separate into individual rooms for individual church Charge Conferences. The agenda for Charge Conference includes setting the pastor's salary, and setting our leadership positions for 2016. In addition, our District Superintendent, Rev. Brian Brown, casts vision for the next year.

Children's Ministry

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>

Radical Hospitality

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

Trunk or Treat

Get ready for the 1st ever Trunk or Treat happening at Deerfield on Sunday Oct. 11th between 5:00-6:00pm. There will be candy, games, face painting, and, cookie decorating; and wait, all this happens before the Oktoberfest Community Dinner. You may be wondering what is a Trunk or Treat, a tradition that was created as a safe place for kids to trick or treat. It happens at police stations, churches, day care centers, community centers as an alternative to going to houses in neighborhoods.

The Children's Ministry and Hospitality Ministry Team are hosting this outreach event. What better time than in the midst of our Pumpkin Patch and Community Dinner. You can have fun by either bringing your car with the trunk decorated and candy to pass out, working one of the games, decorating cookies, or setting up for the community dinner. If you haven't seen a Trunk or Treat go to www.pinterest.com and type in Trunk or Treat. There are lots of ideas. The flyer for the event is attached to your newsletter – please share/forward the flyer to your friends and neighbors!

Timeline as follows:

- 5:00-5:30 pm Trunk or Treat
- 5:30-6:00 pm Games/Activities
- 6:00 pm Community Dinner.



Sign up today! <http://bit.ly/1KN7ihB>. Any questions? Contact Julie Reed (253-3373 or email jdr1@roadrunner.com) or Penny Cesco (324-5843 or email rcesco@zoomtown.com).

Hospitality – Voters and Workers

Tuesday November 3 there is an election in Ohio. As you know we extend hospitality to the precinct workers and voters that use our church. In the past we have had a table outside rooms 101-103 with coffee, tea, donuts in the morning; in the afternoon we switch to water, fruit, crackers and cookies. This is out until polls close at 7:00pm. For the precinct workers we have made a crock pot of soup for their lunch.

We need people to set up, change the items, replenish supplies and clean up. The Hospitality Committee has created a Sign Up Genius page <http://bit.ly/1Rh4GLj>. Thanks in advance for supporting our hospitality to the community.



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

Letter from Stephanie Copley

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for welcoming me into the role of Missions Committee chair. I feel honored and blessed to have this opportunity and pray that I can be half of the chair that Shem Lofland was.

There are several things I would like to update you on and see if/who would have a calling for being involved.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to continue working with you to make disciples of Jesus Christ, one life at a time, whether that be helping fill the food pantry, serving food at a Community Dinner, packing "shoe boxes" for Operation Christmas Child, or one of the many other mission opportunities we have.

Please feel free to contact me at stephanie.copley@gmail.com, 513-404-4922, or in person at church regarding any of the following opportunities.

1. Joining the missions committee - helping find and plan mission opportunities for our members in our community and abroad. Meetings would occur quarterly or as needed for special events such as the Dessert Auction.
2. Taking over a need at Warren County Elderly Services delivering food boxes from the South Lebanon food pantry to Berrywood Senior Center one time per month. The boxes weigh approx. 25 pounds and are 12 in x 12 in x 12 in. therefore requires a larger vehicle like a van, SUV, or truck. The boxes are available for pickup the first Monday (unless there is a holiday and then it is the second Monday) of every month from 9am-11am at the food pantry.
3. Collecting personal hygiene, household cleaners, and/or pet supplies for the food pantry for our Thanksgiving drive running Oct. 25 — Nov. 29.
4. Collecting and organizing gifts for Operation Christmas Child by Sunday, November 15. There will be a packing party at the church on Saturday, November 14 from 10 am to 2 pm.

5. Caroling and cookies/drinks at Berrywood Senior Center, Tuesday, December 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
6. Adopting a family or two from JF Burns Elementary School at Christmas and setting up a Gift Tag tree during December.
7. Contributing to holiday food baskets for families at JF Burns Elementary School at Christmas time.

Community Dinner

Bring your best German-inspired or fall favorite foods for this festive Community Dinner on October 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. There will be the special event "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot leading up to the dinner so it would be great to have some kid-friendly favorites as well! Hope to see you there! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/1iMJ2Tf>. Contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com or [404-4922](tel:404-4922) with any questions. Thank you!

Help Needed

Marge Turner likes our community dinners SO MUCH that she took a taxi from Blue Ash to get to the August dinner. Arlene Mason kindly took her home, but are there others who would be willing to either bring her to the dinners or take her home afterward? It would be nice if we could have a crew of people who would be willing to take turns doing this. Contact Barb Dixon at 513-683-0281 or bbbluebird@cinci.rr.com for more information.

Are You Called to Hospice Ministry?

Midwest Hospice in Blue Ash is looking for volunteers who will come to keep residents company by reading to them, playing games, or just talking. Playing or singing music or simply listening to music can also be offered, and pet visits may also be welcome. If you want to learn more, contact Kari Wint Volunteer Coordinator, Midwest Hospice 513-791-9378, kwint@midwest-hospice.com.



Food Pantry "Un-food" Drive

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up fast and we will be having an "un-food" drive. What, you may ask, is that? During the Christmas/Thanksgiving season the Kings Food Pantry is well blessed with an avalanche of food donations plus monetary donations to use for food. Areas where donations are lacking, however, are **personal care items**, **cleaning supplies** and **pet food**. Therefore we will be asking for donations in these categories. Donations may be placed in the wooden bin in the hallway under the coat rack.

Operation Christmas Child!

Each year, Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to boys and girls all over the world. These shoe boxes share not only gifts and personal care items, the boxes share the good news of Jesus with the children, as well. To read about lives changed through a shoe box full of gifts, go to <http://bit.ly/1P6m5XR>. Deerfield UMC will be collecting, both filled boxes and items to put in boxes, with a packing party at church on Saturday, November 14, 10 am to 2 pm. Everyone is invited to help pack boxes! You may use your own shoeboxes or pick up boxes in the lobby starting October 11. Boxes should be filled and returned by November 15. Also, donations to cover shipping costs are welcome—\$7 per box. Please clearly mark your donation for shipping costs if you put it in the Sunday offering.

Almost There!

Congratulations! We are almost to our goal of 50 scarves to give to the residents of Berry Wood senior apartments. The facility accommodates 50 residents, when full. During the Christmas season DUMC Missions always sponsors caroling, snacks and a small gift for each resident and this year the scarves will be that gift. We have a total of 42 scarves already completed, so if anyone else is working on one please contact Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com or 513-683-0281.



Pumpkin Patch Workers Needed

Pumpkins are arriving Saturday October 3 at 3:30 pm. You are needed to help unload pumpkins from the truck! Show up at church dressed for the weather. The more workers the better!

This is our fourth Pumpkin Patch! For those who are not familiar with the Patch operation, here is some information.

During the hours that we are open for pumpkin sales, we would like to have 2 volunteers in the sales tent taking payments for the pumpkins and assisting customers in their search for the perfect pumpkin. Pumpkins are priced by size with samples in the sales tent. Just compare the one the customer has with the samples. We typically also have some craft items for sale in the sales tent and perhaps some food items.

Volunteers working at the Patch typically sign up for 2-hour shifts. Working in the pumpkin patch is a great opportunity to fellowship with your church family members. You will also get to know other people in the community and share the story of Deerfield UMC.

Volunteering is easy! You can sign up through Signup Genius at: <http://bit.ly/1KSPC1V> or there is a sign up poster displayed in the hallway at church. You can also contact Jody Wik at (513)237-7065.

This is a great way for you to serve God, your church and your community. If you know students that need community service hours, this works for them too.



Pumpkin Patch Signs

Please pick up yard signs for your neighborhood after church or any time during the Pumpkin Patch hours. Your help is needed to advertise and work shifts. LET'S HAVE FUN THIS OCTOBER.

The Great Pumpkin Craft Fair

The GREAT Pumpkin Craft Fair is just around the corner. Come do your Christmas shopping early at the Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday October 17 10 am—4 pm. We will have 25 booths which will include jewelry, photographs, hand crocheted and hand knitted items, Mary Kay, Tupperware and mesh wreaths just to name a few. We will also have delicious Italian pizzas and hoagies, hamburgers and hotdogs and crepes for dessert. So plan your day to go shopping, wander in our Pumpkin Patch and have a bite to eat!

Intentional Faith Development

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

You Were Made for More

All women are invited to a one-day retreat offered by Motherless Daughters Ministry to explore how God has made you for something more!

God says,

"I talk to you all the time. I hope you will listen! I have great plans for you! Can I share my dream for your life with you? Will you take time to draw close to me and allow me to energize and empower my dream for you? Come, listen, my daughter, and I will tell you what you are made for and how my dreams for you are far greater than you could imagine!"

Waiting with patience and love,
God

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Where: Deerfield United Methodist Church,
2757 US 22 & 3, Maineville
Time: 9 am to 4 pm
Who: All women
What: A one-day retreat to explore how God has made you for more and to learn how to hear God speak in your life. (While sponsored by Motherless Daughters Ministry, the retreat does **not** focus on mother loss.)
Cost: \$40 includes lunch and snacks

Because Motherless Daughters Ministry believes in giving back, 10 percent of the proceeds from this retreat will be donated to Imagine No Malaria.

To register, go to <http://conta.cc/1LlEog>

Experiencing God

Plan now to make time in your schedule starting in October to be part of a study group that will help you grow in your spiritual life. Many adults have a 6th or 7th grade knowledge of the Bible because the last time they studied it was in Sunday school in elementary school. Or maybe you haven't studied the Bible at all.

If you would like to have a grown up understanding of and appreciation for the Word of God, plan to be part of the new Monday night class starting on October 5, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. We will be using a 12-week study called *Experiencing God* to help us draw deeper in relationship with God and with others. Learn more about how God speaks to us in our lives!

Make your relationship with God a priority in your life. Plan now to join this study!



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)

- ◇ October 4, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 11, 18 & 25, 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)

- ◇ October 4 & 18, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 11 & 25, 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 4 & 18, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ October 11 & 25, 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	Mike Losey
Julian Boren	George Mason
Jane Brown	Family of Joan Morgan
Ed & Margie Burke	Linda Murray
Emily Cates	Henry Oberson Sr.
Mary Ellen Collins	Kenny Pope
Mary Lou & Charles Combs	Lynn Robinson
Jim Davidson	Ben Staub
Barb Dixon	Gwen Slone
Melody Gate-Murray	Amanda Turner & Family
Judy Hallman	Marge Turner
Sharon Herrick	Fr Tom Van Brunt
Berta Jacobs	Michelle Wethington

Christian Sympathies

We pray for the family of Gail Prather's brother-in-law, who passed away in September. Cards of sympathy may reach Gail at 11613 Symmes Creek Dr., Loveland, OH 45140.

October Birthdays

- 10/2 Jysiah Neal
- 10/12 Christine Troy
- 10/15 Ron Hetzer
- 10/17 Betsy Etensohn
- 10/20 Sheldon Carpenter
- 10/29 John Burke
Juric Neal
- 10/31 Ryan Kenwell
Dale Wik



October Anniversaries

- 10/1 Matthew & Shem Lofland
- 10/9 Bruce & Gail Brengman
- 10/21 Bob & Judy Liedhegner
- 10/25 Tom Reed & Julie Dian-Reed

Celebrate

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

C-Mail Is Here!

We have all heard of email—we'll now we have C-mail! C-mail stands for Church Mail, which refers to the rolling file carts located in the church lobby. Each family in the church has a family folder, where you will find mail from the church and from your friends and ministry teams. Each week when you come to church, check your C-mail file to look for important information for you. Everyone is welcome to put mail in someone's file folder—this can be a great way to send get-well and thinking-of-you cards, as well as Christmas cards, personal letters, invitations and other communications to folks in the church. In addition to family file folders, each ministry team in the church has a file folder, as well. Chairpersons of ministry teams should check the ministry team folder regularly to look for communications there. Just like your mailbox at home, the file folders need to be checked and emptied regularly. Anything left in a file folder at the end of each month will be put in an envelope and

mailed to your home. Look today to see what is in your C-mail and remember to check it regularly!



Cincinnati Community Orchestra

The Carpenter Family invites you to the Cincinnati Community Orchestra concert on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Janet will be the featured soloist, playing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. Also on the program are the Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 by Bach and Symphony No. 4 by Tchaikovsky. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Saviour United Methodist, 8005 Pfeiffer Rd, Cincinnati 45242. It's a free concert, refreshments will be served, and beautiful music will fill the church!



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 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	2	3
4 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship Pumpkin Patch 1:00-7:00pm	5 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9:00pm Pumpkin Patch	6 11:00-7:00 pm	7 * Church Council 7:00pm * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	8 * Journey Well Clergy Cluster 1:00-3:00pm * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	9	10 * Motherless Daughters Ministry Retreat 9:00am-4:00pm
11 * Worship (see above) * Trunk or Treat 5:00pm-6:00pm * Community Dinner 6:00pm Pumpkin Patch 1:00-7:00pm	12 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9:00pm Pumpkin Patch	13 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm 11:00-7:00 pm	14 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm. 104	15 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	16	17 * 2nd Annual Craft Show 10:00am-4:00pm
18 * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship * Charge Conference Monroe UMC 3:00-5:00pm Pumpkin Patch 1:00-7:00pm	19 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9:00pm Pumpkin Patch	20 11:00-7:00 pm	21 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm	22 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	23	24
25 * Worship (see above) * New Members Class Noon-2:00pm Pumpkin Patch 1:00-7:00pm	26 * Whiz Kids at JF Burns 4pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105 * Experiencing God Study 7:30pm-9:00pm Pumpkin Patch	27 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm 11:00-7:00 pm	28 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	29 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	30	31

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

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, **October 21, 2015**
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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(513) 683-PRAY (7729) Fax: (513) 683-7829
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.