

Deerfield United Methodist Church

September 2014 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

I thought I would start with a little humor this month. Perhaps you have heard this before, but it makes me laugh every time I read it.

A man accustomed to a mainline church went to a contemporary worship service one weekend in a nondenominational church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was. "Well," he said, "it was good." They did something different however; they sang praise songs instead of hymns."

"Praise songs," said his wife, "what are those?" "Oh, they're okay, they are sort of like hymns only different," said the man. "Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife. The man said "Well, it's like this--if I were to say to you, Mary, the cows are in the corn, well, that would be a hymn." "If, on the other hand, I were to say to you, Mary, Mary, Mary, O Mary, Mary, Mary, the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the cows, cows, cows, are in the corn, are in the corn, are in corn, are in the corn, the corn, corn, corn—then if I were to repeat the whole thing two or three times, well, that would be a praise song!"



As luck would have it, the exact same Sunday, a Christian used to contemporary worship attended a mainline church. He came home and his wife asked how it was. "Well," said the young man, "it was good." "There was something different however; they sang hymns instead of praise songs."

"Hymns," said his wife, "what are those?" "Well, they're okay, they're sort of like praise songs only different," said the young man. Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife. The young man said, "Well, it's like this--if I were to say to you, Mary, the cows are in the corn, well, that would be a regular song." "If, on the other hand, I were to say to you, O Mary, dear Mary, hear thou my cry, incline thine ear to the words of my mouth, turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by to the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth. For the way of

the animals who can explain, there in their heads is no shadow of sense. Harken they not in God's sun or his rain, unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced. Yea, those cows, in proud bovine, rebellious delight, have broken free their shackles, their warm pens eschewed. Then goaded by minions of darkness and night, they all, my mild Chilliwack sweet corn have chewed. So, look to that bright shining day by and by where all the corruptions of earth are reborn, where no vicious animal makes my soul cry, and I no longer see those foul cows in the corn—then if we were to sing only verses 1, 3 and 4, and do a key change in the last verse, that would be a hymn!"

I hope you are smiling! I was raised on the hymns of the church and love them dearly. I have a fairly wide breath of knowledge of hymns, as church members sometimes let me know if I choose a hymn to sing that folks don't know! On the other hand, I regularly listen to contemporary Christian music and love newer forms of praise songs, as well! Psalm 150 reminds us to praise God with a variety of actions and instruments, including trumpet, strings, tambourine and dance, flute, and loud clashing cymbals! Praising God is to be a joy-filled, even energy-filled experience!

In keeping with our blended worship service, we sing a combination of hymns and praise songs each week, sometimes more one and sometimes more another. Hymns have theology and tradition that have shaped the church for centuries. They have comforted us, sustained us, and uplifted us. Praise songs also contain theology that shapes us. Repetition is a means of prayer that shapes us and reinforces theological concepts deep within. Praise songs also have the ability to comfort, sustain, and uplift us.

If you have a favorite hymn or praise song that you would like to sing, please let me or Ryan Roosen know! Praising God is at the heart of our worship experience!

Singing praise to God with you,

Pastor Linda



open hearts open minds open doors

Passionate Worship

(Sundays, 11:00 a.m.)

Wild Goose Chase

"Celtic Christians had a name for the Holy Spirit—*An Geadh-Glas*, or 'the Wild Goose.' The name hints at mystery. Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. An element of danger, an air of unpredictability surround the Holy Spirit. And while the name may sound a little sacrilegious, I cannot think of a better description of what it's like to follow the Spirit through life. I think the Celtic Christians were on to something. Most of us will have no idea where we are going most of the time. And I know that is unsettling. But circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: Adventure."

"We have the most incredible gift from God. God's Spirit is with us every day of our lives. Often we don't even know that God is speaking to us much less leading us in ways we can't even imagine. This series will show how faithful biblical characters listened and responded to the Holy Spirit. By listening and responding to the Spirit, you too will experience a rich adventure; an adventure planned only for you by your loving God."

"This series helps us explore six areas that cage us and prevent us from listening and responding to the prompts of the Holy Spirit. Responsibilities, routines, assumptions, guilt, failures, and fears often bind us and prevent us from living our God-given adventurous lives. Each message encourages us and gives practical advice on how to break free from these cages."

—Introduction to *Wild Goose Chase* by Mark Batterson

September 7: Cage of Responsibilities
Matthew 8:18-22

September 14: Cage of Routine
Exodus 3: 1-12

September 21: Cage of Assumptions
Genesis 15:1-6

September 28: Cage of Guilt
Luke 22:54-62

October 5: Cage of Failure
Acts 27:14-15; Acts 28:1-5

October 12: Cage of Fear
1 Samuel 14:6-15

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

*Vikki Blount
Emily Cates
Jim Fine
Lisa Goodlander
Judy Hallman
Jacob
Greg Kenwell
Lauri L.
Jim Megie
Destiny Pope-Gould
Kim R. Ken Runyan
Carl Simmons
Patricia Troy*

*The Boren Family
Mary Lou Combs
Frank Goodlander
Mary Goodlander
Rebecca Hershey
Tammy Keith
Dave & Judy Kroger
Abbigail Lehmkuhl
Nikki Murray
Heather Pope
Bonnie Schenkel
Den Staab
John Z.*

(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.)

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 will lead a Monday evening Wild Goose Chase Study from Mon., Sept. 8 through Mon., Oct. 13, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at church. Childcare provided. See Pastor Linda for a book or to request childcare.

Let's Kick Off a New Sunday School Year!

On September 14 we begin an exciting new chapter in our Kids/Youth Christian Education program. We will now offer 3 levels of Sunday school: Ages 4-2nd grade (meeting the 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays), 3rd-6th Grade (meeting the 2nd/4th Sundays), and Jr/Sr. High Sunday School/Youth group (meeting 2nd/4th Sundays and occasional Sunday evenings).



We're excited to be able to bring a greater variety of Christian Education to the great kids of DUMC/SMM!

We will kick things off on September 14 with presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders and up who have not yet received their own Bible. Please contact the church office by September 12 to let us know if your child is in 3rd grade or to let us know if your child has not yet received a Bible from church. We will also bless Sunday School teachers on this day.

The 7th-12th grade program, led by Jackie Marshall, will allow the group to take ownership of Bible study/missions/fellowship.

Thank you Sunday School teachers and parents/grandparents for the love and support you give to DUMC/SMM Kid/Youth Christian Education! For questions, contact Julie Reed at jdrl@roadrunner.com or 253-4953.

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ September 7, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 14, 21 & 28, 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)

- ◇ September 7 & 21, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 14 & 28, 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)

- ◇ September 7 & 21, attend worship.
- ◇ September 14 & 28, attend Sunday School.

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

2014 Mission Trip: September 5 - 7 Good Works, Inc., Athens, Ohio

Usually I write an article describing the Mission Trip. For this newsletter, I decided to use the words of Good Works, Inc., themselves. They are the experts and can describe our mission experience so much better than I.

Sincerely,
Penny S. Cesco

Good Works, Inc.

A Community of Hope Since 1981

[Good Works exists](#) to connect people from all walks of life with [people in poverty](#) so that the [kingdom of God](#) can be experienced.

Good Works welcomes groups who want to participate in a Work Retreat for a weekend or for a week. Often churches or civic groups who are looking for a service opportunity come to Good Works. While service is one motivation to come, some groups are also seeking to strengthen the community aspect of their group. Your group will provide us with help that is very much needed in the care of our properties as you come and serve with us. You may be involved with yard work, painting, agriculture, construction, wood splitting and other projects associated with the upkeep of the facilities and grounds managed by Good Works. You may also help with some of the projects that we do to develop these properties.

WEEKEND WORK RETREATS

Typically, a Weekend Work Retreat involves arriving on Thursday or Friday evening and staying until Sunday morning. This kind of schedule will provide you with additional opportunities to connect with Good Works. For those groups that will be here Friday evening 4:00-8:00, you may be able to participate in or sponsor [Friday Night Life](#) as part of your time with Good Works. This will require arriving by 4:00. If this is not possible, you are still welcome to come and spend the night. We have found that this is a great way to prepare for Saturday's day of service.

- *DUMC/SMM are going on Friday and staying to Sunday morning*
- *Some of our team are coming for a modified weekend (coming only for a day, leaving early)*
- *As many as possible are going to the Friday Night Life activity, leaving church at 1 p.m. on Friday*

Community Dinner September 14

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14, for the monthly Community Dinner at DUMC. The theme this month is Comfort Foods, so get out the old file and look up some old favorites (or go online and find something you think will be your new "old favorite"). Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, see Barb Dixon (683-0281) or Shem Lofland (722-5963).

Bernie's Place

HATS (SCARVES and MITTENS) OFF TO BERNIE'S!

The "Katydid's" are singing--that means summer is almost over and cold weather will not be far behind. If you knit or crochet would you please give some thought to making a scarf, simple hat (like a toboggan) or mittens to give to the folks at Bernie's Place, the homeless shelter in South Lebanon. Their maximum number of residents is 14, so it would be nice if we had enough scarves, hats and mittens so that everyone could be outfitted. If you need patterns or directions, see Barb Dixon. Your handiwork will be distributed to Bernie's residents in November.

Radical Hospitality

Radical Hospitality Needs You

"Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" Romans 12:13 (NRSV)

These past few weeks Pastor Linda has been taking us through an exciting and interesting series entitled "Summer at the Beach." We are exploring together the important topic of sharing our faith with our friends and neighbors; as well as how to invite and encourage them to 'come and see' how Deerfield UMC lives out her call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Radical Hospitality is an important part of who we are at DUMC. We want to be a church known for caring for each other and welcoming all who "come and see" us! As a member of the Deerfield family there are several opportunities for you to help provide Radical Hospitality. We are always looking for friendly folks with smiling faces to extend a warm welcome to all who attend worship on Sunday mornings. Members of our Greeter team usually serve one Sunday a month. Our Usher Team assists the children who are serving as Acolytes, and collects our offerings at the appropriate time during the worship service. **There is a specific need for ushers to serve during the fourth Sunday of the month.**

Gift Bags are a fun, easy way to welcome visitors and

start a conversation. You can find our visitor gift bags on the Welcome/Information Center in the lobby. Please feel free to grab one and present it to folks you might not recognize. Don't worry if it isn't really their "first time"...these are harmless, fun "mistakes." Some of the best relationships start with a shared laugh.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions considering Radical Hospitality at DUMC or if you would like more information regarding serving as a Greeter and/or Usher, please contact Deb Thomen @ 490-4783 or email sdszcc@aol.com.

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.**

September Birthdays

- 1 - Marla Douglass
Emily Douglass
- 4 - Martha Matteson
- 10 - Matthew Lofland
- 20 - Patricia Troy
- 24 - Meredith Troy
- 26 - Mike Schenkel
- 27 - Scott Douglass
- 28 - Chelsea Cesco



September Anniversaries

- 16 - Luke & Steph Copley



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

September 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.

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

- * Cub Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105 & 108

Thursday, September 4

- * Trustees' Meeting: 7:00-8:00 pm, Rm. 104
- * Band Practice: 8:00-10:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, September 5

- * Mission Trip to Good Works, Inc.: 1:00 pm, parking lot (if carpooling)

Saturday, September 6

- * United Methodist Men's Meeting: 9:00-10:00 am, Rm. 108

Sunday, September 7

- * 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

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wed., September 10

- * Cub Scouts: 6:00-8:30 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105, 108 & sanctuary

Thursday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 13

- * Cub Scouts Leader & Parent Training Meeting: 9:45 am - 12:15 pm, Rms. 101-103

Sunday, September 14

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

Monday, September 15

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105
- * Wild Goose Chase Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 21

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

Monday, September 22

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105
- * Wild Goose Chase Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

- * ORV District Comm. on Ministry, 8:30 am-4 pm, entire bldg.
- * Cub Scouts: 6:15-8:15 pm, Rm. 101-103, 105 & 108

Thursday, September 25

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

Sunday, September 28

- * 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

Monday, September 29

- * Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 pm, Rms. 101-103, 105
- * Wild Goose Chase Study: 7:00-8:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 30

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

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



Pumpkin Patch Update

This will be the biggest Pumpkin Patch yet!! Literally! The company that supplies our pumpkins has decided that based on our increasing sales we could sell even more. The first year they delivered us 25% of a semi-truck. The second year they upped it to 35%. This year they are sending us 60%! That's an estimated 1150 pumpkins (not counting the small ones). We have a lot of work to do but the payoff is big. The pumpkins are scheduled to be delivered @ 5 p.m. Friday, October 10. We need as many people as we can get to unload the truck. Even if you can't physically bend over to pick up or put down pumpkins we need people who can pull wagons of pumpkins out to the field, or arrange our empty wagons for others to quickly grab one, or sit in a chair and count the pumpkins as they come off the truck. There is something to do for everyone. As much or as little time as you could spare on October 10 starting at 5 p.m. would be so appreciated.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Email to deerfieldumc@deerfieldumc.org



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