

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Deerfield United Methodist Church

September 2015 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. John 15:16

The warm days of summer are slowly fading into cool evenings, and yellow school buses are on the roads again. Recently Len and I were able to hear from our front porch the sound of a high school marching band drum line, which brought back memories of the 9 years of fall marching band we chaperoned when our daughters were in high school. Fall is also a time of harvesting fruit from summer crops and trees.

With fall comes new opportunities for getting involved at Deerfield United Methodist Church and bearing fruit for Jesus! We have some special worship opportunities coming up with the Blessing of Your Hands on September 6, Friends of the Groom on September 13, and National Back to Church Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks on September 20. These are all great worship events to invite your neighbors, friends, relatives, and co-workers to church! Invite their children, too!

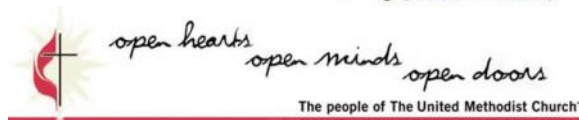
In addition, our community dinner takes place on Sunday, September 13, and we have a fun fellowship event coming up on Friday, September 25, as we gather to watch a family friendly movie in the sanctuary and share snacks together. These are two more opportunities to invite someone who doesn't have a church home to join us to meet people and enjoy getting to know Jesus through us.

Finally, we will begin getting ready for October's pumpkins by setting out wooden pallets and decorating the church front yard on Saturday, September 26. Come to help. If you know of teenagers who need service hours for school, invite them to help at these two events. Bring your creative neighbor who has the best Halloween decorations each year, as well.

Our goal as a congregation is to offer radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk taking service and mission, and extravagant generosity in order to bear fruit for Jesus. What areas is God calling you to get involved in and to invite others to join you? How can we as a congregation be more fruitful in *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*?

Seeking to bear fruit for Jesus with you,

Pastor Linda



Passionate Worship

(Sundays, 11:00 am)

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29

- September 6,** Labor Day Weekend,
Ephesians 2:1-10
Blessing of Your Hands
- September 13,** Friends of the Groom
Christian Theater Company
- September 20,** Back to Church Sunday
Proverbs 22:1-9
Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 27,** Parables of Jesus
Luke 18:9-14

Friends of the Groom

Friends of the Groom is a local theater company committed to revealing the Christian message with a unique blend of humor, story, challenging content, and scenes that are hard to forget. Deerfield UMC and St. Mary Magdalene are partnering together to bring Friends of the Groom to each worship service on September 13 to lead worship. This will be a great Sunday to contact people from our churches who have gotten out of the habit of attending worship and invite them to come for this special service! To learn more about Friends of the Groom, go to: <http://www.friendsofthegroom.org>.

National Back to Church Sunday



National Back to Church Sunday is a campaign designed to help churches reach out and invite everyone to try church again. Church members are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances and their kids to come to church on September 20, a special Sunday designed for them. Deerfield UMC has partnered with the United Methodist Communications team to send 1,000 postcards to homes in the area of the church inviting them to come to church on September 20 for a blessing of the backpacks. Watch for more information to come, and get ready to invite people in your sphere of influence to come to church on September 20, 2015 for National Back to Church Sunday! To learn more, go to: <http://www.backtochurch.com/about>.

Church Council

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 if you're interested. Already trained and willing to help? Go directly to the Sign up Genius link below:

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aaab28a57-sunday

Radical Hospitality

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

Movie Night

Deerfield's next fellowship event is scheduled for Friday September 25, 6:30-9:00pm. We will be sharing a movie and snacks. Our Movie will be family friendly and shown on the big screen in the sanctuary. You are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, etc to lounge in. Please bring snacks to share. Drinks will be provided. Invite your friends to join in the fun!



Trunk-or-Treat

Children's and Hospitality Ministry teams are planning our first annual Trunk or Treat, held on Sunday, October 11 from 5:00-6:00pm before the Community Dinner. Everyone is invited to bring your car to hand out candy and goodies from your trunk to children in costume. You can also decorate your car! Be ready to pass out candy at 4:45pm. We are inviting community children to come and then to bring their families to the community dinner. Trunk or treat!



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

Community Dinner



September's Community Dinner is on September 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, and it is a tailgate and Chili Cook-off. So put your culinary skills to work and whip up a batch of your famous chili! Invite your friends and neighbors. We guarantee a good time for all!

Abundant Fruit Gathering

Join us as we celebrate the Ministries and Missions supported by churches' connectional giving. The date for the District annual Abundant Fruit gathering is Sunday, September 20, 2015. This year we will gather at Owensville United Methodist Church (2580 US 50, Batavia, 45103). Beginning at 3:30pm you'll have the opportunity to meet representatives of the various ministries & missions within the Ohio River Valley District who have received funding through district grants during 2015. Deerfield will have a display about our Community Dinners since we received a grant for new kitchen appliances, tables and signs. This will be a time for conversation, relationship building and fellowship.

After viewing all the ministry displays, we'll worship together and then celebrate the support given to Imagine No Malaria by the churches of the Ohio River Valley District with a barbeque dinner sponsored by the West Ohio Council on Development. This is to recognize that 100% of the churches in the ORV supported the Imagine No Malaria initiative! What's a picnic without s'mores over an open fire? We'll gather around a fire to close out our time together.



It's Not Too Soon to Shop for Operation Christmas Child!



Back to school sales are a great time to stock up on school supplies for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Crayons, scissors, pens, pencils, and rulers are available at rock-bottom prices and make great additions to Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. 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. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed in large quantities. To read about lives changed through a shoe box full of gifts, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/>.

Berry Wood

"Scarves For Seniors"

Only four more months until Christmas! We still need more scarves for the Senior Scarf project for Berry Wood residents. So far, we are closing in on the 50 we need, we have around 36 already turned in--Thanks Mary Ellen Grounds and Martha Miker! Anyone who can crochet or knit at an elementary level can make a scarf. I believe there are also scarves made from flannel that don't require any sewing. So use your imagination and see what you can make!

Festival of Sharing

For many years, the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church has supported Church World Service in collecting items for the Festival of Sharing. The 2015 Festival of Sharing will take place on September 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., at Otterbein University. The Festival of Sharing is churches coming together to support needs around the world through supplying different kits, such as emergency clean-up kits, school kits, birthing kits, baby care kits, hygiene kits, and hospitality kits. Church World Service collects the kits and distributes them throughout the world where needs exist, for example, after a natural disaster. Many local churches participate by collecting various kits and sending them to the Festival of Sharing, even if members cannot attend the Festival. Deerfield's goal is to complete 2 emergency clean up buckets. Buckets are already purchased. Other items

needed are listed below and are needed at church by September 15.

Emergency Bucket Supply List

- 5- scouring pads
- 7- sponges, assorted sizes
- 1- scrub brush
- 18- cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- 1- 50-78oz box dry laundry detergent
- 1- 12oz bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol)
- 1- 24-48oz bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- 1- package of 48-50 clothespins
- 1- 100 ft clothesline or
- 2- 50 ft clotheslines
- 5- dust masks
- 2- pairs of latex gloves (like Playtex)
- 1- pair work gloves
- 24- bags of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags
- 28 (may remove from carton)
- 1- 6-9oz bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

It's Pumpkin Time (almost!)

Are you getting excited for our 4th annual Pumpkin Patch (sale of pumpkins for mission fund raising)? We are planning for a great month and there are plenty of ways for you to get involved! Most importantly, take some time during the month to tell others about what Deerfield United Methodist Church is all about and invite them to one of our events in October.

Everyone can begin to sign-up beginning mid-September to help work in the Pumpkin Patch. You can sign up either by Sign-up Genius on-line, or there will be a board with the schedule in the lobby of the church. On Sundays September 27 and October 4 you can pick up your yard sign to help advertise our patch.

Cashier training (with Square) will take place after church on September 20 and September 27 for approximately 30 minutes. Plan to stay if you haven't been a cashier and if you need a brush-up on how to do it!

On Fridays in the month of September, a small group of folks will be picking up wooden pallets at Luxotica and Mitsubishi. We have the Boy Scout trailer to use. If you can help with this, speak to Scott Douglass at (513)459-1547. The pallets will be placed on the front yard on Saturday, September 26 beginning at 10am. Come and help get ready for the pumpkins!

If pallets aren't your thing, come and decorate the patch that same day, September 26, at 1pm. We need someone to spearhead decorating (check the inventory and get out the stuff), and we need people to help decorate the patch. In addition to decorating, if you want to participate but can't make it on Saturday September 26, consider helping to pick up some bales of straw ahead of time to have at church for decorating. Speak with David Marshall (513)480-4238 if you are able to help.

Pumpkins are arriving on Saturday October 3, and many helpers are needed to unload pumpkins from the semi truck. We will have carts and an "elevator" to get pumpkins off the truck. Help is needed to load and unload carts.

Here's the schedule of what is happening each weekend in October:

Saturday, October 3: 3pm – It's all hands on deck as the pumpkins arrive, all 1000 of them! We need you and your friends to help unload!

Saturday, October 10: 9am – 4pm – Women's Retreat, "You Were Made for More" listening for God's call in your life, sponsored by Motherless Daughter's Ministry.

Sunday, October 11: 5-6pm – Trunk or Treat. Decorate your trunk with a fun theme and be set up in the church parking lot and ready to go at 4:45pm. Treats are not optional! Invite neighbors and friends to come and stay for the Community Dinner (from 6-7:30pm) so we can get to know each other!

Saturday, October 17: 10am-4pm – A Deerfield UMC sponsored Craft Fair, with over 20 booths to shop and food to eat and games to play! The trebuchet will be back to launch some pumpkins just for fun!

Saturday/Sunday, October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31: 11am (12:00pm Sundays)-3pm: Boy Scouts will be selling hotdogs and hamburgers, popcorn, etc. each weekend. November 1 after church we will let more pumpkins fly; you don't want to miss this!

Wow! Get involved, and do what God has placed on your heart to do! We will get to know each other and our community better. AND we'll raise money for ministry locally, nationally, and globally. Together we can make a difference in our church and in our world. There is no greater calling than this!



Pumpkin Patch Workers Needed

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

Volunteering is easy. We use Sign-up Genius (link available soon), a sign-up poster will be in the hallway at church, and you can contact Jody Wik (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 or local streets on Sunday September 27 after church or Saturday, October 3, before or after unloading pumpkins. Your help is needed to advertise, unload and work shifts. LET'S HAVE FUN THIS OCT.

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

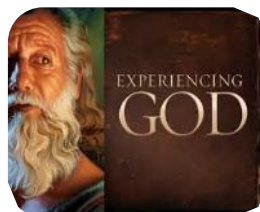
Because Motherless Daughters Ministry believes in giving back, 10 percent of the proceeds from this retreat will be donated to Imagine No Malaria.

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

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)

- ◇ September 6, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 13, 20 & 27, 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)

- ◇ September 6 & 20, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 13 & 27, 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 6 & 20, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ September 13 & 27, 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

Baby Eric Barcus	Casey Liggett
Juli & Richard Boren	Lofland Family
Margie & Ed Burke	Mary Jean
Dorothy C.	Brenda Jenx & Family
Larry C.	Joan Maynard Family
Emily Cates	Linda Maynard
John and Marilyn Clark	Cary & Joan Morgan
Jennifer Cutter	Linda Murray and Family
Jim Davidson	Kenneth Pope & Family
Barb Dixon	Lynn Robinson
Ruth Gibbons	Janet S.
Ron H.	Den Staab
Judy Hallman	Vicky Tucker
Sharon Herrick	Amanda Turner
Janet & Clarence Humboldt	Harry V.
Roberta Jacobs	Henry V.
Jensie & Family	Father Tom Van Brunt
Carlin Kallay Family	Chuck Vandergrift
Jeri Kattleman	Terry Wood

Christian Sympathies

We offer our Christian sympathies to Randy and Penny Cesco on the loss of Randy's aunt, Joan Maynard. She passed on August 7, 2015 at the age of 83 in Williamson, West Virginia. Cards can be sent to Randy and Penny at 3306 Woodcrest Ct., Maineville, OH 45039.

September Birthdays

9/1	Marla Douglass
	Emily Douglass
9/10	Matthew Lofland
9/20	Patricia Troy
9/24	Meredith Troy
9/27	Scott Douglass
9/28	Chelsea Cesco



September Anniversaries

9/16 Luke & Stephanie Copley

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

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 * Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:00pm	2 * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	3 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	4	5
6 * Worship (see above) * All Children in Worship	7 HAPPY LABOR DAY	8	9 * Church Council 7:00pm * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	10 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	11	12
13 * Worship (see above) * Friends of the Groom * Community Dinner 6:00pm	14 * 2757 Meeting 6:00pm * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	15 * Festival of Sharing items due	16 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	17 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	18	19
20 * Back to Church Sunday * Worship (see above) * Children grades 3-12 in Worship * Abundant Fruit Gathering 3:30pm	21 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105	22 * District Committee on Ministry 1:30-8:00pm	23 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	24 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	25 * Movie Night 6:30-9:00pm 	26
27 * Worship (see above) * Pick up Pumpkin Patch signs	28 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8:00pm, Rms.101-103, 105 * Motherless Daughters Ministry Retreat Leader training 7:00-8:30pm	29	30 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm			

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

Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Sunday, **September 21, 2015**
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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



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.