

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

Deerfield United Methodist Church

May 2016 Newsletter

A Note From the Pastor

To everything there is a season....

Ecclesiastes
3:1

Recently, our District Superintendent announced that he will be leaving the West Ohio Conference to take a pastoral appointment on the East Coast as lead pastor of a church. Rev. Dr. Brian Brown has been our DS for the past 5 years, and he has brought many innovations to our district, including sharing preaching resources district-wide so both large and small churches have access to similar worship multimedia, resources, and study guides. This sharing of resources has been a boost to smaller churches that may not have the financial means to produce worship videos or study guides. Brian and his family are from Virginia, and they are looking forward to returning closer to family.

A new District Superintendent has been named for the Ohio River Valley District, Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson, who will begin his duties on July 1, 2016. Todd is currently Senior Pastor at Hilliard United Methodist Church and has served pastoral appointments in the West Ohio Conference for the past 25 years. Todd is married to Patti, an insurance underwriter, and they love to garden, golf, travel, and are avid sports fans.



As the quote says, “The only constant is change!” And another quote, “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape!” (Neither quote is in the Bible!)

Please join me in praying for Brian Brown and his family as they prepare for a move to a new city and church. Please also join me in praying for Todd Anderson and his wife, Patti, as they relocate to the Cincinnati area and Todd begins this new chapter in the mission and ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, one life at a time.

May we all be found faithful in this next season of ministry!

Practicing my bend-ability 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

May 1,	The Source	Matthew 3:13-17
May 8,	What Kind of Life?	Luke 4:14-21
May 15,	A Powerful Witness! Pentecost (wear red!)	Acts 2: 1-24
May 22,	More Love, More Power	Galatians 5: 13-23
May 29,	Gifts to Share	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Church Council

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee needs to hire one new nursery attendant NOW and two more by the end of June. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact Randy Cesco at 513-398-7577 or 276-613-2696 (cell). This is a paid position.

Trustee news

Your trustees are busy as usual with several projects!

Project One: Very soon Becker Electric will begin updating the lighting in the parking lot and the original main church building. Additionally there will be a new light installed near the mailbox by 22/3 to make the driveway more visible in the dark.

Project Two: We have begun the process of cleaning out closets by beginning with the kitchen and the closet nearest the kitchen. Shelving will be purchased and the closets will be repurposed for better use for all. The kitchen will become less cluttered with shelving as well. We are considering how to fund a wall of cabinets with a countertop and sink along the far wall in the fellowship area. This will alleviate the crowded kitchen cabinets and make it easier and nicer to set up the food in the fellowship area on Sundays and also for the groups who use our church to meet regularly.

Project Three: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm! It's sanctuary chair fix up time. If 20 people come and fix and re-glue two chairs we will be done very quickly!! (Which means we could do more chairs, which we have many in the basement.)

In other news, please thank Dale Wik for creating, painting, and installing a new Peace Pole near the entrance! Also many thanks to those who came and moved dirt, trimmed shrubs and brush, and beautified our entrance by cleaning, trimming, and mulching. It was a beautiful morning to be together and get some good spring yard cleaning done.

The parsonage is rented for 4 years with a family that has 3 children. They have settled in well and the parsonage is in good shape! We have given them the "go-ahead" to remove old wallpaper in the bathrooms and repaint them a neutral color.

Thank you for all you do to help keep Deerfield UMC clean and beautiful!

2757 Committee

This committee shares information between Deerfield United Methodist Church and St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. This covenant between the 2 churches began in the fall of 2009. The working relationship provides worship & office space to St. Mary Magdalene for rent paid to Deerfield United Methodist Church. Each church has their own worship service, with a shared coffee fellowship time, community outreach, and mission work. At times our worship services are shared, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, etc. Over the years St. Mary Magdalene has increased their rent payment as well as shared expenses of Vacation Bible School, childcare, replacement of heat pumps, Easter Egg Hunt, landscape maintenance, JF Burns Elementary school supplies, Matthew 25 ministry, and Interfaith Hospitality and fellowship events. We believe that before we are Methodists and Episcopalians, we are followers of Jesus and choose to serve him jointly. Yes, in each of our doctrines and beliefs we have differences, but we can learn about each other and share the common goals to transform the world one person at a time for Jesus Christ.

This committee meets quarterly and at the last meeting, which was on Monday, April 11, we celebrated the events we have shared during the last quarter and started planning for the summer. St. Mary Magdalene is providing diapers and baby wipes for Bethany House, which supports Single mothers. Deerfield UMC shared information about our Live Free Camp taking place this summer. St.

Mary Magdalene's youth group will paint the basement as soon as we clear out the unwanted and extra stuff in the basement.

Mike Voshefski, Senior Warden for St. Mary Magdalene and Penny Cesco, Deerfield United Methodist Church representative, have chaired these meetings. Deb Thomen, Deerfield United Methodist Church Council Chair has volunteered to replace Penny Cesco as the new Deerfield United Methodist Church representative.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Anyone wanting to work with the youth and children of Deerfield United Methodist Church must be Safe Sanctuary Trained and have clearance. Deerfield UMC has had a policy in place since 1992. Last year this policy was changed by the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church to make the policy mandatory and require that any group using our church that works with children must adhere to the policy. Deerfield UMC has been working to have the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops trained. Deerfield UMC is scheduling bi-annual trainings to keep volunteers and employees current. May 9 at 6:30 pm is the midyear training. Please plan to attend if you are working with the youth or children. Each year you must have a refresher course. If you have any questions please contact Penny Cesco at rcesco@zoomtown.com or 513-398-7577.

Radical Hospitality

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



Bluebird Safari

Have you ever been on a safari? If not, here is your opportunity to go on a "mini safari." On Saturday, May 21, at 11 am we will be departing from Deerfield UMC to go on safari to Caesars Creek Park. This safari will be all about hunting for bluebirds. The rangers of the park have bluebird "trails" for volunteers to monitor. Barb Dixon has been a bluebird monitor there for years and will teach you all about bluebirds, their history, habits and the "why" of bluebird trails. You will get to "safari" with Barb Dixon and see the birds, nests and eggs. Bring a picnic lunch with you and enjoy other features of the park. Caesars Creek Park is also famous for fossils and has a great play area for kids. Invite your friends and neighbors!

End of School Blast

Come join in the celebration of the end of the school year fun, Friday June 3 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Deerfield UMC. If the weather is good, old-time

games will be outside like hop scotch, red light/green light, jump rope, tug of war, and a kick ball game. If you know of any other games, come and teach us. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share, and the hospitality committee will provide beverages. Invite your friends and neighbors!



Exercise and Eat

A number of years back, we had an exercise class that met once a week at Deerfield. After we exercised we enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and fellowship. I wonder how many of you might be interested in trying something like that again. I have a couple of exercise tapes by Leslie Sansone which are fairly easy and take between 20 and 30 minutes to do (one is even for seniors). Also, I have a tape called Tai Chi for Arthritis by Dr. Paul Lam and one called Yoga for Seniors by Jane Adams. This last one has (it says) "safe, easy to follow movements, all done seated or standing alongside a chair." Maybe some of you have others, also. The potluck lunches were miracles like the "loaves and fishes;" no one ever knew what the others were bringing (and some brought nothing), but we always had enough. Anyone interested in forming a class, please contact Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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

Bless Your Business Initiative and More

We are looking for creative and innovative ways to show the Deerfield Township/Landen community that Deerfield UMC is here, wants to help with specific community needs, and that all are welcome to worship among us. We are looking to further our relationships with the community's schools, service men and women, and businesses. Please pray over the following opportunities and contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com if you have any ideas and/or want to get involved:

1. Delivery of homemade treats (cookies, brownies, etc.) to the firehouse on holidays -

please watch for your first opportunity to get involved and sign up on the communication card for Memorial Day, Monday May 30.

2. Delivery of "Bless Your Business" baskets to businesses and their employees in a 3-mile radius while also collecting their information (business cards, brochures, coupons, etc.) to be used in welcome baskets for new families to JF Burns Elementary.
3. Create and deliver welcome baskets for new families in the community with students at JF Burns Elementary for the 2016-17 school year.
4. Deliver treat baskets to JF Burns Elementary, Columbia Intermediate, and Kings Mills Elementary once a month for teachers and staff to show our support and appreciation.

Children's Missions

This month the children will be creating homemade Mother's Day cards for the residents at Berrywood to be delivered with potted plants on Mother's Day. They will also be creating cards to be delivered with the homemade treats made for our Landen/Deerfield Township service men and women on Memorial Day.

Berrywood

"April Showers bring May flowers," and Deerfield United Methodist Church Missions want to bring May flowers to the residents at Berrywood on Mother's Day. Berrywood (and its residents) has been one of our missions for many years--we caroled there at Christmas and brought hand-made scarves for each resident. For Mother's Day, we traditionally give residents potted flowers. The plan this year, since Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday when we have our Community Dinner, is to have a station in the church lobby where guests and members can pot flowers that will be taken to the residents of Berrywood that evening. Extra desserts brought to the dinner will be given also. Missions will provide the flowers, potting soil and containers; we're asking you to come to the dinner and help pot up the plants. See you there!



Community Dinner

Come and join us on May 8 for our next Community Dinner. We will be having a Mother's Day Celebration and will not only have a wonderfully delicious meal of Salads, Soups and Sandwiches, but will also have a mission-based activity to do. There will be stations to decorate eco-friendly "pots" and then a planting station to plant flowers for our friends at the Berrywood Retirement

home. We are inviting the residents at Berrywood to this special dinner and are also looking for volunteers to pick up and drop off some of the residents. The dinner will be served from 6:00 - 7:30pm and is open to the entire community. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up to bring a dish or give a ride on the communication card in your Sunday Bulletin or at the Missions Center bulletin board. Please contact Stephanie Copley at stephanie.copley@gmail.com with any questions.

May Food Pantry and Diaper Drive

You are the the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb. I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful - I know that very well. Psalm 139:13-14 We are celebrating mothers and their babies during this month's Food Pantry drive by collecting baby supplies. Some examples of needed supplies are: diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, formula, bottles, and baby food. Please double up on the diapers so we can help support our friends at St. Mary Magdalene with their May diaper drive for Bethany House which provides a safe place for women and their children. Please see the Food Pantry display for more ideas or contact

Stephanie Copley at Stephanie.copley@gmail.com or Barb Dixon at bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com.



Live Free

Deerfield United Methodist Church will be offering a FREE five-week summer enrichment camp for children from June 27 through July 28 on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Included at camp are games and sports, crafts and projects, Bible stories, reading practice, and free lunch and snack. Children who are entering 1st grade through 6th grade are eligible to attend camp. All are invited, and can come as schedules allow. The camp program is run by trained college students, and adults and teens from Deerfield UMC are invited to come as able to meet children and parents and participate. Sign children up at <http://bit.ly/1RNFYog> or complete an application (found on the Welcome Center) and leave it in the church office. Take brochures to pass out to your friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances and invite them to sign up, as well!

Please start saving your empty 2-liter bottles for Live Free for a project this



summer! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berta at 513-847-8008 or Deb Thomen at 513-490-4783.

Live Free Volunteers

We are looking for Safe Sanctuary trained volunteers to help this summer with the implementation of our Live Free Camp. There are many time slots available, so sign up for as many as you would like! Come join in on the fun with the children attending Live Free and help build relationships with the children and their families! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/1UieXuP>.

Knitters and Crocheters

For the past two years we have been donating hats, scarves and mittens to Bernie's Place (2014) and Berrywood seniors (2015). There is an organization called BLOC in Price Hill that could also use our needlework talents. Some of you may remember Joan Morgan who used to be a Deerfield UMC member. She now lives in Price Hill and is heavily involved with the BLOC ministries. In fact they are working on providing housing for homeless teens which will be named after Joan's recently deceased son Cary. Cary's House teens as well as other children served by BLOC ministries could use some of our winter hats, scarves and mittens next fall and winter, so anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Barb Dixon at [bdbbluebird@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bdbluebird@cinci.rr.com). Thank you!

Intentional Faith Development

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

United Methodist Summer Camps!



The United Methodist Church has three camp locations in Ohio: Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater. Camping opportunities are available for ages 6 years to 18 years, and also for entire families! New this year! On June 8, 9 or 10,

you and your child are welcome to attend a One-Day Adventure at any of the three camps to learn more about summer camp and try out the fun activities! Cost is only \$20, and scholarships are available. Invite your friends to come with you for this fun day, and learn more about the overnight camp opportunities offered. Activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, sports, ropes courses, cooking, and more! Call 800-437-0028 to

reserve your spots! To learn more, go to <http://www.westohiocamps.com/camp>. Scholarships available. See Pastor Linda.

Adult Sunday School

An adult Sunday school class meets on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am in Room 101. We are studying *Fearless* by Max Lucado. Come join in!

Children's Sunday School

(Age 4 years - Grade 2)

- ◇ May 1, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 8, 15 & 22, attend Sunday School.
- ◇ May 29, attend Fun day Sunday!

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)

- ◇ May 1 & 15 attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 8 & 22, attend Bible Study.
- ◇ May 29, attend Fun Day Sunday.

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)

- ◇ May 1 & 15, attend worship with parents.
- ◇ May 8 & 22, attend Sunday School.

May Birthdays

5/2	Jackie Marshall
5/4	Karen Long
5/8	Jorja Burke
5/10	Craig Douglass
5/10	Arlene Mason
5/19	Elliott Cesco
5/22	Caleb Hetzer
5/25	Julie Dian-Reed
5/28	Judy Liedhegner
5/31	Josh Barcus



Celebrate

May Anniversaries

5/2	Howard & Joyce "Lynn" Robinson
5/17	Juric & Cat Neal
5/19	Len & Linda Troy

Happy Anniversary

Let Us Pray!

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

Bethany Abbott	Karol Laskowski
Joann Annable	Barb Leach
Will Bender	Brandie Lumpkins
Al & Judy Billock	Roxanne Mahboob
Barb & Terry Books	Ryan Maurisch
Maria Bowmen-Ramey	April Matson
Marsha Brashear	Jackson Meehan
Bruce Brengman	Nancy Minor
Gail Brengman	Bill & Mickie Montgomery
Karen Bundy	Sarah Murphy
Valerie Bundy	Linda Murray
Ray Burlingame family	Barb Norris & family
Jensie Caguimbal	Henry Oberson
Linda & Mark Caliendo	Tim O'Malley
Doris Churinoff	Pike County families
Shirlee Collins	Eli Regner
Connie Combs	Lee & Kathy Reynolds
Chery & Ron Condos	Jane Roll
Bob Crane	Chris Schenkel
Lori Curlis	Emily Schenkel
Sue Denney	Mike Schenkel
LJ Dorsey	Shaughnessy family
Emily Douglass	Den Staab
Earnhardt family	Judy Sullivan
Ruth Gibbons	Dalton, Joani & Shonn
Katie Griffith	Thomas
Judy Hallman	Thompson family
Ron Herrmann	Dan Troy
Jenae Hickman	Mr. Tim
Lynn Huber	Vicky Tucker
Janet & Clarence Humboldt	Wisby Family
Dorothy Johnson	Mrs. Wright

Breakthrough Goals

In November 2015 the Church Council set goals for 2016 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 inviting the community, connecting to God, growing as disciples, and serving others.

Passionate Worship	55
Radical Hospitality	
Professions of faith	3
Baptisms	3
Intentional Faith Development	
Average no. small groups	4
Average no. attendees	25
Percentage of congregation in small groups	60%
Risk Taking Mission/Service	
Total number engaged in	15
Extravagant Generosity	
Average weekly giving	\$2,450
Apportionments	100%
Additional giving	
Missions	\$25,000
Fundraisers/budget	\$3,000
Capital	\$1,000
Memorials	\$500
Advance specials	\$500



Motherless Daughters Ministry

The Motherless Daughters Ministry, Inc. is a Christian organization dedicated to serving women who have lost or missed the nurturing care of a mother. Let's first start by defining a motherless daughter. A motherless daughter can be a woman who has experienced mother loss through death of her mother, either by early loss before her 20s or later loss after her 20s. A motherless daughter could be a woman who has experienced having a mother who may have quit nurturing her at an earlier age, and then she loses her mother again through death as an adult. This is defined as a double loss. A motherless daughter might be a woman who has a living mother but has never experienced her mother's nurturing care. Which one of these defines you? Motherless Daughters is a non-profit organization that hopes to serve you; join us to connect, laugh, talk and know you are not alone.

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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 UMC worship service, Sanctuary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 * Worship (see above)	2 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	3	4 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Church Council Meeting 7pm	5 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm	6	7
8 * Worship (see above) * Community Dinner 6:00pm 	9 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105 * Safe Sanctuary Training 6:30pm	10 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	11 * District Committee of Ministry Meeting 8:30am * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Rm 104	12 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary * Emotionally Absent Mother Class 7-9:00pm Rm 105 * Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm	13	14 * United Methodist Men's Meeting 9-10:30am Rm 108
15 * Worship (see above) Pentecost (wear red)	16 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms 101-103, 105	17 * Sanctuary Chair Repair 7pm	18 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm * Daisy Scout Meeting 6-7:30pm Rm 107	19 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 * Bluebird Safari at Caesars Creek Park 11am
22 * Worship (see above)	23 * Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm, Rms. 101-103, 105	24 * Girl Scouts Room 101 6:30pm	25 * Cub Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	26 * Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary	27	28
29 * Worship (see above)	30 Memorial Day REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED  ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL	31				

Upcoming Classes:

Connections and Conversations

⇒ Monday May 2 6:30-8:00 pm
Montgomery Community Church

As we face life's daily challenges, we might ask ourselves, "Why am I feeling this way? How should I respond? I'm overwhelmed, what should I do or who can I talk to?" We all have relationship issues, whether at work, home or in our community. Know that you are not alone in this journey of "womanhood."

Motherless Daughters Ministry's "Connections & Conversations" group can help you process your feelings and choices. This group meets monthly, in an informal, yet supportive setting to discuss how mother loss, whether through death, neglect or absence has affected us as women. Sign up at

The Journey Retreat

⇒ Thursday June 9 – Sunday, June 12
Jesuit Retreat Center, Milford, Ohio

The Journey: Healing the Wounds of Mother Loss One Step at a time is a residential retreat focusing on mother loss & its effect on your life, how her absence shapes your identity, influences your style of mothering and relationships, how your grief surfaces throughout your lifetime, and how you experience living beyond your mother's final years. This weekend could literally change your life. Are you ready?

To register for either event go to
<http://www.motherlessdaughtersministry.com>.

General Conference 2016

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. United Methodists from around the world will meet as the top legislative body at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20, 2016. Our West Ohio Conference voted on delegates to General Conference at our 2015 Annual Conference, and we are sending 40 delegates, half clergy and half laity. The daily agenda will include worship, preaching, and Holy Conferencing. Holy Conferencing is the term John Wesley used to describe the conversation that takes place when United Methodists gather to discuss issues and to make decisions on topics. Please be in prayer daily for General Conference and the decisions that will be made.

Church Council

Church Council Chair:	Deb Thomen
Staff Parish Relations Chair:	Randy Cesco
Trustees Chair:	Jackie Marshall
Finance Chair:	Stan Brown
Treasurer:	Karen Kenwell
Missions Chair:	Stephanie Copley
Hospitality Chair:	Penny Cesco
Intentional Faith Development	
Children:	Julie Reed
Teens:	Jackie Marshall
Adult:	Open
Worship Chair:	Open

NewsLetter
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Deadline for the next newsletter is:
Wednesday, May 20, 2016
Email to: dumc@deerfieldumc.org



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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.