

July 2010

# Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

**Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!**



Dear Members and Friends,

Today as I write these words it is Monday, June 21 and it is the first day of summer. Praise the Lord! In many ways, summer provides us with a change of pace and the opportunity to pause and catch our breath. We will watch flowers bloom and gardens will produce so many good vegetables and fruits. During these summer months, however, we also want to tend to the garden of our souls. Of course, flowers and gardens need sun and rain to produce sprouting seeds, to allow flowers to open, and to hasten ripening fruit. As Christians, we need the Sun and the raining down of the Holy Spirit in order to grow and bloom with the fruit of God's love. I recently talked with our children about this very idea during a Children's Time and called it "exercising our faith."



When God was creating the earth, God breathed into us the breath of life. At Easter, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." At Pentecost, the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit were poured out with power to be God's breath of energy in us—more than deep lung breath, but heart and soul breath.

When we are short of breath, it can certainly affect our muscles and may tell us that we are due for a tune-up. The same idea applies to our spiritual muscles. We want to exercise our spiritual muscles as well so that we do not run short of the breath of the Spirit. How do we exercise our spiritual muscles? Through Sunday worship, Bible Study, prayer, Sunday School, reading and studying the Bible, trusting God in the midst of difficulties, telling others about what Jesus means to us.

**This is our challenge this summer:** let's keep our spiritual muscles tuned up. Here are a few suggestions:

**Read** at least one Psalm from the Old Testament each day. You may even want to read the psalm out loud and then meditate on it. There are 150 Psalms and 92 days in the months of June, July and August. You will have plenty of psalms to choose from then. I challenge you to do this!

**Pray** for our Lindenwald United Methodist Church that the leadership may clearly discern God's vision for what is next as we move into God's future. Pray that we will understand what we can do to be an additional light and witness in our community to the love of Jesus Christ. Pray that our Spiritual Vision Team will be filled with and led by the Holy Spirit.

**Pray** for the new souls who will enter the doors of our Lindenwald Church seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Pray** for the new Immersion Service that will begin on September 1, 2010 at 6:30 in the sanctuary and for its Design Team.

**Be faithful** in your giving and **be regular** in worship attendance. God doesn't give us the summer off from praising and worshiping. So, even if you go on vacation, please take time to gather with other believers and worship together as the faith community. If you are not traveling, **see you in church!**

Grace and Peace,



**Marjorie Epperson**

**July 7**

Please consult your Church Directory or call the church office for Marjorie's mailing address.



Please be sure to let the church know if you or a loved one will be entering the hospital.

Also, in case of pastoral emergency and you are unable to reach Pastor Val or Pastor Roy through the church office, you may contact them by using their home phone numbers:

Pastor Val ~ 513-863-6733

Pastor Roy ~ 513-932-7915

## Emerging Bible Study

by Jim Mullaney

Currently we are studying Chapter 21 in the Book of Acts. We see here that Paul is traveling from city to city on his return trip to Jerusalem. Paul makes several stops along the way visiting with his "network" of believers around the known world at that time.

It has occurred to me that this is what we are supposed to do as well. We are not supposed to stay within the walls of our church—although it feels safe there. We are to reach out and link arms with other believers across denominations and work together spreading the Gospel. We are seeing this happen with Stephen Ministry and a few other programs and we must do more. When we lived in Utah in the early 1980's the Methodist Church affiliated with other denominations to form a group entitled "Shared Ministries." In Utah, Protestants are a minority and Mormonism the majority. The main purpose of Shared Ministries was to provide Christian camps for kids. It was a wonderful experience to be involved with such an ecumenical organization. I hope we can do more of the same.

Come join us in the Chapel at 10:45 each Sunday morning. We will be glad to have you.



Did you know that the church van is available to provide transportation to church on Sunday?

If you need a ride to Sunday worship (or any other activity here at church) call the church office and we'll arrange to have the van pick you up. Call the church office (863-8822) Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or on Saturday, contact Patrick Rimer (545-6861).

# Missions/Evangelism News

## Food Pantry

Times are tough for everyone right now; but when you have a family to feed and no money coming in to provide food for them, it's even tougher. We have helped many, many people through our Lindenwald Food Pantry, but keeping up with the needs is difficult at best. Won't you please consider helping us keep our food pantry stocked?

Here is the list of items we need on a regular basis: canned meat (tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, chicken, Spam; 16-oz. canned fruits and vegetables; boxed rice, potatoes, pasta; hot cereal; hot chocolate; baby items (diapers, wet wipes, etc.); personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sanitary products, soap, toilet paper, dish soap, etc.)

## Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, August 22, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, the Missions/Evangelism Committee will sponsor a Community Ice Cream Social. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend this special event.

## Mission Ghana Project

Mission Ghana is an outreach to the Wesley Methodist Church which is located in Ghana West Africa. In June, Sis Rimer presented a Ministry Moment telling about the needs of the church and those of the children in school there. This is an ongoing project and one that cannot succeed without your help. The Missions/Evangelism Committee will be collecting items for the children that

include: school boxes, text books, crayons, pencils, as well as other school supplies.

Moreover, because this school is considered

“private” the children there are not eligible for the feeding program run by the government of Ghana. Food needs are as follows: rice, biscuits, cookies, sardines, and macaroni. Second-hand clothing is also needed. There are boxes in the Parlor and in Fellowship Hall for you to place your donations.

The Missions/Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone for all they do to help with the various projects undertaken by the committee.



## Jerry Lucas—Weekend to Remember

Mark your calendars for September 26 and 27 when Jerry Lucas, former basketball player with the Ohio State Buckeyes and the New York Knicks, will be here at Lindenwald United Methodist presenting his Weekend to Remember. The weekend consists of Sunday and Monday preaching and programs, with an inspiring, interesting and Biblical message about the family. Sunday and Monday evening programs communicate his memory techniques and a strong testimony about his own journey to find Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

You'll be hearing more about this Weekend to Remember in future bulletins and newsletters, but plan now to attend this special event.

## Questions?

Contact Sis Rimer or Nancy Risner

# David Wells Coming to Lindenwald UMC

## July 25, 2010 – Both Services

David Wells ( [www.davidwellsonline.com](http://www.davidwellsonline.com) ), a gifted Flugelhorn/Trumpet player from a small town in West Virginia has been living his dream of a career in music. Since the age of nine, David began learning the flugelhorn and trumpet with his professional debut at the age of thirteen. Heavily influenced by Louie Armstrong, Herb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass, David evolved into an instrumental soloist with the capability of reaching his audiences on an intimate level.

Wells share's his musical gift with the release of eight CD's and with approximately 200 shows per year. In 2006, the release of *"More Love, More Power,"* brought national acclaim on smooth jazz radio and reached #13 on the R&R indicators. Additionally, his performance of Strawberry Letter #23 was charted at #10 in early 2007.

David's career soared in 2007 after moving to #10 on the R&R indicators, and becoming endorsed with Conn and Selmer. His television and sports appearances included airing in Columbus Blue Jackets on ESPN2 and performing for the Cincinnati Reds. David Wells was also featured in several Christian music magazines and networks, WTAP- TV's (NBC) "Daybreak," and numerous Christian conferences.

In 2007, David's career expanded to include a guest appearance on the national television show "Studio Jams" which has over 10 million viewers on

the "BET Station". In November 2007, he was an entertainer aboard the luxurious Sovereign of the Seas, a smooth jazz cruise.

Jazz show host Larry Hollowell spoke of the cruise performance praising that, *"Wells' soaring trumpet carved riveting melodies... Wells' facility on his horn is masterful, to say the least. His tone is boldly exciting and immediately engaging."*



David's music is so engaging his holiday single, "Deck the Halls" hit #1 as the most added song on Smooth Jazz Radio Stations Nationwide such as Chicago, Miami, Orlando, NYC, and many more. He also hit #8 in the Top 10 most spin increase listing Nationwide.

In 2008 David was off to a strong start signing with Nuance Music Group based out of Long Island NY, then the release of "Friday Afternoon". This full-length album was released in February on both Nuance and Little Fish Records. "Friday Afternoon" is a collection of original instrumental pieces, which reaches

out and touches the listener's heart and soul.

Plan to be at church on Sunday, July 25, when David Wells will be here during both worship services. We're excited and looking forward to his time with us.

## Our Upper Room Prayer Line Needs Your Help!

The Upper Room® Living Prayer Center is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week intercessory prayer ministry staffed by Christian volunteers.

In our church, our United Methodist Men and the Upper Room Prayer Ministry have enjoyed a long relationship.

Russ Moore heads up our prayer ministry which takes place on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. In order to be successful, this ministry requires two volunteers for each one-hour shift. When someone calls the prayer line, a volunteer will answer the phone, listen to the prayer request, and then pray with the caller. Eight volunteers are needed to cover these four hours, plus two people willing to be on

standby in case someone cannot cover their shift at the last moment. Would you help?



Please be in prayer to see if this may be an area in which you are called to participate. If so, contact Russ Moore at 868-7947 and have him put you on the schedule.

*"Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:23-24*



### Free Community Meal

Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will arrange to have our church van pick you up and take you home.



### Prayer Drive Thru

We hold our Prayer Drive Thru on the first Friday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in our front parking lot. As you're driving home for the evening, stop in and our prayer team will listen to your request and pray with you. Volunteers are always needed to help with the drive thru. Call Bruce (863-8822) if you'd like to help.

**Chester, our sweet little church mouse is on vacation this month . . .**



**however, he did send us a picture of himself trying his paws at hang gliding!**

**Way to go, Chester!**

## **UMW Circle Meetings For July**

**Friendly Circle**  
July 7—11:15 am  
LaRosa's Restaurant

**Genesis Circle**  
July 13—7:00 pm  
Home of Connie Leugers



## **Mom's Ministry Meets Monthly!**

Our Lindenwald Mom's Ministry is looking forward to their July meeting on Thursday, July 8 at 10:00 am (place to be decided). Meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month and are open to all moms and kids.

If you would like to know more about this ministry or have ideas for meeting places, contact Stacy Picklesimer at [spicklesimer@cinci.rr.com](mailto:spicklesimer@cinci.rr.com).



**Lindenwald Craft Show**  
**October 2, 2010**  
**10 am - 5 pm**

Do you have a craft you would like to display and sell? This fall on Saturday October 2 the immersion service will be sponsoring a Craft Show. Please join us in fellowship with other crafters and exhibit your talents and

wares. Handmade crafts as well as independent consultants that sell Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, etc are also welcome to participate. Space rental for the show is \$30 and this includes access to an outlet, an 8 foot table, and one meal voucher. Please contact Stacy Picklesimer for any questions at [stacyp@lindenwaldumc.org](mailto:stacyp@lindenwaldumc.org).

## Important Information From Your Finance Chair . . .

*Dear Lindenwald Church Family,*

*I am writing to you today to bring you up to date on the financial status of the church. As you all know this is a very difficult time financially for many of us as a group. Some have either lost their jobs or have had to take pay cuts as a result of a bad economy. As a result this has had a direct impact on the church finances as well. Thru the month of May we are \$13,760 below expectations on our offerings. Fortunately our department heads have been good stewards of the money that we have received and have cut costs wherever possible. However it has still been a struggle to make necessary payments.*

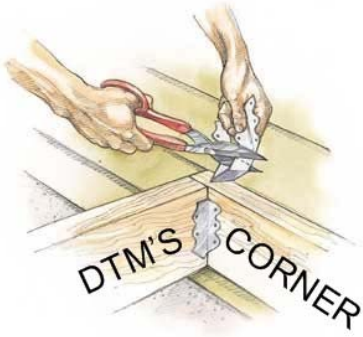
*As you may recall, the Miracle Sunday Campaign was developed a year ago to raise funds for the renovations to our church building and to be used for the development of new ministries through our church. Pledges were gathered on Pentecost Sunday 2009 and totaled \$175,386 to be given over a three year span. Please be reminded of your commitment to Miracle Sunday and that we are now in the second year of this three year campaign. To date, we have collected \$82,738 of these pledges. Along with these pledges we were able to use other church assets to pull together the necessary \$300,000 for the campaign. These assets included a CD that matured last August and the sale of the house on Freeman Avenue. The sale of the house has also given us the money to do repairs to boiler piping under the fellowship hall.*

*The first phase was to make renovations to our church building. These included the remodeling of the fellowship hall and the chancel area in the sanctuary. Other improvements included upgrades to the video equipment, lighting, and sound system. These improvements were completed by the end of 2009 and totaled \$150,000. We have now entered the second phase which is to use the remaining funds to develop new ministries. These funds are to be distributed at \$50,000 per year between 2010-2012. Some of these monies for 2010 have been used to give staff a much needed raise. Other monies will be used by Bruce Dickerson, our Director of Transformational Ministries, for the development of his new Immersion Service. This service will be available starting in September on Wednesday nights.*

*God has, and continues, to bless our church in so many ways. We have developed some great ministries over the past few years. Our Wednesday night children's Pathways program continues to grow, as does the Summer Shine program which has over 160 children signed up for this year. We will also begin a new youth outreach ministry this summer called "Rays of Hope." The Community meal now serves over 50 individuals per month and the word continues to spread regarding that ministry. There are so many more ministries being discussed. It is great to see God working through the people of this church to reach out to others. The opportunities and resources are available to continue this growth as we move forward. I encourage you to continue to serve Jesus through the Lindenwald UMC and to look for other opportunities to expand His Kingdom.*

*Your Friend in Christ,*

*Ed Gebhart, Finance Chair*



## Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

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Going Deeper in the  
Worship, Community, and Mission of God

Last month I spoke about the first component of the immersion service, worship. This month I will look at the second, community. In reading Acts 2:43-44 we can see that since the beginnings of the church believers gathered together in community.

*"<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (NRSV)*

These early believers gathered together and had a true understanding of how the community would function and fellowship together. While this community was together to care and learn from one another, they understood the broader meaning of Christian fellowship was not just for those within the group, but fellowship to all mankind. Christian fellowship is an action word. And within the Christian community it becomes the means that we are able to carry out the God-given mission of the church to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations," (Matt. 28:19). We must be in community and relationship with all people if we are going to accomplish this mission. It is a goal of the immersion service to help teach and move out into the wider community and be in fellowship with all our neighbors for glory of God! I want to personally invite each one of you come and be in fellowship in this new service and the wider community. Blessings to you all!

Make sure to mark your calendar and come and support  
these upcoming immersion sponsored events:

Upcoming Events sponsored by the immersion service. . .	Other Dates and Times to Know. . .
Classics for Christ Cruise-In July 31, 2010 12:00—4:00 pm	immersion service September 1, 2010 6:30 pm
Craft Show October 2, 2010 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Office Hours Monday and Wednesday 2:00—4:00 pm Day Off—Thursday

## Stephen Ministers Care About You



A Stephen Minister is a Christian lay person who offers a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. The care givers are matched with persons in need and meet with that person once a week for an hour. The care giver offers a ready ear and extreme confidentiality in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

If you are going through a tough time and would like to have a Stephen Minister assigned to you or would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister contact Neil or Julia Hayes at 867-1027 or Pastor Val @ 863-8822.

## Stephen Ministry Class Begins in September 2010

A total of 50 hours of training is required in order to become a Commissioned Stephen Minister. New Stephen Ministry Training Classes will begin in September. Anyone who feels the call to serve in this caring ministry or would like to have more information about the training can contact any of our Stephen Leaders: Julia Hayes, Neil Hayes, or Judy Nesselroad. Classes are held at:

The Presbyterian Church  
23 South Front Street  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011



For Sale

Baby Grand Piano

\$500 negotiable

Questions: 863-8822

### *Special Music*

Anyone interested in presenting Special Music (vocal and/or instrumental) during the 9:30 am worship service should contact Charlene to schedule a date.

[charleneelam@yahoo.com](mailto:charleneelam@yahoo.com)

### *Hand Bell or Summer Choir*

Contact Charlene if you are interested in ringing Hand Bells during the summer or if you would like to sing in a small group during the summer months.

### *Sanctuary Quartet*

On the second Sunday of each month, this small group will lead the hymns during the 9:30 am worship service. You do not need to be a member of the Sanctuary Choir to participate. Contact Charlene if you are interested.

# Classics for Christ Cruise-In

*Sponsored by the immersion service*



The LUMC *immersion* service is sponsoring a classic car show, *Classics for Christ*, in the church parking lot on Saturday July 31 from noon until 4 pm (registration begins at 11 am). Entry fee is just \$10 and is open to all makes and models. Our day will include live music, food and baked goods for purchase, and a special visit from Snoopy!

If you own a classic or custom car, please come out and show off your piece of automotive history or come out and appreciate the beautiful cars and fellowship with the members of our community. For more information contact Angie Perpington at 335-0757 or email [wagonrod@zoomtown.com](mailto:wagonrod@zoomtown.com)

## NURSERY VOLUNTEER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The nursery is in need of volunteers to help supervise and care for children ages newborn to three years old during our Sunday Worship Services and adult Sunday school time. This is a great ministry opportunity for congregation members who love children. If you are interested in volunteering your time one or more Sundays each month during one of the Worship Service times please visit the nursery and see Sherry Bartels to sign up.

*"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve ... you only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

A vertical illustration of a tree with green leaves. A monkey is at the top, a giraffe is in the middle, a bear is below that, and a tiger is at the bottom. They are all smiling and looking towards the right.

**Lindenwald  
United Methodist  
Preschool**

*Where  
Learning is Fun!*

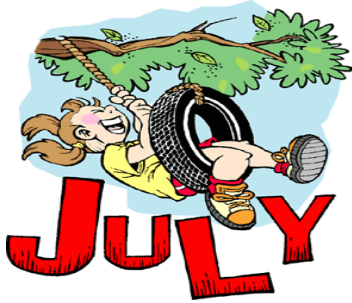
Ages 4 and 5  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:15 – 11:45 am  
\$120 per month

Age 3  
Thursday and Friday  
9:15 – 11:45 am  
\$90 per month

Registration Fee: \$45 (\$40 for church members)  
School begins in September!

**Register  
Now!**

**513-863-8822**



### Thursday, July 1

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

### Friday, July 2

4:30 pm Prayer Drive Thru

### Sunday, July 4

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:40 am Worship Service

### Monday, July 5

12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer  
6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.  
7:00 pm Spiritual Vision Team  
7:15 pm Yoga

### Tuesday, July 6

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 7

7:30 pm Chapel Prayer  
11:15 am Friendly Circle  
12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm TASC Force  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, July 8

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 am Mom's Ministry  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

### Friday, July 9

12:00 pm Summer Shine

### Saturday, July 10

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, July 11

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:40 am Worship Service

### Monday, July 12

12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer  
6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.  
7:00 pm Leadership Team  
7:15 pm Yoga

### Tuesday, July 13

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 am Program Staff  
7:00 pm Genesis Circle

### Wednesday, July 14

7:30 pm Chapel Prayer  
12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:00 pm Membership Care  
6:30 pm TASC Force  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, July 15

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

### Friday, July 16

12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, July 17

2:30 pm Wedding  
5:00 pm Community Meal

### Sunday, July 18

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:40 am Worship Service

### Monday, July 19

12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer  
6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.  
7:00 pm Spiritual Vision Team  
7:15 pm Yoga

### Tuesday, July 20

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
2:00 pm Full Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Upper Room Prayer

### Wednesday, July 21

7:30 pm Chapel Prayer  
12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm TASC Force  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, July 22

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
2:00 pm Fun Bunch

### Friday, July 23

12:00 pm Summer Shine

### Saturday, July 24

10:00 am Scrapbooking

### Sunday, July 25 David Wells at Both Services

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:40 am Worship Service

### Monday, July 26

12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm Intercessory Prayer  
6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.  
7:00 pm Spiritual Vision Team  
7:15 pm Yoga

### Tuesday, July 27

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 pm Missions-Evangelism  
7:00 pm Knitting Group

### Wednesday, July 28

7:30 pm Chapel Prayer  
12:00 pm Summer Shine  
6:30 pm TASC Force  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, July 29

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

### Friday, July 30

12:00 pm Summer Shine

### Saturday, July 31

12:00 pm Cruise-In For Christ



Have a safe and  
happy vacation!



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Associate Pastor	Roy Wigal
Transformational Ministry Director	Bruce Dickerson
Children's Director	Dawn Trapp
Music Director	Charlene Elam
Organist	Nancy McCormick
Office Manager/Adm. Secretary	Linda Rouse
Preschool Director	Jane Dickey
Nursery Care	Cheryl Bartels
Custodian	Glen Chastain
Treasurers	Nancy Albright, Sue McPeek
Financial Secretaries	Jerry Smith, Carrie Titus

If the church is locked, contact Pat Schick @ 844-1064.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM—12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline: Fifteenth day of month

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays—5:00 PM