

July 2011

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Friends,

Well, the year is half over and we have accomplished so much for God's Kingdom. We have been making great progress in achieving our 2011 Church Goals as well. Do you realize all that we do for God's reign in the Greater Hamilton/Fairfield areas?

DID YOU KNOW? ... We continue making new friends as we host our monthly "Community Meal" on the third Saturday from 5:00 to 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We are now feeding well over 75 persons each month.

DID YOU KNOW? ... Our Food Pantry is a ministry that allows us to give away close to forty bags of groceries each month to families who are in need.

DID YOU KNOW? ... We have baptized eight people so far this year. We have welcomed three new members by Profession of Faith with three additional persons who are now in a New Member Class.

DID YOU KNOW? ... Our monthly Prayer Drive-Thru provides an opportunity for people who are hurting to pull into our front parking lot and have their concerns prayed for by our Prayer Ministry Team. *Many other churches in our West Ohio Conference are now doing a Prayer Drive-Thru as well.*

DID YOU KNOW? ... Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt complete with breakfast welcomed three hundred children and their parents on Saturday, April 23.

DID YOU KNOW? ... On Sunday, May 1 we held our first "Midnight Breakfast" from 8:00pm to 2:00am in our Fellowship Hall for Miami University-Hamilton college students who were studying for finals.

DID YOU KNOW? ... Our school year program for children on Wednesday nights called "Pathways" ended their year with greater numbers of children involved and with so many dedicated adult servants who drove the van, fed them a meal, and taught them throughout the year.



DID YOU KNOW? ... Our new program for youth in grades five and six called "J-Zone" which met in Fellowship Hall throughout the school year ended their year with nine young people in it. "J-Zone"

will meet this summer as well. These youth recently mulched the flower beds around our church.

DID YOU KNOW? ... TASC, our youth program for grades 7-12, has grown to over fifteen young people. These youth mulched the flower beds recently around our church.

DID YOU KNOW? ... Our Lindenwald United Methodist Church, along with our Youth Pastor, Daniel Dennis, hosted a Youth Basketball Camp in Miami University-Hamilton's gym for boys and girls, grades 4-8, June 27-30, 2011.

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Pastor's Page (continued from front page)

DID YOU KNOW? ... The "Amazing Grace" Kettle Corn Ministry has begun another festival season of making and selling kettle corn with the proceeds going to outreach and missions.

Other churches in our West Ohio Conference are now interested in this idea as well.

DID YOU KNOW? ... We are getting ready again for "Summer Shine" offered to children in our community from July 6, 2011 through August 5, 2011 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 to 3:30pm. This is a program with a free lunch/snack, sports, creative and performing arts, and Bible stories. *Other churches in our West Ohio Conference and other conferences are now interested in doing this same kind of ministry.*

DID YOU KNOW? ... There are angels working so diligently for our church by planting flowers, mowing the lawn, creating a Lenten cross, cleaning the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, re-working sound equipment, and teaching Sunday School classes, prayer groups and Bible studies.

All of this while we continue to offer three quality worship services during the week ... two on Sunday morning and one on Wednesday night. Indeed, we are living into God's vision of being a vital congregation.

Do we have concerns? Sure, we do. However, the concerns and worries are the kind we want to have: "How will we accomplish this?" We are not rolling in money, but we are certainly giving ourselves away in mission and outreach and evangelism in order to bring others to Christ. So, in many ways, the being short on money part is to be expected. For we do not want to hoard our gifts, but share them in the most ways possible as an expression of God's love.

We still have much to accomplish for God's Kingdom. We still need more people in worship. We still need more adult servants willing to teach Sunday School, care for babies in the nursery, assist in our youth programs, and sing in the choir. We need to invite others to come and join us here at Lindenwald Church because in doing so their lives will be richer and their faith stronger. Yet, our lives will also be changed in the process as we extend that invitation to others to come to church with us.

Please be in prayer for the above-mentioned concerns and needs.

Hope your summer is going well.

See you in church then!

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 through the church office, you may call her at home (513-863-6733).



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.

Lindenwald UMC Audit Complete

The audit of our Lindenwald Church's books and records is complete and has been sent to the district. There is a copy of the audit on file in the church office. We truly appreciate the fine effort and dedication of our Finance Committee.



Special Music Wanted!

It's that time of year again and the Sanctuary Choir will not be presenting anthems at the 9:30am worship service.

Charlene would like to schedule a Sunday during the summer months with any individual who would like to share his/her talent at the 9:30am worship service.

Contact Charlene Elam at 604-1710 or by email charleneelam@yahoo.com.



Hey ... Pass the Word!

Free Community Meals

First United Methodist Church
225 Ludlow Street – Hamilton
3rd ~ 4th ~ 5th Saturdays/month
11 am – 2 pm

Lindenwald United Methodist Church
3501 Pleasant Avenue – Hamilton
3rd Saturday/month
5 – 6:30 pm

Park Avenue United Methodist Church
801 Park Avenue – Hamilton
3rd Thursday/month
6:00 pm



Free Community Meal

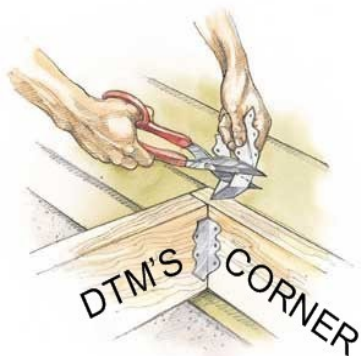
Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will arrange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



Prayer Drive Thru

We hold our Prayer Drive Thru from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in our front parking lot. The next Prayer Drive Thru is on Friday, July 8. 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.

brucedtm@hotmail.com



Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

Exercise, Evangelize, and Pray

We are called to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, mind, and strength. Part of doing this is having an active prayer and worship life, but it also means being in the best mental and bodily shape we can be. We have all heard it said, and know in our hearts, that this takes discipline, time, and that dreaded of all activities, exercise. I am in the middle of designing a program that will allow members of the congregation to combine some of these disciplines and have fun at the same time. I am calling it Exercise, Evangelize, and Pray. By the end of July, there will be maps with different routes around our Lindenwald neighborhood. There will be different lengths and amounts of times to complete the routes. Also on these maps will be suggestions on things to pray for while you are on your walk and helpful suggestions about ways to make contact and build relationships with those around our community. There will also be a prayer journal where those who have walked and prayed can place any requests, concerns, or messages received during their walk. Please join me in the support of this new ministry.

Immersion: Sermon Series for July

Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God. These rules are laid out before us by John Wesley, written in our UM Discipline, and also written about by Reuben P. Job in his book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*. If you have ever attended a heated committee meeting or Annual Conference, you may have even heard the statement, "In the interest of doing no harm, I suggest...etc." When we hear, or read, or say these statements, do we really understand the level of commitment it takes to live out these three simple rules? If you are interested in discovering what it may look like to live out this Wesleyan Way of Living, then join us in the Immersion Service for the sermon series, *Three Simple Rules*. The series begins July 6 and runs through July 20. Fellowship begins at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall and the service begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Make sure to invite your friends and family to *Three Simple Rules*.

Immersion: Sermon Series for August

I am excited to announce the five week sermon series called Stained Glass: Stories of Our Faith. For this sermon series, beginning August 3, we will be taking an up-close look at the stained glass windows in our own LUMC Sanctuary, and discussing the stories they tell and how they play a role in our own faith stories. The last week of the series will be a healing and prayer service based around the Rose Window. I wanted to take a moment to invite each of you to this exciting sermon series!

Upcoming Dates of Interest!

Immersion Service	Band Rehearsal	Prayer Drive Thru
Every Wednesday; dinner 6:30 in Fellowship Hall; service 7:00 in the Sanctuary	Immersion Praise Band on July 14 at 7pm in the Sanctuary	July 8 from 4:30 to 6:00pm in the front parking lot
July 6 – 3 Simple Rules: Do No Harm	X-perience Praise Band on July 17 immediately following the X-perience Service	August 5 from 4:30 to 6:00pm in the front parking lot.
July 13 – 3 Simple Rules: Do Good		
July 20 – 3 Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God.		

UPCOMING EVENT

SPONSORED BY THE IMMERSION SERVICE

CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Cruise-in For Christ
Saturday, August 13, 2011
12:00 to 4:00 pm

Lindenwald UMC Food Pantry Needs



- ◆ Canned meat: tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, chicken, Spam
- ◆ 16 oz. canned fruits/vegetables
- ◆ Boxed rice/potatoes/pasta
- ◆ Hot cereal/chocolate
- ◆ Personal Care and Baby Items
- ◆ Brown paper grocery bags

Thank you

Nathan Waibel would like to thank the Lindenwald Church Family for their expressions of congratulations upon the occasion of his college graduation. Your generosity is certainly appreciated.

Helping the Victims of Recent Tornadoes

The recent tornadoes wreaked widespread destruction and caused scores of deaths. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been in contact with affected area conferences and has sent emergency grants to 11 conferences that were ravaged by the severe weather.

If you would like to help with this effort, please give to:

US Spring Storms, UMCOR
Emergency Advance #3021326.

New Members to Join Sunday, July 10

New Members will be received into our Lindenwald Church Family on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

If you are interested in uniting with us here at Lindenwald, please just let Pastor Val Waibel know after a worship service or by calling her at the church at 513.863.8822.



Church-Wide Book Study This Fall

Lindenwald UMC is taking it's next step in growing spiritually. This fall our whole church will be studying the book *Listening for Heaven's Sake: Building Healthy Relationships With God, Self, and Others*, by Sweeten, Ping, and Clippard. The study will begin September 18 and run for nine weeks. Pastor Val will also be preaching study-related sermons during this time. It is our hope and expectation that everyone will participate.

Small group leaders, who will lead the study, were identified and trained in June. The weekly small group meetings will take place in September at various times and days and in various locations to give the congregation the most flexibility in choosing a convenient schedule for themselves.

Each group member will require a book and a study guide. The total cost will be \$20/person. Scholarships will be available.

Consider being a small group leader, but plan on being in a small group as a member this fall. Expect to go deeper, climb higher, and walk closer to God! Expect to build and strengthen spiritual relationships! Expect great things for Lindenwald UMC!

~ your Spiritual Vision Team



The Church Doors are now being kept locked during the day when there are no groups or meetings scheduled. There is a black box by both the front and back doors; to obtain entrance, ring the buzzer and someone in the office will let you in.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cluster Church Picnic

Sunday, August 7, 2011

5:00—7:00 pm

Lindenwald UMC



Please mark your calendars now for this time of food and fun here at our Lindenwald Church as we welcome other area United Methodist Churches – their pastors and members for a time of Christian fellowship. We will eat together, there will be games for all ages, and we will conclude with a Hymn Sing and Time of Prayer. All are invited. Please bring a dish to share. Our Church will provide the paper products and lemonade. If you have questions or comments, please talk to Pastor Val Waibel.

YOUTH AND "THE WORLDWIDE WALD" DOT COM

The youth at LindenWALD have created their own IT communication system: THE WORLDWIDE WALD! Yes! Here at Lindenwald UMC, youth are reaching out to demonstrate the meaning of TASC Force - Teens ACTIVELY SERVING Christ.

As the Scripture teaches: "Faith without Works is dead." Our youth continue to provide assistance at our monthly Community Meals. They recently assisted the Immersion Service group in serving a meal for the City Gospel Mission at 1st UMC-Hamilton.

Three of our youth have considered supporting St. Mark's UMC in their mission venture to Niagara Falls depending upon funds available. The youth are deciding upon a local/area community service project to adopt annually.

And, of course, they have signed up to assist with our very own Summer Shine program for local children.

An area of "showing YOUR adult faith through works" could be what God is calling you to assist with as this year continues to unfold. Pray and then practice your faith by helping our youth as: an event sponsor, a camp sponsor, a chaperone for an activity, a meeting advisor, a meal provider, an equipment manager, a t-shirt sponsor, a Miami University-Hamilton Pep Club financial or adult fan supporter, or, ... whatever way God is calling you to be inspired. Call our Youth Director today to "get moving!" The congregation (and the youth group) is growing! YOU, YOU, YOU are an important part of the process! Join Lindenwald's "Worldwide Wald!" You can find us on FAITHBOOK!

With Care,

Dan, Youth Director

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

A new FCA Huddle group is being established this summer here at Lindenwald for Hamilton High School. A "get acquainted" event is in the works for July. The group has already grown from the initial 20 student-athletes who signed up to twenty-six!!! Ask our Youth Director about details and how YOU can "get excitedly involved!" as a youth or as a supportive adult.



JULY SOCIAL APPLICATIONS of our FAITH

Check the Youth Bulletin Board or call the Church Office to find out about these great opportunities to "apply" your young faith: horseback riding, swimming at the local swimming hole (Fairfield Pool), TASC Force swim (at the Albrights) and cookout (at the Teagues), a planning meeting, a leadership training event, a worship evening (Immersion services), a strength/conditioning/nutrition class at MU-H, an FCA gathering, an MU-H Pep Club "kick-off", and more.

Children's Moments for July

Time seems to be going by quickly with Annual Conference completed for the year, my youngest daughter graduating from the Ohio State University and now with the start of Summer Shine.



This is the fourth year of Summer Shine and we are continuing to add more opportunities for the children to learn different things from our community. We are blessed to have Lisa Gebhart as our

Director of the program; she works many hours for many, many months before the program begins. Lisa has some wonderful surprises in store for the kids like representatives from the Hamilton Fire department, D.A.R.E., Red Cross, Hamilton Parks, Fitness Instructors, etc.

As of June 16, we had approximately 130 children signed up for Summer Shine, with 36 of them being transported in by our church van. It takes at least 22 to 25 volunteers each day to help with this program. We have 5 youth groups helping us this year. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with kitchen help on Fridays and Group Leaders.

Summer Shine is from July 6 to August 5, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 3:30.

We will be participating in the 4th of July parade in Hamilton again this year. If interested in being on the float, let Lisa Gebhart know; we would welcome a good turn out. Thanks to Ray and Lisa for organizing this project.

K.B.A.T.

Have you noticed how we have been growing on Sunday mornings, we are blessed to have more children coming in! We have *ONE* very *BIG* problem, we don't have any **TEACHERS** to teach the message of Jesus Christ to the kids. If you could give one day a month, a quarter, or once a year, please call me.

J-Zone

I am looking for a volunteer to assist with the 5th and 6th grade group this fall, we also are growing and need assistance. If called to serve, please let me know.

Pathways

We are on summer break, but will start back on September 7, 2011.

Van Ministry

Thanks to Dale, Ed and Patrick for driving the van on Sunday mornings. Thanks to Mike and Russ for driving the van for Pathways and Summer Shine. In the fall, the Pathways program needs a driver for taking the kids home at night; if called to serve, please let me know.

God has answered our prayers, and we are blessed to have new children! Now we can glorify God by teaching these children about our Lord Jesus Christ, but we need teachers!

Blessings,
Dawn Trapp



UMW News for July Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle
July 6 – 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle
July 12 – 6:30pm
TBD

You're Invited

To our friends at Lindenwald United Methodist Church . . .

You are invited to join us, Dot and Al Kurtz, in a joint celebration of our 90th birthdays on Saturday, July 2 from 2-4pm in the Chapel at Mason Christian Village, 411 Western Row Road, Mason Ohio.

Your presence is our gift from you!

America the Beautiful

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, *"America the Beautiful."*

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes "who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good "with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



Patriotic Trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn *"My Country 'Tis of Thee."* Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. *"My Country 'Tis of Thee"* was used as a national song before *"The Star-Spangled Banner"* was named America's national anthem in 1931.

Declaration of Interdependence

Let it be declared, announced and hereby celebrated . . . That all people everywhere are dependent upon one another. That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness. That all things in the natural order are dependent upon everything else. That our little planet and all the planets and stars in the solar systems are in a state of mutual dependence upon one another. That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God. And that each individual part of this relationship has its own part to play – its own destiny to fulfill in God's plan.

Congratulations to Our 2011 Graduates!

Ashton House is the daughter of Layni Perry and Brian House and the granddaughter of Linda Stephens. She graduated from Fairfield High School and will attend the University of Cincinnati studying Public Relations and Communication.



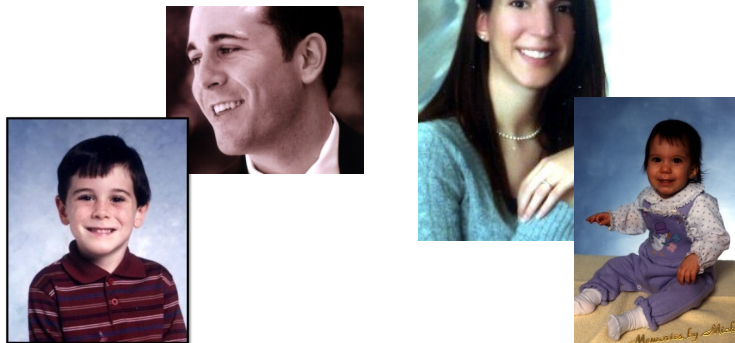
Adam Clendenin is the son of Dwight and Karen Clendenin and grandson of Verill Marchant. He graduated from Hamilton High School and will be enlisting in the United States Navy.

Emily Salzman is the daughter of Tom and Cheryl Salzman. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Toledo. She will continue her education in the PharmD track for the next two years at the University of Toledo.



Jay Brent Dickey is the son of Brent and Karen Dickey and the grandson of Jane and John Dickey. He graduated from Lakota West High School and will be going to Akron University majoring in Computer Science.

Jeff Hyland is the son of Mike and Leslie Hyland. He received his Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree from The Ohio State University and is employed at CVS Caremark in Dayton, Ohio.



Kimberly Backscheider-Stettler is the daughter of David and Melissa Backscheider. She graduated from Ohio State College of Medicine and will be doing her residency in Pediatrics at Nationwide Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Kirk Gambrell is the grandson of Joyce Magly. He graduated from Hamilton High School and will be attending the University of Cincinnati majoring in Biochemistry.



Nathan Waibel is the son of Pastor Valerie Waibel. He graduated with honors from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice-Forensics. He will take the summer to decide what is next—either Law School, the military, the Peace Corps or seminary.

A Note From Your Finance Chair . . .

Dear Lindenwald UMC Church Family,

I am writing to give you an update on the financial status of our church. To date we are following the budget laid out at the start of the year. Unfortunately we are a little behind on our pledged giving. As of the end of May we are \$4,576 behind budget. I ask everyone to please remember their pledges. With such a tight budget it is important for us not to fall too far behind. I would also like to thank the department heads for doing such a good job at keeping below their budgets. With God's guidance we have been able to get through this tough stretch financially for our church.

I would also like to remind you of our Miracle Sunday campaign. We are now entering the third and final year of this campaign. This is also a very important component of our financial budget, not only for this year, but 2012 as well. We are currently using this money for salaries and programs as planned to close the budget. We will be sending out pledge updates so everyone can review where they are with both their stewardship pledge and also Miracle Sunday pledge.

I understand that things continue to be difficult for many as we all struggle to make ends meet in this tough economy. It seems as though every time we think the economy is recovering, it takes a couple steps in the wrong direction. Together with God's guidance and direction we can find our way through this difficult time. It is great to see many of our programs continue to grow through the work and dedication of our staff and volunteers, especially programs like Community Meals, Pathways, and Summer Shine. We are becoming a great asset to our community.

I look forward to seeing our church continue its development and growth to help expand God's Kingdom here in Hamilton.

Your friend in Christ,

Ed Gebhart, Finance Chairman

Additional 2011 Graduates

Sean Crowe

Sean, son of Tim and Leann Crowe, graduated from Miami University with a degree in Education.

Adam McCormick

Adam, son of Bill and Nancy McCormick, graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a degree in Music.

Janette Trapp

Janette, daughter of John and Dawn Trapp, graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Nutrition.



Our Lindenwald Church will have a float in this year's 4th of July Parade in downtown Hamilton. The parade begins at 10am . . . don't miss us!



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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