

June 2010

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Members and Friends,

There's a story in Luke 7:1-10 about Jesus' encounter with a Centurion who had an "extraordinary faith." This Centurion was a man of authority and power. But, he had some characteristics that endeared him to Jesus. **For one thing**, he was a kind man. He had a servant who was dear to him. The servant lay critically ill and the Centurion was concerned. So, he sent a delegation of Jews to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. This delegation gave testimony to the Centurion's kindness and generosity. **Secondly**, the Centurion was also a humble man. Jesus was impressed by the testimony of those Jewish friends and went with the delegation toward the Centurion's house in Verses 6-7: "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word and let my servant be healed." For a man of authority, this Centurion was remarkably humble. **Finally**, because this Centurion was kind and humble, he had developed what I call an extraordinary faith. He was a man open to the miraculous in life. If Jesus would simply say the word, his servant would be healed. The Centurion believed that Jesus did not even have to enter the house. Just a word from the Master would do it. Jesus exclaimed in Verse 9: "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." The Centurion truly believed that there was a God who can help us be more than we are if we simply trust in God.

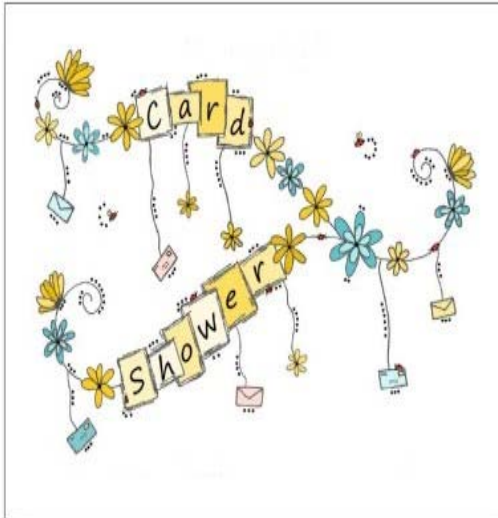


This story of the Centurion's extraordinary faith is our story as well. For our Lindenwald United Methodist Church has been very faithful in following God's vision and direction for ministry. We, too, believe that our God continues to help us when we trust in him. Indeed, in recent months God worked through so many servant volunteers to ready the Freeman Avenue property to be placed on the market. In only seven days, Freeman Avenue was sold for an excellent price. Only God could do that especially in this economy! This made it possible for us to pay off our loan. Then, on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010 at both worship services, we not only celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit, but we also celebrated being free of debt as we burned the bank loan note for \$100,000.

Let us be reminded of the extraordinary faith of the Centurion when he said: "All you have to do, Jesus, is say the word!" And it became true. The Centurion's servant was healed. God is able. All we need is the ability to trust His word.

As your Pastor, I want to encourage us to trust God with the present as well as our future. God is still calling us for God's Kingdom work.

See you in Church and Sunday School,



Let's Have a
Birthday Card
Party!

Let's remember the following people on their June birthdays!

Lillian Emenaker

June 9

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

Bettie Creech

June 14

c/o Brookdale Place
9090 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Mary Louise Emerson

June 11

c/o Fairfield Pavillion
5251 Dixie Hwy., Apt. 2219
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

FYI

- FOR YOUR INFORMATION -

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



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).

Children's Ministry

Greetings: Wow, the school year has gone by quickly and Pathways will end for the summer on June 2. It has been an exciting and fun year getting to know a lot of new children. We went roller skating, served at a community meal, made Christmas gifts for our shut-ins, performed a Christmas Play at the community meal, went Christmas caroling, gave potted flowers away to a nursing home, sang at the 9:30 service, and went to Harbin Park in Fairfield. In the midst of all of that we also learned about our Savior, Paul, creation and the Holy Spirit. We completed many craft activities and played different games inside/outside.



Thank you again to all the people who participated in our activities on Wednesday nights; from the meals, transportation, crafts, games, Bible stories, prayer support, music and special activities! You truly are a blessing serving your Savior through the different ministries with the kids.

The family dinners will also end for the summer on June 2. Both Pathways and the family dinners will start back on September 7. We are always looking for volunteers for cooking/serving meals and helping with the kids at Pathways. In the fall, Pathways will only be for kids 3 yrs old to 4th grade.

Starting June 14 from 5 to 6:30, all 5th and 6th graders will be meeting on Monday nights for the "J Zone" (Jesus Zone) in the Youth Room. This group will continue in the fall on Monday nights and will be involved with missional outreach activities, Bible study, leadership skills, and fun stuff! The van will be available for those needing transportation. If interested in helping with this ministry, please contact me at the church. Dates for the J Zone this summer are: June 14, 21, & 28. August 9 & 16; the fall schedule starts on September 13.

Due to Summer Shine the kids will not be meeting for the 5 weeks of the program.

Summer Shine is up in full swing with Lisa Gebhart taking the role as Director. Lisa reports that as of the May 21, 2010, we have 100 kids pre-registered and 45 kids needing transportation. Wow, God is truly blessing us! A summer shine meeting will be held on June 6th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (lunch is provided). Lisa is still in need of volunteers, and we especially need van drivers!

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

Through Summer Shine's food program, we will be providing food to two different VBS programs; one at First UMC of Hamilton (June 21-25) and the other at Park Ave. UMC (June 27-July 1).

Rays of Hope is moving along with the possibility of 4 to 5 youth groups as of May 21, 2010. Rays of Hope is the youth mission outreach opportunity for youth groups in the UMC West Ohio Conference to come and serve at Summer Shine and Living Waters.

Recap Children's Ministry Services for June, July and August

Pathways & Family Dinner Night ends on June 2 for the summer. *J Zone* (5th-6th graders) Monday nights, 5-6:30, June 14, 21, 28; August 9 & 16. *Summer Shine* July 5 to August 6; every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 3:30; for kids going into Kindergarten-6th grade. *Sunday Mornings* (ages 3 yrs old to 6th grade) 9:30-10:30 *KBAT* (*Kids Bible Adventure Time*) 10:30-11:30 *Fruit Time* (Joyful Noise-children's choir, Fruit activity time); *KBAT* 11:30-12:30.

We are growing on Sunday morning and I need help. If you go to first service, please consider helping to teach every other month at 2nd service. Or if you go to 2nd service, please consider teaching every other month during first service. Teaching is very easy and if you have a heart for kids, please help out! Keep us in prayer as we head into the busy summer months!

F..A..N..



Join us on June 26 at Harbin Park in Fairfield from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for a family picnic. We will be playing games ... bring your ball glove if you have one. Bats/balls/bases will be provided. Bring a side dish to share; we will provide the lunch meat/bread and drinks. Please let me know if you are able to attend. If it rains we will be meeting at the church in Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you at the park!

Blessings, Dawn Trapp

Welcoming the Newest Members of our Family

Tom and Christine Wentz



Tom and Christine Wentz became members of our Lindenwald Church on April 4, 2010. They live in Hamilton and are the proud parents of sons, John-Michael, Matthew, Zacheriah and Elijah. They also have a grandchild, Julie Annalynn who was born in February.

John-Michael and Jenny Wentz



John-Michael and Jenny Wentz also joined our church family on April 4, 2010. They are the parents of a beautiful little girl, Julie Annalynn, born in February of this year.

Charlene Moore



Charlene joined Lindenwald Church on May 30, 2010 by letter of transfer from St. Mark's United Methodist Church. She lives in Fairfield with husband, Lee, and enjoys reading and gardening. Charlene retired from the Hamilton City School District where she taught 2nd through 6th grade at Grant Elementary.

Be sure to say hi to Charlene, Tom, Christine, John-Michael and Jenny and welcome them into our church family! If you are interested in becoming a member of Lindenwald United Methodist, contact the church office (863-8822) or Pastor Val (val_waibel@lindenwaldumc.org).

ARE YOU A CHRISTOPHER?

Do you know what the word Christopher means? Well, it means Christ-bearer. There is a Christopher movement made up of Christians who vow and practice to be "little Christs" to others and to make the world a better place, one person at a time. They are givers, servers, lovers and devout souls who take Christ seriously. Founded by Father John Keller, the movement "*encourages each individual to do something practical and constructive to raise the standards of private and public life because ... in God's plan every person has a part to play.*" The personal responsibility of a Christopher is to go into the workplace, carrying truth, love and light in the face of dishonesty, hatred and darkness. There are neither dues nor official membership to be part of the Christopher movement, but we can all ask ourselves, "*Am I a Christopher?*"

Lindenwald United Methodist Preschool Completes their 28th Year!



The children gather around Mrs. Uhl to get a closer look.

On May 22, the 28th year of our Preschool at Lindenwald came to an end all too quickly. We have had a very enjoyable and happy year working with the children and their parents. With the support of our preschool parents and dedicated staff, this was all made possible. A big thank you to Linda Rouse and Ray Kissinger for all the help they gave us throughout the year.

During the school year, the 4 and 5 Pre-K classes visited Barn N Bunk, Fairfield Library, Neiderman's Farm and had a fun day picnic at Harbin Park. We were visited by Bonnie from the Metro Parks and Dr. Kennedy, DDS, Fairfield's children's dentist. The 4 and 5 Pre-K class studied different countries, their customs and made items used in other countries. On Wednesday, May 19, the 4 and 5 Pre-K Classes had Graduation Day and families and friends attended the festivities.

The 3-Year-Old Class had a butterfly activity during Earth Week—learning about the changes that occur when a caterpillar forms a chrysalis to become a butterfly. There were four beautiful butterflies that were released into the air.



Saying the Pledge of Allegiance on Graduation Day!

The 3-Year-Old Class ended their year with a family picnic at Harbin Park on May 21.

The Preschool is an outreach of our church and a service to the community. It is a place for children to grow in love, share with others, and care for each other. Our Preschool enjoys an excellent reputation in the community, due to the experience, knowledge and dedication of the preschool staff. Our dedication is rewarded in watching children grow in love and learning and knowing we have played a vital part in the lives of many children.

The Preschool is governed by a Preschool Board, which is composed of three church members, three preschool parents and the Preschool Director. The 2010-2011 School Year will begin on Tuesday, September 7.

Have a happy summer! See you in September!

The Preschool Staff: Jane Dickey, Chris Allen, Beverly Gatliff, Debi Schubert, Bonnie Smith, and Vicki Uhl

Registrations are being accepted now for the 2010-2011 school year beginning in September. Forms can be picked up from the church office or downloaded from our church website.

www.lindenwaldumc.org



Releasing the butterflies was an exciting time for the kids!

Lindenwald Food Pantry – A Fresh Idea!

Stocking the food pantry is a continued struggle. Meeting the needs of the families who attend our Community Meal, alone, has been very difficult. We have come up with an idea that may be easier and help us to stock better.

We are asking that each time you come to church, for worship, meetings, Bible studies or volunteering, that you bring **one pantry item** with you to donate. There is a box in the parlor, and we will be placing one in Fellowship Hall also. This seems to be an easy, affordable way for all to be able to help.



Items needed include:

- Canned meat: for example, tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, chicken, Spam
- 16 oz. canned fruits/vegetables
- Boxed rice/potatoes/pasta
- Hot cereal/chocolate
- Personal care items: for example, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, hairbrushes, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, sanitary products, soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, dish soap
- Baby items



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 pm 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.



Glen Chastain . . .

We are pleased to announce that Glen Chastain has been hired as our new part time custodian. Glen started in his new role on May 6 and works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a total of ten hours each week. His primary duties will be cleaning in nature but he will also perform basic mechanical repairs when needed.

Glen is an active member of Park Avenue UMC and has served on their Trustee committee as a member and chairman. He is retired from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation and currently Glen also works part time at the Home Depot store in Hamilton.

Please take a minute to welcome Glen if you are in the building and see him doing his custodial duties. We are very happy to have him as a new staff member.

UMW Circle Meetings For June

Friendly Circle

June 2—11:15 am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle

June 8—6:30 pm
Harbin Park

Mizpah Circle

June 10—Noon
Picnic in Fellowship Hall

hey, chester the church mouse, here!

WoouooooooHooooooo! thank goodness that tim crowe finally hired us a new custodian! his name is glen chastain and he hails from park avenue UMC. seems like a real right nice feller. reckon he'd be kind enuff to dust my nest on occasion? case ya didn't know, that dainty darlin' doris webber is our Prayer Warrior Captain (PWC). i just love her 'cause not only is she teeny tiny like me, but she will pray for anyone or any rodent any time. you need prayer; you call doris. why, she's got a hotline to God! i absolutely love the prayer circle during first service. i joined right in last sunday. it feels heavenly and like bein' a part of the church family! YippeeYa-HooWee school is FINALLY out! 'em pre-school kids can now leave me be in peace and quiet. that thar smart cookie jane dickey runs a tight ship, but I sure could use a break from all 'em pitter patter'n feet out 'n 'bout. heard tell two of 'em teachers, vickie uhl and bonnie smith, got their purty pictures in the hamilton journal 'cause they did the LUMP butterfly kit with the three year olds. COOL! CHRYSALIS. . . that notion of the fuzzy caterpillar changing into the beautiful butterfly, just like becoming a Christian: "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2 Corinthians 5:17. ahhhh, gives me goose bumps just thinkin' 'bout that miracle. got junk? good thang the YOU-nited methodist men will be hosting a parkin' lot sale on june 12th from 8:00-2:00. are they really gonna sell the parkin' lot? this mighty mouse must make a appearance! a course, wherever 'em men are 'em women can't be too far behind! the ladies are also sellin' gently used books and blessed baked items. better git thar early! summer shine is almost here. dern! means 'em kids will be back in the building ... oh well, it does git lonely without 'em. now ya'll need to help lisa and dawn lead 'em kids down the paths of righteousness. . . (and right out the back door). let 'em know if you can partici-



pate. don't fergit to keep prayin' for the new immersion service comin' up in the fall. bye ya'll. . .

yer furry friend in Christ,
chester

p.s. heard the genesis circle Christmas jar is half-full! is yours?

Opportunities for Bible Study

Emerging Bible Study

by Jim Mullaney

As we continue our study with Chapter 19 in the Book of Acts (vss. 1-7) we see Paul encountering some disciples who, just like Apollos in a previous chapter, were not fully aware of the Holy Spirit until Paul instructed them. We can see from these examples that our Christian walk comes in stages. There are a number of challenges for Believers along these lines. For ourselves the challenge is to "stay on the road" moving from one stage to the next as the time is right for us. Our ultimate objective is to "go the distance" by walking with our Lord and growing our entire life. Regarding others, our challenge is to understand and respect those who are still growing. That means being loving, patient and helpful when needed for them to stay on the right path. It does not mean harsh criticism when new believers are off track.



We have a few more weeks of study in Acts. Next we will continue our Bible quest with the book of Joshua. If you are not currently involved in another class or Bible Study, come join us in the Chapel following the first service each Sunday. The class is open to beginners as well as seasoned Believers and Seekers.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

by Nancy Albright

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study will begin the Beth Moore series, *To Live Is Christ*, the study of Paul on Thursday, June 10 at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

The books need to be ordered as soon as possible, so contact Carrie Titus (235-0733) or Nancy Albright(863-6922) if you would like more information or you would like to sign up for this study. The books for the study are \$14.95.

West Ohio Annual Conference June 6-10 at Lakeside on Lake Erie

Our Lindenwald Church will have the following delegates attending this year's Annual Conference: Pastor Valerie Waibel, Pastor Roy Wigal, Bob and Judy Nesselroad, Bruce Dickerson and Dawn Trapp. Please pray for these delegates as they attend this exciting and meaningful week together.

Please contact the church office, 863-8822, if you have a pastoral need during this time.

Mark 1:8: "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Going Through the Waters
of Baptism in 2010:*

Jenny Lee Wentz

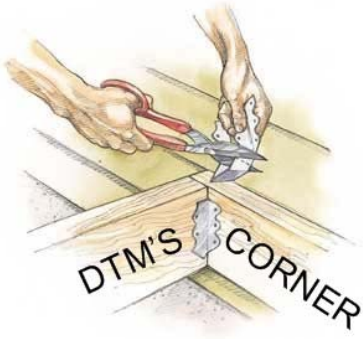
Julie Annalynn Wentz

Mary Alice Johnson

Aquayea James Jones

Arquell Anthony Jones

Aquante John Jones



Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

immersion

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

Last month I wrote a little about the new immersion service beginning on September 1, 2010. This month, I would like to talk about the first component of immersion . . . worship. Psalm 150 tells us:

*"Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!"
²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD! " (NRSV)*

This is one of the inspirations for the design team as we continue to pray over what type of worship God is leading us to develop. The worship will be open to all people who want to come and praise the Lord. The goal is to have a variety of praise music in different styles along with opportunities of drama, liturgical dance, prayer, testimony, and a variety of other worship and praise opportunities. The hope is to provide a worship time where all people will be able to come and have the opportunity to go deeper in their worship and praise of the Lord. So continue to look for more information about this new worship service in the coming weeks.

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.

NOTE: NO STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION IN JUNE.

Graduation Sunday June 13, 2010



Are you or someone you love graduating this year from high school, college, trade school, etc?

If so, submit their current picture along with a baby picture for our graduate celebration on Sunday, June 13 in both morning worship services. Also, please include place of graduation and any future plans they may have.

Pictures will be scanned and returned to you.

Stephen Ministry Featured on PBS!

The PBS "Religion and Ethics" news show recently aired an eight-minute feature about Stephen Ministry.

You can watch the video online by visiting the Stephen Ministry page on our Lindenwald website. You can also see the video on the PBS website.

Go to . . .

www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/tag/stephen-ministry

. . . and click on the April 9, 2010 "Stephen Ministry" feature.

You'll also find several bonus features—including a separate nine-minute interview with the founder and executive director of Stephen Ministries, Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk.



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

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.



Please join us here at Lindenwald Church for a month of exciting and meaningful worship experiences!

➔ **Sunday, June 6:** Holy Communion and a Ministry Moment about "Summer Shine" and "Rays of Hope."

➔ **Sunday, June 13:** Graduate Recognition Sunday when we will honor all 2010 graduates. If you have a loved one graduating from preschool, high school, college, trade school, or any other degree program—please submit a baby picture and a graduation picture to the church office as soon as possible. Also, please indicate from where they are graduating and any future plans they may have.

➔ **Sunday, June 20:** Father's Day when we will honor all men.

➔ **Sunday, June 27:** Liturgical dancers will join us for both services. Ashley and Brittany Burr, who are Pastor Val's nieces, will provide liturgical movement to "The Lord's Prayer" and the song "Blind Man."

Worship is so important to our spiritual journey. Let us learn and grow together through worship. June will provide many opportunities for praise and worship.



Father's Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

AUGUST 22, 2010

6:00 TO 7:30 PM

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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