

March 2011



Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I remember playing hide and seek as a child. It was so much fun to see if I could hide better than my siblings and neighborhood friends. My younger brother, Doug, was the best at hiding somewhere and we seldom found him. We would look and look for him; we eventually just gave up trying to find Doug, and he's wander back into the yard and would never tell us about his hiding place.

In Genesis 3:8-11, Adam and Eve are hiding in the garden. They are not playing a childhood game; they are hiding from God. They do not want God to find them because they are ashamed. Adam and Eve have disobeyed God and they have eaten of the fruit from the tree of good and evil. As usual, God comes to the garden on his nightly stroll to greet his creation, Adam and Eve, but they are not waiting with their same eagerness and enthusiasm. So God asks: *"Where are you?"* This is the first question in the Bible and the most important question for us to answer.

God knew where Adam and Eve were; we cannot hide from God. Adam and Eve are acting like ostriches thinking that because they cannot see, they cannot be seen. Hiding is a common human behavior. Oft times, we do not want God and others to know who we truly are or what we truly do when no one is looking. Even more than hiding from others and God (which is impossible to do), we hide from ourselves. We don't want to really see who we are



and how we might be avoiding and hiding from God's intentions for our lives. Our hiding places can become very comfortable! Yet, God finds us and asks: *"Where are you? Come out and walk with me. Come home and enjoy the free gift of my love. Remember you live under the sign of the cross: the baptismal sign and the sign of the ashes of repentance. Remember I made you; you are mine and I love you. Out of the ashes of disobedience and sin,*

I have raised up a cross and a Savior so that you can dare come out of hiding and honestly confess who you are and what you are doing. Then, you find the new life which I want to give to you."

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent give all of us the opportunity to come out of hiding—to get real

and be honest about the ways we hide from God...God who simply wants to walk with us, talk with us, and love us. We will begin a journey to the Cross on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 with our Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We will share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion as well as receive the Imposition of Ashes on our foreheads. As a gift to each one of you, there are Lenten devotionals available beginning Ash Wednesday entitled, *"The Sanctuary for Lent;"* you may also obtain a copy of this devotional on Sunday, March 6. My prayer is that you will be present on Ash Wednesday and the Sundays - Wednesdays of this 2011 Lenten Season as we journey to the Cross and then celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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Birthday
Birthday



Janice Trueman ~ March 3
Birchwood Care Center
4070 Hamilton Mason Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

United Methodist Men's Community Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 19, 2011

8:00 to 11:00am



Adults: \$5.00

Children Age 5-12: \$3.00

Children under 5: Free

**Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,
Grits, Juice, Coffee**



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 or on Saturday, contact Patrick Rimer (545-6861).

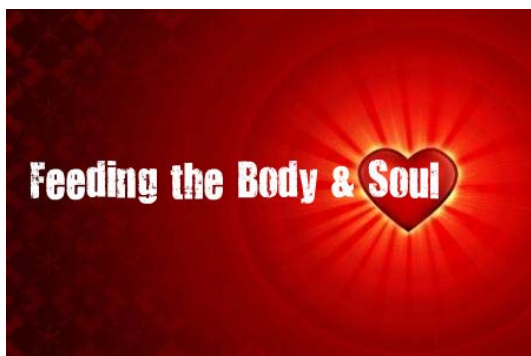
Children's Ministry Moment by Dawn Trapp

Greetings from Indiana. It is good to see the grass (dead or alive) again; we have had a long and cold winter this year. I see signs of spring with tulips being sold at Kroger's, and the coming of Ash Wednesday on March 9, which is the beginning of Lent. Hope comes to mind, the hope of spring, the hope of warm weather, and the hope we share in the risen Lord. Lent is a time of reflection to remember the sacrifice that Jesus Christ gave by dying on the cross to bring us life. I praise our Lord, for allowing me the privilege of teaching children about Jesus Christ.

We are in great need for volunteers for Sunday mornings and on Wednesday nights. We are blessed to reach children out in our community and this is an opportunity to share the gospel with these kids. We cannot grow without support from our congregation. We have been praying to reach people for the gospel; well between the Children's and Youth Ministries, God has answered your prayers, but both groups need help. Please support these ministries by the giving of your time and talents. This may mean a sacrifice for you, but this is a part of our Christian walk, to give of ourselves in serving God, so please be in prayer to see where God can use you in serving either the Children's or Youth Ministries.

Blessings,

Dawn Trapp



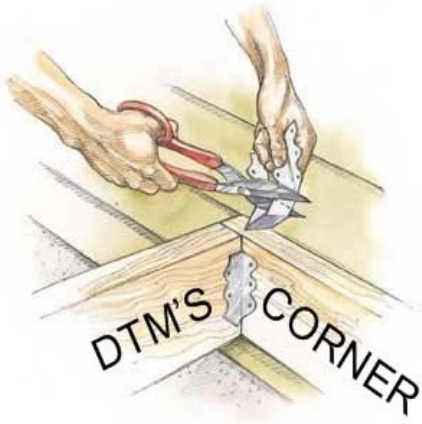
Free Community Meal

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 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in our front parking lot (please watch your bulletins for the date of the next Prayer Drive Thru). 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.



Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

It will not be long until the season of Lent begins and we will begin to prepare our hearts for the sadness and joy that comes with this season. There will be many opportunities for us to come together as a church to share in this season. Beginning on Tuesday March 8 at 7pm in the church library, I will be leading Adam Hamilton's Bible study "24 Hours That

Changed the World." We will be looking at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in the hopes of developing a better understanding of the theological significance of these events and see how they relate to our own lives. If you are still trying to figure out something to add to your Lenten experience, I want to personally invite you to consider this study.

24 Hours That Changed the World



On Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season, The Immersion service will be praising, worshipping, and studying a Lenten series entitled *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. This series invites us to "experience one of life's greatest mysteries - God's radical breaking through with a love that could not be destroyed" and to "rediscover our curiosity and meet God in the questions, not just the answers." I am very excited about this series and hope that you will consider joining us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for the Immersion Service. Hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Event
sponsored by the immersion service. . .



Cruise-in For Christ
Saturday, August 13, 2011

Other Dates and Times to Know. . .

immersion service
Wednesdays — 6:30 pm

Office Hours
Monday and Wednesday
2:00—4:00 pm
Day Off—Thursday



**Join Pastor Val
Each Sunday
For Sunday
School!**

Pastor Val invites all members and friends of the church to Sunday School in the Parlor immediately following the first worship service. They are currently studying the disciples. For the next week or so, they will look together at "Simon Peter – The Disciple With the Foot-Shaped Mouth" which is found in the book entitled, *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur. Everybody is invited to join this class!

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too."

– J.C. Ryle

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

Keyboards, Pipes and Pedals!



**Sunday, March 20
First United Methodist Church
225 Ludlow Hamilton, OH**

3:00 P.M.

Featuring Bill Jenne and Marcia Weygant

on our 1919 Steinway Grand Piano and our Casavant Brothers Pipe Organ with pieces for organ, piano piano and organ duets, and four hands on organ
free will offering Questions? call 513-896-5683



In the happy moments
praise God.

In the difficult moments
seek God.

In the quiet moments
trust God.

In **every** moment
thank God.

Dear Beloved Church Family,

Being shut in is not fun, unless you are as blessed as I have been to have such friends as you; for you have showered me with loving cards, visits, phone calls, food, flowers and prayers, all for which I am truly grateful!

A special thanks to Pastor Val for her visit to Good Sam Hospital to be with me and my family for and during my recent right leg operation. A special thanks to Pastor Roy and later to Dawn for bringing and serving communion to me here at home after having spent two and a half months at Shawnee Care Nursing Home of Harrison.

Another big thanks to Debbie and Virgie for their visits to the home in Harrison to bring lots and lots of goodies from our United Methodist Women, and visits and flowers from Cheryl to Good Sam and Harrison with gorgeous flowers and from all of you the hundreds of cards you have sent.

To find the right words to express my love to you all is not easy. May the love of Christ shine in you all always. Blessings, blessings, from your Sister in Christ.

Love to all . . . Betty Swank

UMW News for March

Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle

March 2 – 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle

March 8 – 6:30pm
Chapel

Mizpah Circle

March 10 – 1:00pm
Church Parlor

Recipes Wanted!

The United Methodist Women would like your recipes to make a cookbook. All kinds are welcome. Low-fat, low-salt and sugar-free ones are especially wanted. They can be dropped in a box in the Parlor. Please include your name with your recipe.

Thanks!



**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



Don't forget before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12, set your clocks ahead an hour.

Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 13!

SCOUTING SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH



On Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the 9:30am worship service and then on February 13, 2011 at the 11:40am worship service – Boy Scout Sunday was celebrated here at our Lindenwald United Methodist Church. The Scouts and their families joined us in our worship services and a special time of recognition was observed during the services. We are certainly proud of our Boy Scouts and their families and their leaders, as well.

On Sunday, March 13, 2011, Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated here at our Lindenwald United Methodist

Church during both worship services. We will recognize our girl scouts and their families and their leaders as we celebrate their achievements in the past year.

Dear Lindenwald United Methodist Church,

I attended the Cub Scout Sunday service in February, and I enjoyed your entire presentation very much.

I loved the way you incorporated everything around the scouts! Jean Baum and Zachary Corwin are the reasons I was in attendance. I wanted to make a donation so I have enclosed a check for that purpose. If it's possible, I would appreciate it being used for the Wednesday evening children's program.

Thank you for sharing Christ so beautifully,

Sue Shearer

Pastor Val,

I wanted to quickly write and say thanks for hosting our outstanding Scout Sunday event and service at your church.

I am so grateful for the partnership Lindenwald UMC and Scouting continues to develop. I truly believe our collaborative efforts are making a difference for these kids and their families.

Thanks again and here's looking forward to the future!

Best, Adam Blanchard



Girl Scout Sunday ~ March 13, 2011

We will welcome our Girl Scouts and their families on Sunday, March 13 at both worship services.

Let us warmly greet these young ladies and their families.

TASC FORCE NEWS

SUPER THANKS!!!

Super Bowl Sunday Super Subs-n-Such was a huge success and was our first fundraiser event of the year! Monies raised will help us attend camps and other activities! Thank you Lindenwald Church and community.

TASC FORCE 2011 OFFICERS ELECTED

Please congratulate the following youth on being elected to serve our youth and community this year.

- ♦ President: Cooper Osborne
- ♦ Vice President: Gabriel "Gabe" Hoskins
- ♦ Alternate Vice President: Brandon Thomas
- ♦ Secretary: Daulton Reames
- ♦ Treasurer: Nick Brown
- ♦ Alternate Treasurer: Gabriel Hoskins

TASC Force meetings will move to Sunday afternoon, time to be announced, beginning on March 6 for eight weeks. TASC Force members may still attend the Wednesday meals and participate in the Immersion Service. If a meeting is called for Wednesday during that time, you will be notified by the phone chain.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Our youth director will be having initial sign-ups and an inaugural meeting of any Hamilton High School Athlete who is interested in starting up a FCA Huddle Group. The Group will meet at Lindenwald UM Church. Plans are to begin on March 15. For information, contact Dan Dennis, 289-1557 or the church, 863-8822.

FIELD OF DREAMS

Want to get involved in a great community project? Find out how. Contact our youth director. Opportunities for youth and interested adults await you in assisting Mr. Kim Nuxhall, son of the late and great

Cincinnati Redleg Joe Nuxhall, in building a "Field of Dreams" for Special Needs youngsters in our area.

SPRING BREAK COMES TO LINDENWALD

A group of valiant Miami University-Hamilton college students will be taking their Spring Break this year learning about homelessness, poverty, and unemployment in our Hamilton/Fairfield area. They will be spending time with our J-Zone and TASC Force children and youth as well. Some of our staff will be making a presentation as well. If you are in the church building Monday, March 7 or Tuesday, March 8, take time to say hello, help them feel welcome, and get to know some of our college "neighbors" better. Volunteer chaperones to stay overnight with them in the church are always welcome! Contact the church office if interested.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Miami University-Hamilton is right here in our neighborhood. Here are some ways to be "neighborly" as our relationship with the staff and student body grows:

- ♦ **Volunteer PEP Club:** We (youth and adults) are invited to attend all their HOME softball and baseball games and cheer them on. Ask about a free Harrier Pep Club T-shirt. (We had nine LUMC youth participate and thirty-six overall during the Men/Women's Basketball Season—consuming 77 free hotdogs, 120 sodas/water, and a ridiculous number of candy bars along with free entry to each Home Game and a free Harrier T-shirt.) Volleyball starts in August, too! Come and join the fun! Voluntary devotions are provided also.

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TASC FORCE NEWS (continued)

- ♦ **Community Dinner:** The basketball players, cheerleaders, and others are invited to our March 19, 5-6:30pm Community Meal here at the church. Come and see your “neighbors” and congratulate them on a fine season! The women’s team proved to be extremely competitive and the men’s team was nationally ranked this year.
- ♦ **First Ever Homecoming Dance:** The students were very appreciative and grateful that we supplied them with punch and pop for their first-ever Homecoming Dance and that we helped with the decorating, chaperoning, and cleaning up. Yea for community!!! And, TASC Force is just that – **T** (teens) **A** (actively) **S** (serving) **C** (Christ)!!!
- ♦ **Stay-cation:** Join the excitement as a dozen service-minded college students and staff come to “our house” to eat, share, and sleep over on Monday and Tuesday, March 6-7.

MORE


- ♦ Be on the lookout for our next fundraisers, a string musical group, a parade/bonfire, a clinic and retreat. Our specialty this Spring will be to mulch the flower/bush areas of the church and other community service activities. Stay tuned!!!
- ♦ Sympathies to Corey Vernot upon the death of his paternal grandmother.

The Pastor’s Page

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So, come out of hiding, behind excuses – like “I can’t.” Come out of hiding from behind the habits that have us trying to avoid God and doing everything but walking with Jesus Christ. This Lenten season, let us hear God’s question: “My child, where are you? Our life together is not a game to play. It is the very heart of life.” As we journey to the Cross, let us grow deeper in our relationship with our living Lord and Savior.

See you in Church!



Our Ash Wednesday Service will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to join us for this special service which marks the official beginning of the Lenten season.

**Ash Wednesday Service
Lindenwald Sanctuary
March 9, 2011 – 7:00pm**



Date: February 28, 2011

To: Clergy and Lay Leadership of the West Ohio Conference

From: West Ohio Conference. Episcopal Office



Bishop Bruce R. Ough is pleased to announce the appointment of Reverend Doctor Randy Stearns as the Assistant to the Bishop, effective July 1, 2011.

Rev. Stearns will follow Rev. Joyce Fry who has announced her retirement, also effective July 1. Rev. Fry has served with distinction as Bishop Bruce Ough's assistant since July, 2002.

Rev. Stearns is completing his tenure as district superintendent of the Ohio River Valley District. Prior to the reorganization of the districts in 2006, Randy served as the Springfield District Superintendent. Rev. Stearns is a graduate of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary, and received his doctorate from United Theological Seminary. He was ordained an elder in the West Ohio Conference in 1985. He has also served at Belfast, Grove City and Brice United Methodist Churches.

Rev. Stearns has been the Dean of the Cabinet the past two years. He brings extensive knowledge of the West Ohio Conference and exceptional leadership experience to the Assistant to the Bishop position. Randy is an able administrator and spiritual leader. He is a transformational leader who leads with clarity and pastoral sensitivity. He is deeply and passionately committed to the spiritual vitality and growth of our congregations and clergy leadership.

Rev. Stearns will have major responsibilities in supporting and resourcing the district superintendents and in orienting and coaching newly appointed superintendents. In particular, he will give direction and coordination to our Clergy Cluster system.

Randy is married to Melanie, who serves as the Director of Children's Ministries at Armstrong Chapel UMC in Cincinnati. They have three grown children: Will, Missy and Lindsey.

Rev. Fry will continue to serve as Bishop Ough's assistant for his Episcopal oversight of The United Methodist Church's Southeast Asia Mission Initiative.

You are invited to pray for Joyce and Randy and his family as they begin their respective transitions.

New Member Class Begins Soon!

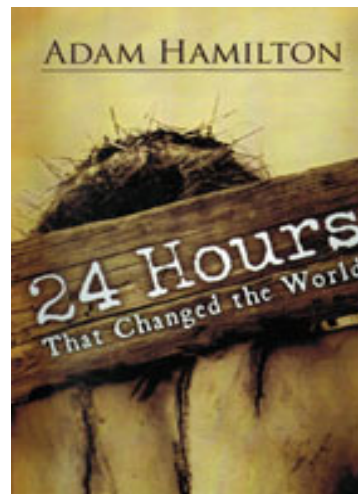


Would you like to learn more about Lindenwald United Methodist Church or the Methodist Church in general? Are you wanting to join Lindenwald UMC?

If so, a New Member Class will begin soon. Mark your attendance pad or email Pastor Val and let her know you'd like to attend.

val_waibel@lindenwaldumc.org

Lenten Bible Study Begins Tuesday, March 9



A new Lenten Bible Study, based on Adam Hamilton's book, "24 Hours That Changed the World" will begin on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm in the Church Library.

This study is open to everyone, so please mark your calendars and join us!

Otterbein-Lebanon's Annual Men's Breakfast

Speaker: Rev. Brian Brown

Rev. Brian Brown has been appointed superintendent for the Ohio River Valley District effective July 1, 2011. He is currently serving as the teaching pastor at Ginghamburg UMC in Tipp City, Ohio.

Rev. Brown will be speaking at the annual Otterbein Lebanon Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 12. The 9:00am breakfast will be held in the

Campus Dining Room and is open to all men for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Rev. Brown will speak in the Campus Chapel at 10am, and the presentation is free and open to anyone that would like to attend. The Otterbein Men's Chorus will provide special music.

Reservations can be made by calling the Otterbein Lebanon UMC Office at 513-696-8537 by Wednesday, March 9.

Otterbein Lebanon United Methodist Church
585 N. State Route 741
Lebanon, Ohio 45036



The 2011 Lindenwald Church Directory can be found in the Parlor and Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget to pick up your copy!



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Office Manager/Adm. Secretary	Linda Rouse
Preschool Director	Jane Dickey
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
 8:00am—12:30pm and 1:30 to 5:00om

Newsletter Deadline: Fifteenth day of month
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays—5:00 PM