

May 2010



Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

This year the International Air Guitar Games are dedicated to world peace. According to the ideology of the Air Guitar Championships, wars would end and all bad things in the world would disappear if everyone in the whole world just played air guitars.

The reason I know about the Air Guitar Championships is because I have been working with our youth on Wednesday nights (along with Linda Teague) until we decide how best to fill the youth minister's position due to Brian and Dorothy Edgerton's departure last December. Our youth know all about "playing" air guitars. When "playing" an air guitar you do not actually have a real guitar in your hands. You just pretend that you are holding a guitar and playing rock 'n roll music. Here's what I love about "playing" an air guitar. You cannot hit a wrong note. You cannot sound bad. You cannot sound better. You don't even need a real guitar to play air guitar. And the best thing about playing air guitar is that you can look good without ever practicing a single note.

However, we know that in order to play a real guitar or any other musical instrument for that matter, one must practice. My parents taught me that "practice makes perfect." With anything in life, we must practice in order to get better and get it right. The very same idea applies to our Christian faith as well. Just last month in April, we celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Christ Jesus. We

learned that as witnesses to that resurrection we must continue to tell the story of Jesus' triumph over sin and death. The only way that Jesus' resurrection can continue to destroy sin and death for each new generation is if every generation has new witnesses. Those who believe in the empty tomb must spend their lives "practicing resurrection." Indeed, "practicing resurrection" takes ... you guessed it ... practice! Practicing resurrection as a Christian disciple means re-telling the story of the Good Friday sacrifice and the Easter morning miracle, again and again, throughout your life of faith. Even on those days when the empty tomb seems incomprehen-

ble ... even when re-telling the miracle is met with disdain and disbelief.

So, I would encourage all of us to keep practicing. Let's keep witnessing to our family and friends. Let's keep working the resurrection faith story into every corner of our lives. Every generation of disciples has to keep practicing. And this is not "air guitar" practice. We serve a risen Christ. Keep practicing resurrection.



See you at Lindenwald Church!

Join Us May 23, 2010 on Pentecost Sunday

On May 23, 2010, we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as be filled with thanksgiving to God for allowing us to pay off the bank loan of \$100,000. Our celebrations will be a part of both worship services at 9:30 am and 11:40 am.

Our God continues to move amongst us and God guides us today and tomorrow. Please plan to be a part of this special day of praise and thanksgiving!



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

Volunteer Recognition Sunday, May 16, 2010

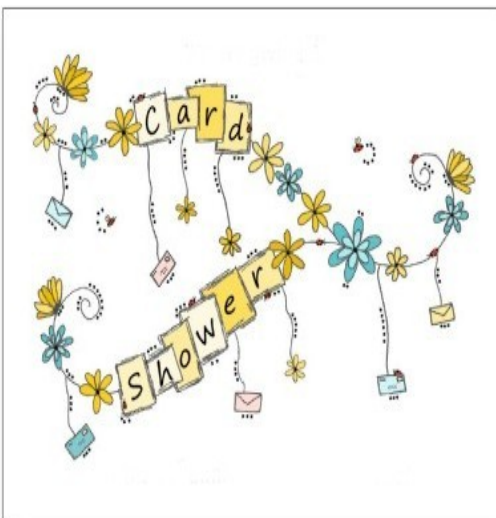
Please join us on this special Sunday when we will recognize and thank all of our volunteers who work as faithful servants for God's Kingdom throughout the year. At both the 9:30 am and 11:40 am worship services, we will share together in a special time of thanksgiving for the many, many hours that our servant volunteers dedicate to the programs and ministries of our Lindenwald Church.

Indeed, we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world. Thanks be to God!



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).



L e t ' s H a v e a
B i r t h d a y C a r d
P a r t y !

Please mail a birthday card to Al this month—his birthday is May 22.

Al Taylor
c/o Tri County Extended Care Center
5200 Camelot Drive, Room 401
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

A New Ministry is Launched! by Jim Mullaney

In April this year a new non-profit corporation named Christian Ministry Campus was formed and registered with the State of Ohio. The purpose is to expand God's Kingdom by supporting the mission of Lindenwald United Methodist Church and other ministries through:

- *Christian Principles*
- *Strong Compassionate Leadership*
- *Individual Growth (workers)*
- *Stellar Service to the Community*

This *Biznistry* (marketplace ministry) is designed to do ministry while at the same time funding ministries at Lindenwald and beyond.

An ad-hoc group from the church formed and explored a list of 30 potential business opportunities that could possibly be set up to support local ministry. The group settled on **Kettle Corn** as a workable business startup. The group then selected the name *Amazing Grace* and has registered a Web Domain

URL. Kettle Corn is a portable mobile concession found at local festivals selling bags of (guess what?) Kettle Corn. Kettle Corn has proven to be a very popular product at local festivals.

The initial Board of Directors includes:

Jim Mullaney
Darin Newcomer
Matt Hoffman
Ed Gebhart
Pastor Valerie Waibel

As of this writing, a team of phone marketing associates are contacting festival organizers in the area for festival opportunities.

This ministry will expand Lindenwald's reach well beyond the walls of our church perhaps touching thousands of lives during

weekend events. All the members on the board as well as church member investors are excited about this new opportunity to serve God and we covet your prayers and support.



United Methodist Men's Annual Parking Lot Sale Saturday, June 12 from 8 am to 2 pm

If you're doing any spring cleaning in the next few weeks, don't throw away those unwanted items. Save them for the UM Men's Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, June 12. Items can be brought to the church beginning June 1. Questions ... contact Jim Lewellyn 868-0156 or Ray Kissinger 829-4262.

High Standard



Beloved humorist Will Rogers had great appreciation for his mother. Mary Rogers taught her eight children God's laws, and she loved and guided them with wisdom and

passion. She performed endless works of charity, thus setting an example for them to follow.

So it was with Mary, the innocent maid God chose to be Jesus' mother. She witnessed Jesus' cruel death and was present at his glorious resurrection. As proof of their unbreakable bond, Jesus, from the cross, made sure Mary would be cared for.

According to *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon Press): "Mary ... represents all that was finest in Jewish womanhood and motherhood. Her deep spiritual sensitivity; her purity, faith and obedience to the divine will; her scrupulous attention to the training of her son in the religious traditions of his people; her loyalty to him, as evidence by her presence at the Cross, even when she did not fully understand him — all mark her as a person of remarkable qualities."

Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer . . .

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, had her "worry button" pushed when her daughter called from college saying that she was going camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. Esther, the daughter, said she wanted to spend time alone to sort out what course her life should take in the future. She asked for Bible verses to reflect upon while alone. Linda knew that Esther felt strongly about her plan. So what was Linda to do? Immediately after the phone conversation, Linda got on her knees and began what she calls "a dialogue with God." She ended her prayer by saying, "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend." That, of course, is where she was when the time came. The morning after Esther spent her first night in camp, she called her mother Linda on a cell phone. Esther said that she was all right and that no one came near where she camped. She reported that all night long a skunk was nearby, circling her tent. Linda wrote later: "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent while the power of prayer in the form of a black-and-white critter was circling it."



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A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above...

- Author Unknown



Lindenwald United Methodist Preschool

Lindenwald Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. The preschool has a high-quality education program for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Our experienced teachers have degrees in Education and there is a low teacher/student ratio. The Preschool is licensed by the State of Ohio and has been serving the community for 28 years.



A child must be 3 years of age by October 1, 2010 to be eligible for the 3-year-old class. A child must be 4 or 5 years of age by October 1, 2010 to be eligible for the 4 and 5 Pre-K classes.

Registration forms may be picked up from the preschool office or you may download them from our website at lindenwaldumc.org. The registration forms with the registration fee of \$45 (\$40 for church members) may be mailed to the church or brought in to the church office.

Tuition fee for the two day (3-year-old) program is \$90 per month. The three-day tuition fee for the 4 and 5 Pre-K classes is \$120 per month.

If you have questions, contact the director, Jane Dickey at 863-8822 or 829-5078.



Reading is Fun!

Men's Saturday Breakfast



The Methodist Men will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 9:00 am at The Ohio Lunch, 332 High Street in downtown Hamilton. All men are invited to attend.

Blessing of the Wheels May 16, 2010



On Sunday, May 16 at 4:00 pm in our front parking lot, Pastor Val will bless all the "wheels" found in our church family and surrounding neighborhood, whether those wheels belong on cars, motorcycles, skateboards, bikes, trikes, etc. All wheels are welcomed!

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.



For Sale
Baby Grand Piano
\$500 negotiable
Questions: 863-8822

**"MUSIC WASHES AWAY FROM
THE SOUL THE DUST
OF EVERYDAY LIFE."**

BERTHOLD AUERBACH

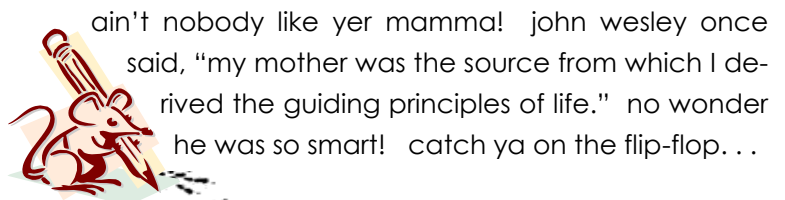


According to the Missions-Evangelism Committees, plans are in the works for an Ice Cream Social some time this summer.

Watch for further information!

hey, chester the church mouse, here!

WOWSVILLE! that thar seder service held in the fellowship hall on maundy thursday was absolutely wunnerful. pas-tor val, kim newcomer, dawn trapp, bruce dickerson, and jim mullaney certainly did a amazin' job teachin' us how it was back in the day! glad i didn't have to eat that mushy stuff on the matzos, YUCK! the juicy juice was right nice though. next time ya see that cute kim give her a big ole hug for organizin' the whole dern thang! she sure is sumptin'. a course, she sings like a angel, but i sure didn't know she was way brighter than the average Bible scholar. (don't tell darin this, but i think she's the prettiest, smartest blonde gurl i ever met!) thanks to genesis circle for helpin' out too. just remember, the life of Jesus illumines us and enlivens our bodies, "if then your whole body is full of light . . . it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays." ~ Luke 11:36. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE! now, the YOU-nited methodist women's luncheon was TERRRRRIFFICC! 'em delectable desserts made my day! that's what i call dinin' in style! it was ex-tree special to hear cathy hester tell us all about the hamilton living water ministry. thank heavens for our darling leslie hyland who so graciously volunteers her time and talents at living water! that gurl is a living example of what it means to be Christ-like. both cathy and leslie make us right proud! nice to see edna wigal back in church! hope those ole shingles go away and never come back. keep prayin' fer edna and roy; they are so very special. well, don't ferget, mamma's day is comin' up. if possible, take her out to lunch or dinner, send her a card, or just plain ole tell her how much she means to ya.



yer furry friend in Christ,

chester

p.s. may day! may day! didn't find no coins for my Christmas jar last week! quit holdin' out on me! drop some change!

Dear Beloved in Christ:

The theme for the June 7 -10, 2010 Annual Conference session is **Love in Action: Building Bridges Out of Poverty**. Ministry with the poor is one of the four missional foci affirmed by the 2008 General Conference. As we gather at Lakeside, we will be celebrating the multiple ways the congregations of the West Ohio Conference are engaged in ministry with those living in poverty. In a variety of teaching sessions we will learn how we can help sisters and brothers build bridges out of poverty.

In keeping with our theme, we will once again receive a **Love First Miracle Offering** at the 2010 Annual Conference Session for people who are poor. I invite each of our nearly 1,200 congregations to begin preparing, even now, to participate in this miraculous expression of our love in action. The needs are overwhelming, but God's grace is sufficient. Our state's economy continues to languish, but God's economy overflows with abundant life. Alone our impact is minimal, but **together we can** be used by God to accomplish a miracle.

Our **Love First Miracle Offering** goal is \$350,000 and 10,000 pounds of potatoes. The cash offering will be used to support impoverished children being treated at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and at our own United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. Seventy per cent (70%) of the cash offering will support Grace Children's Hospital; the other thirty percent (30%) will go to the United Methodist Children's Home. Designated gifts will be honored. The potatoes will be distributed through the Society of St. Andrew to feed hungry people in the West Ohio Conference.

The devastation in Haiti is catastrophic and apocalyptic in proportion. The images flashing across our TV and computer screens are horrific. This was not a natural disaster as much as a poverty disaster. The children are the most vulnerable and the most damaged. Grace Children's Hospital, a United Methodist Advance Special

operated by International Child Care, was damaged beyond use. Most of the facility will need to be rebuilt. There is an immediate need of up to \$400,000 to provide a safe 60-bed patient ward. Our goal is to assist in the rebuilding of the hospital and to provide healing for Haiti's children by raising at least \$250,000 for Grace Children's Hospital. For additional information regarding International Child Care and Grace Children's Hospital, contact Rachel Mills at 800.722.4453 or visit their website at www.internationalchildcare.org.

The United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington provides healing of minds, souls and hearts for children who have been sexually, physically and emotionally abused. Most of the children are the victims of impoverished homes. The United Methodist Children's Home has been fulfilling its essential mission since 1911. Our goal is to launch their next century of ministry by honoring their first 100 years with a Miracle Offering gift of \$100,000 – \$1,000 for each year. For additional information regarding UMCH contact Rev. Steve Putka at 614.885.5020 extension 536 or visit their website at www.UMCHohio.org.

Ten thousand (10,000) pounds of potatoes will provide 30,000 servings to West Ohio's hungry families. I invite every congregation in the West Ohio Conference to bring at least ten (10) pounds of potatoes to Hoover Auditorium during our Love First Miracle Offering. Imagine over five tons of potatoes available to feed those who often agonize over where they will receive their next meal. For more information regarding the Society of St. Andrew, contact Tater (George Jensen) at tater-geo@woh.rr.com or the Society of St. Andrew website at www.endhunger.org.

The **Love First Miracle Offering** will be received during our worship on Tuesday morning, June 8 and again during our Celebration of Life and Ministry Service on Wednesday afternoon on June 9.

Yours in Christ's love, Bishop Bruce Ough

UMW Circle Meetings for May

Friendly Circle

May 5 ~ 11:15 am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle

May 11 ~ 7:00 pm
Home of Sherry Pyrak

Mizpah Circle

May 13 ~ 1:00 pm
Church Parlor

John Engle Christian Counseling Center

Annual Golf Outing

May 22, 2010

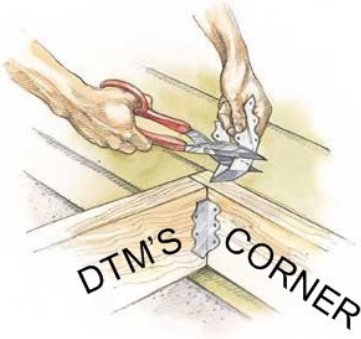
Shotgun Start—1 pm

Fairfield Greens

John Gray Road

To pre-register or for more information, call 896-4357 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly.





Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

immersion

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

Over the next few months I will be using the DTM's corner to announce upcoming events and also tell you about the new immersion service. This month I will explain what immersion is, along with the Goals of the immersion service.

"immersion" is a new worship experience at Lindenwald United Methodist Church beginning on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 6:30PM. This service is open to all people and will be held in the sanctuary. This service will be independently programmed from Sunday morning worship services. There are three goals of the immersion service.

1. To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. To live, teach, and follow Mark 12:28-32

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."
³¹The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' ³²Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"

3. To allow people to go deeper in their Christian faith through the worship, community, and mission of God. By going deeper in our faith, God will return to the central focus of our everyday lives and will no longer be captured and placed in a box, in a building, or be "that thing we do on Sunday". We do not want to be a place that people will just go to church, but will live out their faith in all that they do.

Next month I will discuss the first of the three components for the immersion service, going deeper in the worship of God.

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.

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.

LUMC Men's Softball Schedule

All games are played at the Joe Nuxhall Fields in Hamilton.
For questions about the games, contact Jason Albright at 829-0706

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Diamond No. 3 — 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Diamond No. 4 — 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Double Header

Diamond No. 4 — 6:30 pm

Diamond No. 4 — 8:30 pm

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Diamond No. 5 — 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Double Header

Diamond No. 5 — 6:30 pm

Diamond No. 5 — 7:30 pm

To My Dear Lindenwald Church Family,

There are not enough words to express my deepest appreciation for all the kindness shown by my church at the sudden loss of my son, Chris.

Thank you all for the phone calls, cards, and prayers and for the luncheon so lovingly hosted by my fellow choir members.

I will remember your kindness always.

Anita Collins

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

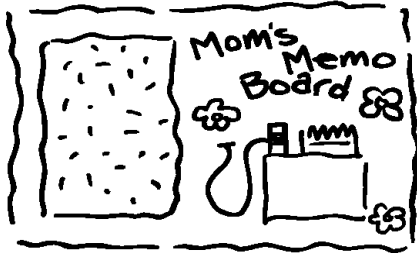
Psalms 31:24

Make a Memo Board for Mother's Day

Make a memo board and give it to your mom on Mother's Day.

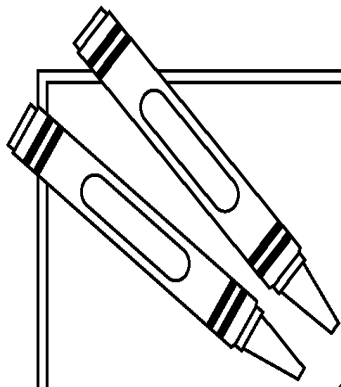
What you need:

- a canvas board approximately 14" x 10" (available at art and craft stores in various sizes)
- a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board (available in self-adhesive rolls or sheets at art and craft stores)
- permanent marker
- colored tissue paper
- 1 sheet of construction paper
- 2 pieces of string or yarn, each about as long as your arm
- glue ■ small notepad
- scissors ■ pencil ■ stapler



How to make it:

1. Cut a piece of corkboard about half the size of the canvas board. Attach it to the left side of the board with glue (or the adhesive backing).
2. Write "Mom's Memo Board" on the top right side of the canvas board.
3. Cut the tissue paper into flower shapes and glue them onto the canvas board.
4. Fold the construction paper into a pocket big enough to hold the small notepad and pencil. Glue the pocket's side and bottom edges to the canvas board. Let it dry.
5. Tie one piece of string or yarn to the pencil and staple the other end to the board near the notepad pocket. Put the pencil in the pocket.
6. Staple the last piece of string or yarn to the back of the board as a hanger.
7. Write a special message to your mother on the first page of the notepad.



Just for KIDS

Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers - not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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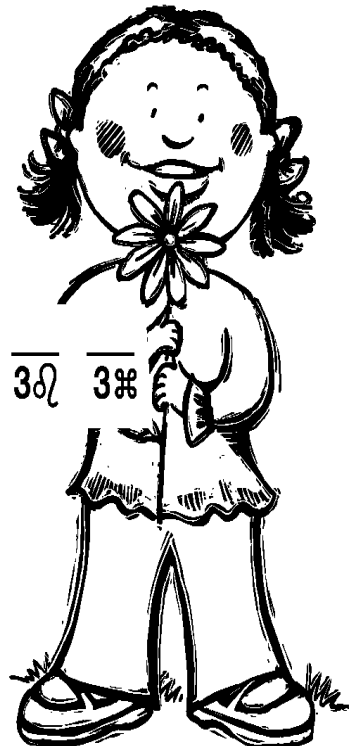
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Treasurers	Nancy Albright, Sue McPeek
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If the church is locked, contact Pat Schick @ 844-1064.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM—Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline: Fifteenth day of month

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays—5:00 PM