

October 2011

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Church Family,

The Fall season is upon us with cooler days and with twilight and evening coming earlier. Of course, with the arrival of Fall, there is so much going on here at our Lindenwald Church which you will read about in this edition of our newsletter.

Indeed, ongoing programs, exciting activities, a new small group book study and many meaningful ministries abound here in the life of our church. October is also the month for special worship services as well as the start of the Fall Financial Stewardship Campaign. I hope you will read the letter that our Finance Chair, Ed Gebhart, has included in this newsletter which immediately follows my words to all of you.

This year the theme for our Financial Stewardship Campaign is *Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving* which is based upon the work of United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase. I believe that giving helps us become what God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church's need for money, but about the Christian's need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and to change us!



Please let me share with you then the Sunday morning worship schedule for October and into November:

- * Sunday, October 2: World Communion Sunday
- * Sunday, October 9: Laity Sunday.

* Sunday, October 16: 18th Sunday in Kingdomtide

* Sunday, October 23: "Extravagant Generosity: Ministry Flows from the Heart" (1 Timothy 6:17-19) Sharing and good deeds result in caring ministries, so where have you seen Jesus at work today?

* Sunday, October 30: "Extravagant Generosity: Bucket Lists – Vision and Hope are Inspirations of the Heart" (Joel 2:28, Matthew 6:33, Colossians 3:1) God-sized vision requires faith and stepping out of your comfort zone, so what is your vision and hope for our church?

* Sunday, November 6: "Extravagant Generosity: The Art of Love – Relationships Are Matters of the Heart" (John 13:34-35) Our relationships with one another prove we know God, so who has made a difference in your spiritual life?

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* Sunday, November 13: *"Declarations of Your Heart – Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart"* (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 8:24) Well done, good and faithful Servant; so what influenced you to be generous? How is it working for you?
Expressing Your Generous Heart-Moment of Commitment for 2012.

On Sunday, November 13, we will collect and then consecrate during the worship services our Promise Cards for our financial commitments to the church's budget in 2012.

Again, I have been praying over this all summer and I believe that God will do an amazing thing through us as together we learn about and grow in extravagant generosity which is indeed a matter of the heart!

See you in Church and Sunday School,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Val", is written below the typed name.

A Note From Your Finance Chair

This month we will be starting our Fall Financial Stewardship Campaign. Come join us starting on Sunday, October 23 for Pastor Val's sermon series based on *"Extravagant Generosity."* This will be a four-week series ending on November 13 which will be Pledge Sunday. I ask that you please be in prayer during this time in regard to how you will make your pledge. The last few years have been difficult for our church financially, and next year will be no different. As you are aware, our Miracle Sunday campaign will end next June. We are in the last year now of operations with this campaign and have been using it to balance our budget. However, with this program coming to an end, it will leave a hole in our finances that will need to be filled. By my estimations, this hole will be about \$30,000. So I ask you two things: 1) Please continue to remember your Miracle Sunday pledges since this is such an important part of our budget, and 2) Please take this information into consideration when filling out your pledges for 2012 in November. The hard truth is that if we do not find a way to cover this money, we will need to cut costs. We faced this challenge a year ago and had to make some very difficult decisions to trim the budget. We are trying our best not to have to do this again this year, but it will take some effort from our church family to make this possible. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions.



Your brother in Christ,

Ed Gebhart, Finance Chairman

Welcome New Member!



Faye Durham

On Sunday, August 28, 2011 at the 9:30am service, Faye Durham joined our Lindenwald United Methodist Church.

Faye recently moved to our community and she works at Kroger. Her interests include gardening, reading and spending time with family.

We welcome her to our church and we look forward to being in ministry with her.

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



- ♦ Please be sure to let the church know if you or a loved one will be entering the hospital.
- ♦ 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).
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ There are large print Bibles and Hymnals for your use, as needed.
- ♦ There is a diaper-changing station in the unisex/handicapped accessible bathroom which is located in the second floor hallway.



UM Men's Annual Fish Fry

**Saturday, October 8
4:00 to 7:00pm**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 8 in Fellowship Hall for the United Methodist Men's Community Fish Fry. The menu consists of Fish, French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee and Lemonade. Tickets are just \$8.00 for adults, \$8.00 for takeout, \$4.00 for children age 5-12, \$4.00 for a sandwich, and dinners for children under age 5 are free.

This is one of the United Methodist Men's major fundraising events and they urge all members to attend or purchase a fish fry ticket as a donation or give it to some less-fortunate person.

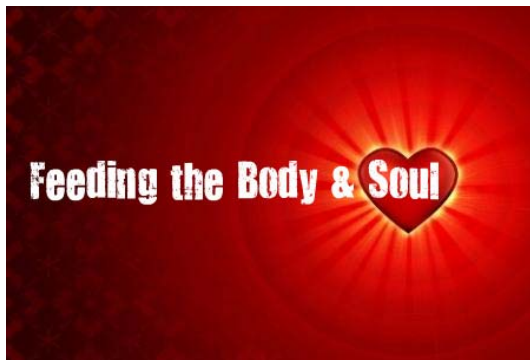
Grief Support

Recently suffered a loss in your life?

Through our Stephen Ministry Program here at our Lindenwald Church, we want to offer a course for all people who have experienced a loss in their lives for any reason.

We grieve and mourn over many things in our lives. So, there will be a time in the near future when we can come together for dialogue, support, and prayer. We will look at the different stages of grief and we will also study together what the Bible says about grief, as well.

Please contact Pastor Val (863-8822) or talk to Judy Nesselroad (829-8311) and/or Neil and Julia Hayes (867-1027) if you are interested in joining this group.



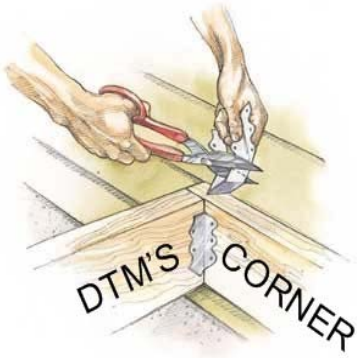
Free Community Meal

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, October 14. 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

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. The leaves are beginning to change and soon they will be scattered across the ground ready to be crumpled by children as they go from door to door dressed in their scariest costumes. The cries of “trick or treat” will be heard. And the goal of it all is to collect as much candy as you can while frightening one another for fun. And it is good fun, yet what about the rest of the year?

What about the fears in our lives that are not fun? The fact of the matter is that when we deal with the stuff of life we are often dealing with fear. Fear of pain, sickness, loss of employment, the unknown, and death are just a few of the things that strike fear in our hearts. And when we give in to those fears we often suffer other symptoms that can be debilitating. Symptoms such as anger, depression, panic, grief, sickness, and addictions can lead to us becoming more frightened.

The good news as Christians is that we are able to acknowledge our fears and turn to God for help. Throughout scripture we are told to give our problems up to God and to not be afraid. From our very creation, we have never been alone. The presence of God is a reality for all of us. So this month, let us turn our fears over to God and remember that with God, we are never alone.



Upcoming Dates of Interest!

New Series: 10/26 - 11/16

During this series we will be taking Sunday's message of Extravagant Generosity and showing ways of putting them into action in our own lives.

Upcoming Dates

October 14: Prayer Drive Thru, 4:30-6:00pm

Wednesday Dinner: 6:15 to 6:45pm

Wednesday Immersion Service: 7:00pm

Contact Information

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Taming the Monsters

Children know a lot about monsters. Although opinion varies on what the creatures look like, consensus exists on several points. Monsters lurk under the bed, are nocturnal, are frightening beyond reason and disappear in the presence of light.

I think kids might be onto something. You see, grownups have their own “monsters” to face. They don't match up with our childhood fears but can be just as terrifying. Ordinary problems that seem manageable during the daytime can become monstrous at night.

When fear and worry rob us of our sleep, we can tell them we're in no shape to deal with them. We can trust God to handle our concerns. He's more than capable of dealing with the monsters under every bed.

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Cluster Charge Conference

Please mark your calendars now for our Cluster Charge Conference on Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 pm at Jacksonburg UMC, 4654 Middletown-Oxford Road, Middletown, Ohio 45042.

We will meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Brian Brown, who will share with us his vision for our Ohio River Valley District. We will also celebrate together the movement of God's Holy Spirit in our churches over the last year.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Congratulations Logan!

On Sunday, September 18, 2011, which was Promotion Sunday, at the 9:30am worship service, our young friend, Logan Quigley, received his new Children's NIV Adventure Bible.

As a third-grader, Logan is reading more and more and he can better understand what the Bible says about how to live his life after the example of Jesus Christ.

Logan's proud grandparents are John and Anita Belanger.

Our Lindenwald Church Family is very proud of you, Logan!

Christian Education Team

Sunday, October 2

@ 12:45pm

Applebee's – Fairfield

"No man ever got very high by pulling other people down.... Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself."

~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson

WANTED!

College and Servicemen Addresses

Melissa Backscheider is collecting college and servicemen addresses. Send these to Melissa at dbacks@isoc.net or
5700 David Place
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

"God is in the business of taking old pieces of our lives, refinishing them and, at just the right time, surprising us with newfound beauty."

~ Susan Duke

Join us for Sunday School at 10:45am . . .

During October, the Pastor's Sunday School class which meets in the Parlor will continue the study entitled, *Your Move: Four Questions to Ask When You Don't Know What to Do* by Andy Stanley. Andy is a pastor, communicator, author, and founder of North Point Ministries in Georgia. We will look together at the following chapters: "Really," "The Story of Your Life," "Pay Attention to the Tension," and "Passing It On." Each class session includes a video segment and group discussion. This class is open to everyone, so please join us.

The Adult Bible Study class, led by Melissa Backscheider, meets in the Library and is currently studying the book of Hebrews. The Emerging Bible Study, led by Jim Mullaney meets in the chapel

REALITY – THE FAITH FACTOR

October is an interesting month. It ends with a Christian celebration – All Hallows Eve, a splendid tradition accenting faith that overcomes fear and evil. Our society has adapted October 31 into a wonderful celebration for children called Halloween, you know, costumes and candy and scary spiders and dressed up monsters.

How exciting!

Scripture confirms the true reality for October, for life: *“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”* (John 4:18)

Teenagers are great at teasing, intimidating, kidding with their friends, often in an attempt to instill some fright, fear. Most of the time, it’s all in fun. However, there are those persons, for whatever reasons, feel the need to actually bully and petrify, paralyze others who may appear or be weaker of spirit or confidence.

Scripture points vividly to the true reality in creating genuine relationships: *“So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”* (1 John 4:16)

Have no fear! The reality of a living, loving God is among us! Faith is the key factor that will provide you and me with the strength and confidence to overcome any insecurity, any bullying of evil, and to make friends rather than enemies . . . even to make friends of the enemies that we may already have! Believe!

In school hallways, on sidewalks along our streets, under shade trees in our parks – Faith abides! Christ is our confidence! Get busy “doing good.”

A DOLLAR A DAY

Want to make a difference in one of our youth’s lives – a dollar a day between now and May 2012 will send ONE of our TASC Force (youth group) members to CAMP WESLEY (one of our West Ohio United Methodist Camps) in Bellefontaine, OH, next summer. Our goal is to send 10 youth to camp each summer. Are there 10 mentor-minded adults who can recall the thrill of attending a spirit-filled camp and want to “pass it on?!” Contact our youth director, Dan, and get started! (danieljdennis@gmail.com)

TASC STAND FOR “TEENS ACTIVELY SERVING CHRIST”

In the words of a famous poem: “How do I love thee; let me count the ways”

Here are just some of the ways our youth are “serving” the community:

1. providing music vocally and instrumentally in our worship services
2. setting up/cleaning up at our Community Meals
3. assisting the United Methodist Men with their annual Fish Fry
4. working to beautify our church building grounds – painting, cleaning, mulching
5. preparing to assist the Joe Nuxhall “Field of Dreams” for special children through manual labor and relationship mentoring
6. creating a “bridge” of meaningful encouragement and support with the Miami University-Hamilton campus and athletic programs
7. providing a supportive presence with First UMC and their Community Meals
8. providing a team spirit with our Amazing Grace Kettle Corn ministry
9. assisting J-Zone with the collection of food for our church pantry
10. helping with Summer Shine, Treat Street and more

The TASC Force is now exploring ways to assist in the desperately needed arenas of our community that will involve a Job Central plan and a LUMC Community Center dream. The kids are dreaming BIG!!! Join us while the breeze of hope is blowing!!! Contact our youth director, Dan, or, one of our youth participants. Don’t wait! Do it today! There is always room for your spirit of generosity (of presence, prayers, gifts, service – you know, part of our UMC membership vows)! And, in so doing, lead our youth who are seeking such a relationship.

The logo for TASC Force features the word "TASC" in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "force" is written in a smaller, black, serif font with a decorative, slightly shadowed effect.

Children's Moments

Sunday Morning KBAT—9:30 to 11:30

KBAT is our Sunday morning programming for children ages 3 through 4th grade. KBAT offers Sunday School during the first hour, Music and Crafts during the second hour and Sunday School during the third hour.



Wednesday Pathways

Pathways is our Wednesday evening program that will begin on September 7, 2011. This program, for ages 3 through 4th grade, begins with a free dinner from 6:15 to 6:45 immediately followed by Pathways from 6:45 to 8:00pm.

J-Zone—Mondays

J-Zone is for 5th and 6th graders and meets each Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm. This year J-Zone will expand to include 5th and 6th graders from Park Avenue UMC and First United Methodist Church.

Transportation Available

If transportation is needed, contact the church office (863-8822) or email Dawn Trapp at the address below.

Contact Information:

For more information, contact Dawn Trapp, Children's Director, at drtrapp@msn.com.

UMW News for October

Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle

October 5 ~ 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

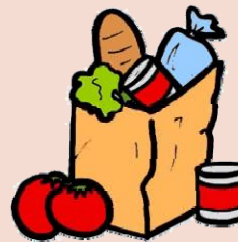
Genesis Circle

October 11 ~ 7:00pm
Holy Grounds Café on Main Street

Mizpah Circle

October 13 ~ 1:00 pm
Church Parlor

Lindenwald UMC Food Pantry Needs



October Pantry Challenge

Sunday School Classes versus the Listening for Heaven's Sake Book Study Groups

- ◆ 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

Rose Hill Burial Lots for Sale . . . I have for sale four lots in Rose Hill Burial Park which is located at 2421 Princeton Road, Hamilton. The lots are next to one another and are situated in an area of Rose Hill Burial Park entitled "The Last Supper" just to the east of the Chapel. It is a beautiful location, and the burial park is well maintained. I am asking \$5,000 for the set of 4 lots. If interested, please contact Richard C. Smith at (513) 379-9938.

Noisy Sunday October 30, 2011



On the 5th Sunday of this month, October 30, as a part of our Children's Time, the message will be about helping others in the name of our Savior Jesus. This will involve having our children circulate throughout the congregation with empty coffee cans to be filled with our loose change. With our "Noisy Sunday" offering in July, we bought chalk for the children's slateboards for the school at the Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana, West Africa. The loose change in October will be given to the United Methodist Children's Home in Columbus, Ohio to buy Christmas gifts for the children living there. So, please save your change for the month of October and be ready on Sunday, October 30 to make some noise!

Mark Your Calendars UMW Fundraiser

**Go out for lunch or dinner and
benefit the Lindenwald United
Methodist Women!**

On Monday, October 17, the Max and Erma's at Bridgewater Falls in Fairfield Township will donate 20% of your sales to the Lindenwald United Methodist Women.

All you need to do is present a coupon to your server and enjoy your meal. Coupons will be available at church prior to the 17th.

All monies received from this fundraiser will go to help the United Methodist Women with the many mission and outreach projects undertaken by their group throughout the year.

DOING THINGS A BIT DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!



This year, Hamilton's "Trick or Treat Night" is on Monday, October 31; and we are planning on doing things a bit differently as a change of pace from our past Treat Street activities.

We are wanting to reach our community on a more personal level by being able to talk with people during the evening. We are going to set up our canopies on the corner of Hayes and Pleasant Avenues, offering hot chocolate and doughnuts and passing out candy to the

children. We are hoping to also have an area where we can pray with those who would like us to pray with them.

We are asking for donations of **pre-wrapped** Halloween candy, and donations can be placed in the LUMC Parlor until Sunday, October 30.

As always we appreciate the support of our Lindenwald congregation!



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Children's Director	Dawn Trapp
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Music Director	Charlene Elam
Organist	Nancy McCormick
Office Manager/Adm. Secretary	Linda Rouse
Preschool Director	Jane Dickey
Custodian	Glen Chastain
Treasurers	Nancy Albright, Sue McPeek
Financial Secretaries	Jerry Smith, Carrie Titus

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

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM—12:30 PM and 1:30 to 5:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline: Fifteenth day of month

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays—5:00 PM