

May 2011

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Lindenwald Church Family,

The month of May is here, and my prayer for this new month involves a lot more sunshine and a lot less rain! This month finds us celebrating "Christian Family Week" including Mother's Day, graduations, and Memorial Day.

My youngest son, Nathan, will graduate with honors from Ohio Northern University on Sunday, May 22.

While thinking about his upcoming graduation, my own mother sent me a wonderful email which I share with my church family entitled: "The Invisible Mother." This email conveys so much of what my journey has also been as a parent ...especially a mom. I hope you find it to be meaningful as well.

The Invisible Mother

It all began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, "Can't you see I'm on the phone?"

Obviously not; no one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible. The invisible Mom. Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more! "Can you fix this?" "Can you tie this?" "Can you open this?"

Some days I'm not a pair of hands; I'm not even a human being. I'm a clock to ask, "What time is it?" I'm a satellite guide to answer, "What number is the Disney Channel?"

I'm a car to order, "Pick me up around 5:30, please." Some days I'm a crystal ball; "Where's my other sock?" "Where's my phone?" "What's for dinner?"

I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history, music and literature – but now, they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going, she's going, she's gone!

One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the



return of a friend from England. She had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself. I was feeling pretty pathetic, when she turned to me with a beautifully wrapped

package, and said, "I brought you this." It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription: "With admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees."

In the days ahead I would read - no, devour - the book. And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work: 1) No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names. 2) These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. 3) They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. 4) The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

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Pastor's Page (continued from front page)

A story of legend in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, "Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof? No one will ever see it." And the workman replied, "Because God sees."

I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, "I see you. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does. No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, no Cub Scout meeting, no last minute errand is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become."

I keep the right perspective when I see myself as a great builder. As one of the people who show up at a job that they will never see finished, to work on something that their name will never be on. The writer of the book went so far as to say that no cathedrals could ever be built in our lifetime because there are so few people willing to sacrifice to that degree.

When I really think about it, I don't want my son to tell the friend he's bringing home from college for Thanksgiving, "My mom gets up at four in the morning and bakes homemade pies, and then she hand bastes a turkey for three hours and presses all the linens for the table." That would mean I'd built a monument to myself. I just want him to want to come home. And then, if there is anything more to say to his friend, he'd say, "You're gonna love it there..."

As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible mothers.

Happy Mother's Day!

See you at church!



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.

UMW News for May

Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle
May 4 – 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle
May 10 – 7:00pm
Church Library

Mizpah Circle
May 12 – 1:00pm
Parlor

Hey ... Pass the Word!

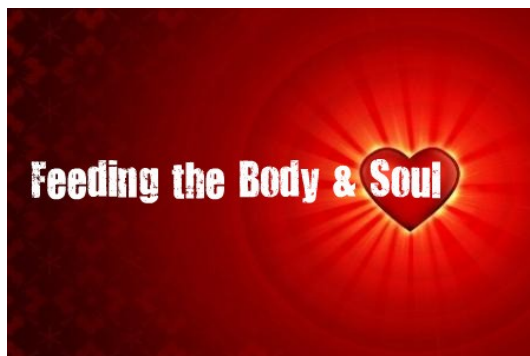


Free Community Meals

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



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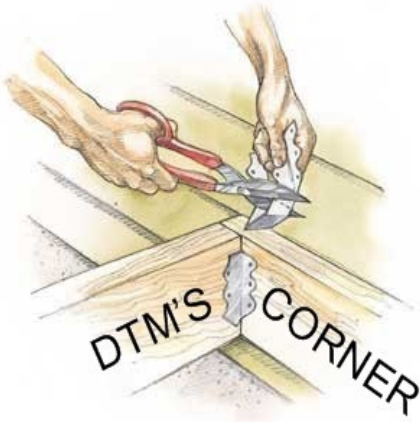
Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will 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 and the next one will take place on May 5. As you're driving home for the evening, stop in and our prayer team will listen to your request and pray with you. Volunteers are always needed to help with the drive thru. Call Bruce (863-8822) if you'd like to help.

brucedtm@hotmail.com



Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

On April 25, 2011 at 12am, Easter had officially happened. The Paschal greeting had been given (He is Risen) and received (Christ has risen, Indeed), Easter worship services had ended, hymns had been sung, prayers had been said, all the eggs had been found, a multitude of chocolate bunnies had found their demise, family had left because all the Easter ham had been devoured, Easter naps had been taken, and the tomb was found still to be empty. I would suggest, looking back, that this is what Easter had looked like looking back from this moment to

this past Sunday. Easter 2011 happened . . . Amen? . . . So now what? What do we do from this point on; how are we supposed to live our lives knowing that the tomb was found empty and that Jesus lives?

I would suggest the scripture tells us how to live because Jesus has risen.

Now that Jesus has risen, we can live fully alive! Ephesians 2:4-5 says *"But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved"* We are fully alive in a way that we could not be before because we are alive in Christ!

Now that Jesus has risen, we can live in freedom. John 8: 33-36 says *"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'" We are free from our sin, because Christ has freed us from sin!*

Now that Jesus has risen, we can live deeply loved. Ephesians 2:13-14 says *"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us."* We can live with the knowledge that Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and this means we should live knowing that we are deeply loved, and therefore should spread that love by how we live with one another.

Join me in living out this Good News throughout our lives!

Other Dates and Times to Know. . .

immersion service—Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Bible Study—Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Prayer Drive Thru—May 5 from 4:30 to 6:00pm

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday

2:00—4:00 pm

Day Off—Thursday

Upcoming Event

sponsored by the immersion service. . .



Cruise-in For Christ

Saturday, August 13, 2011

News from the Christian Ministry Campus Team and Amazing Grace Kettle Corn by Jim Mullaney

We held our first Kettle Corn event this year on April 2 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center for the Fairfield Home Improvement Show. This event was a great success with just under \$500 in revenue for this half-day occasion. One of Darin's co-workers by the name of Angel and her fiancé were there helping as well as our Bank Manager, Pattie Partch. There are 11 other events scheduled; the next one in Milford on Thursday 6/2 thru Sunday 6/5 at the Clermont County Frontier Days. Volunteers are welcome. We have an opportunity to touch hundreds and even thousands of lives at these events and positively impact them through subtle witness. Please keep us in your prayers as we "showcase" the body of Christ in this unique endeavor.

You can see our complete event schedule on our website: www.christianministrycampus.org.



Angel and friends at the Fairfield Community Arts Center

SERVANT VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

MAY 15—Both Services

On Sunday, May 15, 2011 at both worship services, we will thank all of our volunteers who assist in so many meaningful ways to make a difference for Christ in the life of our church and in the lives of countless people in our community. We will enjoy a reception in the parlor after the 9:30am worship service and cake and punch will also be available at the beginning of the 11:40am worship service.

We appreciate all of our Servant Volunteers!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MOMENT BY DAWN TRAPP

Children's Moment

The rain has finally stopped and I hope that April showers do bring May flowers, but we need to have some sunshine for that to occur. We all need light and the light of Jesus Christ is the perfect gift we can give to one another. As you go out to the grocery store or out in your own yard, I encourage you to initiate a conversation and bring the light of Jesus Christ that shines within you to your neighbors! Matthew 5:16: *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Pathways

We are coming to an end for this school year on May 25. We end with a field trip to Joyce Park. We have had a wonderful year with our kids, 3-year-old to 4th grade. Our 4th graders will be moving on to our J-Zone group on Monday nights from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Pathways will start back again on September 7. See you in the fall!

Summer Shine

July 6 thru August 5, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 3:30pm. Free sports, lunch/snack, Bible stories, crafts, games, and performing arts program. We served over 3,000 meals last summer! Come and help us out this summer. We are looking for servant volunteers for Summer Shine 2011. If you can only give a day, please let Lisa Gebhart know; we need kitchen help and group leaders/helpers.



J-Zone

J-Zone (Jesus Zone) schedule for this summer is as follows: Monday nights from 5:00 to 6:30 for the month of June and August 8, 15, 22. We will be off in July and any other dates not listed for the summer. We are looking for service projects to do this summer, so if you need some yard clean up, please let me know.

K.B.A.T.

We will be discovering people of the Bible this summer, from both the Old and New Testament. We are always looking for teachers; if you feel called, contact me.

Blessings,
Dawn Trapp

TASC FORCE NEWS

AMERICAN YOU-DOL by Dan, Youth Director

Watching other people on television competing to become a “hero” or “celebrity” is a fascinating experience! ... and safe! How often do we live vicariously through the lives of someone else – Soap Operas, Reality TV Shows, Game Shows, Funny Videos, even movies. Being an actor must be quite rewarding. A person gets to be “someone else” for a period of time.

Yet, how many of those celebrities and heroes seem to fall victim to so many incredible self-destructive troubles. The excitement, the attention seems to bring its own set of difficulties.

Perhaps it’s time to star in **YOU**r own movie, **YOU**r own show. It’s called “life.” What do **YOU** find **YOU**rself doing that has meaning and purpose and a sense of fulfillment? What do **YOU** participate in that “makes a difference,” a real and positive difference in some else’s life?

If **YOU** want to be important, if **YOU** want to be significant, well, **YOU** ought to be! **YOU** are a unique and special creation! And, if **YOU** want to be one of Jesus’ disciples, **YOU** must be! To follow Jesus is greatness!

To help others and serve others and to try to make this a better world, embodying the “love of Jesus Christ” in **YOU**r thoughts, words, and actions, is among the greatest activities that **YOU** can pursue.

And, to see greatness in those around **YOU**, to encourage, support, and uplift them ...! Welcome to “*American YOU-dol!*” Risk being a disciple of Jesus Christ!

As Scripture teaches: “When **YOU** lose yourself for the sake of the gospel, **YOU** will find **YOU**rself.” Thank of ways **YOU** can help the **YOU**th in and around Lindenwald **YOU**th-nited Methodist Church this summer!



“Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!”

He has been seen “with you...and in you!,
just as Scripture has told us!
Celebrate the great news of today!!!

TASC on TASK

TASC Force Meetings in May:

- ♦ Sunday, May 1: 4-6pm, Youth Room, Summer Camp/Service planning
- ♦ Sunday, May 8: No meeting (Mother’s Day)
- ♦ Sunday, May 15: 4-6pm, Youth Room, Joint gathering with other groups
- ♦ Wednesday, May 18: 6:30pm, Youth Room, Officer Training
- ♦ Sunday, May 22: 4-6pm, Youth Room, Fall Schedule planning
- ♦ Wednesday, May 25: 6:30pm, Youth Room, Officer Training
- ♦ Sunday, May 29: 4-6pm, Picnic in the Park

MULCH UP AMERICA

Well, “Mulch Up Lindenwald” for certain! TASC Force is spending Saturday, May 7, beginning at 10am, as a Community Service Day, to mulch the flower and bush areas of our church grounds including “the House.” Bring a rake, some gloves, a dollar for some pizza, and a smile! Contact the church office, 863-8822 for more information.

TASC FORCE NEWS (continued)

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

The groundwork with Hamilton High School has been laid. Interested Big Blue Coaches and/or Teachers are being sought to help guide the new Huddle Group. Sign-up Day for interested Hamilton High Student Athletes is set for May 19. Some initial plans are in the works for this summer – with a “kick-off” schedule planned for the start of the 2011-2012 school year! For more information, contact Den Dennis, LUMC Youth Director, 863-8822 or email danieljdennis@gmail.com.

Happy Mother's Day



Lindenwald United Methodist **PRESCHOOL**

Our Purpose is to help children grow emotionally, socially, physically and intellectually in a Christian atmosphere; provide children with opportunities for creative expression; help children develop skills in language, motor skills, concept

development and problem solving; and aid children in development of a positive self-image in a stimulating environment of warm affection. Program activities include . . . Projects designed to encourage creativity; stories, music, and dramatic play; hands-on science experiences; successful steps movement classes; cooperative and independent play time; field trips, parties, and community visitors; learning tools including number-related games, blocks, math manipulatives, play dough, creative play centers, and gym.

Classes, Registration and Tuition

Classes for children ages 3, 4, and 5

Hours are 9:15 to 11:45 AM

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
4 & 5 Year Old Pre K — \$120/month**

**Thursday and Friday:
3 Year-Old-Classes — \$90/month**

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For further information or to register your child,
contact Jane Dickey: 513-863-8822 or 513-829-5078



Easter Sunday Baptisms and New Members

GOING THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We celebrate with the children, youth and adults who passed through the waters of baptism on Easter Sunday:

- ♦ Jackson Scott Patrick Toombs
- ♦ Sis Rimer
- ♦ Angela Walz
- ♦ Zachary Walz
- ♦ Allisson Towner
- ♦ Alicia Sinclair
- ♦ Christopher Meyer
- ♦ Serena Meyer



Left to right: Pastor Val, Alicia Sinclair, Debbie Amann, Allisson Towner, and Angela Walz

JOINING OUR LINDENWALD FAMILY

We also welcome new members who joined our Lindenwald Church on Easter Sunday at the 11:40 service: Debbie Amann, Alicia Sinclair, and Angela Walz.

Debbie Amann is the Office Manager at C. J. Zimmer & Sons Heating and Cooling.

Alicia Sinclair works for Vega Americas in the Accounts Receivable and Collections Department

Angela Walz is the proud mother of Zachary and Allison who were baptized along with their mom on Easter Sunday.



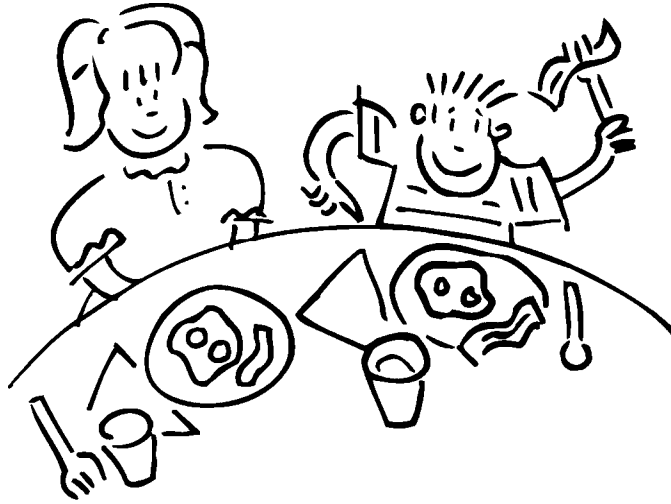
"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

Psalm 51:2

Happy Mother's Day!

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. Finally, the children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs.

"As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."



The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes.

Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 19

For those who have graduates at any level of education, please submit a baby picture and a graduation picture to our Church Office as soon as possible for Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please let us know of your graduate's future plans.

We will enjoy a power point presentation of our graduates and then present a special gift to each graduate as well. Please let us know if your graduate will be present on this special day.

United Methodist Men's Annual Yard Sale Saturday, June 11, 2011

Doing your spring cleaning soon? Save all those unwanted items for the yard sale. You may begin dropping your donations off at church on Wednesday, June 1.

Lindenwald UMC Food Pantry



- ♦ 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

Thoughts for Memorial Day

The anthropologist and naturalist, Loren Eiseley, who died in 1977, wanted this epitaph for his wife and himself: *"We loved the earth, but could not stay."*

No one can stay, of course. We all are moving inexorably toward that final day when "the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done." (Book of Common Prayer)

This Memorial Day we particularly remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. They too "loved the earth, but could not stay." May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.

A memorial stone on the campus of the College Wooster in Ohio, placed there by a class many years ago, reads:

United in time
Divided in time
To be reunited
When time shall be no more.

That is a hope we can have for ourselves, our loved ones and those who sacrificed all.

The Price of Freedom

In *"What Did He Die For?"* Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day – and why we worship Jesus as our Savior.

The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world. The chorus

offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me, made the sacrifice so that we could all be free? I believe we will answer each to heaven for the way we spend a priceless liberty.

Look inside and ask the questions, *"What did he die for?"*

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

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