

November 2011

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



To the Members and Friends in the Lindenwald United Methodist Church,

This coming weekend we will again “fall back” on Sunday, November 6, 2011, which I always look forward to because gaining a full hour in my day is wonderful! It feels like such a gift and I try to appreciate it as a blessing to use wisely.

As we remember this month of blessings and the celebration of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24 – I want to encourage each of us to participate in the many opportunities to grow in our Christian faith here in the life of our Lindenwald United Methodist Church. I have so enjoyed leading my small group book study, *Listening for Heaven’s Sake*, at the Waterford in Fairfield. I have learned much and have grown in my faith through this study. Please be aware of the following worship services and special ministries and activities for November:

Wednesday, November 2: 6:15pm Family Meal in Fellowship Hall followed by our Immersion Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, November 6: During worship, we will continue with our Stewardship Campaign entitled “Extravagant Generosity: Love and Its Ripple Effects are Matters of the Heart.” We will also share

together in Holy Communion and Remember our Saints.

Sunday Afternoon, November 6: 2:30pm Cluster Church Conference at Jacksonburg United Methodist Church, 4654 Middletown-Oxford Road, Middletown, Ohio 45042. All are invited!

Wednesday, November 9: 6:15pm Family Meal in Fellowship Hall followed by our Immersion Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Friday, November 11: 4:30 to 6:00pm, Prayer Drive Thru in our front parking lot.

Sunday, November 13: During worship, we will conclude our Stewardship Campaign with the focus “Declarations of Your Heart – Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart.” We will collect and consecrate our Promise Cards for both the Operating Budget and Miracle Sunday for God’s Kingdom work through our Lindenwald Church is 2012. We will also recognize our veterans.

Sunday Evening, November 13: 6:30pm Dessert and Dialogue with Dave Ping, one of the authors of our small group book study, *Listening for Heaven’s Sake*, in our Fellowship Hall. All are invited!



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Wednesday, November 16: 6:15pm Family Meal in Fellowship Hall followed by our Immersion Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, November 19: Thanksgiving Community Meal in our Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Holy Communion will be offered to all people in the Chapel.

Sunday, November 20: Thanksgiving Sunday celebration during both worship services when we will count our blessings and be thankful.

Wednesday, November 23: 6:15pm Family Thanksgiving Potluck Meal in Fellowship Hall followed by our Immersion Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday in Advent.

Please join us for these meaningful services, ministries and activities.

See you in Church and Sunday School,

Remembering Our Saints

A Very Special Sunday in November

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, during both worship services, there will be a special time of remembrance for all saints who have passed away within the last year. We will light candles and sound a chime for all saints who have passed away since last November.

If you have lost a loved one and would like your loved one to be included in this special time of remembrance, please share your information with Linda Rouse in our Church office, 863-8822 or linda_rouse@lindenwaldumc.org. We look forward to this very special time of worship.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.



To Lindenwald United Methodist Church,
What a beautiful service your pastor, Valerie Waibel, conducted for Lee Snow's Memorial. Her comments regarding Lee were a true reflection of that lovely lady. She will be missed, but her wonderful memories will be with us forever. I know Lynsey and her boys found comfort in her words and those of the others who spoke.

Also, please pass along my compliments to the church ladies who prepared the luncheon for us following the service – the food was wonderful! And, the fellowship and time to chat was invaluable.

I am wishing you the very best in your ministry at Lindenwald United Methodist Church.

Best Regards,
Sam Vogel

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.

Upper Room Prayer Line Needs You!

Connecting Callers To A Powerful Prayer Network

The ministry of the Upper Room Prayer Line is dedicated to fulfilling the mission of Galatians 6:2 - *"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* Funding for the toll free line is provided by The Upper Room, United Methodist Men and individual gifts.

Intercessory prayer groups across the nation are a vital part of the prayer ministry. Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups, chartered after a minimal study period, receive prayer requests weekly or monthly from The Upper Room by mail or by phone. There are now over 300 Covenant Prayer Groups across the United States and abroad. Lindenwald United Methodist Church is one of those covenant groups.



Our Lindenwald Prayer Line is in urgent need of your help. Due to sickness, people moving and vacations, we need some people to step up and help with our prayer line.

For over 20 years, the Methodist Men have sponsored and paid for all calls answered here at our church office. After all these years taking these calls, the UM Men are concerned about needing to end this ministry because of lack of

help. Our Prayer Line answer calls from 6:00 to 10:00pm every third Tuesday of each month. We need eight people for the night, two to a shift, one hour each shift.

Please pray about this need; if you have questions or concerns about volunteering for the prayer line, contact Russell Moore at 868-7947.

Free Community Meal



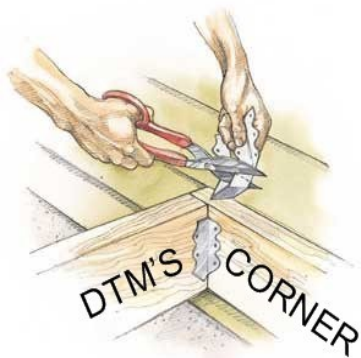
Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will arrange 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 date of the next Prayer Drive Thru is Friday, November 11. 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

November is here! By the end of this month Advent will begin (11/27/11) and so will the time of waiting in expectation for the coming of the Christ.

Sure there are a lot of things to distract us this time of year, raking the leaves, Thanksgiving, the sights and sounds of the holidays, but do not let these things distract you from the reason for the season. We are a people who are supposed to be in expectation, not just hopeful, but filled with the knowing that Christ will come.

So how do you mark this waiting spiritually in your life? I know during lent many of us fast or go without something and that is how we mark those days until the joyous day that the tomb is found empty because Christ has risen; but how do we mark the days of waiting for His return.

This year I am going to begin to spend a few moments each day of Advent in silence, listening and praying, waiting with expectation for the arrival of Christ. Join me this advent in discovering ways that we can spend this time of preparation for the return of the Christ.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

All are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir and enjoy . . .

- ➡ Praising God through song
- ➡ Singing Hymns
- ➡ Singing choral anthems that enhance worship
- ➡ Fellowship with other committed Christians

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Chapel.

Individuals interested in ringing Hand Bells should contact Charlene Elam at charleneelam@yahoo.com or call 604-1710.

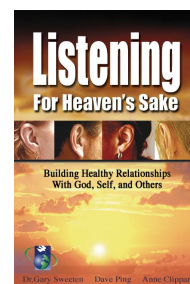
Special Music is needed throughout the year. Please contact Charlene Elam if you are interested in presenting Special Music.

THANK YOU – FROM THE HEART!

We are grateful to Ray Kissinger for his willingness to create the “heart” that we are using during our 9:30am worship services for our fall stewardship campaign entitled: “Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving.” In addition, a word of appreciation goes out to Bob Nesselroad who assisted Ray in getting the “heart” into our sanctuary. We truly appreciate both of you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dave Ping, one of the authors of *Listening for Heaven's Sake*, will be our guest speaker Sunday, November 13. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for some delectable Dessert and Dialogue. Please make plans to join us!



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!

"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

—Albert Schweitzer

"A child of God should be a visible beatitude, for joy and happiness, and a living doxology, for gratitude and adoration."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Lindenwald United Methodist Preschool News!

Tuesday, September 6 was the Orientation for the beginning of our 2011-2012 school year. The staff greeted the children and their parents, reviewed the rules required by the state licensing bureau, visited their classrooms and served refreshments.

Our Preschool Program is an outreach of our church and a service to our community. The Preschool meets a need in the community, has acquainted many persons with the church for the first time and gives a contribution to the church. The Preschool is governed by a Preschool Board, which is composed of three church members and three preschool parents. Jane Dickey is the Director.

Our Preschool enjoys an excellent reputation in the community consisting of a dedicated staff with education degrees that enjoys working with the children. Their dedication is rewarded in watching the children

grow in learning and love and knowing they have played a vital part in the child's life. We are very proud of our Preschool and will continue to strive for the highest standard.



On October 6, we made a visit to Barn N Bunk Pumpkin Patch. The children helped make a scarecrow, took a wagon ride, walked thru a corn maze and chose a pumpkin and were given a snack.

The Hamilton Fire Department came to visit our children on Monday, October 10.

Our staff is most enthusiastic about our Preschool program and looking forward to working and playing with the children. With God's help, your good thoughts, and prayers we can make this, our 29th year a happy and successful one.

Thoughts from the Youth Director

“THE BOX”

A box is a wonderful thing! Inside, stuff can be stored. Inside, memories can be kept. Inside, junk or even gifts can be placed.

Boxes can be stacked or used as a seat. Boxes come in all sizes and colors. Boxes can hold sand; boxes can be moved around; boxes can travel on trains and boats and planes.

Above all, boxes are meant to be opened. Even “Pandora” knew that! And, children love to open boxes more than anyone, especially at Christmas time! O, to have the heart of a child!

The flaps on a box are like a door. One can open the door to see what’s inside. One can take what is inside a box and let it out. The inside of a box can be padded and safe. Outside the box, . . . well, . . . ?!

All kinds of groups talk about thinking “outside the box.” For the Christian, Jesus calls us to go further, and, to **SHARE** “outside the box.”

And, what might we share? – perhaps our story, our time, our money, our prayers, our skills, our serving, our positive attitude. In whatever way(s) the Spirit of the living God moves us to share, let the day we do that always be called “**TODAY.**”

As our sacred Script affirms: *“Enter into the joy of your Master, your Friend, your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!”*

Opportunities to Share in the Life of the Youth of our Community

1. **Pray** as hard as you can all that you can for as long as you can! Help a youth catch hold of the passion of the Holy Spirit that grabbed you when your spirit was youthful.
2. **Help** plan, build a Refreshment Counter for the Youth Room and/or donate the building supplies for it. Help feed the youth with your faith and talent.
3. **Chaperone/Monitor** one Middle School or High School youth meeting per month or per year. Join in the games, activities, devotions, or, just watch and encourage. And/or provide two dozen brownies, or two large pizzas, or whatever for one meeting per year. Share “you” with a youth.
4. If you enjoy sports, find out how you can **Assist** with the Miami University-Hamilton Community Pep Club – LUMC (which stands for “Lighting Up Miami’s Campus” AND Lindewald United Methodist Church). Visualize yourself and a LUMC youth as local folk heroes on a college campus.
5. **Sponsor** a youth for Summer Camp 2012 – join the “Dollar-a-Day” program (now thru May) which will help one youth attend a United Methodist Camp. Offer variety of experiences for our youth and be a thankful partner.

Stay Young! Stay Involved! Be a Miracle for a Youth! Contact our Youth Director or the Church Office to get excited!



The logo features the word "TASC" in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word "force" is written in a black, stylized, gothic-style font with decorative flourishes on the letters.



TASC FORCE FUNDRAISERS

WORLD SERIES SOUP N SANDWICH

Pick up an Order Form today – Forms available in the Church Office. Pick up your order on Sunday, November 6, following the church service that you attend. Turkey, Ham, or Italian Sub; a Bowl of Potato Soup; a Big Cookie. Proceeds help send our youth to Summer Camp.

Our Super Bowl Sub Sale will be in February.

LUMC SPIRIT WEAR

Check out the flyer that has apparel with the Lindenwald UMC logo on it – t-shirts, polo shirts, sweat pants, hoodies, baseball caps, etc. JOIN THE LUMC TEAM! Become a walking advertisement for the greatest place on earth with the liveliest group of Christians on earth! Order Forms available from our youth. Proceeds will benefit the TASC Force Program and Summer Camp activities. The group is growing and so is our budget!

LUMC BASKETBALL CAMP 2012

Plan now to help sponsor our camp for area kids (boys and girls) or provide a scholarship for a child. It's not too early to think about it – June will be here soon! Or, be a Positive Attitude Provider at the Camp as one of our Volunteer Intangibles! See our Youth Director today! Proceeds will benefit the TASC Force Program, Summer Camp, and our Mission endeavors.

UMW News for November

Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle
November 2 ~ 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Genesis Circle
November 8 ~ 7:00pm
Church Kitchen

Mizpah Circle
November 10 ~ 1:00pm
Church Parlor

Lindenwald UMC Food Pantry Needs



- ◆ 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

Children's Moments

The year is almost over, where has the time gone! Come see what is happening on Wednesday nights at our church, it is moving and shaking! From children's ministry, youth to adults, we have something for everyone! Pathways now have 39 kids on our roster, and we continue to add new kids. We have been blessed with four new van drivers on Wednesday nights, but we still need co-passengers to ride along.

We serve a meal for everyone from 6:15 to 6:45, please come join us for dinner. Different groups in the church assist with the dinners.

We offer a children's choir and the adult choir also practices on Wednesday nights. The Immersion service for adults/youth starts at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Our Pathways kids have made book markers to be added to the United Methodist Women's baskets for our shut-ins. There will be no Pathways on November 23, due to the Thanksgiving break.



The kids will be singing during the December 7, Immersion service and kids in the 3rd grade will be presented with bibles; come join us to hear the kids sing.

We still need teachers for Sunday morning, especially the 9:30 service. Please pray about giving up one Sunday a month to teach children about Jesus Christ. Let me know, Linda Rouse or Pastor Val if you are interested in sacrificing your time for a child to learn about God.

J-Zone continues to grow slowly and we have revised our schedule. We will be serving at First UMC of Hamilton's community meal on November 19. It is a pleasure to work with Teri Trent from First UMC; Kathy Edwards from Park Ave. UMC; and our new van driver on Monday nights Steve and Mary Alice Hensley from First UMC. God has richly blessed this ministry.

There will be no J-Zone on October 31, but we have been invited to Park Ave. UMC's movie night on November 4 at 6:00 pm. We will be decorating cookies for to give away at Thanksgiving time.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Dawn Trapp

Men's Saturday Breakfast Perkins in Fairfield November 12 9:00am

The next Men's Saturday Breakfast will be at Perkins Restaurant in Fairfield on November 12 at 9:00am, when they will meet to discuss their proposed 2012 schedule of meetings and projects. You won't want to miss this meeting!

Reminders from the United Methodist Women

- ◆ It's not too late to pick up your United Methodist Women's Cookbook. Remember ... these make excellent Christmas gifts! You can also get your copy from the church office.
- ◆ Collection of Campbell Soup Product Labels continues! Please bring in the **UPC only**, not the front label. There is a can in the Parlor in which you may place your labels.



Please remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed this coming Saturday, November 5, 2011.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From the Staff of
Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Rev. Valerie Waibel

Bruce Dickerson

Daniel Dennis

Dawn Trapp

Charlene Elam

Nancy McCormick

Linda Rouse

Glen Chastain



If so, let Lindenwald United Methodist Women's
Cookie and Candy Sale make your holidays easier!

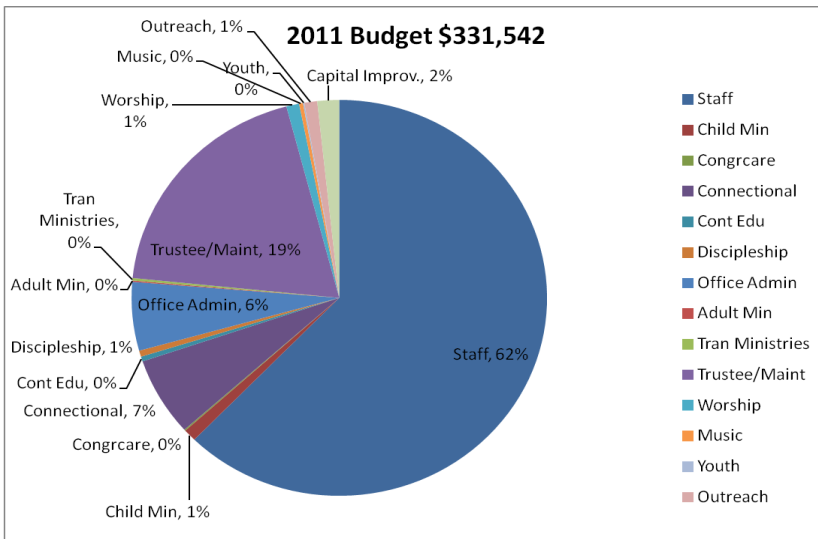


Saturday, December 10
10:00am – Noon
Lindenwald Fellowship Hall

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINISTRY MOMENT INFORMATION

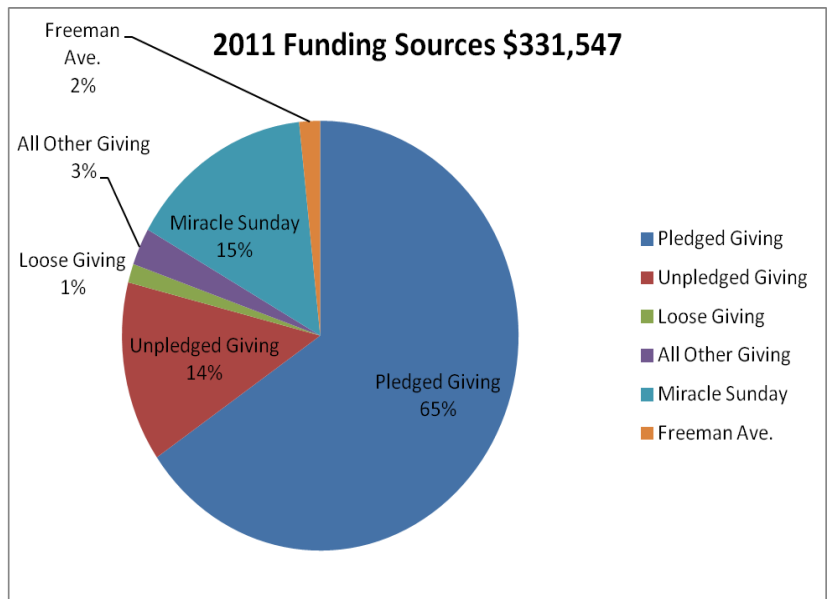
Dear Church Family,

Below is information provided during Ministry Moment during recent church services. This is in conjunction with the ongoing fall financial stewardship campaign. I hope that this information will be helpful in your prayerful consideration for what you can pledge toward the 2012 operating budget and Miracle Sunday campaign.



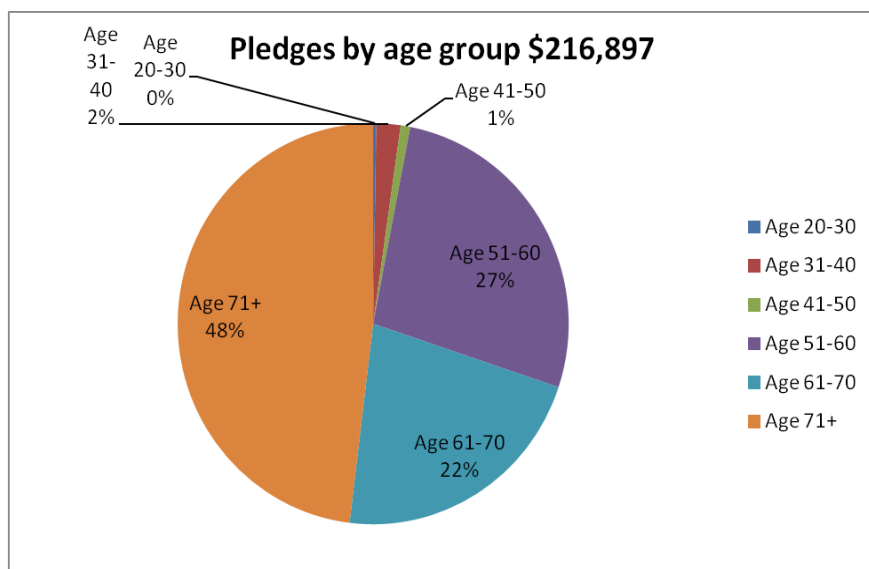
The chart on the left shows the different elements of the 2011 budget. You can see that staff expenses, Trustees/Maintenance, office administration, and Connectional (Apportionments) make up the largest portions of our budget.

The chart on the right shows a breakdown of funding sources for 2011. As you can see, pledged giving accounts for the largest part of our funding. This is followed by Miracle Sunday and unpledged giving. This is why it is so important to receive accurate pledge cards during this campaign so that we can put together a workable budget. This is also why we are asking everyone to re-pledge for Miracle Sunday and extend it for the entire 2012 year. We need an accurate account for what to expect from this program since it is now such a large part of our funding. If we only receive what was originally pledged, this slice of the pie will be cut dramatically, leaving us with approximately a \$30,000 deficit.



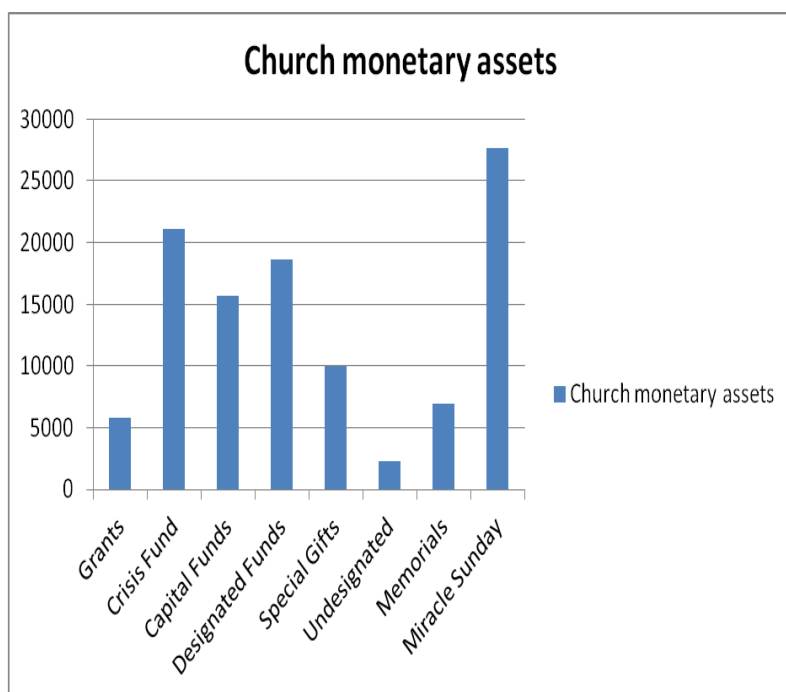
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINISTRY MOMENT (CONTINUED)



The chart on the left shows the breakdown for pledged giving for 2011 by age group. You can see that nearly half of our pledged monies come from those aged 71 and above. Those in the age groups of 51-60 and 61-70 also make up large portions of our pledged giving.

The chart on the right depicts the church's monetary assets available. Keep in mind that these numbers are from the end of September and are always changing. Miracle Sunday is the largest portion of our assets, but a large part of this will be used to finish off the 2011 operations. Grants are those monies received by Bruce Dickerson and Dawn Trapp from the District for use in their ministries. Crisis fund is from the Becker Estate and used only when needed, not for operations. Capital funds are from the sale of the Freeman Avenue house and other capital monies. This fund will be used for the steeple repair. Designated funds are monies that are to be used only for items declared by the givers. Special gifts are monies recently received from an estate. Undesignated money is fluid capital used for the operating budget.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Ed Gebhart, Finance Chair

ed.gebhart@yahoo.com



JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Order Form Coming Soon!

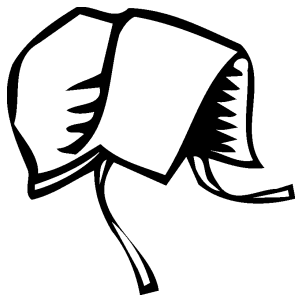
Watch the weekly bulletins and the December newsletter for your Amaizing Grace Kettle Corn Order Form.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits –
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.

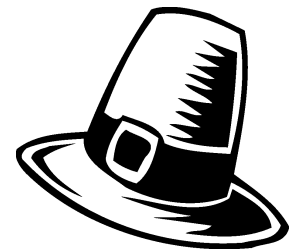


The Pilgrims' Prayer

What kind of people were the Pilgrims? Clearly, they were fervent Christians who pursued their dream of religious freedom with a dedicated zeal that never wavered.

One hundred one of them crowded into the ship known as the Mayflower and sailed from Lyden, Holland, to a land most of them had never seen. They sailed across a wild churning sea from September 16 to November 21, 1620. A year later, only half of them had survived all of the various afflictions and hardships which came to them.

Nevertheless, they were grateful. They had religious freedom. They had opportunity. They had a New World to explore, develop, inhabit and appreciate. They wanted to thank God. Thus, all who were left, gathered with their Native-American neighbors, and had a joyous celebration of Thanksgiving. It is recorded that they prayed this prayer: *"Thanks be to God for the strength which he has given us and the blessing he has provided in bringing us to this hour which is laden with possibilities for the future."* That, of course, would be an appropriate prayer for us, wouldn't it?



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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