

September 2011



Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Church Family,

I know that many, many of us have enjoyed “road trips” this past summer. I certainly enjoyed one back in May when my boys and I drove to North Carolina for our vacation together following Nathan’s graduation from college. I love a good road trip! We took many of these road trips when I was a kid growing up in the northeastern part of the state ... Warren, Ohio. As a family, we traveled together to Canada and to the states of New York and Michigan and West Virginia and Pennsylvania. We always played games together to make the “road trip” go by faster. What a great way to learn about life, ourselves, and the world ... on a road trip!

The Bible tells us that Jesus and His disciples experienced many “road trips” together. Every day held a new surprise.

The disciples wondered who Jesus would talk to and if He would anger the Pharisees again with His talk about the *spirit* of the law and not just the *letter* of the law. Would Jesus turn everything upside down because He preaches forgiveness and the assurance of God’s love for each person? Would this be a day in which Jesus challenges all of us to remain faithful to Him with a cost and a new understanding of love? The disciples also wondered what the end-of-the-road looked like in Jerusalem. Certainly, the disciples were not expecting Jesus to die at the end and yet He kept reminding them of His impending death.

When we say “yes” and choose to follow Jesus, then we, too, are on a road trip with our Savior. Along the way, Jesus keeps inviting us to go deeper and farther in discipleship. On this road trip, Jesus keeps challenging us to go higher and remain courageous in our faithfulness. There are surprises along the way as well as new stories

and new friends. There are deep and abiding prayers, angry crowds and trick questions from folks who do not like us or what we stand for. Yet, Jesus is always with us. He is the One we want to follow even when the road is hard or unfamiliar or confusing. This road trip with our Savior lasts a lifetime. It is a life-long journey. It’s not just for the summer or fall or for one year. When we say “yes” to Jesus, it’s every day and for always until we reach our final destination – our heavenly home.



We are entering the fall season as we look forward to the month of September. We are still on that road trip with Jesus. We will continue to learn and pray together...we will serve and care for one another. Please join us for worship and Sunday School and ministry opportunities.

- * Sunday, September 4: Holy Communion at both worship services, 9:30am and 11:40am.
- * Wednesday, September 7: Immersion Service at 7:00pm
- * Sunday, September 11: We will remember the 10th Anniversary of the attack on America during the 9:30am and 11:40 am worship services
- * Wednesday, September 14: Immersion Service at 7:00pm
- * Sunday, September 18: Promotion Sunday celebrated at both worship services, 9:30am and 11:40am
- * Wednesday, September 21: Immersion Service at 7:00pm
- * Sunday, September 25: We will worship together at 9:30am and 11:40am
- * Wednesday, September 28: Immersion Service at 7:00pm

See you at Lindenwald Church!

Update Your Information

Please let the church office know if there have been any changes in your personal information like a new address or telephone number or even a new email address. We are always working to update our church family's database, and we certainly need your help. You may fill in the form below and return it to the church office. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Wedding Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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.

Lindenwald United Methodist Church Dance Ministry



Classes held on Thursdays from 5:30-8:30
Classes are 30-45 minutes long, Ages 3 and up

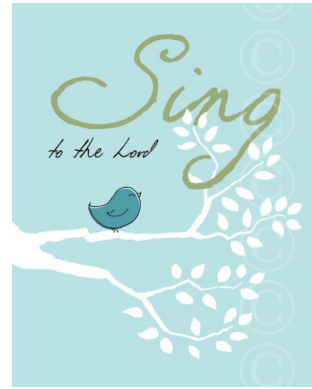
Tap, Ballet and Jazz

For more information contact:

Darla Dirr (513-792-9241 or 513-703-8070)

Classes Start in September!

Sing to the Lord . . .



Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30pm in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to be a part of this spiritually uplifting musical experience.

In order to prepare for rehearsals it is very important to know who will be participating this season. If you are planning to participate in the Sanctuary Choir, please contact Charlene Elam by phone at 604-1710 or by email at charleneelam@yahoo.com.



Free Community Meal

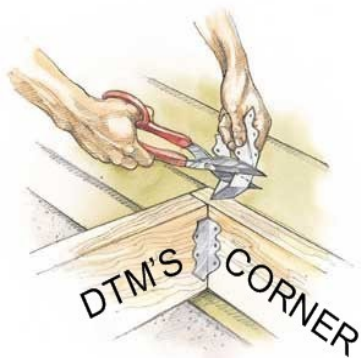
Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will arrange 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, Sept. 2. 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

My family is going through a new transition this year. Abby graduated from preschool and is starting kindergarten. She is so excited. She is a little sad that she will not see her friends from preschool, but she is ready to make new friends. She has loved the shopping for clothes and school supplies. She received a letter from her teacher and is overjoyed that the teacher loves to sing and read. Abby has been practicing writing her name and counting. She is even trying to do some basic math. Although I am not surprised that she is smarter than I was at her age, mainly due to my wife, I am always amazed at the excitement she has for learning. It does not matter what it is. If I teach her to cheer for a football game or if I help her pronounce a new word, she is amazed and thanks me for a week.

I wish we all could have that joy for learning. I know I am looking forward to seminary starting again, but I am not sharing her joy. Instead of joy I am filling out my calendar figuring out where to fit it all in. This is not what I should be doing. I should be going about it the same way Abby is, with a joyful heart. I will be learning this year about evangelism, pastoral care, church renewal, and theology. All things that will help me develop a deeper understanding of my relationship with God. While we all can't, or wouldn't, want to attend seminary, we all have opportunities where we can learn more about our relationship with God. We do this by experiencing worship, Bible studies, book studies, and mission. We need to take part in these opportunities joyfully, whenever we can. So I hope to see you all in one of the opportunities to joyfully learn and move in your faith!



Upcoming Dates of Interest!

Upcoming Dates

September 2: Prayer Drive Thru, 4:30-6:00pm

Wednesday Dinner: 6:15 to 6:45pm

Wednesday Immersion Service: 7:00pm

Contact Information

Phone: 513.863.8822 ext. 210

Email: brucedtm@hotmail.com

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/bdickerson2>

Enter Laughing . . .

Upon entering a North Carolina church, a retired pastor from Arizona approached an older couple serving as greeters. Observing their beaming countenance, the minister eagerly shook hands and said playfully, *"I want you to know that I came all the way from Phoenix just to shake your hands."*

The cheerful husband laughed and said jovially, *"Well, now you can go back."*

Everyone nearby, overhearing the repartee, laughed at the merry dialogue. The Arizonan entered the sanctuary giggling to himself. The service seemed especially uplifting that Sunday, because he entered the church with a joyful heart

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So Many Wonderful Thank You's

Dear Pastor Val and Entire Lindenwald Family,

Thank you so much for all your support, prayers and food you provided the Rhodus Family during our mother's stay at Mercy Hospital, Hospice of Hamilton, Avance Funeral Home, and eternal resting place at Rose Hill Burial Park.

Betty always looked forward to seeing Pastor Val each day and was so comforted by your words. It eased our pain to see our mother comforted and at peace, and your words at the service touched our hearts.

Please thank the entire Lindenwald Family for us. We truly appreciate everything you have done.

Sincerely yours,

Mark and Victoria Rhodus and family

Thank you to everyone who attended the first-ever Cluster Church Picnic on Sunday, August 7 here at our Lindenwald United Methodist Church from 5:00 to 7:00pm. We welcomed over 100 children, youth and adults from area churches. We broke bread together...we heard about some of the exciting things going on in our churches...we sang together and prayed together. We had a great time celebrating how God's Holy Spirit moves in our lives and in the life of our Churches as well.

Thank you to Pastor Val for her visits, for preparing a wonderful funeral service for Marty and to the women who prepared and served the delicious food for the bereavement luncheon. Thanks also to everyone for their cards, letters and condolences. God takes care of His own, and He is taking care of us.

Love,

Bill Charles and family

Thank you to all of the dedicated servant volunteers who helped to make our five-week "Summer Shine" program so successful and meaningful this year. We had a great summer ministering to children, youth and adults about God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Thank you to Dale and Carrie Titus for their faithful witness over the last three years as they planned for and shopped for and then cooked for our midweek Wednesday night meal for "Pathways" our Children's Program, "TASC" our Youth Program, and the families who attended the new Immersion Worship service as well. They will pass that ministry to others. We have truly appreciated their dedication and devotion to serve and minister in the name of Christ.

Thank you for supporting "The Classics for Christ Car Show" held here at our Lindenwald Church on Saturday, August 13 from noon until 4:00pm. Our very own Ray Kissinger won two prizes for his entries in the car show. We also want to acknowledge the hard work of Paul and Angie Perpington and Bruce Dickerson who all worked together for a successful event.

Thank you for the Subway Gift Card. But most of all, thank you for the recognition of my graduation. I know I am not physically in church every Sunday, but Jesus is always in my heart. God Bless you all!

Thanks again . . . Kirk Gambrell

(Kirk is the grandson of Joyce Magley)



LISTENING FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY TEAMS

FALL 2011 Book Study

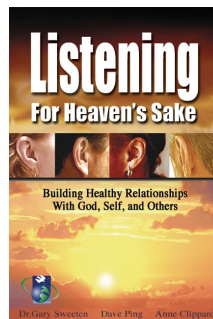
Sign-Ups are still in progress.

Please sign up today!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	LEADER	APPRENTICE	HOST
Sunday	4:00 pm	LUMC	Greg Albright	Dale Titus	Carrie Titus
Monday	7:00 pm	LUMC-FH	John Kaiser	Melissa Backscheider	Becky Kaiser
Tuesday	7:00 pm	LUMC or home	Julia Hayes	Nancy McCormick	Tim Crowe
Tuesday	7:00 pm	LUMC	Neil Hayes	Maureen Brabbs	Beth Bachman
Tuesday	10:00 am	LUMC	Bob Brabbs	Sue McPeek	Nancy Albright
Monday	1:00 pm	Waterford	Val Waibel	Sis Rimer	Anita Belanger
Thursday	7:00pm	Holy Grounds Café on Main Street-Hamilton	Cheryl Salzman	Virgie Mahan	Holy Grounds Cafe

When you apply the truth contained in this book, you will . . .

- ➔ Understand how skilled listening can become the key to growing more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in your relationships.
- ➔ Learn the Biblical basis for developing a healthy identity and accurate self-esteem.
- ➔ See how to overcome barriers and problems that make true communication and intimate relationships so difficult.
- ➔ Discover many specific techniques that can make your relationships healthier and more satisfying.
- ➔ Find out how to be truly helpful to others without becoming anxious, overwhelmed, and overcommitted.



Circle the class in which you would like to participate and return this page to church as soon as possible.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Note from Dan, Our Youth Director

“TWIN POWERS”

Every single human being has power – at any age. Power is an awesome gift, responsibility, tool. Some never engage. Some exploit. Some self-destruct or mass destruct. Some, like the radio station (KLOV) slogan, use power to be “positive, encouraging, uplifting.”

A baby in a crib can dominate an entire day. A retiree can wonder where the time went.

A teenager can thrill or petrify a family, a school, an environment. Many say that marriage is a lifetime “power” struggle.

As this and every September quickly reminds us since 2001, power can be used for good or for evil. The iconic symbol of the TWIN TOWERS in New York City point to the human dilemma and the human challenge – God has placed in the middle of the “Garden” the tree of knowledge of good and evil – TWIN POWERS.

How wonderful! God has given us such freedom, such choice. The question arises as to what is “good” and what is “evil.” The discussion marches on through the centuries.

Know this and be comforted: *“Love God with all you heart and mind and soul and strength . . . and your neighbor as yourself.”* After Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan (evil) left him. Thus, Jesus demonstrated a power greater than any other – He sought good at all times and in all ways. Consider the transforming power of good when Jesus said: *“Love your enemies.”*

Enough said. “Go and do likewise.” . . . Dan

FELLOWSHIP of CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

A new Hamilton HS Huddle group is starting up this Fall! If athletics is part of your life, or if you just like sports, come and join. Contact our Youth Director, Dan, to get started in a dynamic Christ-centered group called FCA!!!

NEW FACE

The Youth along with Linda Teague and Pastor Dan have scrubbed and brushed the Youth Room into a new a brighter look. Can you smell the paint?! Come and see – and share in this small moment of “new life” and large moment of human bonding in the spirit of Christ!

WITH HUGE GRATITUDE

Thanks to the Crowe family and the Nesselroad family for their gracious act of kindness in supporting our three youth (Nick Brown, Cooper Osborne, and Gabriel Hoskins) who recently attended a mission trip to Buffalo, NY (Niagara Falls area) along with the St. Marks UMC youth. The trip was incredible, the memories indelible, the conviction to serve Christ immeasurable!

Thanks to the Albright family for wonderfully opening up their home – and pool – to the TASC Force youth group in August!

Many thanks to all who prayed for me during my recent surgery and recovery. – Haylee Fosnough.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our first MS (youth entering grades 7-8 in school) youth group gathering will be Wed., Sept. 7, 6:30-8:00pm at the church. Come and be part of the very first meeting of this new group as part of the larger youth program. Help develop our devotional and social plans for the year. Bring a friend and get to know someone new – all at the same time!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our first HS (youth entering grades 9-12 in school) youth group (TASC FORCE) gathering will be Sunday, Sept. 4, 4-6pm at the church. A calendar of our commitments will be handed out at the first meeting. Bring a friend or friends – get ready to grow in your faith and in how to apply your faith!

Questions? Call Dan at 289-1557 or email him at

danieljdennis@gmail.com



Miami University - Hamilton

Community Pep Club

LUMC: Light Up Miami's Campus

Pep Club Guidelines:

- ➡ Participants must be area Middle School/High School students and sign in at each Home Game for purposes of safety and communication.
- ➡ Participants agree to conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times while participating as a Pep Club member.
- ➡ Participants agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the University while on campus grounds in the spirit of building a healthy community.
- ➡ Participants (or, parent/guardian, if a minor) need to sign a waiver form.

Benefits of Pep Club Membership:

- ➡ Participants will be admitted FREE to all athletic HOME GAMES.
- ➡ Participants will receive a FREE Pep Club T-shirt at first home game they attend which must be worn for the duration of each home game. Pep Club T-shirt must be worn to each home game in order to gain free admission.
- ➡ Participants will receive a FREE hot dog and soda at half time of each home game.
- ➡ Participants are invited to voluntarily attend a brief Pre-Game devotion along with players, coaches, and other Pep Club members who choose to attend.

Home Harrier Volleyball games at Miami University-Hamilton Gymnasium

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Friday, September 9	6:00pm	UC Clermont
Saturday, September 17	1:00pm	OU Chillicothe
Wednesday, September 21	6:00pm	Miami-Middletown
Saturday, September 24	1:00pm	Southern State
Saturday, October 8	1:00pm	Clark State
Wednesday, October 12	7:00pm	OSU Lima
Saturday, October 15	1:00pm	Wright State Lake

For Information Contact:

Dan Dennis, Lindenwald UMC Youth Director: Cell – 513-289-1557 or
Athletic Department, Miami University-Hamilton – 513-785-3112

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

Transportation is available on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. If transportation is needed, contact the church office (863-8822) or email Dawn Trapp and the address below.

Contact Information:

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

UMW News for September

Circle Meetings

Friendly Circle
September 7 ~ 11:15am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Mizpah Circle
September 8 ~ 1:00 pm
Church Parlor

Genesis Circle
September 13 ~ 7:00 pm
Home of Virgie Mahan

Lindenwald UMC Food Pantry Needs



September Pantry Challenge

Second Service versus the Immersion Service

- ◆ 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.



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Return Service Requested

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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