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# Summertime at Lindenwood

## Good works continue



In a few days, I will begin to serve as the new Senior Minister at Lindenwood Christian Church. As I have said before, it is quite an honor to be called to serve such a wonderful congregation. There has been a great deal of change at Lindenwood over the past couple of years, and change is never easy. As we already know, there will be change in the future as well, as additional ministers are called to serve alongside the wonderful staff that is already in place. I know that you will make those new ministers feel as welcome as you have made us feel. Good things are about to happen and I am excited about the future.

Fortunately for all of us, not everything will change. As you already know, and as the search committee assured me early in the process, a great staff is already serving the congregation at Lindenwood. We are so blessed to have such great partners in the office, in the Life Center, and throughout the church, taking care of every aspect of Lindenwood from the financial management to the information technology to media ops, from the maintenance of the property to food services. Those people will stay on the team and will help to provide continuity, as will the volunteers who greet you in person or on the phone. Seeing Mickie, Alan, Cindy, Carol, Eddie, Phil, David and others every time you visit, will remind you that this is your church home. And, of course, the warm, pastoral presence of Rev. Harold Goodwin and Rev. Joe Bryan will be a constant source of blessing.

I also have exciting news to share – although I think many of you may have already guessed it. Two more familiar faces will be with us for a while to share in the transition: Rev. Judith Reese and Rev. Johnny Wray have agreed to stay on staff at Lindenwood, on a part-time interim basis, while we search for the right permanent associates to call to share our ministry. Having both of them working with me is such a comfort. They are both gifted ministers with valuable experience and their help will be such a blessing as I find my way in my new role.

So, I ask you to bear with me. The search for a senior minister is always a difficult process, but that has ended and it is now time for us to regain our stability. With the great staff we have already, and with the help of Judith and Johnny, great things are still ahead for Lindenwood Christian Church. The good work that you have done in the past will continue, and together we will look for new ways we can serve God and reach our community.

God bless,  
Ron Buck

### A time for work, a time for rest....

By Dr. Ron Buck

As I write this article, I am spending a little time with my family at one of our favorite vacation spots: St. George Island, Florida. I really should be at home, finishing some packing, getting ready for the movers who will be at our home in Hopkinsville early next week. In fact, at one point in late spring, I briefly considered canceling this vacation, or, at least, letting the extended family make the trip without me. After a bit of reflection I realized that the time I will spend here with my family is every bit as important as getting things packed in boxes. Life has been extremely busy since I first met the church family at Lindenwood Christian Church, and in the midst of all that busyness, a few days to recharge my batteries and refresh my spirit will be time well spent.

Life is made up of a variety of seasons, all designed for various

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Dear Lindenwood Family,

Did you ever wonder how ministers choose a particular scripture passage on which to preach? Folks ask me that question fairly often; and, to tell you the truth, finding the passage that best speaks to the theme to which God's Spirit is calling me can be a real challenge. It's easy to gravitate towards the "feel good" parts of Scripture and avoid those chapters and verses that challenge and confront us. It's also easy to end up preaching mostly from the New Testament or the Old Testament rather than finding a good balance between the two.

Fortunately, church leaders, back in the 1960's, recognized the problems that arise in the selection of Scripture passages for preaching and developed a collection of readings based on the calendar of the church year. We call this system of readings a "lectionary" and the one that is used by most of the main-line denominations is the *Revised Common Lectionary*. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been very involved in the Consultation on Common Texts, the ecumenical organization that developed this system of readings. Using this particular lectionary, a congregation can cover most of the Bible in a three-year cycle. Each year is centered on one of the synoptic gospels—Year A is the year of Matthew, Year B, the year of Mark and Year C, the year of Luke. The gospel of John is read each year, especially in Year B since Mark's gospel is shorter than the others. Currently, we are in Year B, so the gospel texts are either from Mark or John. Furthermore, within each of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, the flow of the season is reflected in the Scripture texts. You may remember that the seasons of the Church year help us to reflect on the life of Christ.

Using the Revised Common Lectionary, we have four texts for each Sunday—an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading from an epistle or Revelation and a gospel reading. Knowing many months ahead which texts are to be read on a given Sunday, helps greatly in the planning not only of sermons but also of the music and liturgy to be used that day. And, not only does it help the clergy and musicians to prepare for worship, it allows church members also to prepare for worship by reading and studying the texts to be used for the upcoming Sunday. This means that the entire congregation is focused on the readings for that week—some churches even use

Sunday School curriculum that is lectionary based. It's a great way for all of us to be on the same page, so to speak.

It's not surprising that Disciples of Christ would be involved with the development and use of the Revised Common Lectionary; after all, we are deeply committed to Christian unity. And, the use of lectionary texts not only allows a particular congregation to be united in study and worship, it also unites us with other Christians around the globe who also are reading and studying the same Scripture passages.

Both Rev. Johnny Wray and I turn to the Revised Common Lectionary for help in selecting texts for preaching. So, we were excited to learn that Lindenwood's new Senior Minister, Dr. Ron Buck, also uses the Revised Common Lectionary. Dr. Buck tells me that he has used the lectionary throughout his ministerial career and usually uses at least three of the four texts in worship each week. While this is a bit of a change for Lindenwood, this congregation is a congregation very devoted to God's Word and I think that this increased attention to Scripture will reflect that deep devotion.

We are going to begin to experience the lectionary texts during the month of July, so that we can be familiar with that kind of system of readings by the time that Dr. Ron gets here on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you'd like to look at the readings that are coming up in the next weeks and months, you can find the lectionary readings at [www.lectionary.com](http://www.lectionary.com). Vanderbilt University also has a lovely website with the readings as well as some prayers and art that go along with the readings—you can find that website at [www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu). We will also include the upcoming readings in our bulletin each week.

I urge each one of you to spend as much time as possible in the written Word; for, the written Word gives witness to Christ Jesus, God's Living Word. And, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy explains, Scripture teaches and trains us so that we may be "equipped for every good work."

May it be so, for you and for me! And may God's blessings be with you and grant you peace,



## Judith

# Welcome New Members to Lindenwood



Rick Maxwell



Carter Beard



Robert Beard

Welcome the following new members to our Lindenwood family: Rick Maxwell, Carter Beard, Robert Beard, Steven Ash, Snow Chronister and Sandy Harrell. Rick, Carter and Robert attended the Membership Class 101 in June and decided to make Lindenwood their home church. Rick is a clinical systems analyst with Methodist healthcare. Robert is in property management with H.M. Heckle & Co. Carter is a health educator with Beard-Handly Diagnostic. Steven Ash comes to us by rededication. Steven works for Lindenwood member, Nancy Evans, at Evans Landscape and Design. Sandy Harrell comes to us by transfer from Monumental Baptist Church. Sandy's daughter Britni just went through Pastor's Class and was baptised. Snow Chronister joined Lindenwood this past May. (Picture not available.) Welcome to Lindenwood!



Steven Ash

## Daddy Estes' Fish Ministry

By Mickie Dunn

"Gone Fishing", it seems that would be a sign that someone is just relaxing or being a bit lazy. For Daddy Estes (my grandfather) the sign would have implied much more. Fishing was part of his ministry, the way he cared for others as Christ would have us do.

He would fish several days a week except in cold or stormy weather. We always had large mouth and small mouth bass, crappie and bream in the freezer ready to be coated in corn meal and fried. I can almost smell them cooking now!

The thing is, we were not the only ones in our small town neighborhood who had an abundance of these fish. Our neighbors also had plenty. Many of the men could no longer physically go fishing. They not only enjoyed eating the fish, but hearing any stories about how one might have been hard to catch, or a big one that got away altogether at the lake, waiting to be caught another day. Some of the ladies were widowed and were happy to get the

fresh fish and chat with Mama Estes about flowers, grandchildren and the like.

You might not be able to fish and share the bounty as your ministry. But there is something you can do. The ChristCare Ministry of Lindenwood is in need of care givers. As a care giver, you can choose to send cards, make phone calls or visits to those on the receiver list. It's not a hard thing to do, but it blesses so many of our members who can no longer attend due to physical limitations.

We send out a list of the care receivers each month along with a letter and assignment sheet. You are assigned a few people for your ministry that month and send in a report sheet (which is supplied) in a postage paid envelope. It couldn't get much easier to do something that means so much. I can assure you that none of them expect fish!

If you believe that you would like to participate in the ChristCare ministry, or if you are currently an inactive care giver who wants to become active, please contact Jean Kenny at 767-2858 or me at 458-8506.

# Day of Service, June 20, 2009



Pictured left to right: Chad & Marty at Dorothy Day House, MIFA clothes closet, Olivia & Julie DDH, Angel Food volunteers, Youth at Lindenwood Garden, Door of Hope Volunteers, working in garden.

By Mike Taylor

I believe that you get your truest blessings by helping others.....and how true that is.

On Lindenwood's Day of Service, (June 20th) eleven members of the Unity Small Group met at the Dorothy Day House, 1429 Poplar Ave in Midtown, to help with their laundry list of chores. On what we would have called "the hottest day of the year," we mostly did what they needed done outside, raking, mowing, cleaning flower beds, clearing limbs and debris, edging, you name it, we got it done! That day we only had time to work outside the four hours we were there, but there is still lots more to do on the inside. After getting the last family in the house back on their feet, the staff felt they needed to close its doors a few weeks to get some much needed repairs done on the inside of the house while the house was empty, all the while daily they are turning away families.



The Dorothy Day House is a transitional home for whole families that are temporarily, for whatever reason, homeless. Unlike most transitional homes in the city that only take women, men, or women and children, DDH takes the entire family in order to keep them together as a family unit. It's the only place in town that does this.

During a short air condition break to the inside Judy Gray and Sister Maureen Griner, who are Co-directors of the house, told us all about Dorothy Day and the Dorothy Day House (google Dorothy Day for an extraordinary story on this remarkable person.) The most amazing thing is, their total existence is by donation and miracles...they get no state or city assistance, although they have applied for

grants, they never have received them. And although it is run by the two of them, this is not their primary job, and they are not funded by any particular church denomination. So what they do for the men, women and children that come through those doors is no less than a miracle. Judy quoted one of the women that lived there when she asked her to tell a new family that was moving in something about the house, Judy fully expected her to say, there are rules..etc..etc..and go into that...what the woman said, without hesitation is "GOD LIVES IN THIS HOUSE". The more awesome thing about that is, they don't preach to them or ask them to go to church ...the families just know.

They can always use an extra hand, if you would like to volunteer in ANY capacity, Judy Gray can be reached via email at [JudyGIC@aol.com](mailto:JudyGIC@aol.com) or 725-2714. They can use food, clothing, furniture, anything that you use to run your own home, they need. Another very cool thing about this is, when a family gets back on their feet and can leave, the DDH helps them obtain everything they need through donations to furnish their own place..so again, they can use ANYTHING. There is a laundry list of needs for donations or you can donate your time.

I would like say a HUGE THANK YOU to Judy Gray and Sister Maureen Griner for opening the DDH house to us and to those who worked in the 100 degree heat; Chad H, Marty M, Chuck K, Tom M, Julie R, Olivia M, Chad C, Troy H, Rick M, and Brian F.

Unity Group decided this will NOT be our last visit or service project to this wonderful organization. Dorothy Day said it best, "The mystery of the poor is this: They are Jesus, and what you do for them, you do for Him."

# Summertime

Lindenwood youth started summer off right with a camping/canoe trip to Spring River.



Lindenwood Summer Camp was honored Thursday (Monday, June 8) to have Rev. Johnny Wray come speak to us at our morning chapel about compassion. Our children are learning about having compassion for those around us and people around the world.

Thanks, Johnny, for your time. We appreciate you coming out and sharing with us.

## Stephen Minister's Annual Retreat - Saturday, June 6

Some eighteen of us gathered at the home of Dr. Rachel Taylor to celebrate our ninth year of ministry together as Christian Care Givers.

Rachel always provides excellent leadership as we deepen our spiritual lives. We opened with prayer and songs – “This is the Day...” and “Morning has Broken”. We were led in a beautiful guided meditation by Rachel. With a background of soft music “You’ll never Walk Alone” and “His Eye is on the Sparrow” we went in our minds to our choice of a special place of worship and meditation, a beach, a garden, a mountain retreat, etc.

After the guided meditation we wrote on our note paper two or three things that have happened in our lives that remind us that God cares for us and is always looking out for us. Next we shared with each other what it means personally to believe that God is on our side. We shared with each other our perceptions of God, Father, Friend,

etc.

For lunch we sang, “God is so Good” as our table grace. The food was, as always, outstanding and delicious.

The group gave Harold and Dot a bon voyage party since they were to leave the next day on vacation. Following that we each chose an object from Rachel’s “goodie box”, a small bell, a ring, a rock, etc and explained to the group why we chose that object and how it symbolized some aspect of God or our relationship with God.

We closed, as always, with Holy Communion.

Several of our group stayed for a “fishing tournament” in Rachel’s lake, bass, brim, crappie, and catfish.

THANK YOU DR. RACHEL FOR THIS FIFTH ANNUAL RETREAT.

# Honored & Humbled to Serve

When Rebecca Sullivan told me two years ago that I was wanted as the next Chairman of the Elders, I was somewhat overwhelmed. It reminded me of when I was first nominated to be an Elder. A feeling of unworthiness and of course I was humbled. Who would have thought what a whirlwind of a ride I was about to begin!

We have had several milestones in the life of our church. Some that I will never forget but at the same time some that have made Lindenwood Christian Church the church it is today. A church that has grown both emotionally and spiritually. A church that has had its congregation bond together in a way no other church could.

I've seen different worship services come together in a unity of agape love. I've seen the body of Elders come together to conduct their first Pastors Class. And then assist in another this year! Over 50 lives changed as they accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! I've seen Elders getting involved in church ventures like they never have before! Thank you! We had our first Elder retreat with leadership training! I've seen a church that has turned a negative into a positive and begin to outreach to the local community.

I was honored to have been chosen on the Pulpit Search Committee. What an honor to have worked on such an important endeavor and I will never forget the process or any of the people involved in it. It was truly a monumental task and I learned so much and am so grateful for the end result! My family has a deep root in this church and I am so appreciative to be able to be a part of a family tradition but more importantly, of course, the chance to serve God in the ways I have been able to serve our Lord and our church. I look forward to great things in our life at Lindenwood.

I would also like to thank Alan Dunn, Rev. Judith Reese and the entire Lindenwood staff. If it were not for you, I don't know what I would have done! Thank you! Cleolyn Young, Anna Hough, and Rebecca Sullivan deserve a special thanks as well! They kept the Elders on track and organized. Thank you! With the arrival of Ron and Cathie, I know there are nothing but great things to come. As we go forward with our mission, The Great Commission, I pray we continue with the excitement and the positive direction to which we are headed. I have been truly honored and humbled to serve as your Elder Chair and I thank you for everything over the last few years. I could not have done it had it not been for your love and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Filipiak



## Life in Families

### SYMPATHY TO:

Johnny Wray in the death of his aunt, Gladys Waide.

Family of Cline Campbell

Dr. Thomas Fortner in the death of his mother, Anne Fortner.

Anna Hough in the death of Bill Hough.

Eddie Lynn in the death of his brother, James Leon Lynn.

### THANK YOU

Dear Lindenwood Family,  
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the calls, cards, hugs and memorials given after my mother passed away. The love expressed has given me and my family much comfort. Thank you, Lindenwood, for being sweet disciples for Christ. Blessings to you all,

Sharron Johnson

Dear Lindenwood Church Family,  
Having had serious health issues for some time now, I don't want to be derelict in thanking all those who have shown their love and concern through prayers, cards, visits and flowers. My appreciation especially goes to Dr. Ron Buck and Rev. Johnny Wray for their visits while I was in the hospital recently. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Las Savell

## Circle of Life Retreat

All women are invited to the Circle of Life Women's Retreat - an event held each year for the women to get to know each other from all services of the church. It will be held Saturday August 8th in Stauffer Hall 9:30am to 3 pm. The theme this year is 'The Reality of God in Our Lives.' There will be group discussions, music, prayer, and most of all good fellowship. Meet someone new and make a friend. Lunch is included. There will also be door prizes. Registration will be in Easterwood Gallery each Sunday. Cost is \$5.00. Ask anyone who has ever been and you will see what a spiritually uplifting event this is. For more info call Randa or Judy Arnett at 682-3783

# A CORNER FOR PRAYER

What is Prayer?

There are many, many definitions for prayer. It is communication with God. It is talking and listening to God. It is staying connected with God through thoughts and feelings. It is simply sitting in the presence of God, knowing that God is with you.

Recently, I came across a definition that is new to me. A Reverend Clarke Oler described prayer this way: "Prayer is a gradual process of building a relationship with God, a progressive turning toward God over and over again in a thousand moments and ways until we reach the point when prayer isn't just something we do a couple of times a day, but a dimension of our whole life, every thought and feeling. It is not just learning about God, but coming to see ourselves as the person He knows us to be, the person God loves."

I like this definition! The added thought of a relationship with an all powerful God who knows me, wants me to look at myself through His eyes and know how much He loves me.

Bless you,  
Rev. Harold Goodwin



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activities. There is time for work, for study, for play, and for rest. There is time to be spent with family, enjoying the beauty of the world that God made, whether it be the ocean or the mountains, tiny lakes and streams or the Grand Canyon. Here on St. George Island, Cathie and I have found a place where we love to rest, think, eat, walk on the beach, and even sleep late on occasion. When we return in a few days there will be plenty of time for other activities – moving, working, beginning new jobs, and making new friends.

I hope that you have had a chance to rest or take a vacation this summer. In the first story of the Old Testament, God used six days for work and one day for rest. Some people read that story in a strictly literal fashion. Others read it a bit more loosely. But regardless of how you read it, a couple of messages are clear: God is responsible for all that there is, and, despite God's power and majesty, a day of rest was necessary. If God had to pause for rest, why should we think that we can work constantly without stopping for a Sabbath?

By the time you read this, I will be bouncing back and forth from Kentucky to Tennessee. The boxes will have been packed, moved, and some of them (but not all!) opened and unpacked. My trip with my family will be a warm memory that I will visit frequently in those rare, quiet moments during the busy days ahead. Rest is truly a gift from God, and one that is not to be taken for granted. As busy as I will be in just a few days, I am glad I took a week off for vacation. I think I made the right decision.

Grace and Peace

## Laudate! Spring Tour



Laudate! recently completed their Spring Tour to Little Rock, singing at Pulaski Heights Christian Church, a small Disciples church in the Hillcrest area of Little Rock. During worship, the church's new minister was installed as Senior Minister, and she is a graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary, and knows Lindenwood quite well. In addition to worship, Laudate! also toured the Clinton Presidential Library, the Heifer International LEED certified Headquarters (a most fascinating tour), the River Market, and much more. The middle and high school's new season of rehearsals and singing will commence in August.

# LIVES & MINISTRIES WE HONOR AND REMEMBER

## REMEMBERING

### Benevolent

Mrs. Frankie Keller.....Marian, Janet and Jimmie

### Disciples Women's Ministry

Sara Adams.....Lindenwood Elders

### Extreme Makeover

Chuck & Sara Adams.....Bob & Karen Cannon

### Kidz Xpress

Juanita Anderson....Disciples Women's Ministry

### Minister of Music Discretionary

Anne Fortner.....Elinor Reed

### Mission & Ministry

Sara Adams.....Kevin & Susan Kenny

Douglas Dunn.....Kevin & Susan Kenny

Charles King.....Kevin & Susan Kenny,

Watkins Uiberall, PLLC

### Music

Marjorie Evelyn Crosett...Lura & Steve Turner

Anne Fortner.....Earlean Sudbury, Lura & Steve Turner

### Nursery

Juanita Anderson...Kevin & Melissa Tully

### Wide Open Worship

Frank Hays....Donald & Janet Burkett,

Tracey Cooper, Duncan-Williams, Inc.,

Nancy & Jerry Engelberg, Margaret Fyfe, Edwin Harris, Theresa Hughes, Ed & Sheila Martin, Bill & Jean Priester, James Rogers, Earlean Sudbury, Bill & Virginia Weeks

## HONORING

### Benevolent

Judy & Randa Arnett...Teresa Thompson  
Virginia & Richard Stanley.....David & Ann McCabe

### Food Pantry

Alan Dunn.....Lindenwood Elders

### Internet Fund

Eddie Smith.....David & Ann McCabe

### Media Ops

A great team.....Wanda Mooney

### Minister of Music Discretionary

Gary Beard.....Bonnie Schledwitz

### Mission & Ministry

Pulpit Committee...Loyal & Kathryn Murphy

### Music

Mary Margaret Buck.....Tennessee Society Dames of the Court of Honor

### SamSal

Bill Hough.....Anna Hough

### Special Worship Activity Team

A great team.....Wanda Mooney

### Vacation Bible School

Angie & Jeff Brittain.....Jim & Joy Colman

Sarah & Harold Cloud.....Jim & Joy Coleman

Sharron & David Johnson..... Jim & Joy Coleman

### Wellness & Fitness

Jim Ross.....Jeff & Angie Brittain, Charles & Elizabeth Ivey

### Youth

Volunteer Leaders.....Wanda Mooney

## DONATIONS

Benevolent.....Laverne Harder

Food Pantry.....Joel & Beth Bartholomew, Judith Harris, Walter White Open Door Class

Laudate!.....Kevin & Susan Archey

LifeQuest Counseling Center.....Mike Baber, Larry Kidd, Doug Wright

Minister of Music Discretionary..Peggy Bishop, Grace & Monte Brown, Jack & Dottie Blake, Elinor Reed, Neil & Roberta Schwarz, Earlean Sudbury, Ann Whitsitt

SamSal.....Jack & Dottie Blake

