



The Linworth Link

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August Worship Schedule

2 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

9 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

16 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

23 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Brunch Bunch
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

30—13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

Thoughts from Pastor Jeff

Amidst the budgetary bickering, the political wrangling over health care reform, and the who's-to-blame politics of the economic downturn, bacteria is the one thing upon which we can all agree. That's right, bacteria. We Americans have been downright single-minded in our quest to eradicate the little microbes ever since Ben Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanac* advertised Uncle Lemuel's line of 90 proof mouthwashes, demonstrating once and for all that fresh breath and spotless toilets are the quintessential signs of high culture.

Until recently however, we (the general public) have been ignorant concerning the other side of the bacteria story, namely that there are good bacteria as well as the bad bacteria that we have all learned to hate and spray and wipe and scrub with germ killing chemicals. The scientists have known this for years due to the fact that they own all the microscopes under which the good and bad bacteria are easily discernable. The good bacteria wear white hats with matching tights and the bad bacteria wear dark sunglasses and carry large weapons, comparatively.

The good bacteria play an important role in what is now known as Digestive Health. Without revealing too much detail, simply know that the good bacteria (the ones with the white hats) are sort of like the police force of the digestive system, regulating behavior, passing out tickets for speeders, and generally keeping things in good running order. As long as the good bacteria are winning, you feel great. But when the bad bacteria take over, chaos ensues.

Fortunately for us, digestive health scientists have now developed a variety of food products that can add more of the good bacteria to our systems to keep us balanced, regular, and healthy. And we can all agree that that is a good thing.

Since most of what we do as pastors has to do with the balance, regulation, and health of your spiritual lives (and ours), I have been hard at work with my microscope (on loan from a very close scientist) developing a product that I think will revolutionize your spiritual health (much better indeed than 90 proof mouthwash). What I have developed is no less than a modern miracle of spiritual health science!

Introducing: Ecclesia Regularus!

The good bacteria ecclesia regularus promotes healthy regular church attendance. After about four weeks of ecclesia regularus you'll begin to notice amazing results (for some it happens even sooner).

I've already discussed it with the kitchen crew and you can look forward to having ecclesia regularus in all of your Brunch Bunch favorites, from the pancakes and sausage to the chili and the chicken noodle soup. All of the Sunday morning coffee will be enriched with these good bacteria. Every cookie and brownie, every cake and pie that passes through the doors of the church will be baptized with bacteria. I've even consulted with contractors to have it released into the air conditioning system. I can't wait to see the results.

Of course ecclesia regularus won't be the answer to all our problems. But it just might be a good start.

Here's to good bacteria! (If it were only that easy.)
Pastor Jeff



Small Groups

Between the Lines: Contact: Faye Black
Love to read? **Between the Lines** meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in room 226 to discuss contemporary works of religious fiction. Join us for great discussion and fellowship. Group will not meet in August. Watch the worship folder for more information.

Bridge Club: Contact: Linda Kemp
Meets the first Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in homes. No meeting in August.

Building Nesters: Contact: Sara Schwanzl
The planning session for Fall/Winter will be on **Aug 6** at 6:30 p.m.

Closer Walk Class: Contact: Janet Blocher
Summer is the perfect time to develop a "Closer Walk!" The Closer Walk class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 225. The group will be studying the book of John during the summer. Come as often as you can for this discussion based class!

Dining Disciples: Contacts: Marlene Goodenow/Karen Stahle/Sally Moser/Julie Yeater
For fun and fellowship, join Dining Disciples. Groups of singles and married couples meet in homes or restaurants for a meal about 4 times a year. What a great way to get to know each other. To sign up, call a contact.

Hand and Foot Card Club: Contact: Jean Balsler
Club will meet on **Friday, Aug 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join this fun bunch for an evening of fellowship and laughter while playing cards. Bring a snack to share.

HomeBuilders: Contact: Jane Wright
Want to build a solid marriage? **HomeBuilders** is a group for married or engaged couples of all ages and stages, who want to focus on their relationship. This group gathers every first Sunday (**start-up for fall in Sept.**) in room 228 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate marriage, and learn more about what a Christ-centered marriage looks like. Watch the worship folder for more information, or call Jane.

IMPACT Service Group: Contact: Becki Hollenbaugh
IMPACT is a service group that meets with residents at Claremont Retirement Village. Join them at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesdays, Aug 12 & 26.**

In Daily Places: Contact: Denise Kilgore
Ladies - are you looking for a small group that meets in the evening? In Daily Places welcomes women of all ages for study, prayer and fellowship. Join us **Mondays, Aug 10 & 24** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Babysitting is available with prior notice.

Keen Adult Bible Study: Contact: Bob Jacobson
This Sunday morning Sunday School class meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 136 of the Fellowship Hall. Summer schedule may vary.

LinWomen Online: Contact: Sharon Valade
A virtual community of Linworth Women who are able to share using modern technology. Call Sharon to sign up and get logged on.

Men's Before-Work Spiritual Sharing Group:

Contact: Mike Smeltzer
The Men's Breakfast Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at First Watch Restaurant. Join them **Aug 11 & 25** at 7:00 a.m.

Mom's Book Study: Contact: Julie Nicolosi
We will be meeting socially over the summer. Join us on **Aug 27**. Call Julie for details.

MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):
Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino
MOPS is a group for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. **Summer play dates** are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (**Aug 10 & 24**) from 9:00 a.m. -noon at Worthington Recreation Center on Wilson Bridge Rd. **MOPS AND POPS PICNIC** will kick-off the new MOPS year on **Sunday, Aug 30** from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Kristen Minichello (minibuck7@hotmail.com) for all events. **CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS** are needed!!!! MOPS is in need of volunteers for one or two Monday(s) a month from 9:00 a.m.—noon. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Holly Meister or Andrea Orofino.

Peace in the House: Contact: Shelley Burton
This group supports you finding and maintaining peace with yourself, peace with God, and peace with others. Relax this summer and return refreshed in September.

Sensational Older Singles (SOS):

Contact: Lois Gifford
Call Lois for an updated schedule of events.

Searchers: Contact: Doug Stahle
Meets in the Fellowship Hall (room 128) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for thought provoking and stimulating discussion on a number of religious issues.

Shawl Ministry: Contacts: Marilyn Pohlman/Jean Davidson

More than 220 shawls already have been presented to those in pain. Call a contact to become involved.

Stephen Ministry:

Contacts: Kim Burns & Sandi Apicella

Meet **Tuesday, Aug 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Contact: Maxine Bartelt
There will be social & devotional meetings this summer. Join us on **Aug 13**. Check with Maxine Bartelt for details. The every Thursday schedule begins again on Thursday, September 10. Leadership (in the absence of their regular leader, Lillian Payne) is shared by the members. Visitors always welcome!

Women's Bible Study: Contact: Jeanne Byers

This Sunday morning class is taking a break. They will resume meeting on **Aug 16** at 10:00 a.m. in room 210.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you need a phone number or email for a contact person for an event or group, please contact the church office (336-8485).

Children's Ministry at Linworth

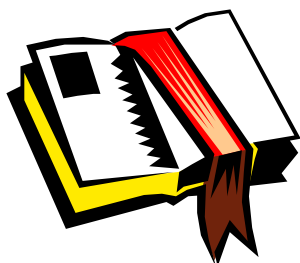
Interested in teaching or assisting with children's Sunday School this fall?

Watch the bulletin in August for opportunities to serve as a teacher, assistant, or nursery caregiver one or two Sundays/month. Questions? Call Mary Torok (336-8485).



Have a child that needs to be baptized?

Our next Baptism Sunday will be **August 23** with a class for parents on **August 16**. Registration forms are in the church office or call Mary Torok at 336-8485.



Preaching Texts Available In August!

Some have asked us, "Will the pastors give us their texts so that we can read them to prepare for worship?" "Yes, we would be glad to do this!" Here is what we have through August.

Beginning July 26 the pastors will be doing a three week series, "Remembering Her Name, Three Women of the Early Church."

July 26: Phoebe, Romans 16:1-2

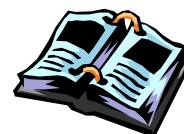
August 2: Dorcas, Acts 9:36-42

August 9: Lydia, Acts 16:11-15;40

August 16: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 23: Ephesians 5:8-20

August 30: TBA



Pastors' Visitation Schedules

Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif visits on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Pastor Gene Folden makes calls on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Pastor Jeffery Dunn is available upon request. As always, contact the church office with any pastoral needs (336-8485).

Membership News



Deaths:

- Jean Porter

Births:

■ Gehrig James Hopson, son of Jeff & Amy Hopson, brother of Jaelyn. June 12, 2009.

Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?



Going through a tough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down?

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn more, talk with a pastor or Sandy Apicella.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

— Galatians 6:2

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

X-TREME IMPACT

Youth News

from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

August Events

2—Softball game at 4:00 p.m. @ Thompson Field #1. After the game we will head to the Bethel Rd. Wendy's (Carriage Place) for a dollar menu extravaganza! Then we will head back to the church for a praise and worship night.

9—Softball tournament begins @ Thompson Fields at 4:00 p.m. We will eat at the field after our first game (win or lose). If we win we will play again at six. After the game/s we will have a short lesson then head back to the church for a "Battle of the Bands" (Rock Band Party).

16—Parent vs. Student softball game @ Dublin Davis Middle School, 6:00 p.m. Parents, bring your A-game, we got crushed last year in matball! We will head to the Powell Graeter's after the game to enjoy the largest chocolate chunks known to man.

We also have small groups meeting throughout the summer. Call Seth Rowe (406-9234) for more info!



The following note was received by the church office:

*"Dear Friends of Linworth,
My wife and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and the cards and the phone calls during the time our daughter Nancy was in the hospitals for injuries she suffered in an incident on a motorcycle. We want to thank Marilyn Pohlman and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the prayer shawl. We want to thank Pastor Rae Lynn and Pastor Gene for their prayers and visits to the hospitals. At this time Nancy is still in a coma and will be going to a rehab center, which one, we do not know at this time.
Sincerely,
Raymond and Dorothy Stone"*

Note: Nancy is currently at Columbus Rehab and Sub Acute Institute on Souder Avenue.

Interested in joining Linworth UMC?

Our next membership class series begins on **September 6** and continues on **September 13** and **September 20** from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available upon request. Indicate interest on the registration pad or call Mary Torok at 336-8485 to register.



Linworth Campers

Contact:
Sharon McManis

August 13 -15 Kendall Campground
Lake Cumberland, KY
Hosts: Jim & Sandy Cornett

September 4-6 Cedarbrook Campground, Lebanon
Hosts: Stuart & Sondie Schwotzer

If you would like a complete schedule,
contact Sharon McManis

Mission Board Meeting: Contact :Sondie Schwotzer
First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **August 3** at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Circle: Contacts: Linda Holloway & Kathy Balakrishnan
Third Monday evening of every month. No meeting in August, join us for the Retreat.

Fellowship Day Circle: Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel
Second Tuesday morning of every month. No meeting in August, join us for the Retreat.

MOPS: Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino
Second and fourth Monday mornings.

Aug 10 & 24—Play dates at Worthington Recreation Center
Sunday, Aug 30 - MOPS AND POPS PICNIC

SERVICE CIRCLE: Contact: Lea Elshoff
Fourth Friday morning of the month on **August 28** at 9:30 a.m. Sandwich making in the Church Kitchen for Faith Mission.

MISSION PROJECT HELP

During the month of AUGUST we are collecting new or gently used towels, washcloths and dishcloths for New Life UMC. These may be placed in the basket in the Church office or bring them to the board meeting or the Retreat. Our collection of used postage stamps, Campbell's Soup labels, used reading glasses, and pop can tabs is continuous! Our colorful three-drawer container for these items is located outside the office. Did you know the recycling of your pop tabs pays the electricity bill at the 80-room Ronald McDonald House in Columbus? Thank you for your ongoing support.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
UMW RETREAT AT THE CHURCH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



A Group For Young Adults Join us for FUN!

(students, young working adults,
young marrieds and singles)

Summer Jams

Fusion continues to meet throughout the summer. We'd love to have you join us! This month we are continuing our Summer Jams program. Each week we'll rock out to a different tune. Different people have signed up to lead us in a discussion based on the song of their choice. This is a great opportunity for you to join us if we have not seen you in awhile and for everyone to bring a friend!

August Events

August 5: Volunteer work at the fair

August 15: 4:00 p.m. we'll meet to play Frisbee Golf and have a bonfire

August 28-29: We'll travel to Hillsboro for an overnight trip to enjoy the hydroplane boats that come into town.

Details for the above activities and more to be emailed soon! Please email Jen Snyder at linworthfusion@gmail.com to be added to the list-serv.

Linworthys News: (the 55 and over group)

Contacts: Doug Stahle & Joe Strickland

Tuesday, **August 25** at 11:30 a.m. is a potluck luncheon. Meat is provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert, your own table service, plus \$2.00. AND this is our BINGO PARTY MEETING. Prizes galore, gathered and gift wrapped by the Prize Patrol members. Come for a great time, plenty of laughs, wonderful fellowship, and hopefully you will be among the winners. Friends are always welcome--need not be a church member--we ask only that you inform the telephone committee caller. NOTE: A THANK YOU TO Pat Burkey and Donna Hughes for the June trip to Tiffin, Ohio. As always a success. Also thanks to all who sign up to make these trips possible.



New Office Hours For LUMC and LCC

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please make note of this change.



Upcoming Events

August 2—Holy Communion
August 16—Youth vs. Parents Softball Game
August 17-21—LCC Work Week
August 23—Brunch Bunch and Baptism Sunday
August 25—Administrative Council Meeting
August 29—UMW Retreat
September 7 — Office Closed, Labor Day
September 19— Blood Drive
September 20—Community Picnic
September 27—Brunch Bunch



Linworth's School Supply Drive August 11, 13 and 15, 2009

Last year Linworth served a number of families connected through our Children's Center Summer Camp Program and the remaining supplies were given to New Life UMC. This year the Team has set a goal to serve 100 children/youth in our community by providing free school supplies. Families will be welcomed into our church and the children will get to pick out their supplies from a list we will provide for them. The supplies will be set up and organized in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Area for distribution on the dates listed above. We will serve as many children as we can while the supplies last and if we have left over supplies we will donate them to New Life UMC for their supply drive.

Here are the ways you can help:

- ⇒ Purchase and donate items listed on the dividers in the lobby through **August 9**.
- ⇒ Donate gift cards from Meijer, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. to be used to purchase school supplies. (Purchase gift cards using our SCRIP Program and reduce our debt as well.)
- ⇒ Volunteer to help set up and/or clean up for the supply drive.
- ⇒ Volunteer to work as a greeter or helper on one or more of the days we will be distributing the supplies.
- ⇒ Supply and serve refreshments to our guests on the distribution dates.

Please contact Linda Kemp or Amy Thornton to volunteer your services.



Social Concerns

Contact: Esther
Hunter

Get Involved with Social Concerns

► The Red Cross Blood Drive was a success. We exceeded our goal with 33 productive units (110% of goal.) The next Blood Drive will be **Saturday, September 19**. Thanks to all who donated the gift of life and their time. You can give blood every 56 days. For info call Esther.

► Worthington Libraries Homebound Services has a new program for residents of the Worthington School district who are unable to come to the library due to age or illness. Homebound services will select and deliver and pick up books and audio books to residents. There is no charge for this service. Call Rebecca Wenden (807-3639) for info.

► Linworth UMC will be partnering with the newly organized Worthington Food Pantry & Resource Center which opened on July 18. This partnership includes having food drives at LUMC, providing volunteers and offering support. The WFPRC will serve zip codes: 43085, 43235, 43229, and 43081. Check the back page for lists of needed items.

Linworth UMC will be having a food drive beginning **August 16** thru **August 30**. We will be collecting for the new Worthington Food Pantry & Resource Center. Grocery bags will be available with lists of foods needed attached to the bag. You can pick up a bag after church and bring it back the next week. You may purchase any of the foods listed. You do not have to provide all the foods on the list. Call Esther with questions.

There are opportunities on Saturday mornings at the Worthington Farmers Market, if you are interested in helping with the Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center. We need persons to cover 2-hour shifts collecting donations for the pantry (8:00 – 10:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). Call Bill Bell to volunteer.

► The Neighbor to Neighbor Program is a program administered by the Dollar Energy Fund to assist AEP customers in Ohio with paying their overdue electric bill. Linworth UMC will become an authorized screening agency for persons to apply for this free service. We need several volunteers to learn how to submit the computer applications. If you're interested, call Esther.

► Volunteers are needed to occasionally deliver donated items to New Life UMC on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

► Volunteers are needed to occasionally deliver frozen food to local pantries.

Contact Esther Hunter (336-8485, ext. 231) to see how you can get involved!



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Growing in Christ
Serving the World*

**Sunday Morning
Worship
Opportunities**

8:45 Traditional
10:15 Contemporary
11:30 Traditional

Worthington Food Pantry & Resource Center Needed Items:

Furniture:

Computer desk & chair, office/check-in desk & chair, 2 interviewing tables or desks (small), room partition, 10 folding chairs, dead bolt lock, 2 sets of window bars, refrigerator.

Office Supplies:

Utility knife, scissors, staples & stapler, notepads (memo & legal), notebooks (3 ring), monthly notebook dividers, pens & pencils, black markers, post-it-notes, index cards, labels (big & small), binder & paper clips (big & small), Scotch Tape, in/out box, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, name tags, bulletin boards, calculators, calendars (daily & monthly), computer paper, printer ink cartridges and donation cards.

Cleaning Supplies:

Mops & buckets, paper towels, toilet paper, Windex, dust pan, 409 Cleaner, anti-bacterial soap, trash bags (big & small), zip lock baggies (big & small), and sponges.

Most Needed Food Items:

Canned juices, canned fruit, sugar, spaghetti sauces, canned meat, beef stew, peanut butter, pancake mix, tomato products, and white rice.