



The Linworth Link

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June Worship Schedule

7 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost; Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional
Holy Communion
Peace with Justice Offering

14 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional
New Members Received
Graduate Recognition

21 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day

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

28 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Words from Pastor Rae Lynn

Several times a month, someone from our church will ask me how I like Columbus. My response can never be separated from how I am experiencing Linworth United Methodist Church.

As we enter into the month of June, I am entering into my twelfth month of ministry among you. This past year has gone incredibly fast and I have had incredible moments. We always hope in the summer that the pace will slow a bit and we can catch our breath. However summer is a season of preparing for fall and winter ministries. By mid July last year I was learning about the Every One in Ministry program for stewardship month in October, listening to the stewardship team organize the ministry fair that displays the many opportunities to serve at Linworth, and watching how the community picnic happens. All of this was in the midst of preaching on Sundays, attending the many small group gatherings the Staff-Parish Relations Committee scheduled for me, and trying to learn all your names! And by the way, those small group gatherings were a great way for me to meet you. Thanks SPRC!

By Fall, in the midst of raising funds for our new sign, (isn't it spectacular), leading the stewardship ministries for the 2009 budget, and my first experience of the infamous garage sale, the worship team was planning for Advent, special Sunday services, the Children's musical, and four services on Christmas Eve. The United Methodist Women had the Christmas cookie sale, Linworth Children's Center held a Gift Fest, Social Concerns engaged us in the Adopt-a-family ministry and Jesus was born again in our hearts! My life was a whirl of activity and I was experiencing more of the heartbeat of Linworth.

Winter and January came, and thank goodness for a brief couple of weeks less laden with activity and more opportunity to look ahead and plan. Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter would come upon us fast. The team planned once again ways to celebrate God's presence in the journey of our Savior, Jesus. I experienced the powerful transformation of the worship center for The Passage. And we came together in that sacred space on Maundy Thursday to journey with Jesus into the valley of his death. And then the worship center was once again transformed for Easter Sunday joy and resurrection. Easter had come and gone at Linworth and I had been blessed. Winter's darkness ended and spring burst forth all around us. In the midst of this cycle of the past year, we had Sundays of new members, new babies, many baptisms, visitors weekly coming through our doors, a few deaths in our church family, surgeries and illnesses, celebrations of weddings, families struggling to stay together, jobs lost, jobs found, and an incredible faith community named Linworth, active, moving, reaching out, reaching up, sharing, caring, and praying every day. Oh, I know I have missed a hundred and one other experiences and events that I could share in this article, but space does not permit.

I have thanked God often over this past year for placing me in the midst of a faith community that understands mission and ministry, desires to give openly and freely to the (continued on last page)



Small Groups

Between the Lines: Contact: Faye Black
Love to read? **Between the Lines** meets on the second Wednesday (**June 10**) 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 July or August. Watch the worship folder for more information.

Bridge Club: Contact: Linda Kemp
Meets the first Friday (**June 5**) of each month at 8:00 p.m. in homes.

Building Nesters: Contact: Sara Schwanzl
June 4- Children's Bible study; **June 18-** Building Nester Bible Studies (Video Series) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.; **June 20**—Park Outing (contact Brian or Amy Thornton for more details).

Closer Walk Class: Contact: Janet Blocher
Are you looking for a way to enhance your spiritual journey in 2009? The Closer Walk class might be just the thing for you! Closer Walk is a discussion based group that meets in room 225 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

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, June 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. 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 and third Sunday (**June 7 & 21**) 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, June 10 & 24.**

In Daily Places: Contact: Debby Fuller
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 **Monday, June 1 & 22** 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.

LinWomen Online: Contact: Sharon Valade
A virtual community of Linworth Women who are able to share using modern technology. Log on today and get connected.

Men's Before-Work Spiritual Sharing Group:

Contact: Mike Smeltzer
The Men's Breakfast Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings at First Watch Restaurant. Join them **June 9 & 23** at 7:00 a.m.

Mom's Book Study: Contact: Julie Nicolosi
Calling all moms! This study is open to moms with children of ALL AGES and childcare is provided. We will be meeting socially over the summer—the **4th Thursday** of every month. Call Julie for details.

MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):
Contacts: Holly Meister & Carri Clark
MOPS is a Christian group of mothers with children ages infant through kindergarten. **MOPS** continues through the summer with **PLAYDATES**, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (**June 8 & 22**) at Worthington Recreation Center on Wilson Bridge Rd. Shaded playground and bathrooms. Bring a picnic lunch. We are looking for new Moms to join us next year. **Together on Planet Mom**, Matthew 18:20, is the 2009-10 theme. Contact Holly or Carri for more information. Childcare is provided. Our first meeting is September 14. Hope to see you there!

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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Contact: Maxine Bartelt
We'll meet on **Thursday, June 4** from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for the last regularly scheduled time before fall. However, there will be 3 social & devotional meetings this summer. Join us on **June 11, July 9 & August 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
Join us in June as we continue our study of 1 & 2 Samuel. In 1 & 2 Samuel we meet a man who excelled in the arts, was a military hero, successful in the political arena, and could have been on the cover of Sports Illustrated. But what most marked the life of David was his passionate heart for God. By learning about the life of David, we can develop a heart that will bring joy to the heart of God. We meet every Sunday 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

Mark Your Calendar Now For Vacation Bible School!

Join us the week of **July 13-17** for VBS 2009, *Crocodile Dock*...where fearless kids shine God's light! Children age 3 (potty-trained) - grade four will gather for games, crafts, snacks, movies and Bible stories featuring our hero, Moses! Fifth and sixth graders will spend the mornings doing outreach in our community.

Morning (9 a.m.—12 p.m.) and evening (6—8:30 p.m.) sessions will be offered. Register TODAY! Watch the bulletin for more information. Contact Mary Torok with questions (336-8485).



Children's Summer Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School continues this summer for children from preschool through sixth grade. We have combined the third through sixth graders at 10:15. Watch the signage for room assignments. Revised schedules are also located on the Welcome Table. As always, childcare for infants, toddlers and twos continues. Children will move to their new classrooms this Fall. Questions? Call Mary Torok (336-8485).



Social Concerns

Contact: Esther
Hunter

Get Involved with Social Concerns

- Habitat for Humanity has requested LUMC to provide lunches for Habitat volunteers on **Saturday, June 6**. If you are interested in donating food or making & delivering sandwiches contact Esther.
- Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group will meet on **Tuesday, June 2 & Tuesday, June 16**. If you are someone you know is job searching, come and check us out. Call Sue Kuhn or Esther.
- The UM Children's Home is sponsoring the Children's Home Renovation Project during mission week, **July 13-17**. Funding and volunteers are needed. Call Debbie Lewis (614-885-5020) with donations; or Sue Stutz (614-876-4206) to volunteer.
- Articles will be posted on the Social Concerns bulletin board (near the water fountain) for those seeking part-time or full-time employment in the service industry, skilled labor, medical & health fields, industry and other areas. If your company wants to post a job on the board contact Esther.
- Come out and play! The UM Widewater Retreat & Ministry Center in Liberty Center, Ohio is sponsoring an Adult Camp, **June 26-28**. A camp for adults to experience fun and faith in the outdoors. 3 days, 2 nights to have fun and make new memories for only \$100. Call Jeff Ridenor (419-288-3809) or Eric Witte (419-533-5900).
- Look for Volunteers in Mission projects and opportunities on the Social Concerns bulletin board. There are some local, regional, national, and international opportunities.
- June Brunch Bunch will be **Sunday, June 28**. If you can help call Marie Hardin.

Looking For A Fun-filled Week?

VBS offers an exciting week of ministry to the children of Linworth and our greater community. Why not come along for the fun? We are looking for volunteers the week of **July 13-17** to work directly with small groups of children, help out in the kitchen, or offer administrative support. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485) to find the right place to serve during this amazing week of ministry.

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).

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 Robyn Hahnert.

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!



Youth News: Xtreme Impact Update from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Spring Garage Sale!

It's not too late to sign up for our summer trips.

Check the Xtreme Impact website (http://web.mac.com/linworthumcyouth/Site_2/Home.html) for more information and the June calendar!

Meet our Summer Intern

Craig Blocher will be working as the Youth Ministry's Intern this summer. Craig was confirmed at Linworth and attended LUMC through high school. He will be a senior next year at the University of Florida. Craig's responsibilities will include organizing a summer study for college students, helping with everyday ministry tasks, and taking the blame for Seth's mistakes.



Upcoming Youth Events

June 14—Graduate Recognition

July 9-13—DC/LA Youth Conference

July 19-25—Mission Trip to Philadelphia

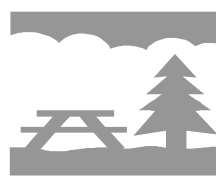
Know Where to Sit in the Worship Center for the Best Sound?

I am often asked by our members, "Where is the best place to sit in our Worship Center in order to hear the spoken word as well as the music?" The answer to that question is in the chairs, beginning in the 4th row from the stage back to the beginning of the pews. This is the area where the speakers are best heard. For those who are having the greatest difficulty hearing I would recommend sitting directly in front of the pastors in the 4th through the 8th rows of chairs.

- Eric Reidinger

If you or someone you know would appreciate an assisted hearing device, please call the church office (336-8485).

We would like to purchase enough so everyone's needs are met.



Linworth Campers

June 5-6 - Indian Lake State Park
Hosts: Stuart & Sondie Schwotzer
We plan to visit the Strawberry Festival in Troy.

Contact: Sharon
McManis

June 12-13 -Tomorrow's Stars,
Springfield

Hosts: Charlie & Linda Webster
Yellow Springs Street Fair is this weekend.

July 2-4 - Natural Springs, New Paris
Hosts: Tom & Bobbie Miller
Celebrate the 4th of July with us.

Women's Mission Board Meeting: Contact: Sondie Schwotzer
No Board Meeting until September

Evening Circle: Contacts: Linda Holloway & Kathy Balakrishnan
Monday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Day Circle: Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel
Tuesday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m.

MOPS: Contacts: Holly Meister and Carri Clark
Monday, June 8 & 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Worthington Recreation Center

Service Circle: Contact: Lea Elshoff
Friday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. Sandwich making in the church kitchen for Faith Mission.



MISSION PROJECT HELP

During the month of June we are collecting plastic utensils, plus paper plates and bowls for New Life UMC. These may be placed in the basket in the church office or bring them to any Circle or Board meeting. 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.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RESPONDED TO THE URGENT NEED FOR PILLOWS AND PILLOW CASES FOR THE RONALD McDONALD HOME.

The home provides "a home away from home" for the families of those children hospitalized and/or receiving treatments.

Don't forget that UMW supports the Ronald McDonald Home every month by the recycling of your pop tabs!

fusion

**A Group For Young Adults
Join us for FUN!**

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

Fusion has a new email!
linworthfusion@gmail.com

We invite you to join Fusion during June when we will be finishing up our study of "The Shack." Fusion meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in room 228. For more information or to add your email to our list, please contact Jen Snyder at linworthfusion@gmail.com.

Membership News



Deaths:

- Ellie Quelette

Births:

- Taylor Kathleen Gabel, daughter of Scott & Alyssa

Gabel. Big sister is Kendal, big brother, Seth. Granparents are Carl & Sue Gabel;

- Segan Joseph Seryak, son of Liesel & John Seryak. Grandparents are Karl & Linda Holloway.

Linworthys News:

Jump on the Bus!

(the 55 and over group)

Contacts: Doug Stahle/Joe Strickland

Tuesday, June 23 is our Bus Trip! We are to meet at church to board the bus that leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m. We are then in for a great day as we head to Seneca County to visit St. Paul's UMC (first church wired for electricity), plus view the brass chandelier that's still in use. Next is Crystal Traditions for demos of glass blowing and crystal hand cutting. On to MLAD Art Dept of production Digital Fine Art. We then have a choice to tour Seneca County Museum to see Tiffin's First Mansion that has a room filled with glass made in Seneca County or shop at the Street of Shops that features a variety of items. Last, but not least the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, once an old barn now transformed into a learning center and greenhouse using recycled products. In between we will have a catered lunch at the Mohawk Country Club.

All this for only \$42.00 per person. *Checks payable to Linworthys. Please send to George Bilderback ASAP. If you have a need to cancel, do so by June 19 for a full refund.*

Sign-up or questions, contact Pat Burkey or Donna Hughes (tour guides). If you have not reserved a seat, we suggest that you do so immediately--hopefully there are some left. So, all aboard for a wonderful trip, great food, and always just plain fun and fellowship!! We return to the church at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- June 1—Start of New Office Hours, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- June 7—Holy Communion
- June 7-11—Annual Conference at Lakeside, Ohio
- June 14—New Members Received and Graduate Recognition
- June 19—Linworth Art Show
- June 21—Father's Day
- June 23—Administrative Council Meeting
- June 28—Brunch Bunch

JULY

School Supply Drive will begin in July

- July 3—Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 5—Holy Communion
- July 9-13—Youth at DC/LA 2009 Conference
- July 13-17—Vacation Bible School (Morning Session: 9 a.m.—12 p.m. & Evening Session: 6-8:30 p.m.)
- July 19-25—Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia
- July 26—Brunch Bunch
- July 28—Administrative Council Meeting

AUGUST

- August 2—Holy Communion
- August 17-21—LCC Work Week
- August 23—Brunch Bunch and Baptism Sunday
- August 25—Administrative Council Meeting
- August 29—UMW Retreat

Linworth's Art Show

Did you know that Dick Hoke paints portraits, or that Ed Pollock does beautiful cross-stitch? The Dunn's home is filled with paintings done by Pastor Jeff, and Darrell Moneyhon writes poignant poetry.



These are just a few of the artistic talents that exist within the Linworth Church Community so let's celebrate all of the artistic talent with an Art Show on **Friday, June 19**, from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Artists if you would like to display some of your work at this event please contact Linda Higgins (764-9765 or lhiggins9@columbus.rr.com) by June 10. We are looking for art in mixed media, oil, watercolor, pencil or pastel as well as sculptors, quilters, needle workers, poets, etc. to share your work at this show. The purpose of the show is to bring the community together for fellowship and the recognition of the God given talent in our church. Artwork will not be sold at this event.

So mark your calendars for an evening of art and refreshments on June 19, 2009.



Easter Offering Report

This year's Easter offering was \$4,420.00. Even in hard times the Linworth Congregation digs deep to provide for those who are facing even harder times. Most of the offering, \$3,000, will go to Habitat for Humanity. Linworth, along with several other churches, participates in the Hilliard Habitat Project. We donate funds and "people power" to assist with housing construction. This year's Habitat Project will be building 2 houses in adjacent lots. In addition to the funds we have raised, many hands will be needed to complete the project. Please consider donating your skills to this construction effort. Contact Mike Torok and let him know about your building skills and your available time.

The remainder of the funds will go to support other Mission Projects such as US-2. The US-2 Program is a leadership development experience through peace with justice missions for young adults (20-30 years old). This two-year opportunity to serve in the United States encourages its participants to deepen their faith while learning from and serving with community based organizations. US-2 will boldly reexamine their role and participation in society as they struggle with hunger, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, illiteracy, children at risk, substance abuse, racism, domestic violence, and inadequate health care.

Seed Drive Wheel Barrow Moves to the Garden

We collected 478 packets of seed from both LUMC & Linworth Children's Center (LCC) for the Jackson Area Ministry Food Project in south eastern Ohio. This project provides vegetable seeds for low income families in southern Ohio to plant and harvest food for their families. Your donations of seeds and money support needy Ohio families. In 2008, Jackson Area Ministries distributed 21,456 tomato plants, seed potatoes, and vegetable seeds donated from 34 different states. Thank you for your support.

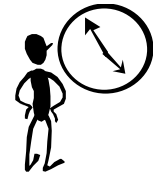


Notes received at LUMC:

*"Thanks to Rae Lynn and Gene for their visits and prayers while I was in and out of the hospital (Jan., Feb., and March). Thanks to the brave souls who weathered the bad weather as they brought me food, flowers, gifts, & books, while I was at home. I appreciated every thing, plus the 'phone' calls and all the cards. Love is a great thing and it surely is alive at Linworth Church.
Thanks again,
Kathleen Jenkins."*

*"Dear Friends in Christ. We appreciate very much the donation of the large amounts of Sunday School materials which Linworth UMC donated to us at the end of March. Thank you for thinking of us. These materials will be very helpful and will be put to good use during the remainder of this year.
Sincerely,
Rev. Casey M. Wilson, Amlin UMC."*

*"To thank you for the kindness that you took the time to show, and to tell you that it meant much more than you will ever know.
Sharon Williams (LCC teacher)."*



New Office Hours For LUMC and LCC

Beginning on June 1, 2009 the Church office and the Children's Center office will have new office hours. Both offices will be open from 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. Please make note of this change.



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Creating Community
Growing in Christ
Serving the World

**Sunday Morning
Worship
Opportunities**

8:45 Traditional
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11:30 Traditional



**ATTENTION GRADUATES
(High School and College)
and PARENTS!!!**

On **Sunday, June 14** we will be recognizing all graduating high school and college students. Please let us know if you (or your son or daughter) will be in attendance and at which service you will be present, so we can honor your achievement and pray for the next step in your life.

world around them, beyond the walls of this faith community into the world that God claims and loves daily. I have been embraced by a gifted and talented staff and I tell my friends and clergy colleagues about the gifts of our staff and how blessed I am to be serving amongst this staff.

How do I like Columbus? Columbus for me is *Linworth UMC*. I love where I am, here in the midst of all of you. And I look forward to this second year with you, especially since I know what to expect and I know many of your names! Expect many more incredible things to happen at Linworth. Expect to be surprised over and over again by where we see and where we encounter Jesus. I know I have been surprised over this last year, and I expect to be pleasantly surprised again and again!

I am, in ministry with you!
Rae Lynn