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# The Linworth Link

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## Linworth United Methodist Church

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### September Worship Schedule

#### 6 - 14th Sunday after

#### Pentecost; Holy

Communion

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 13 - 15th Sunday after

#### Pentecost; Move Up

#### Sunday

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 20 – 16th Sunday after

#### Pentecost; Acolyte

#### Dedication

8:45 a.m. —Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 27 - 17th Sunday after

#### Pentecost; Christian

#### Education Sunday; New

#### Members Joining; Brunch

#### Bunch

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

## Words from Pastor Rae Lynn

We have all noticed the change in pace this last week as summer is winding down into fall and schedules shift out of summer mode into work and school. Even our church energy has changed. Our pre-school and LCC are in the midst of their first week of school. The infants and toddlers are on the first floor here in the church and occasionally they have a rough day and the crying begins. Once in a while I hold the office door open so we can all hear the crying and wailing of small children reminding us of the blessing of children and our ministry to children and families.

We have an exciting fall ahead of us. As we gather back together, our September Sunday morning messages will focus on hospitality. We have much to offer as a church community and we can be very active about sharing our story with others around us, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and even the unlikely person we chat with in the grocery store line. Come during September and rethink how we might share this incredible place we call Linworth with others. We are making Sunday, September 20, the day to invite or bring a person with you to worship, so be thinking about whom you want to invite. We will give you an easy way to extend this invitation. More as the month goes on!

This month we have our Community picnic on Sunday, September 20, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Recently I had a person share with me that they came to the community picnic a year ago and Esther offered them such incredible hospitality that they returned. Since then they have found Linworth to be a wonderful church home. We never know whose life gets touched any particular Sunday or at any special event. So, if your friend is a little shaky at attending worship, invite your friend instead to our picnic.

September will lead us into our October Stewardship month. On the first two Sundays we will showcase all the ways to be involved in service through Linworth ministries with our Ministry Fair. Your Stewardship team has been working since last April planning and preparing for October. You will see a new logo on the Every One In Ministry booklet, new opportunities in the booklet, a new look to the Ministry Fair, and a few small group events which, if they work well, we will expand next year! Pastors Gene, Jeff and I have already prepared the ideas for the sermon series in October. Watch for the footprints.

In October we will launch the Confirmation class for youth in seventh and eighth grades. Seth and I are in conversation and all the pastors will participate in teaching different classes. We expect to have a lot of fun as we learn about our faith. Letters will go out to youth and parents in the next two weeks to come to a covenant meeting on September 27 at 11:30 a.m. The class will start October 4 at 5:00-6:15 p.m. and continue each week through April.

Well, this is only a bit of the start-up activities. Check the bulletin insert weekly so as not to miss an opportunity that speaks to your heart. Linworth has something for everyone.

Get ready, get set, go! Fall is here and I am excited about this year of being “church” together!

Rae Lynn



## Small Groups

### **Between the Lines:** Contact: Faye Black

We will be picking up our Christian fiction book club again in **October**. If you love to read fiction and would like to talk about books with other fiction lovers, plan to join the Between the Lines book club. We will be reading *A Name of Her Own* by Jane Kirkpatrick for the first meeting. Get it now and read, so that you will be ready for our first meeting on **Wednesday, October 14** at 7:00 p.m. in room 226. We will meet on the second Wednesday of each month, except September, December, June, July and August. The book chosen for November is *Pretense* by Lori Wick. If you would like to buy a copy of these books at the Seed Sower, please let me know as soon as possible and I will arrange to have them there for you.

### **Bridge Club:** Contact: Linda Kemp

Bridge group will meet on **Friday, September 11** (one week later than usual because of Labor Day) at 8:00 p.m. Linworth Bridge Club is looking for new members who like to play bridge, make new friends, and have an all around good time. Our meetings are usually the 1st Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (with a few exceptions caused by holidays). We meet in the homes of members.

### **Building Nesters:** Contact: Sara Schwanzl

The Building Nesters will gather for a planning session on **Thursday, September 3** from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Then on **September 17** the group will meet again to start their 2009-2010 program from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Both meetings are held in room 228.

### **Closer Walk Class:** Contact: Janet Blocher

This discussion based class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings in room 225. It is designed to give adults who typically attend the Contemporary Worship Service an opportunity to develop a closer spiritual walk. The group will kick off the fall season on **Sunday, September 13** at 8:45 a.m. with a fellowship brunch before moving into a discussion of the first chapter of *Saving Jesus from the Church* by Robin Myers. In the words of one reviewer, "Saving Jesus from the Church shows us what it means to be a Christian and how to follow Jesus' teachings today." The book will be available in the Seed Sower in the weeks leading up to September 13.

### **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

The Club will meet on **Friday, September 4** 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 of the month. (**September 6**) 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, September 9 & 23**.

### **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, September 14 & 28** 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. Call Sharon to sign up and get logged on.

### **Men's Before-Work Spiritual Sharing Group:**

Contact: Mike Smeltzer

The Men's Breakfast Group normally meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings at First Watch Restaurant. Due to Labor Day they will only meet on **September 22** at 7:00 a.m.

### **Mom's Book Study:** Contact: Julie Yeater

This is a book study for moms of all ages! Our book for this fall is "The Sister Circle Handbook: Discover the Joy of Friendship" by Nancy Moser and Brenda Josee. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings of each month (**September 10 & 24**).

### **MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):**

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

Do you enjoy meeting with other moms, sharing in discussions, and forming new friendships? If so, MOPS is the place for you! MOPS is a Christian organization that provides a positive place for mothers of young children (from birth to kindergarten) to be nurtured and inspired. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month (**September 14 & 28**) from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Together on Planet Mom." **CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS** are needed!!!! MOPS is in need of volunteers for one or two Mondays a month from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Holly or Andrea.

### **Peace in the House:** Contact: Shelley Burton

This group supports you finding and maintaining peace with yourself, peace with God, and peace with others.

Meet with us on Wednesdays, **September 9 & 23** at 6:30 p.m. Starting in October we'll meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday.

### **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 230 shawls already have been presented to those in pain. Call a contact to become involved.

### **Stephen Ministry:**

Contact: Sandi Apicella

Meet **Tuesdays, September 8 & 22** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. **September 8** meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Contact: Maxine Bartelt

We'll resume our regular 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. weekly meetings on **September 10**. As a study guide we'll use the booklet, "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Sewart Brisco. Visitors are always welcome. Extra booklets are available. 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

Women's Bible Study will continue their study on 1 and 2 Samuel. Come join us every Sunday morning in room 225 at 10:00 a.m. for wonderful discussion and fellowship.

### **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

**Move On Up!** Move Up Sunday for Fall Sunday School will happen on **September 13**. Children will move up into their new classes for the school year. Cut off birth date is September 30. If you have a child who is five, but not attending Kindergarten, please place him/her in the preschool class. Questions? Call Mary Torok (336-8485).

**Love Children?** There are still some positions left for Sunday School teachers and assistants this fall. Commitment is one Sunday/month. Many openings are for the 8:45 hour with 2nd-6th grade children. A few remain at the 10:15 hour with kindergarteners and first-second graders. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485).



**ATTENTION!!!!**

**Wanted: Children Who Love to Sing!!!**

The LUMC Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on **September 13**. We will have weekly rehearsals from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the Music Room on Sunday mornings. The Children's Choir will be accepting children in grades K-8, as we will be starting the Christmas Musical. Information and schedules will be given to parents on September 13. Please contact Lori Walls ([musiclmw@aol.com](mailto:musiclmw@aol.com)) if you have any questions.

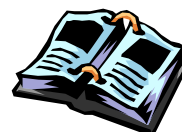
### Interested in becoming a member of Linworth UMC?

Our next series of membership classes are coming up on **September 6, 13 and 20** from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Come, learn all about the history of the United Methodist Church and hear Pastor Gene share everything you always wanted to know about John Wesley (but were afraid to ask). Hear our own historian discuss the history of Linworth UMC, and enjoy as Pastor Rae Lynn answers question about the sacraments. Discover your own spiritual gifts, and hear from Linworth's many ministry leaders. Celebrate as we join our church and community on **September 27**. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485) for more information.



#### Deaths:

- Martha Leppert
- Shirley Beck



#### Pastors' Hospital 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 Sandy Apicella.

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

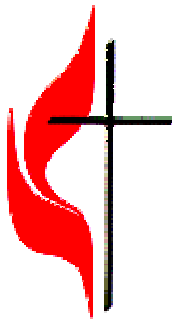
— Galatians 6:2

**Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

# X TREAME IMPACT

**Youth News**  
from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

Check the youth website for our fall calendar!  
<http://www.lumcym.blogspot.com>



## **Retirement Celebration for Pastor Mary Kay Brown**

Pastor Mary Kay Brown is retiring on  
October 1, 2009.

Come join the Saint Marys Circuit in the  
celebration of her retirement.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall  
of the Wayne Street UMC at  
130 North Wayne Street, Saint Marys  
from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

If you cannot make this date and would like to  
send good thoughts to her, please send them  
to:

130 N. Wayne Street  
Saint Marys, OH 45885.

(Pastor Mary Kay served as Associate Pastor at  
Linworth from 1999-97.)



## **Preaching Texts for September**

September 6—Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif  
John 1:35-46

September 13—Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif  
Luke 5:27-29

September 20 —Pastor Gene Folden  
Luke 14:15-24

September 27—Seth Rowe, Director of Youth Ministries  
Scripture to be announced



## **Linworth Campers**

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

Contact:  
Sharon McManis

September 18-19  
East Harbor State Park  
Hosts: Andy & Karen Ahijevych

September 25-26  
Scenic Hills Campground, Amish Country  
Hosts: John & Linda Hood

If you would like a complete schedule,  
contact Sharon McManis.

Mission Board Meeting: Contact :Sondie Schwotzer  
First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **September 14** at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Circle: Contacts: Linda Holloway & Kathy Balakrishnan  
Third Monday evening of every month. Join us this month on **September 21** at 7:30 p.m.  
for the potluck (see article below).


Fellowship Day Circle: Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel  
Second Tuesday morning of every month. **September 8** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MOPS: Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino  
Meets the second and fourth Monday mornings. Join us on **September 14 & 28** in the Worship Center from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Service Circle: Contact: Lea Elshoff  
Circle meets the fourth Friday morning of the month. Join us on **September 25** at 9:30 a.m. for sandwich making in the Church Kitchen for Faith Mission.

### Mission Project Help


During the month of September we are collecting AAA and D batteries and gently used bedding 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.



**Mark your calendars!  
Christmas Cookie Sale  
Saturday, December 5**

All United Methodist Women  
**September 21, 2009**  
Native American Mission Study  
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Potluck Supper

Please bring a "pot" of food that comes from your own heritage and culture to share. Bring your own table service, dishes, cup and silverware to benefit the environment. Come and join us for a Native American cultural evening. Questions? Call Sondie Schwotzer.



**A Group For Young Adults  
Join us for FUN!**  
(students, young working adults,  
young marrieds and singles)

Fusion Fall Kick-Off: **Wednesday, September 2**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Outside at Linworth UMC (Rain Location: Room 228)  
Bible Study: Book of Nehemiah **Wednesdays, September 9, 16, and 23**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Room 228.  
Service Project: **Wednesday, September 30**. Details TBA

For more information and to be added to the list-serv, please email Jen Snyder at [linworthfusion@gmail.com](mailto:linworthfusion@gmail.com).

**Linworthys News:**  
**(the 55 and over group)**  
Contacts: Doug Stahle & Joe Strickland

Meeting **Tuesday, September 22** at 11:30 a.m. Football season is here, so it is time for another TAILGATE PARTY. A great time to wear your school colors (optional) and brag a little. Our decor of banners and flags from a number of schools will certainly bring back many memories AND a former Brutus will relay his experiences as a 4 year OSU mascot. Questions--just ask Brutus!!! In keeping with the theme, our lunch, prepared by our Social Kitchen Committee will be brats, baked beans, potato salad, and Buckeye Bars. Cost \$6.00. Table service is provided--just attend, sit back and enjoy.

NOTE: SEMI ANNUAL GARAGE SALE Preparation starts **Sunday, October 11** until the actual sale **October 16 & 17**. If you are able, please help. It's flexible hours. Thanks to our participation, our Linworthy group receives 10% of the net proceeds. Questions: Contact Denny Devine or Esther Hunter.



On August 30, 2009, Linworth United Methodist Church commissioned new Stephen Leaders. They are Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif, Janet Enck and Sandy Apicella. These Stephen Leaders have completed substantial training and are ready to help support and build Stephen Ministry at Linworth. Our congregation can become involved in Stephen Ministry in many ways. We can all lift up our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers in prayer as they go forward in their ministry among us. Some may recognize a call to use their special gifts in this ministry and apply to be a Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can also be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. For additional information regarding Stephen Ministry, please feel free to contact Sandy Apicella, Janet Enck, or Pastor Rae Lynn.



**Social Concerns**  
Contact: Esther  
Hunter

**Get Involved  
with  
Social Concerns**

- ▶ Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Saturday, September 19**. Please sign up to give the gift of life.
- ▶ Thanks to everyone for their generosity in the School Supply Drive. We served 56 children and were also able to donate school supplies to New Life UMC. We collected approximately 3,118 items at an approximate cost of \$1,600.00. Thank you for your generosity.
- ▶ Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 1** and **September 15**. If you or someone you know is job searching, come and see if SRJNG can assist you. Call Sue Kuhn for information.
- ▶ Brunch Bunch will gather on **Sunday, September 27** from 9:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Come and join us for fellowship, food and fun. Call Marie Hardin for information.
- ▶ Garage Sale is coming up! Mark your calendars for the week of **October 11-17**. There will be plenty of things to do with lots of volunteers needed. For information, call Denny Devine or Esther Hunter.

If you have questions regarding items of Social Concern, please contact Esther Hunter.



Please mark your calendars for the week of **October 11—17**, for a fun-filled week of hot meals for volunteers, laughter, fellowship and work for our LUMC Fall Garage Sale. As usual, we will provide lunch and dinner every day for those of you who volunteer throughout the week sorting, folding and pricing "valuable" items.

We are again asking for donations (Kroger or GFS gift cards, cash or checks). It would help the Kitchen Committee if we had your donations by **October 1**, so we can plan ahead and cook ahead for the big week.

You can give your donations to Shirley Galloway or Donna Hughes. Please make checks payable to LUMC earmarked for "Food for the Garage Sale."

If you prefer to provide food items rather than money or gift cards, please contact Donna Hughes or Shirley Galloway to see what is needed.

Thank you for your support for our previous sales and in advance for the upcoming sale.

The Garage Sale Kitchen Committee

The following notes were received by the church office:

*"Dear Friends of Ohio State,*

*I am writing to thank you for your gift to The Ohio State University School of Music. Your gift of \$250.00 speaks to your belief in the high quality of our programs of study, our concerts and other artistic activities, and our scholarly pursuits. The confidence you have shown in the School of Music with this gesture of support will help to ensure that the important work we perform in educating the next generation of music educators, artists, and scholars can continue and thrive.*

*Your gift comes at a time of unique opportunity for The Ohio State University School of Music. At this moment in our history, I believe that our School of Music is uniquely positioned to re-imagine musical education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As we speak, the faculty of the School of Music is designing an innovative set of new curricular offerings built around our exciting new music industry program, our research labs in music cognition, musicology, and voice science, and the latest understandings of music education pedagogy and performance. The enhancements we are making to our programs will ensure that students who graduate from our programs are truly ready for the challenges and opportunities in the 21st century workplace.*

*I hope you will visit the School soon to witness first-hand some of our innovative programs of study, and that you can attend some of our many fine recitals and concerts on our spring schedule (2010). I look forward to having the opportunity to share some of the excitement of the School with you in the coming months.*

*Again, my sincere thanks for your generous gift, and my best wishes,*

*Sincerely,*

*Edward Adelson*

*Interim Director"*

*"To my entire Linworth family,*

*I just wanted to take a minute to try to say "Thank You" to each of you for your love and your thoughtfulness to me during my recent illness. I am so blessed that God (and Beth) brought me to LUMC. I do not have enough paper to name each of you individually, and I hope you forgive me for this, but you know who you are as does God. Thanks for all of the cards, calls and visits both at my home and at the hospital. Thanks for the "poster" card from VBS, the beautiful shawl (I feel the prayers and love that emanates from it), and the healing prayers. It is such a blessing to be a "member" of this Linworth family and I thank God for each of you.*

*Love and blessings,*

*Dawn Moore"*

*"Dear Friends:*

*Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,000.00 from Vacation Bible School collections. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.*

*The United Methodist Children's Home receives funding from governmental agencies, but these funds do not come close to supporting the cost of holistic, quality care for children. You are providing the essential charitable support that makes up the gap to provide the best quality care for children who are in great need.*

*Thank you for bringing hope and new life to Ohio's children. If you'd like to learn more about us, or would like to talk with us about other ways to help the children we serve, please don't hesitate to call or email.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dean W. Pulliam,*

*MS, CAE, Executive Director*

*PS: "We are so very blessed by your support and pray that God will continue to bless the Linworth UMC ministry, as well. DWP."*

*"Thank you so much for helping the children of UMCH through your VBS. Your children (and their families & VBS volunteers) have been such a blessing for the children of UMCH that we serve together.*

*Blessings! SP"*



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*Creating Community  
Growing in Christ  
Serving the World*

**Sunday Morning  
Worship  
Opportunities**

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



**Upcoming Events**

September 7 — Office Closed, Labor Day  
September 13—Move Up Sunday  
September 19— Blood Drive  
September 20—Community Picnic  
September 27—Brunch Bunch

**Sound System Volunteers Needed**

The Sound Team is in need of volunteers to run sound on Sundays and other occasions. We would like to have 4 or 5 volunteers for each service. This way a volunteer would only need to run the sound 1 Sunday a month, and since you are already there it would be a good way to assist. For special events like drama or plays we are willing to assist you until you are comfortable with the system.

All you need to bring with you is a willingness to learn. During the initial training we will teach you the basics of how to set-up a mic, how to control volume, how to set the recorder, and how to work the soundboard. If you want to learn more about sound Greg and Eric are always at the Saturday night practice which runs from 6:00—9:00 p.m. and you are welcome to attend.