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Thoughts from Pastor Rae Lynn

August is the month of transitioning. We finish up those family vacations hoping to hold onto one last wisp of summer. We are hoping to create the illusion that we have more summertime left than we really do (even though we know that it isn't so)! We check the dates for the beginning of school. And check the children to see how much they have grown and if indeed we need to buy longer pants and larger tops. The church enters into a school supply drive to assist those who cannot afford all the pencils, paper, notebooks, markers . . . and the drive reminds us that we, too, need to make the rounds to Target, Meijers, Wal-Mart, or the Dollar Store. It's just one more reality that June and July are gone and summer 2010 is . . . fading away.

August Worship Schedule

1- 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Eugene Folden

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

8 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jeff Dunn

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

15 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

22 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

29 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

New Member/Baptism Sunday

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

All of our church staff are finishing up the projects and ministries of summer and swiftly moving into fall preparations. We are preparing to offer everyone at Linworth a month of fellowship building as we gather back from summer and launch into fall. Fall kicks off with inviting us all to participate in one of the hosted fellowship desserts or dinners. Imagine being hosted at someone's home, meeting new folks and gathering with some folks we already know spending an evening being "church family." We don't need to prepare anything. The host will provide the food, the conversation, and the space. Just show up in casual attire and enjoy a couple of hours with others from Linworth!

Last year, our Stewardship team did a pilot project of these dinners and desserts and it went so well we are expanding it to the entire church community. We, every one of us, are invited to sign-up and attend one of these fellowship dinners which will happen between September 7 and October 9.

Here's how to sign up. Beginning mid-August, sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board near the office. We will have a choice of more than thirty hosts families to choose from and dates they will be hosting a fellowship event in their homes. Each of us will need to get ourselves signed up. The primary purpose of these fellowship events is to build and create community—getting to know one another better and sharing a bit about ourselves. We will eat together, laugh together, dream together, and enjoy a couple hours in fellowship.

The secondary purpose of these fellowship events is to give us information regarding Stewardship month by handing out to all of us the Every One In Ministry packets. We will take a brief time to review and respond to any questions we may have regarding ministries at LUMC. Several years ago our congregation moved in the direction that everyone is called to be in ministry, to serve in the church and serve beyond the church in the world and so, we are called to a month of considering where and how we will serve. During this time we will give out

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Small Groups

Aging Parents Group:

Contact: Karl Holloway

This group for persons with aging parents normally meets every other

Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in room 228. They also gather for monthly speakers on the first Wednesday of the month. They are taking a summer break. Watch for fall start-up dates.

Bridge Club: Contact: Byrdie Lorenz

Bridge Club will meet on **August 6** at 8:00 p.m. in private homes. Our meetings are usually the 1st Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (with a few exceptions caused by holidays).

Building Nesters: Contacts: Shawn & Amy Brown

We will be meeting once on **Thursday, August 5** for Bible Study, childcare is provided. Then we will be meeting at Handel's on **Thursday, August 19** for some fun at the park and ice cream afterwards. Our August social event will be an afternoon picnic at Homestead Park in Hilliard, time TBA. Please feel free to join us!

Closer Walk Class: Contact: Janet Blocher

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 225. The Closer Walk class is getting ready to start a new study based on the book, *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. If you are looking to develop a "closer walk," this group is for you. Newcomers are always welcome!

Dining Disciples: Contacts: Marlene Goodenow/Karen Stahle/Sally Moser

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, August 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share. The group usually meets the first Friday of each month.

IMPACT Service Group: Contact: Becki Hollenbaugh
IMPACT is a service group that meets with residents at Claremont Retirement Village on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Join them on **August 11 & 25** at 7:30 p.m. at Claremont.

In Daily Places: Contact: Debby Fuller

Looking for a women's small group that meets in the evening? Then join us for a movie night on **August 9** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Debby Fuller. This will be the only meeting in August.

Keen Adult Bible Study: Contact: Bob Jacobson

This Sunday morning Sunday School class is taking a break for the summer. Join them in September.

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 at 7:00 a.m. They are taking a break during the summer and will resume in September.

Mom's Book Study: Contact: Julie Yeater

This is a book study for moms of all ages! During the summer they are holding fun mom's nights. On **Thursday, August 12** we'll gather at Color Me Mine, Dublin. It's ladies night which means a discount on the studio fee.

MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

MOPS is a Christian group for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. Check the bulletin for updates including the fall schedule.

Peace in the House: Contact: Shelley Burton

This group supports you finding and maintaining peace with yourself, peace with God, and peace with others. We are taking a break for the summer. We will be starting back in September on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sensational Older Singles (SOS):

Contact: Lois Gifford

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: Sandy Apicella

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. August meetings are **August 3 & 17** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library and room 225.

Thursday Morning Bible Study:

Contact: Maxine Bartelt

We'll meet offsite **Thursday, August 5**. Call Maxine Bartelt for location. Watch for September start-up date. This is a very informal study group led by members. Visitors are always welcome.

Women's Bible Study: Contact: Jeanne Byers

Come join us as we continue our study of the Parables of Jesus. We meet Sundays at 10:00 in room 210. Besides our Sunday morning Bible study we have mission activities, as well as, social events. All women are welcome to be a part of this wonderful group that loves sharing their love of God and growing in their journey of faith.

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 News

Ahoy Mates!! Vacation Bible School a Huge Success

High Seas Expedition sailed the week of July 19. Many thanks to all the deck hands, everyone who donated items, the decorating team, and everyone who had a part in this amazing event. You make this event possible.



Meet Chad Johns

Chad comes to Linworth UMC from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he has served for five years (and will continue to serve) as an associate chaplain whose main responsibilities include organizing student mission teams for the week of spring break. He has spent much of his time training, supporting, and encouraging student leaders. He has also served on two committees with the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry that focused on vocational discernment, leadership development, and supporting young adult clergy.

Having grown up in the Norwalk First United Methodist Church (Norwalk, OH), Chad is steeped in United Methodism and Wesleyan theology. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where he studied psychology, astronomy, and physics. It was during these years that Chad discovered the joys—and chaos—of ministry through the OWU Chaplain's Office. While earning a M.Div. from the Boston University School of Theology, Chad also served as a student pastor intern at Grace UMC in Cambridge, MA.

Chad loves wrestling with deep questions (of faith or otherwise) and discerning the things of the Spirit. As Linworth explores issues of hospitality, membership, and discipleship, he looks forward to what we will discover as a community as we seek the Kingdom of God.



A Group For Young Adults

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

Fusion meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Bible studies are at the church in room 228.

Contact Angela for more details at:
linworthfusion@gmail.com

Every Member In Ministry Gatherings Scheduled

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign is right around the corner! We will be continuing with our program, Every Member In Ministry, but intend to expand upon many aspects of the campaign. We intend to communicate the various aspects of the program to you in many different ways...with articles in the Link, information at the church picnic and Ministry Fair, where there will be informational booths and table displays set up for many of our ministries as well as sermon topics from the pulpit delivered by our Pastors.

The first thing that we want to make you aware of our Stewardship Gatherings that will be open to all in the congregation. As was mentioned during our services last fall, these gatherings will be in the homes of many in the congregation who have graciously offered to open their homes to host dinners, desserts or teas where the objective will be a little stewardship and a lot of fellowship. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board by the church office beginning August 8 and running past Labor Day for any and all who wish to attend. We hope that all of you will take the opportunity to get to know others in the church more closely as well as learn about this year's Stewardship Campaign.

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!



Youth News from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

August Xtreme Impact (XI) Calendar

Aug 1—4-6 p.m. Softball @ Lane Road Library
6-9 p.m. Pizza @ LUMC

Aug 8—4-5:30 p.m. Softball @ Lane Road Library
5:30-7:30 p.m. Picnic/games at field

Aug 15—4-6 p.m. Youth vs. Adult Softball Game
@ Dublin Davis Middle School

Aug 22—4-6 p.m. End of Summer Party @ LUMC

Aug 29—Fall Schedule Begins

Contact Seth for more details about any event, or visit the website (<http://lumcym.blogspot.com/>).



Linworthys News (the 55 and over group) Contact: Doug Stahle/Chuck Kemp

Our meeting on **Tuesday, August 24** at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall is "Bingo Fun Time" (plus a potluck luncheon!). Chicken wings are provided—bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share, and your own table service. Cost is \$2.00 per person. This year we ask that each member bring a wrapped gift item to be given as prizes. We did this several years ago and it was a great success, plus much fun and laughter. So put on your thinking caps, look around for what you think is a neat gift item, wrap and bring. Please come prepared for a wild and humorous afternoon.

Looking forward to Tuesday, September 28—another Tailgate Party. Think school colors and mark your calendar.

The following note was received by the church office:

"Dear Pastors Rae Lynn, Gene, Jeff and staff members,

Congratulations on such an excellent new Guide Book and Directory. Very well done and so useful and well organized. I am sure a lot of effort went into its creation.

*With best Christian wishes,
Carl Oldsen"*

SUMMER RETREAT—August 14—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

All women (and men) are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on August 14 for a program on Human Trafficking. Marlene Carson from Rahab's Hideaway will be our speaker. We will have a light salad luncheon. Tickets went on sale beginning July 25, or call the church office (336-8485) or Sue Gabel to reserve a spot. Childcare will be provided with advance notice.



Mission Board Meeting

Contact: Sue Gabel

First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **August 2** at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Circle

Contacts: Linda Holloway & Sue Bowen

Usually meets the third Monday evening of every month, however, there are no Evening Circle meetings in July and August. Join us on **September 20** at 6:00 p.m. for a joint meeting on the history of Linworth UMC. This will be a potluck.

Fellowship Day Circle

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel

Usually meets the second Tuesday morning of every month, however, the next meeting will be **September 20** for a joint meeting on the history of Linworth UMC. This will be a potluck at 6:00 p.m. with everyone invited.

LinWomen Online

Contacts: Sharon Valade & Karen Wood

This is an online group for women to chat, encourage, and share spiritual concerns with other busy women. You can write as much as you want, respond to others, give new information, and share joys and concerns.

MOPS

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

There are no regularly scheduled meetings during the summer. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for occasional social outings.

SERVICE CIRCLE

Contact: Lea Elshoff

Meets the last Friday morning of the month. Sandwich making in the Church Kitchen for Faith Mission. Join us on **August 27** at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen.

MISSION PROJECT HELP

Our collection of used postage stamps, Campbell's Soup labels, used reading glasses, and pop can tabs is continuous! Please place all of these items in the UMW - Club 56 cupboard opposite the church office, or they may be brought to any Circle or Board meeting. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Births: Caleb Christopher Legge, son of Chris & Dina Legge

Deaths: Rev. Max Williams
Mike McManis



Get Involved with Social Concerns

- The next Open Shelter preparation will be on **Tuesday, August 10** at 8:00 a.m. If you can help, call Roy and Arlean Sudhoff.

Social Concerns

Contact: Esther Hunter

- The next Rebecca's House meal will be prepared at 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 10**. Call Roy & Arlean Sudhoff for information. If you would like to help serve the meal from 4:30—6:00 p.m., call Celeste Thomas.

- **Sunday, August 22** will be the Brunch Bunch. Members of the Linworth Campers Group are in charge this month. Join us from 9:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend! Questions? Call Marie Hardin.

- Blood Drive coming up on **Saturday, September 18**. Save the date, save a life!



Contact: Sharon McManis

Linworth Campers

August 13-14

Lancaster Campground
Hosts: Warren & Marlene Goodenow

August 22

Brunch Bunch at LUMC
Hosts: Tom & Bobbie Miller

Pastors' Hospital Visitation Schedules

Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif:
Sunday, Thursday, Saturday

Pastor Gene Folden:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Pastor Jeffery Dunn:
Wednesday

As always, contact the church office (336-8485) with any pastoral needs.



Baptism Class Being Offered

The Summer Baptism Class will take place on **August 22 at 12:45 p.m.** This class is open to anyone interested in baptism—adults, parents, students 10 years and older. To register please contact Alisha Meacham (ameacham@linworthumc.org or 336-8485, ext. 202). **Baptism Sunday is August 29.**

New Member Class Scheduled

The next New Member Class will be offered beginning **August 1 at 12:30 p.m.** Class continues on **August 8, 15, and 22 at 11:20 a.m.** If you are interested in taking the class, contact the church office at (614) 336-8485. New Members will be received into membership on **Sunday, August 29!**



Linworth's School Supply Mission 2010 Aug. 10th, 12th, and 14th

Last year Linworth served a number of families connected through our Children's Center Summer Camp Program and the surrounding community by providing free school supplies. 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 narthex 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 a Columbus City School that serves mainly underprivileged families.

Here are the ways you can help:

1. Purchase and donate items listed on the bulletin board outside the church office beginning July 18th through Aug. 8th
2. Volunteer to help set up and/or clean up for the supply drive.
3. Volunteer to work as a greeter or helper on one or more of the days we will be distributing the supplies.
4. Supply cookies to serve our guests on the distribution dates.

Please contact either: Cindy Kastens or the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Creating Hospitality at New Life

New Life, located at 25 W. Fifth Avenue, is engaged in servant ministry, seeking to be faithful disciples by following Jesus, who came, "not to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45), by responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Key programs include: Worship, Clothing Room, Breakfast Ministry, Sunday Family Dinner, Youth Ministry, and 12 Step Support Groups. Check out New Life at: <http://newlifeunited Methodist.org/>.



On June 27, a group of volunteers from Linworth UMC prepared and served the evening meal to about 100 people gathered to partake in a meal, fellowship and hospitality. The meal was prepared ahead of time by Arlene and Roy Sudhoff at LUMC. At 2:00 p.m. the meal was transported to New Life by the volunteers serving the meal. Those serving the meal were Bob & Linda Wead, Mike Smeltzer, John & Lori Blakely, Susan Ford, Joel & Beth Rabb, and Virginia Brizendine. Those receiving the meal began to gather at around 3:00 p.m. They sat at tables in the basement of the facility where they talked with the volunteers who served tea, coffee, lemonade and water. It was a hot humid day so the beverages were much appreciated. The people gathered, pointed with pride to the recently completed mural that filled the west wall of the basement. It depicted New Life at the center of community life and several people who participate in the New Life programs were clearly visible in the painting. Those assembled pointed out each one. At 3:45 p.m. Pastor Jennifer Casto convened those gathered. The first order of business was to celebrate the birthdays of those whose birthday had been the previous week. We sang Happy Birthday. Then Pastor Jennifer led us in prayer. The serious business of the meal began with each person receiving a large portion of meat loaf in a delicious red sauce, green beans, and mashed potatoes. The meal was followed with cake for dessert. Volunteers developed an assembly line to fill the plates and others carried the filled plates to the table to be served. In the mean time other volunteers kept the glasses and cups full of beverages.

At the end of the meal each person received a take home meal consisting of the same ingredients. We wished them well as they left. We got many compliments on the meat loaf. After the meal we stored the leftovers, washed the silverware, swept the floor, and pitched the garbage. It was an afternoon spent looking into faces of people who experience a tougher world than we do. It was an afternoon spent seeing the face of God in the mural painted above the tables and in the every day conversations around the meal table.

Fill the Bread and Water Dates

On the right of the sanctuary sits bread and water. These symbols are a tangible reminder that LUMC is committed to support those in need. You can commemorate a family event or person in your life with a contribution to bread and water. The sign up sheet is located on the mission bulletin board in the back hallway near the kitchen. There are open dates for next year. If you have questions about bread and water contact Virginia Brizendine.

Eighth Annual Season Kick-Off Tailgate Party

New Life UMC will host this annual event on Tuesday, August 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center (1620 Schrock Road). The keynote speaker will be Craig Krenzler, Quarterback of the 2002 National Champion OSU Buckeyes. Emcee for the evening will be Mindy Drayer, NBC4 Weekend Morning News Anchor. Menu includes brats, burger, salads, baked beans, chips and dessert. There will be a huge silent auction with lots of items at various price levels. The minimum donation is \$30/adult and \$15/child (5-16, under 5 free). Sponsorships are available at various levels. For reservations and sponsorships contact Wade Hicks (hickspack@aol.com or 614-273-5626). Proceeds benefit the homeless and poor in Columbus through the ministries of New Life UMC.



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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

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information, but not be asking persons for a financial commitment. We will each take our own personal time over the months of September and October to consider prayerfully and privately our financial gift to the church.

Our pastors will spend from September 12 through October 24 preaching on the themes of Stewardship from the book, Treasures of the Transformed Heart. We are inviting the congregation, to purchase the book and read along each week as the messages are presented. The Closer Walk Class will be studying this book at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Pastor Gene will be teaching from the book on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Searchers Class. Pastor Rae Lynn and Denise Kilgore will be teaching from the book on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. We hope that as many of us study the same resource we will buzz in conversation about God's presence and movement in our lives, openly sharing our stories and being inspired by one another's stories. We will grow in Christ together.

I hope that we all get excited about taking time to gather. Often I hear us lament that we don't see one another between worship and that we don't have opportunity to meet some of our newer folks. This is our opportunity to seize this as a time to get connected, reconnected, and refreshed with friends!

I look forward to a fall where we live into our mission, Creating Community, Growing in Christ and Serving the World.

In ministry with you,
Rae Lynn