



# The Linworth Link

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### March Worship Schedule

#### 7 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

##### Holy Communion

Dr. Eugene Folden

Exodus 20:8-11

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 14 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

Exodus 20:13-17

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 21 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

Mark 12:28-34

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 28 - Palm Sunday

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### April 1—Maundy Thursday

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Clergy Staff

#### April 2—Good Friday

Service at 7:00 p.m.

## Thoughts from Pastor Rae Lynn

Many of you are aware that several of us will be traveling to Southeast Asia for several weeks after Easter. We go with a purpose: to build interpersonal relationships with the people and the churches in that part of the world and to discover how we might assist them in their needs. We go with a travel plan, a day to day itinerary which is becoming more detailed as we move closer to our date of departure. I share this brief description with you because a 17 day mission trip with all the details is not so different than a three year plan for the church.

Your strategy team has been meeting monthly since September. We clearly understand that the purpose, the reason for our church to exist, is to create community, grow in Christ and serve the world. Purpose defines existence, the “why” we do what we do. The strategy team clearly understands purpose and with that understanding the team began to ask last fall, “What would Linworth UMC look like if, indeed, we were more intentional about creating community, growing in Christ and serving the world?” This “what would it look like” is vision. Vision is the picture of where God is calling us to be in the next three years. What does it look like?

After many sessions, we have developed three vision strategy statements. Each statement is a snapshot of strengthening the ministry of our congregation over the next three years. Each vision strategy will be refined into specific goals, objectives, and action steps with assigned tasks and timelines. We are currently in the refining process for Vision Strategy One. These are our three vision strategies:

1. **LUMC will become a stronger relationship-driven church. A church that provides the resources, infrastructure and environment where all members support one another's walk to know God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. A community where Christ-centered relationships are created and practiced with everyone (staff, congregation, community).**
2. **LUMC will become a missional congregation in service to members, to the community and to the world. We will become a lighthouse to the neighborhood, known as the place where deep gladness meets the world's deep needs. We will listen to needs, provide help and resources including spiritual assistance, and follow through as we respond to all God's children.**
3. **LUMC will become a more diverse congregation, one that welcomes, celebrates, and affirms all, regardless of background. As we grow into a loving, need-oriented center of worship and outreach we will more openly reflect the neighborhood around us and the diversity of God's world.**

As I stated above, we are in the process of refining the goals, objectives, outlining action steps, assigning tasks and creating an implementation timeline for Vision Strategy One. Therefore, we have taken this first vision strategy and broken it into five areas: a. Spiritual life of our congregation, b. Discovering the unknown needs of our neighbors in order to make appropriate responses, c. Improving our

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## Small Groups

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

If you love to read fiction and would like to discuss books with other fiction lovers, join the Between the Lines book club. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. March's meeting is **March 10** at 7:00 p.m. in room 226.

### **Bridge Club:** Contact: Byrdie Lorenz

Bridge Club will meet on **March 5** 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). We meet in the homes of members.

### **Building Nesters:** Contacts: Shawn & Amy Brown

Our meetings in March will be on **Thursday, March 4 & 18** for Bible Study. Childcare is provided.

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

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 225. The Closer Walk class continues a study based on the book, *Reimagining Christianity* by Alan Jones. Pastor Jeff is leading this thought provoking discussion-based study. 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/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, March 5** 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 **March 10 & 24** at 6:30 p.m. at Claremont.

### **In Daily Places:** Contact: Debby Fuller

Ladies join "In Daily Places" as we continue our study of *Catching Fireflies: Teaching Your Heart to See God's Light Everywhere*, by best-selling author and "Women of Faith" speaker, Patsy Claremont. We will meet this month on **Mondays, March 8 & 22** in room 226 at 7:00 p.m. Call with questions.

### **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 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at First Watch Restaurant. Join them

on **March 9 & 23** at 7:00 a.m.

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

This is a book study for moms of all ages! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month. Join us on **March 11 & 25** at 6:30 p.m. in room 226.

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

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

**MOPS** is a Christian group for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. Join us on **March 8 & 22** from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

### **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 the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. March dates are **March 3 & 17** at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

### **Sensational Older Singles (SOS):**

Contact: Lois Gifford

3D Diner coming in April. See article on page 7.

### **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 **Tuesdays in March** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library and room 225.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study:**

Contact: Maxine Bartelt

We meet from 10:00-11:30 a.m. As a study guide we are now using "Living The Questions in Mark" by the Navigators. This is a 10-week study of Mark's look at some questions raised by Jesus. This is a very informal study group led by members. Visitors always welcome.

### **Women's Bible Study:** Contact: Jeanne Byers

Join us each Sunday in room 210 at 10:00 a.m. This is a great small group to get to know some people, and enjoy a study at the same time.

### **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)

### **Employment Group**

Struggling with employment? Join this start-up support group on **Thursday, March 11** at 7:00 p.m. Leaders will be Charlie & Linda Krumm and Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif (366-8485).

## Love Children?

Sunday School Assistants are needed for our growing preschool and first-second grade classes at the 10:15 hour. No preparation or teaching is required. Just come one or two Sundays each month and have FUN! Questions? Call the church office (336-8485).



## Family Fellowship Night at Super Games

LUMC and LCC are hosting Family Fellowship Night at Super Games Indoor Adventure Center on **Sunday, March 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20/family which will include a pizza dinner and 2 hours of FUN! (If you need to make payment arrangements contact the LCC office (336-9559). Buy your tickets in the Church Office or LCC Office. There will be tons of activities for all ages from infants to adults. We hope to see families from both LCC and LUMC at this family event.

## Club 56 News (A group especially for youth in grades 5 and 6)

Large group of great kids who gather, some children are members of LUMC and some are friends of members. All are welcome! Come for fellowship, devotion, games and FUN!!! **Sunday, March 28** from 6:00–8:00 p.m. The theme for these two evenings will be “Games of Life!” Club 56 mission is “Service and Salvation.” Bring your children, everyone is welcome! Please have your child eat dinner prior to dropping off. See you at the church. Need more information? Contacts are Jenifer Wynne, Julie Ricketts or Rob Ciccotelli.



## Easter Family Fun Day Is Coming

Join us at Linworth for **Easter Family Fun Day on March 27** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Come for breakfast, and stay for crafts, games, an egg hunt and a visit from a very big bunny! Watch the bulletin for opportunities to volunteer. Check the bulletin board outside the office for needed donations. Tickets go on sale through the LCC or church office the week of March 7. Questions? Call the church office (336-8485) or Anna Lambert (336-9559).

## What's Your Love Language?

Calling all couples! Join us in March for Linworth's newest small group, Marriage Matters. We will gather every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. for fellowship, study and service. We are studying the book, “The Five Love Languages for Couples” by Gary Chapman. Come, discover your love language (and your spouse's), and give your marriage the attention it deserves. Call the office (336-8485) for more information.

## 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!**



## Linworth Campers

Contact:  
Sharon McManis

Watch the worship folder for information on the upcoming

2010 schedule.

Contact is Sharon McManis.

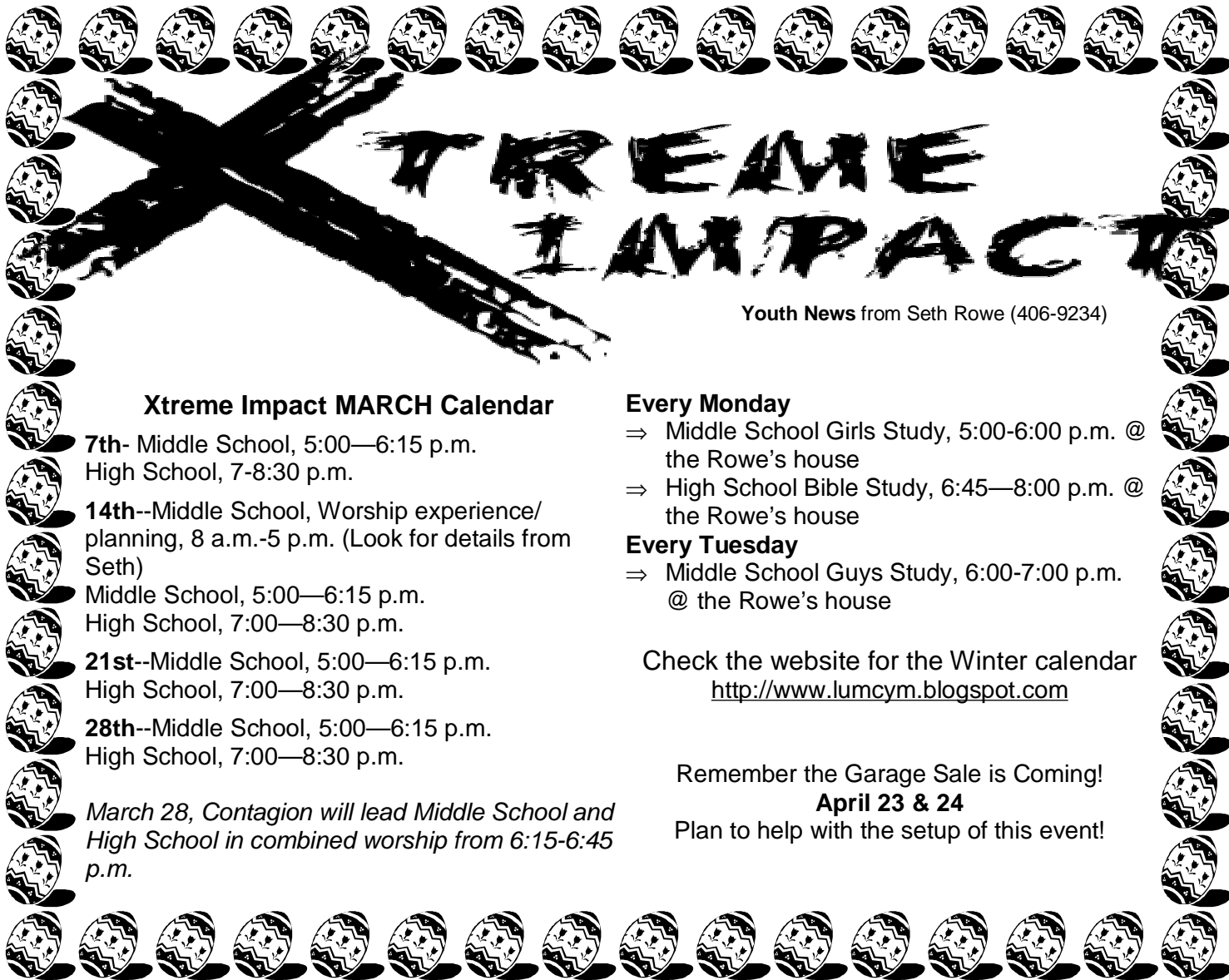
## Pastors' Hospital Visitation Schedules

Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

Pastor Gene Folden: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Pastor Jeffery Dunn: Available upon request

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



# X TREME IMPACT

Youth News from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

## Xtreme Impact MARCH Calendar

**7th-** Middle School, 5:00—6:15 p.m.  
High School, 7-8:30 p.m.

**14th--**Middle School, Worship experience/  
planning, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Look for details from  
Seth)

Middle School, 5:00—6:15 p.m.  
High School, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

**21st--**Middle School, 5:00—6:15 p.m.  
High School, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

**28th--**Middle School, 5:00—6:15 p.m.  
High School, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

*March 28, Contagion will lead Middle School and  
High School in combined worship from 6:15-6:45  
p.m.*

## Every Monday

⇒ Middle School Girls Study, 5:00-6:00 p.m. @  
the Rowe's house

⇒ High School Bible Study, 6:45—8:00 p.m. @  
the Rowe's house

## Every Tuesday

⇒ Middle School Guys Study, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
@ the Rowe's house

Check the website for the Winter calendar  
<http://www.lumcym.blogspot.com>

Remember the Garage Sale is Coming!  
**April 23 & 24**

Plan to help with the setup of this event!



## A Group For Young Adults

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

In March, we will continue our study of the book Crazy Love by Frances Chan. God is Love. Crazy, Relentless, All-Powerful Love. Join us for inspiring discussions and fall in love with God. We meet **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in room 228. On **Wednesday, March 31** we will have a social event (tba).

Contact Angela for more details at:  
[linworthfusion@gmail.com](mailto:linworthfusion@gmail.com).

**Linworthys News**  
(the 55 and over group)  
Contact: Doug Stahle

Meeting is **Tuesday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m.** Our lunch menu is ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert prepared by our dedicated Kitchen/Social Committee members at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Our program is Dr. Jep Hostetler who will discuss the meaning of joy as we age. He is 70 years of age and author of a new book, The Joy Factor and will use the story format to challenge us to recognize, celebrate, and include joy in our lives. Come and enjoy lunch, the program, and, as always, your many friends of our Linworthy group. If you are not a Linworthy member and have a desire to visit with us, call Mary Lu Webster or the church office. Your are more than welcome.

### **Mission Board Meeting**

Contact: Sue Gabel

First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **March 1** at 7:00 p.m.

### **Evening Circle**

Contacts: Linda Holloway & Sue Bowen

Third Monday evening of every month. Next meeting is **March 15** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. "Invitational Education in Hong Kong" is the topic for the March meeting. Sue Bowen will explain the basic concepts of Invitational Education and why this has been adopted by over 100 schools in Hong Kong. Sue will also share her impressions of the Hong Kong schools she has visited and some of the interesting aspect of the Hong Kong culture she has experienced. Sue Gabel is hostess and Kathy Balakrishnan will have the devotions. Linda Holloway will lead the circle meeting.



### **Fellowship Day Circle**

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel

Meeting the second Tuesday of the month, **March 9** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be on education in Hong Kong led by Sue Bowen who recently traveled to Hong Kong.

### **LinWomen Online**

Contacts: Sharon Valade or 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

Second and fourth Monday mornings. Join us on **March 8 & 22** in the Worship Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### **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 **March 26** at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen.

### **MISSION PROJECT HELP**

During the month of March we are collecting body lotion and feminine hygiene products for New Life UMC. 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.



### **Palm Sunday Breakfast Coming!**

Get your tickets soon. Beginning March 7 we will be selling \$3 tickets for our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast. The Breakfast will be held on **March 28 at 7:00 a.m.** Our speaker will be Brett Page, a member of our congregation and a school psychologist at the Ohio State School for the Blind. Brett's presentation is titled "For We Walk by Faith Not by Sight." The breakfast is open to everyone—men and women. Please join us for wonderful fellowship and food. We will be finished in time to attend the 8:45 a.m. service.

### **LUMC 7th Annual Chili Cook Off**

The LUMC 7th Annual Chili Cook Off will take place on **March 14**, watch the inserts and bulletin board near the office for further details. We will gather chili together at 4:30 p.m., and start eating at 5:00 p.m. A hearty good time will be had by all!



## Get Involved with Social Concerns

The First Red Cross Blood Drive of 2010 will be on **Saturday, March 6**. Look for the sign up sheets to donate blood or work at the drive. Call Esther (336-9559) for information.

### Social Concerns

Contact: Esther Hunter

Join us for Brunch Bunch on **Sunday, March 21**. We welcome every one to share food, fun and fellowship. We serve from 9:45 to 1:30 p.m. If you would like to help, call Marie Hardin.

The March Open Shelter & Rebecca's House meals will be on **Tuesday, March 9**. For information on preparation, call Roy & Arlean Sudhoff. For serving or transportation, call Celeste Thomas.

The March meetings of Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group will be **Tuesdays, March 2 & 16** at 6:30 p.m. Contact Sue Kuhn for information.

### From the Garage Sale Kitchen Committee

Please mark your calendars now for the week of April 18, a fun-filled week of hot meals for volunteers for our LUMC Spring 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 April 1, so we can plan ahead and cook for the big week.

You can give your donations to Shirley Galloway or Donna Hughes. Please make checks payable to LUMC and earmark "Food for the Garage Sale." If you prefer to provide food items rather than money or gift cards, please contact Donna or Shirley to see what is needed.

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

The following note was received by the church office:

*"To the congregation of Linworth UMC, Thanks so much for the gifts for my grandchildren. Thanks also for the Christmas dinner. (Ham was delicious.) Everything was greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Via Walden"*



### Membership News

**Births:** - Elizabeth Jacqueline, daughter of Peter & Colleen

Kennealey;

- Garrett Jacob, son of Andrew &

Staci Rice;

- Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of

Julie & Joe Goertemiller;

- Madison Marie, daughter of Justin & Stephanie Gallo;

- Coralynn Abigail, daughter of Ben & Jennifer Miller;

- Alison LeAnn, daughter of Sara & Greg Schwanzl

**Death:** Larry Penrod

### 2010 Lenten Schedule

#### Lenten Studies offered each Sunday, February 21—March 28

11:30 AM, "24 Hours That Changed the World"

6:30 PM, "Stretch Out Your Hand, Exploring Healing Prayer"

#### February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:45, 10:15 & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif preaching, Scripture: Exodus 20:1-7, "The Law of Respect"

#### February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Jeff Dunn preaching, Scripture: Exodus 20:12, "The Law of Caring"

#### March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Gene Folden preaching, Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11, "The Law of Remembrance," Holy Communion

#### March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif preaching, Scripture: Exodus 20:13-17, "The Law of Life"

#### March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif preaching, Scripture: Mark 12:28-34, "The Law of Love"

**Brunch Bunch:** 9:45 AM - 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

#### March 27, Easter Family Fun Day

9:00 – 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast, and a fun day of crafts and activities for the whole family!

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

#### March 28, Palm Sunday

**Linworth Women's Ministries Palm Sunday Breakfast** (All invited! Ticket needed.) 7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**Palm Sunday Services**, 8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary  
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif preaching, Scripture: Luke 19:28-40, **Chancel Choir** at the 8:45 & 11:30 AM services. **Youth Choir** also singing.

**March 29 - April 2, Holy Week Prayer Stations** in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00–9:00 PM.

#### April 1, Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 PM Service in the Church Sanctuary with Drama and Holy Communion

#### April 2, Good Friday Service

7:00 PM Service in the Church Sanctuary with Chancel Choir and Tenebrae Service

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### April 4, Easter Sunday

8:45, 10:15, & 11:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Gene Folden preaching

Chancel Choir at the 8:45 & 11:30 AM services, Hand Bells at the 8:45 AM service.

## Change for the Better

### Fill the Jar and Throw in a Towel

We are now in the midst of our "Change for the Better" Drive. Empty your pockets, break the piggy bank, clean the change out of your car's cup holder, and clean the change off of your dresser. Your gift of change and a gift of a new clean wash cloth and towel will touch people in a basic and meaningful way and ease their daily living struggle. The Mission Committee is sponsoring the Change for the Better Drive to raise funds for the New Life United Methodist Church. The Drive will continue through March 14. Pick up your change collection box in the lobby. The change, towels and wash cloths can be added to the table in the lobby each week. *Our 2010 Challenge Goals for the New Life Drive are: \$2,010; 210 wash cloths; and 210 towels.* New Life UMC, 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://newlifeunitedmethodist.org/>. If you want to assist with this "change" collection contact John & Lori Blakely.



### New Leadership for Habitat for Humanity

Linworth welcomes Steve Beard as our new Habitat liaison. He has significant experience as a Habitat volunteer. When Mike Torok could no longer lead our effort Steve stepped forward. We are thankful for his leadership. Steve is working with the Hilliard group to identify a house to build or rehab. He will be getting in touch with volunteers and provide information as progress is made in identifying a building project.

### New Life Needs Donations

In this wintry period, warm clothes are at a premium for those who are homeless or are living in poorly heated homes. New Life could use donations of men's pants and blankets. Please bring your donations during the week to church and we will make sure they get to New Life.

### Fill the Bread and Water Dates

On the right of the sanctuary sits bread and water. These symbols are a tangible reminder that Linworth is committed to supporting 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 for bread and water is located on the mission bulletin board in the back hallway near the kitchen. There are open dates for contributions to Bread and Water. If you have questions about Bread and Water contact Virginia Brizendine.

### Interested in a Flood Recovery Trip?

A team of people from Linworth UMC and Prospect Street UMC (Marion, OH) will be traveling to Iowa to do flood recovery on **June 20-27**. This is the second year that Prospect Street UMC will be traveling to the Cedar Rapids area that was heavily hit by flooding in 2008. They have opened up this opportunity to our congregation as well. The cost of the entire trip is only \$250, covering all expenses. For more information and forms, contact Holly Meister.

### Two Positions Open at Linworth

We have two part time staff positions open:

- ⇒ Director of Children's Ministries;
- ⇒ Director of Membership and Small Groups.

Both of these are posted on the website, [www.linworthumc.org](http://www.linworthumc.org).

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 3rd.



### Hungry? Got Dinner? Guess What?

It's time for **Sensational Older Singles (SOS)** to resume the 3D Diner (**Delicious Debt Reduction Dinners**). We will again have a great home cooked meal available for all to enjoy. The first dinner will be on **Saturday, April 10**. Look for details in the weeks to come. Call Lois Gifford for details.



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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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hospitality and follow through with visitors and members, d. Creating small groups that will assist in assimilating members and new members into the life of Linworth, and e. Being attentive to our worship services, improving quality and creating worship that is invitational and addresses spiritual needs.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Strategy Team met to work on each of these five areas. They put together an action plan for each one. We are excited that we have specifics with steps and that implementation now begins.

This strategic process is our “travel plan” for our congregation over the next several years. Just like setting an itinerary when on a mission trip, we are setting an itinerary for our life together. Periodically, we will share this travel plan with you, giving you details and updates. We are in ministry together, and I suspect that many of you will be invited in to share your gifts, as we put “feet” on our forward moving journey serving God and others.

I give thanks for this faith community, and for the many gifts and talents that all of us bring together creating a community that serves God with faith and grace to the world around us!

Pastor Rae Lynn