



The Linworth Link

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Thoughts from Pastor Rae Lynn

There are new faces around the church, both yours and also the faces of Sherry Buk and Alisha Meacham. Your faces are new to these two new staff members of Linworth UMC and theirs will be new to you. On April 1, (no fooling) Alisha and Sherry began their ministry here with us. Sherry is our part-time Director of Small Groups and Membership and Alisha is the part-time Director of Children's Education. They are quickly settling into their offices as well as making themselves known around the church. They join our staff right after Anna Lambert, our new Children's Center Director, formally joined the staff.

Anna Lambert has been a part of the Children's Center since 2001. She joined the staff as a pre-school teacher and then in 2005 became the Program Coordinator. Anna has experience in creating and initiating hands-on-learning experiences for children, working with parents and staff, supervising and training employees and has a strong background in Christian based early childhood care.

Anna was raised in the Episcopal Church and continues to have her roots in that fellowship. She is married to Brandon and they have a daughter, Addison, who is a part of the LCC ministry.

When Anna applied for the Director position she stated as her objective: "To provide the highest quality Christian childhood care to the community in a safe and nurturing environment, and leadership to a dedicated team of child care professionals. Responsible for the continual success of the Linworth Children's Center through recruitment of new students."

Anna loves the Center and is visionary and gifted.

Sherry Buk came to Columbus to attend The Ohio State University and never wanted to leave. And yes, she is a highly committed Buckeye fan! She writes that she met her husband John there in a class and they will be married 35 years this September. Sherry has more than 20 years of broad-based management experience including project management, staff training and development, event and program coordination, program design, volunteer training, public relations and public speaking. Sherry was the executive director of the Columbus Historical Society for six years. In addition to her professional career, she has served on more than 35 boards, commissions and taskforces and has an excellent community network.

She has been actively involved at Life Community Church in Hilliard and has experience in being a cell group leader, creating and leading small groups, leading and participating in the Welcome Team, Media Team, Finance Team, coordinating the Chili cook-off and the Church-wide Garage Sale. (Ask her about how she experienced ours!)

Sherry took her stand with Christ when she was eight years old at a VBS. She comes to us with a heart to help others grow and love Jesus Christ. Her many gifts will move us forward in creating community.

Alisha Meacham interviewed first for the position of Director of the Children's Center and then the SPRC invited her back to interview for the Director of Children's Education and she said, "Yes." Alisha shared that when she walked into Linworth UMC that first evening

May Worship Schedule

2- 5th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif
Youth Confirmation
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

9- 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Rev. Dr. Eugene Folden
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

16 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif
New Member & Baptism
8:45 a.m. —Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

23- Pentecost

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m. Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

30 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif
8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m. Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

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Small Groups

Aging Parents Group: Contact: Karl Holloway

This group for persons with aging parents meets every other Sunday (**May 2 & 16**) at 11:30 a.m. in room 228. They will also gather for monthly speakers on the first Wednesday (**May 5**) of the month.

Bridge Club: Contact: Byrdie Lorenz

Bridge Club will meet on **May 7** 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
Join us for Bible Study in room 228. Our meetings in May will be on **May 6 and 20**. 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, May 7** 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 **May 12 & 26** 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? In Daily Places meets twice monthly on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the church. It's not too late to join us as we begin our study of *Fearless*, by New York Times best-selling author, Max Lucado. Meetings are **May 10 & 24**.

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 **May 11 & 25** 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 **May 13 & 27** 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 **May 10 & 24** 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. May dates are **May 5 & 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

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 **Tuesdays in May** 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. in room 210. As a study guide we are using "Confronting the Enemies Within" a Thomas Nelson study series based on *The Journey* by Billy Graham. This is a very informal study group led by members. Visitors are always welcome.

Unemployment Support Group:

Contacts: Charlie & Linda Krumm

Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us on **May 13** as we rally around each other in support.

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).

Children's News

Anchor's Away!!

Sail away on a VBS adventure!! VBS 2010 registration is from April 25 – June 14. Pick up a registration form on the VBS table or check the church website. Spaces are limited!! AARRRRRRGGG!!



Ahoy Maties!!

High Seas Expedition is about to set sail...don't miss the boat! **July 19 - 23, 2010.**

Planning has begun and there are still lots of openings for both the morning and evening sessions of Vacation Bible School. We need many deck hands to provide this awesome program to over 250 children. Contact Alisha Meacham (ameacham@linworthumc.org or 336-8485, ext. 202) or Beth Pearson (bpearon@linworthumc.org) if you are interested or have questions about where your gifts and talents are needed.

Childcare Personnel Needed

There is a part-time nursery position available on Sundays, and other childcare opportunities available for various events throughout the church. If you are interested in this paid position contact Alisha Meacham (336-8485, ext. 202 or ameacham@linworthumc.org) or Beth Pearson (bpearon@linworthumc.org).



Baptism Class Being Offered

The Spring Baptism Class will take place on **May 2 from 1-2:15 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).



A Group For Young Adults

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

May Schedule:

5 - Dinner Social

12 - Bible Study

19 - Service project (Community garden at church)

26 - Bible Study

Fusion meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
Bible studies are at church in room 228.

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

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!



May Xtreme Impact Calendar

Middle School

Every Sunday: Guys Small Group, 4:00 -5:00 p.m.

Every Monday: Girls Small Group, 7:00 -8:00 p.m.

@ the Rowe's

May 1: Confirmation Rehearsal, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Banquet, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

May 2: Xtreme Impact, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

May 9: No XI (Mother's Day!)

May 16: Xtreme Impact, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

May 21-23: Spring Retreat! No XI on Sunday night.

May 30: Xtreme Impact, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

High School

Every Monday: Bible Study, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

@ The Rowe's

May 2: Xtreme Impact, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

May 9: No XI (Mother's Day!)

May 16: Xtreme Impact, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 26 is our LA COMEDIA bus trip. We will not have our regular meeting at church. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back at 4:30 p.m. The cost of \$60.00 per person includes bus transportation, stage play and lunch. The name of the show is CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES, a musical comedy that depicts four women preparing food and discussing how to solve the problems of a rural Minnesota Church in 1964. According to folks who have seen this play, it is hilarious. Check with Donna Hughes to find out if there are any reservations left as those of us who have reserved seats have paid to meet the April 20th deadline.

SPRING CLEANING DAY SET

Linworth United Methodist Church

All Church Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 8, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Grab your tools, buckets and wash rags and join the Trustees for the "Spring Clean." Teams of 2 will tackle various tasks including cleaning windows, furniture, closets, etc. inside. Outdoor folks will be edging garden beds and spreading mulch. Some light repairs will happen in the sanctuary and on outdoor signage as well as touch-up paint and cleaning of gutters. Trustees will supply cleaning solutions, mulch and other materials. If you are willing to devote some time to this worthwhile project, and if you need childcare, sign on by calling the church office (336-8485).

A Helping Hand for those in Need

Have you been approached to help a person or two who meet you on Sunday in our parking lot? We have a guest(s) who routinely stops some of us in the parking lot needing assistance. If anyone should stop you needing assistance, food, money, gas, etc., send them in to the church office and Esther will assist them. If you cannot find Esther in the office, she sits in the back of the sanctuary during worship near the glass doors. If Esther is not in church for the morning, one of the pastors who is not involved in worship will assist any person who comes to our church on Sunday in need. If the person tells you that they were in the church and they asked for help and they were refused, this is a common statement even when we have assisted these persons. They are hoping that you will assist them also. *Please note that we will not refuse to care for any person's needs.*

Thank you,
Pastor Rae Lynn

Mission Board Meeting

Contact: Sue Gabel

First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **May 3** at 7:00 p.m.



Evening Circle

Contacts: Linda Holloway & Sue Bowen

Meet **Monday, May 17** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Mary Lynn Jacobson will present the program, "The United Methodist Church and Native Americans - How Have Things Changed?" The hostess for the evening is Cathy Davis. Nancy Belt will have the devotions.

Fellowship Day Circle

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel

Meet **Tuesday, May 11** for the New Life United Methodist Church Work Trip. The group will car pool from LUMC. Lunch will be shared together after leaving New Life UMC.

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

Second and fourth Monday mornings. Join us on **May 10 & 24** 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 **May 28** at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen.



MISSION PROJECT HELP

During the month of May we are collecting tooth brushes, toothpaste and dental floss 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.



The following notes were received by the church office:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

Our family has been truly blessed. Mom's lung cancer has gone into remission. Thanks be to God and each one who lifted Mom up in prayers these past two years. We have experienced the power of prayer and love. How awesome! My Savior lives. God's love is the greatest love ever. Blessings - Carole Rosing."

"To my church -

Thanks to the church for being wonderful as a church family and helping me in my need of support. This is a very special church, with wonderful people. Thank you all - peace - smiles. V. "Vegas" Deal."

"Our thanks to the people of Linworth for their prayers, rides, cards and support in the last few weeks.

Once again they have seen us through a trying time. Thank you, thank you!

With love, George & Jane Bilderback."

"God Bless and many thanks for thoughts, prayers and cards from my "Linworth Family" at the passing of my son, Pat Moore. Betty Lue Moore."



Social Concerns

Contact: Esther Hunter

Get Involved with Social Concerns

- Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group (SRJNG) will meet on **Tuesdays, May 4 and 18** at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Call Sue Kuhn for details.

- The next Open Shelter will be on **Tuesday, May 11**. If you can help, call Roy and Arlean Sudhoff.

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

- **Sunday, May 23** will be the Brunch Bunch. Join us from 9:45 a.m. –1:30 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend! Questions? Call Marie Hardin.

Columbarium Turns One

This Mother's Day will be the 1st Anniversary of the Linworth Columbarium. If you are new to the church, you may have noticed the pretty garden area at the northwest of the church's property and wondered about it. This wall is the resting place of the earthly remains of some of our loved ones. It is a peaceful, lovely place to meditate. There is also a memorial plaque naming persons whose families chose to remember them and their importance in their lives and in the life of the church. If you would like to know more about the Columbarium, you may contact the church office (614-336-8485).

Linworth Campers

April 30-May 1

Deer Creek State Park
Hosts: Andy & Karen Ahijevych

May 14-15

Delaware State Park
Hosts: Norm & Frankie Exley

May 28-30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Winton Woods, Cincinnati
Hosts: Mike & Sharon McManis



Contact: Sharon McManis

Linworth Children's Center (LCC) News

This March Linworth Children's Center and LUMC hosted two fantastic events.

⇒ Super Games was a huge success with over 300 people from LCC and LUMC attending. The families enjoyed lots of good food and inflatables for the kids.

⇒ Easter Family Fun Day was also very successful with a great turn out of over 275 people. Activities involved a continental breakfast, crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny made an appearance too. A great time was had by all!

It's great to see the LCC families and LUMC families at these events. Thanks for your support!



Membership News

Births: Molly Ann & Quinn Judith, twin daughters of Brian & Julie McNamara; granddaughters of Karen Quelette; great-granddaughters of Jean Quelette.

Deaths: Mary Cohee; Joyce Thompson; Phil Brown.

Jackson Area Seed Collection

The blue wheelbarrow has made its return to the Lobby. Place vegetable or flower seeds (not tomatoes) in the wheelbarrow and donations in the offering plate. Seed collection runs through **Sunday, May 9**. Remember, your donations support needy Ohio families.



2010 Bread & Water Chart

The chart is posted near the kitchen. If you're looking for a unique way to honor or remember someone, pick a Sunday and sign up. More than one dedication may be designated for any Sunday. Your donation goes toward Missions. Contact Virginia Brizendine (740-362-4336) with questions.

May Events

May 1—Confirmation Rehearsal & Banquet (for confirmands and their families)

May 2—Confirmation Sunday
Baptism Class (1-2:15 pm)

May 8—Spring Clean Up Day (9 am—1 pm)

May 9—Mother's Day

May 16—Baptism & New Member Reception Sunday

May 23—Brunch Bunch Sunday (9:45 am—1:30 pm)

May 25—Administrative Council Meeting (7 pm)

May 31—Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Events to Remember

Annual Conference at Lakeside—June 6-10

Vacation Bible School—July 19-23: Morning Session, 9 am—12 pm; Evening Session, 6-8:30 pm

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.



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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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to interview, she felt a very positive energy in the church and believed that “Christ puts things in front of us for a reason and that there is a reason he has brought me to Linworth.”

Family and faith are very important to Alisha. She speaks of being adopted into a very loving family, a family who is not of her ethnicity, but it was never an issue. She is a “preacher’s kid.” Her mother is a United Methodist minister, currently serving as a District Superintendent. There was an expectation to go to church, but she never felt forced. She loves being involved.

Alisha spent ten years with the Y.W.C.A. program in Westerville and was the site director for the School-Age Childcare Program for half of that time. She designed curriculum, supervised and evaluated staff, directed summer camp programs and worked with over a hundred children, including weekly field trips. She has taught art, music and play classes emphasizing parent-child interaction through emotional, physical and social growth. Her last position was with Nationwide Children’s Hospital as a therapy aide.

She wrote in her resume that she is passionate and successful in working with children in multiple capacities while managing impactful educational programs and supporting staff. She has participated, recruited and raised funds for Alzheimer’s Walk, Autism Walk, March of Dimes Walk, Pet Promise Rescue Run, and Suicide Prevention Walk.

Stop in the office and introduce yourselves, invite Sherry and Alisha to your groups and classes and help them along the way to learn about all of us as we learn more about them.

We are all in ministry together,

Rae Lynn