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Thoughts from Pastor Rae Lynn

Here we are into the first of October and we have already had an exciting first month into the fall, stewardship dinners, all church reading of Treasures of the Transformed Heart, and the Community Picnic, and we are only half way through this stewardship adventure! I want to share a few reflections and then share where we are headed from here.

I've been picking up bits and pieces from the stewardship gatherings and I am listening to what you are saying and sharing. Thanks for over two hundred of us attending one of these events. Not only is it a great time for us to gather, (getting to know new faces and fellowship), but it is also a great time to check our pulse as a church, hear what is going well, what is exciting and receive a few suggestions to make things better. Your hosts have each filled out a report and the stewardship team will be reading through these to gather helpful information. Several of the hosts have spoken to me personally sharing some of your ideas.

Several weeks ago we had our Community Picnic. Around 5:00 p.m. a handful of Linworth folk went out to the neighbors who live around us and knocked on doors letting people know the picnic was ready, (the table was set), come join us for dinner. We were quite multi-cultural, looking more and more like that song I first learned in Sunday school, "red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in his sight." During our picnic I met several of our neighbors. I met the mother of a Linworth Children Center (LCC) minnow. She shared that she and her husband have lived in the apartments for four years and her son, (the minnow), loves LCC. She and her husband are from India. She inquired if we taught English. Several times she shared that she desired to speak English as fluently and as quickly as we do.

Anthony's mother was from Mexico and he translated some of my words for his mother. However her English was good enough for us to share a simple conversation. Anthony and his sister were born in Atlanta, GA. I met three other couples and families from India. They thanked me for our church inviting the neighborhood to come and have food. I want to thank all of you. Those of you who prepared the food, those of you who entertained the children for several hours, and those of you who sat at tables and chatted with LUMC people you did and did not know and chatted with our neighbors. This went so well, I received an invitation to have dinner at the minnow's house and to taste an authentic, home cooked India dish!

So what is next for all of us as October rolls into November? **October begins with World Communion Sunday.** I think our Community Picnic looked a bit like a "world" communion. I will be bringing a message on witnessing as a part of the stewardship emphasis, reminding us in the words of John Wesley, "The World is Our Parish." Following World Communion Sunday, the **Ministry Fair will be held the next two consecutive Sundays, October 10 and 17.** Take some time and roam through the church to catch an idea where you might like to serve God, the Church and the World this next year.

On October 10th, we will shorten worship to around 50 minutes for each service and at the end of worship, for those who desire to stay, we will spend a brief amount of time looking over the preliminary 2011 budget and responding to questions and insights. This will not be a polished presentation due to the fact that the budget will not be in its final form at

October Worship Schedule	
3 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost	World Communion
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif	
8:45 a.m.—Traditional	
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary	
11:30 a.m.—Traditional	
10 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost	
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif	
8:45 a.m.—Traditional	
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary	
11:30 a.m.—Traditional	
17 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost	
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif	
8:45 a.m.—Traditional	
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary	
11:30 a.m.—Traditional	
24 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Brunch Bunch
Rev. Jeffery Dunn	
8:45 a.m.—Traditional	
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary	
11:30 a.m.—Traditional	
31 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday	
Dr. Rev. Eugene Folden	
8:45 a.m.—Traditional	
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary	
11:30 a.m. Traditional	

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Small Groups

Bridge Club: Contact: Byrdie Lorenz
Bridge Club will meet on **October 1** at 8:00 p.m. in private homes. Our meetings are the 1st Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (with a few

exceptions caused by holidays).

Building Nesters: Contacts: Shawn & Amy Brown
Join us for Bible Study in room 228 as we finish our book, "Living the Questions in Matthew." Our October meetings are **October 7 and 21**. Childcare is provided. Our October social event will be a trip to a pumpkin patch, date and time TBA. 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 studying "Treasures of a Transformed Life: Satisfying your soul's thirst for more," by John Ed Mathison. 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, October 1** 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 **October 13 & 27** at 7:30 p.m. at Claremont.

In Daily Places: Contact: Debby Fuller
Looking for a ladies' fellowship and study small group that meets in the evening? Welcome to "In Daily Places," where women from their twenties through their seventies learn, grow, serve and laugh together. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our study, "Discovering Joy in Your Creativity: You are Made in the Image of a Creative God" on **October 11 & 25**. Hope to see you there.

Keen Adult Bible Study: Contact: Bob Jacobson
Join them in the Fellowship Hall (room 136) at 10:00 a.m.

LinWomen Online: Contact: Sharon Valade
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.

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. See you on **October 12 & 26**.

Mom's Book Study: Contact: Terese Loudner
Mark your calendars - we will meet again this year at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Dates for October are **14 & 28**. Our new book is Lord Change my Attitude: Before It's Too Late! by James MacDonald. Join us for fellowship and some much needed mom time. Childcare available.

MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):
Contacts: Diane Hamilton & Melissa Hufft
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a Christian group for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. Our October meeting dates are **11 and 25**. **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 Meister.

Peace in the House: Contact: Shelley Burton
This group supports you finding and maintaining peace with yourself, peace with God, and peace with others. Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Join us on **October 6 & 20**.

Sensational Older Singles (SOS):

Contact: Lois Gifford
Call Lois for details.

Searchers: Contact: Doug Stahle
Meets in the Fellowship Hall (room 138) 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. September meetings are **October 5 & 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library and room 225. (See article on page 5.)

Thursday Morning Bible Study:

Contact: Maxine Bartelt
Join us every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. This is a very informal study group led by members. Our new study is: 10 Commandments: Laws of the Heart, by Joan Chittister. Visitors are always welcome.

Women's Bible Study: Contact: Jeanne Byers
We meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 210. We will be finishing our study on parables and on Sunday, **October 31** we will begin a new study, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World," by Joanna Weaver. The book is available from Amazon or Christianbook.com

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

Alisha Meacham

(ameacham@linworthumc.org)

Director of Children's Ministries,
LUMC

Reflection from VBS 2010

I wanted to share a special story about the impact VBS has had on one family. Kelly Smith and her sons Tanner and Levi, sent an inspirational email to me of how they helped make lunch bags and hygiene kits for the homeless in Detroit shortly after VBS. While focusing on the mission project for VBS (Faith Mission), Kelly's sons wanted to help others. She stated, "LUMC inspires my boys to serve." This is wonderful and reminds us how important it is to help others, just like Jesus did.

Club 56

Attention 5th & 6th graders! Club 56 regularly meets on Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m. If there is an off-site activity or special event, we will notify you of the location and time. The theme focus this year is "Why? or Why Not?" Answers to questions they may have about God will be discussed. Friends are always welcome to come to Club 56!

Upcoming Club 56 events:

Oct. 3—Fall Fun at the Wynne's house, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(Meet at their house.)

Oct. 9—Junior Jam at Cedarville University, 8:30-5:00 p.m.
(Day of shows, games, crafts, and food that is put on by college kids. We will be meeting at The Trillium nursing home down the street from LUMC. Drivers are needed for this event.)

Club 56 leaders:

Jenifer Wynne

(four.wynnes@sbcglobal.net)

Julie Ricketts (mjrk5@gmail.com)

Children's Ministries

Our new Sunday School curriculum is under way! Come check us out on Sunday mornings! Our Sunday School age groups for children are as follows (age as of Sept. 1st):

8:45 a.m. service

Infants, Toddlers, Twos
Preschool-1st grade
2nd-6th grade

10:15 a.m. service

Infants
Toddlers & Twos
Threes
Fours & Fives
K-1st grade
2nd-3rd grade
4th, 5th, & 6th grade

11:30 a.m.

Christmas Musical Rehearsal
(September—December) -
Kindergarten—8th grade



Congratulations LUMC 3rd graders!

We want to recognize the 3rd graders who received Bibles on Sunday, September 12 for the Third Grade Bible presentation:

George Erickson
Jonathan Geisler
Senna Harrison
Riley Hoover
Sho Kiriara
Logan Rich
Brian Richter
Kelly Scott
Stella Suddendorf
Brooke Taylor
Julia Taylor
Samuel Warnecke

We apologize for any child not mentioned. If your child is a 3rd grader and didn't receive a Bible, please contact Alisha Meacham, Director of Children's Ministries at: ameacham@linworthumc.org.



FUSION: A Group For Young Adults

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

Fusion Fall study will be Life Matters, Bible Studies for Life. Life Matters has weekly personal Bible study readings, discussion guides, and more discussion topics aimed at moving biblical truths from the lesson into real life.

October Schedule

Wednesday, October 6: Volunteer at Mana Cafe

Thursday, October 14: 7:00 p.m., church- *Life Matters*, study

Thursday, October 21: 7:00 p.m., church- *Life Matters*, study

Thursday, October 21: 7:00 p.m., Halloween Festivities, TBA

Join us for our Fall study. For more info about Life Matters visit, <http://threadsmedia.com/store/studies/lifematters/>. Extra books are available, feel free to join us anytime. Child care will be provided when meeting at the church.

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

Membership Care News

Chad Johns (cjohns@linworthumc.org)

Director of Membership Care & Small Groups

Next New Member Class Scheduled

The next New Member Class is set for **November 7 & 14**. You may choose either Sunday to attend since both dates have identical classes. Note that the time for the luncheon and class varies. The next opportunity to join LUMC will be in February. If you want to join, but have not been baptized, notice the dates for the Baptism Study sessions.

Membership classes are set for the following dates and times:

November 7, 2010, 1-4 p.m. (Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.)

November 14, 2010, 12-3 p.m. (Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.)

Baptism Study Sessions Set

Classes are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Dates are: November 7, 2010, February 13, 2011, May 8, 2011, August 14, 2011, November 6, 2011. Contact Alisha Meacham (ameacham@linworthumc.org) to register for the session of your choice. Sessions are open to anyone interested in baptism including adults, students (13 years and older), and parents of infants and children under age 13.

Baptism & New Member Sundays

November 21, 2010

February 27, 2011

May 22, 2011

August 28, 2011

November 20, 2011



Youth News

Seth Rowe (srowe@linworthumc.org)

Director of Youth Ministries, LUMC

Xtreme Impact October Dates:

3—Garage Sale Setup 11:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

10—Small Group 3:00—4:30 p.m.

Xtreme Impact 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

17—Xtreme Impact Movie Night 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

24—Small Group 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Xtreme Impact 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

31—Small Group 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Xtreme Impact 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Get Involved with Social Concerns



Social Concerns

Contact: Esther Hunter

⇒ The Open Shelter meal will be prepared beginning at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 12** in the church kitchen. If you can help contact Arlean Sudhoff.

⇒ The Rebecca's House meal will be prepared at 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 12** in the church kitchen. Call

Arlean Sudhoff if you need information. If you would like to help serve the meal, contact Celeste Thomas.

⇒ The Sunday Brunch will be **October 24** from 9:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the great food. Questions or want to volunteer? Call Marie Hardin.

**Church Conference Scheduled
November 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
Everyone is invited to attend!**

Mission Board Meeting

Contact: Sue Gabel
First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **October 4** at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Circle

Contacts: Linda Holloway & Sue Bowen
Third Monday evening of every month at the church, 7:30 p.m. **October 18**, Joel Rabb will talk to us about the Columbus Southside Settlement.

Fellowship Day Circle

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel
Usually the Second Tuesday of every month at the church, 9:30 a.m. This month the meeting will be **October 5**, helping with the Garage Sale or at New Life.

MOPS

Contacts: Diane Hamilton & Melissa Hufft
This is a time to rejuvenate and reconnect with other moms on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. October dates are **October 11 & 25**. Child care is provided.

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.

SERVICE CIRCLE

Contact: Lea Elshoff
Fourth Friday morning of the month. Sandwich making in the Church Kitchen for Faith Mission. Join us on **October 29** at 9:30 a.m.

MISSION PROJECT HELP

During the month of October we are collecting socks and underwear (especially men's) 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.



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

LINWORTHYS MYSTERY BUS TRIP
Tuesday October 26, 2010
WHERE: MUMS THE WORD!!

We will leave LUMC at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$64.00 per person. Make check to "Linworthys" and mail to George Bilderback. Call Donna Hughes or Pat Burkey for reservations. They are due by **October 12**. No refunds after October 15. Get on board, we are told, it's a great trip, a little longer than usual, not a lot of walking and as quoted by our guides ("interesting, good food"). Clues--none--so we can just keep guessing as we travel along. SO--join us for an enjoyable day with your Linworthy friends--make your reservations as early as possible as we desire to fill the bus--open to church members and friends. WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO SOMEWHERE---THE LINWORTHY GROUP AND YOU.



Births:

⇒ Kayla Johnson, daughter of Curtis & Julie Johnson;

⇒ George Donovan Pah, great grandson of Guy & Jan Melvin

New Stephen Series Training Class to Begin

You have seen the ministry of the Stephen Ministers here at Linworth UMC. Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in this ministry? Your opportunity to do so has arrived. The next Stephen Series training class will begin in January, 2011. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry, talk to Sandy Apicella, Janet Enck, Cheryn Houston or Pastor Rae Lynn soon.

Note: Stop by the Stephen Ministry table at the Ministry Fair on **October 10 and 17** to pick up an application.



Notes received at LUMC:

"To the members at Linworth UMC & especially those members of the Prayer Chain; thank you very much for your prayers, kind words and deeds in regards to my husband's recent hospital visit. He is doing much better than expected and recovery time will be short. He does have a spot on his brain that is permanently damaged, but it didn't affect his speech & he has the use of all his limbs although his left side is weak, he is expected to regain that 100%. I call that a huge blessing. Thanks everyone, Helen Becker."

"Pastor: the Worthington Food Pantry wants to say 'Thank You' to everyone involved for donating 185 pounds of food. It is deeply appreciated. Thanks again, Worthington Food Pantry."

"Thanks to everyone at LUMC for prayers, notes, acts of kindness and encouraging words during and after surgery. Madelyn Seiter."

"Our brief words of appreciation can never express our gratitude for your support during Dad's final journey. Providing Godly fellowship, bringing communion, calls and prayers are only a few of the thoughtful services LUMC provided. Dad truly enjoyed the time he was able to spend with LUMC. He loved the pipe organ! Our earthly family is pleased and our heavenly Father rejoices. In Christian Love, the family of Jesse Cloyd, father of Bonnie Cloyd-Ruff and grandfather of Matthews Ruff."

Linworth Campers



Contact:
Sharon McManis

October 8-9

Jackson Lake State Park
(Bob Evans Festival)
Hosts: John & Linda Hood

October 22-23

Lazy River at Granville
Hosts: James & Nancy Brown

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.

Spread the word the Garage Sale is coming!!

TIME TO PACK UP ALL YOUR 'VALUABLE' GARAGE SALE ITEMS AND BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH. *Bring your sale items in after 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 3** through Wednesday of sale week.* If you have trouble getting them to the church, please call the office (336-8485) to schedule a pick-up.

We would love to have you come and help with the Sale. We will be setting-up from Sunday, October 3 until Thursday. We also need a ton of help on the Sale days: **Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9!** Can't wait to see you all!
Garage Sale Committee

From the Garage Sale Kitchen Committee

The Garage Sale set-up starts in just a few days (October 3). As usual we will provide lunch and dinner every day for those of you who volunteer throughout the week. We are again asking for donations (GFS script cards, Kroger cards and cash or checks). It will help the Kitchen Food Committee if we could have your donations as soon as possible. You can give your donations to Shirley Galloway, Donna Hughes or the Church office. Please make checks payable to LUMC and earmark 'Food for the Garage Sale.' If you prefer to provide food items, please contact Donna or Shirley to see what is needed.

Thank you for your continued support!



Faith Engine Ministry In Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Recently the Missions Committee decided to make the Faith Engine Ministry in Phnom Penh one of the ongoing ministries to support. The Mission Team from Linworth discovered this ministry on its visit to Cambodia this spring. It serves poor rural young adults who are recommended by local pastors.

Faith Engine Ministry incorporates auto and motorcycle mechanics, welding, and basic driving lessons in its approach to teaching basic motor cycle and automotive engine repair. Basic English conversation and introduction to computer skills are also components of the program. Spiritual nurture through daily devotions, Bible study and counseling are intentionally integrated into the curriculum.

Each class has 15 students for 10 weeks. Students have classroom study, hands-on shop experience, and daily worship. Students eat and sleep at the mission facility for the entire term. Once they graduate with a certificate, they are qualified to work or start their own business for engine repair. The value of our donation dollars is amazingly effective. For \$300 one student receives a scholarship for the 10 week term, including room and board. This gives more than help...it builds skills that improve the lives of those trained as well as the Cambodian citizens they serve by repairing their vehicles.

This effort teaches skills that will break the cycle of poverty in a spiritual and caring way. It helps us implement the theology of John Wesley, who taught that personal holiness, the private side of faith, is never complete unless it is also expressed in social holiness, including social ministries and mission.

Pharr Literacy Project

Over the past 10 years Linworth has supported this mission effort. The Pharr Literacy Project is located in the poorest county in the United States with the second highest child poverty rate and high unemployment. Over 97% of the population is Hispanic and many speak Spanish as their only language. Over 60% of adults in Pharr do not have a high school diploma or GED. The Pharr Literacy Project was founded by Keith and Elva Michal from Linworth UMC. The program provides GED prep-work, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, introductory computer classes,

basic work force skills and pre-literacy classes for children. Over the past year nearly 650 participants were served, with a participant retention rate of 72%. 65% of ESL students have successfully graduated to the next level of study, and 70% of involved children have met or exceeded their personal reading goals. This is one of many outreach efforts of Pharr Church.

The people of Pharr UMC have responded to the needs of the community through a strong grass roots ministry of caring and sharing known as the Pharr Community Outreach Program (PCOP)/Shalom. Since 2002 more than 1,200 people have participated in ESL, GED, computer, 'Parents helping Parents,' and various other life skills programs and classes offered at the Pharr Church.

The feeding ministry of the church includes a food pantry that serves between 75 and 80 families per week and a summer feeding program that provides a nutritious hot lunch free of charge to children between the ages of 1-18 years of age.

The Home Repair Initiative utilizes the labor of persons involved in short term missions, and various church and youth groups to carry out much needed repairs on homes in the Pharr area. Repairs range from extensive structural repairs to minor improvements such as installing handicap ramps or handrails.

Through its health and wellness initiative, PCOP/Shalom works in conjunction with the Wesley nursing program. Church Based Counseling Services and the University of Texas Pan American provide free health screenings, health education and various other services to the community.

Mission Trip to Columbia

Joel Rabb, with son David, daughter-in-law, Emily, cousin, Steve Areen, joined with the Moose Lake United Methodist Church, Moose Lake, Minnesota to work on the construction of a health clinic in Brisas Del Mar. The work project was headed by Joel's brother Robert. Robert became interested in the area when Clinton Rabb asked him to help build a water system for the village. (This trip was our effort to honor Clinton who died in the Haiti earthquake.)

We had the opportunity to work every day for six days on the clinic— plastering, sanding and painting walls. We also mixed concrete on the site and dumped the wet concrete bucket by bucket into

the ramp that was being built.

On a couple of evenings we made trips to Methodist congregations in the area.

The Moose Lake folks also conducted an afternoon Vacation Bible School for kids in the area. The clinic is a modern building with waiting rooms and exam rooms with its own water supply from a cistern. The clinic manager has been recruited from the local community. The U.S. Methodist Church will provide the initial funding for clinic staff through UMCOR.

Every day a lady in the village would bring us some kind of baked delight to cheer us up. It was more of a sacrifice than I initially understood. Each morning as I rode to the work site on the back of a motor bike or in the back of a pickup truck over twisted, rutted dirt roads I noticed women and children gather sticks for cooking fuel. It was a couple of miles from the village. Cooking a delightful sweet baked bread was more involved than lighting the gas stove.

The UMC Columbian Bishop Juan Cardona worked beside us every day. He is a living testament to servant leadership. He is a very serious person who is fun to be around. He sold his very successful company and now works full time as the Bishop for no pay. He said it is necessary to build infrastructure in the poor part of the country that was brutalized by the paramilitaries for decades. Children were kidnapped and abused. People were killed for no reason. Bishop Cardona was once kidnapped by the paramilitaries and he succeeded in converting the unit commander to Christianity. He said projects of this type address important physical needs, but it also communicates to those that live in this desperately poor part of the world that they have worth and value.

It was a great trip because we met wonderful people in Columbia— Bishop Cardona, and the Moose Lake Minnesota group. One of the highlights of the trip was an opportunity to pour some of Clinton's ashes over a spot on the road where the paramilitary had a check point and killed many people.

For those interested in seeing a short YouTube video of the trip click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvvGajHW70I>





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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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that time. We want you to see how your pledges and gifts support ministry at LUMC. Finances and budgets at Linworth are open and transparent for anyone to see.

Finally, to wrap up our stewardship season, **our pledge commitment Sundays are October 17 and 24.** If you have any questions about the service booklet or the commitment form, please call the office and any one of the staff members can assist you. I give thanks every day for all of you and for the incredible gift and talent that is within the body of this congregation. Individually we are in ministry in hundreds of places. Collectively, we can be a powerful movement in a neighborhood, and/or in a mission in the world.

On the last Sunday, October 31, Dr. Folden will honor those in our midst who have died this past year in an All Saints celebration. During this particular Sunday we remember and honor those who have been a part of the life and ministry of this congregation. While they are no longer with us in physical presence, their imprint will be forever a part of Linworth church and many of our lives. They were those who once prepared food for picnics and dinners, participated in small groups of fellowship and learning, sat in worship singing, praying, listening and sharing. And as we do every year, we will once again honor those who have fought the good fight and completed the race.

So, enjoy the month ahead. When you walk into church and you see someone you don't know, say "Hi" to them, even ask them their name. When you pass the peace, reach out to someone you don't know and smile as you greet them. If it is the fourth Sunday of the month, invite them to brunch, and then walk them down the hall and sit at table with them. We have so much to offer one another, so much to give expressed in simple gestures such as, a hand shake, a word or comment, an asking of another person's name, an invitation to our Sunday school class or brunch. It doesn't take much to engage a stranger and create a friend. These human touches are filled with divine grace. Thank you, Linworth. Thank you for being the body of Christ.

Rae Lynn