



The Linworth Link

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October Worship Schedule

4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday; Stewardship Focus

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

11 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Focus

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

18 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Focus

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

25 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost; Commitment Sunday; Baptism Sunday

8:45 a.m.—Traditional
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary
11:30 a.m.—Traditional
Last Brunch Bunch for
2009!

Words from Pastor Rae Lynn

When I was growing up, my parents gave us an allowance each week. We were expected to give a portion of our allowance to the church and we were to decide for ourselves how much we wanted to give. I remember receiving fifteen cents, one dime and one nickel. I must have been around six years old when I received this incredible amount of money. Some of you may recall that for one penny you could get one or two pieces of candy and for six cents at the local corner market, I could get an ice cream cone.

So, there I was with one dime and one nickel always feeling quite wealthy and having to decide how much I was going to put in the offering plate each Sunday. I did not know about a tithe when I was six, but I did know that the dime was worth more than the nickel, so the church got the nickel. Just seemed to me to make sense, give the church the coin that was worth the least amount. I still had the dime!

Much later in life, as I reflected upon my first lessons on giving to the church, I realized that even though the nickel was worth less, I was contributing to the church not ten percent of my weekly income, but 30% of my weekly income! I wish I could be prideful of that, but it was not given from the heart. It was given because my parents expected us to practice giving.

We are moving into stewardship month, and the first week we will spend a bit of time in our worship service talking about our financial giving to the church. Most persons would rather avoid such topics, but I find that I enjoy being able to give financially to the church and to God's work. I enjoy this congregation, this place where God has called me to serve and with that joy comes the joy of wanting to support the ministries here, the building, the variety of needs, the mission work, everything that makes us strong as a faith community.

But the question is often asked of me, "How do we decide what to give, to give financially and to give in time and service?" My first response in this letter will be to discern our financial gift to the church. I believe that we are called to consider what percent of our income we are willing and able to offer God and the church. Many of us decide a dollar amount to give, but the healthiest way to know if we are moving towards a tithe is to do the math and then decide if we are able to step up another percent, half percent or two percent this year towards a tithe if we are not yet there.

Most persons figure their tithe on their net income; others figure the tithe on their gross income. That is a decision personal to you. If you do the math and you discover that you are giving 3% of your income to the church, then the decision becomes a prayerful decision. Am I able to give an additional 1% more this next year? Where am I with my family's needs? Is my work secure? What does my giving say about my spiritual relationship with God? Do I want to move closer in my spiritual walk with God? Is God calling me to do more at this time?

Have these conversations with members in your family; make it a spiritual conversation, not a financial conversation. Look at all the places the family income goes and ask what that tells you about who your family is. And then decide together, where this year you want God to be in the midst of the family's bills, expenses and entertainment money. This could be an interesting conversation.

The second decision we each need to make this month in October is the decision about where I am called to serve. On October 4th and the 11th, when you come into worship, you will find the church filled with displays revealing the many, many ways in which we

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Small Groups

Between the Lines: Contact: Faye Black

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

Bridge Club: Contact: Linda Kemp

Bridge Club will meet on **Friday, October 2** at 8:00 p.m. Linworth Bridge Club is looking for new members who like to play bridge, make new friends, and have an all around good time. Our meetings are usually the 1st Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (with a few exceptions caused by holidays). We meet in the homes of members.

Building Nesters: Contact: Sara Schwanzl

The Building Nesters will gather for a planning session on **Thursday, October 1** from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Then on **October 15** the group will meet again to start their 2009-2010 program from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Both meetings are held in room 228.

Closer Walk Class: Contact: Janet Blocher

This discussion based class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings in room 225. It is designed to give adults who typically attend the Contemporary Worship Service an opportunity to develop a closer spiritual walk.

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, October 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Join this fun bunch for an evening of fellowship and laughter while playing cards. Bring a snack to share.

HomeBuilders: Contact: Jane Wright

This group will be part of the Making Love Last a Lifetime study starting **October 4**. The class continues on Sundays through **November 22** in room 210.

IMPACT Service Group: Contact: Becki Hollenbaugh

IMPACT is a service group that meets with residents at Claremont Retirement Village. Join them at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesdays, October 14 & 28**.

In Daily Places: Contact: Denise Kilgore

Ladies - are you looking for a small group that meets in the evening? In Daily Places welcomes women of all ages for study, prayer and fellowship. Join us **Mondays, October 12 & 26** at 7:00 p.m. in room 226. Babysitting is available with prior notice.

Keen Adult Bible Study: Contact: Bob Jacobson

This Sunday morning Sunday School class meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 136 of the Fellowship Hall.

LinWomen Online: Contact: Sharon Valade

A virtual community of Linworth Women who are able to share using modern technology. Call Sharon to sign up and get logged on.

Men's Before-Work Spiritual Sharing Group:

Contact: Mike Smeltzer

The Men's Breakfast Group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at First Watch Restaurant. Join them on **October 13 & 27** at 7:00 a.m.

Mom's Book Study: Contact: Julie Yeater

This is a book study for moms of all ages! Our book for this fall is "The Sister Circle Handbook: Discover the Joy of Friendship" by Nancy Moser and Brenda Josee. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month (**October 8 & 22**) at 6:30 p.m.

MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

MOPS is a Christian group for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. Our October meeting dates are **5* and 26. (*Date change due to Garage Sale.)**

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS are needed!!!! MOPS is in need of volunteers for one or two Mondays) a month from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Holly or Andrea.

Peace in the House: Contact: Shelley Burton

This group supports you finding and maintaining peace with yourself, peace with God, and peace with others. Meet with us on **Wednesdays, October 7 & 21** at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Sensational Older Singles (SOS):

Contact: Lois Gifford

Call Lois for an updated schedule of events.

Searchers: Contact: Doug Stahle

Meets in the Fellowship Hall (room 128) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for thought provoking and stimulating discussion on a number of religious issues.

Shawl Ministry: Contacts: Marilyn Pohlman/Jean Davidson
More than 230 shawls already have been presented to those in pain. Call a contact to become involved.

Stephen Ministry: Contact: Sandi Apicella

Meet **Tuesdays, October 13 & 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Contact: Maxine Bartelt

As a study guide we'll use the booklet, "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Sewart Brisco. Visitors are always welcome. Extra booklets are available. Leadership (in the absence of their regular leader, Lillian Payne) is shared by the members. Visitors always welcome!

Women's Bible Study: Contact: Jeanne Byers

We are beginning a new study on Sunday, September. 27 entitled "Women at Midlife: Embracing the Challenges." Midlife is a time of transitions. Thankfully, the Bible provides principles and guidance for dealing with challenges and difficult times - midlife included. In this study, you will tap into that wisdom and learn how you can experience God's grace today and move forward with confidence. Join us as we meet in room 210 at 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you need a phone number or email for a contact person for an event or group, please contact the church office (336-8485).

Children's Ministry at Linworth

Third Grade Bibles To Be Handed Out

Bibles will be handed out to our awesome third graders in November. Parents, please watch the mail for a letter concerning this in late October/early November. Bible Sunday is **November 22, 2009**. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485) for more information.

Looking for a New Small Group? Then Try...

Discovering My Spiritual Gifts

Ever wonder about God's purpose for your life? Are you searching for a place of meaningful connection? Come to the Spiritual Gifts Class on Tuesdays, **October 6, 13 and 20** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and learn more about your God-given passion, gifts and style. This class is all about YOU and who you were created to be. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485) for more information.

NEW! Making Love Last A Lifetime

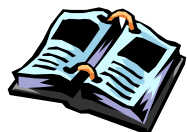
Join us for eight weeks (**starting October 4 and finishing before the holidays**) as we explore love and marriage from a Biblical perspective. Written and taught by Adam Hamilton (facilitated by Jane Wright and Mary Torok), this study includes chapters like "Mars and Venus in the Beginning" and "After the Honeymoon is Over." **We will gather every Sunday in October through November 22** from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (during the children's choir hour) in room 210. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Call Mary Torok (336-8485).



**Do you have a child who needs to be baptized?
Need to be baptized yourself?**

Join us for our next Baptism Sunday on **October 25**. A class for parents will be offered on **Sunday, October 18** from 1:00—2:30 p.m.

Registration forms are located in the church office. Contact Mary Torok (336-8485) for more information.



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.



Births: Austin Gregory Cook
Johanna Grace Snyder
Garrett Craig Clifton
Ella Marie Werling

Deaths: Frank Leppert

Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?



Going through a tough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down?

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn more, talk with a pastor or Sandy Apicella.

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

— Galatians 6:2

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

X-TREME IMPACT

Youth News
from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

Regular Schedule:
Middle School: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
High School: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

October 4--Regular Schedule
October 11--Garage Sale Setup
October 18--Regular Schedule
October 25--Regular Schedule

GARAGE SALE!!!

We especially need students *and* parents to come help at the following times:

October 11--Setup begins after services and goes until 8:00 p.m.

October 17--Cleanup from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.

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



Preaching Texts for October

October 4 - Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif
Acts 2:31-47

October 11-- Pastor Gene Folden
Acts 17:1-9

October 18 - Pastor Jeffery Dunn
Acts 17:16-23

October 25 - Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif
Acts: 17:24-31



Linworth Campers

October 9-10

Caesar Creek State Park,
Wilmington

Contact:
Sharon McManis

Hosts: Mike & Sharon McManis
Join us for the Sauerkraut
Festival

October 23-24

Lazy River Campground, Granville
Hosts: Ian & Jean Davidson
Last camping trip of the season

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

Mission Board Meeting: Contact: Sondie Schwotzer
First Monday of every month. Next meeting is **October 5** at 7:00 p.m. in room 210.

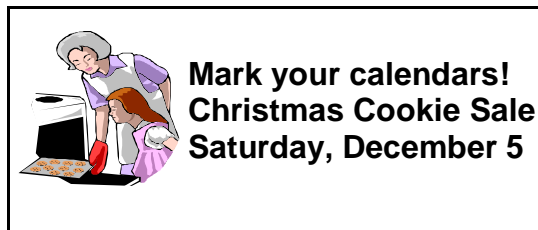
Evening Circle: Contacts: Linda Holloway & Kathy Balakrishnan
Third Monday evening of every month. Join us on **October 19** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

Fellowship Day Circle: Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel
Second Tuesday morning of every month. **October 13** at 9:30 a.m. in room 210.

MOPS: Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino
Meets the second and fourth Monday mornings. Join us on **October 5* & 26** in the Worship Center from 9:30—11:30 a.m. (*Note date change due to LUMC Garage Sale.)

Service Circle: Contact: Lea Elshoff
Circle meets the fourth Friday morning of the month. Join us on **October 23** at 9:30 a.m. for sandwich making in the Church Kitchen for Faith Mission.

Mission Project Help
During the month of October we are collecting new socks and underwear for New Life UMC. These may be placed in the basket in the church office or bring them to any Circle or Board meeting. Our collection of Campbell's Soup Labels, used reading glasses, and pop can tabs is continuous! The collection point is close to the church office. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Have You Heard About the Johanson Fund?

The Johanson Fund, which is collected during communion, is a benevolence fund for those needing emergency assistance. Between January 1 and August 31, 2009, Linworth UMC has helped approximately forty people and distributed \$14,570. What a compassionate, generous, loving congregation Linworth is. Your continuous contributions are very much appreciated as the needs get greater during these tough economic times. Thank you.



A Group For Young Adults
(students, young working adults,
young marrieds and singles)

Join us for FUN!

For more information and to be added to the list-serv, please email Angela Pucher at linworthfusion@gmail.com.

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

IT'S OCTOBER AND TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL MYSTERY TRIP!!!!

Tuesday, October 27, we board the bus at **7:30 a.m.** at church and return at **6:15 p.m.** The cost is \$36.00 that covers the bus trip, lunch and visits to whatever Donna Hughes and Pat Burkey have planned for us--never a disappointment, great food and always a blast! Hopefully most of you have seen the flyer that Donna has designed with teasers that keep us guessing to where and what. Call Donna Hughes for reservations. Make your checks payable to the Linworthys and mail to George Bilderback. If you have not signed up, we suggest you do so ASAP to be assured of a seat. Let's fill the bus, and please be on time as ***we leave the church at 7:30 a.m. sharp.***

Linworthys--do not forget to help (if able) with the October Garage Sale. Help is appreciated anytime during the week of **October 11** to the actual Sale on **October 16 and 17**. This is a fund raiser for us as we receive 10% of the net proceeds.

NOTE: LOOKING FORWARD--
MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

For our meeting on **Tuesday, November 17** at 11:30 a.m. we are combining and celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas . A complimentary lunch will be served. There will be no church meeting in December. Program and lunch menu to be published in November Link. Then in December, on **Friday the 18th** we are taking a trip to LA COMEDIA. The show is a "Christmas Spectacular" at a cost of \$60.00 per person. This includes bus transportation, lunch, and stage show. Make reservations by calling Donna Hughes. Make checks payable to Linworthys and mail to George Bilderback.

The following notes were received by the church office:

*"Dear Church Members,
Thank you for all the visits prayers and cards.
Prayers certainly work to bring me through the surgery again. Especially Linda Nester & Lois Gifford for looking after me with food & walking my dog.
Sending love to all,
Mary Waggle."*

*"We wish to express our thanks for the many prayers, prayer shawl and its warmth, phone calls, cards, and visits during Ted's surgery and recovery. How blessed we are to be a part of a loving and caring church family that helps us stay focused and put our trust in God.
Again THANKS.
Irene & Ed (Ted) Walker."*



Garage Sale setup begins Sunday, October 11–Thursday, October 15. The Sale is Friday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fellowship!

Thank you for all the monetary donations we have received so far for the food for the volunteers of the upcoming Fall Garage Sale. LUMC—you are unbelievably generous!!!

It is not too late to still contribute to this great social week for LUMC. Just give or send your gift cards for Kroger or GFS, or cash or checks to Donna Hughes, or Shirley Galloway.



Missions Support New Life Church

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://newlifeunitedmethodist.org/>.

In February, John and Lori Blakely led a "Change for the Better Drive" for New Life Church. As a result of their hope and hard work and the generosity of the LUMC congregation, we raised \$2,241.40 in the "Change for the Better" drive for New Life. In addition, we collected 227 towels and 506 wash cloths. All the towels collected for New Life Church lasted for 1 month, the wash clothes lasted 2.5 months.

This summer, Denny Devine and John and Lori Blakely installed much needed shelving for storage needs at New Life Church. If you are interested in volunteering at New Life call the church office.

Habitat Is Erecting Homes

The Easter Offering this past spring was used to support Habitat Home Projects. The Habitat Group started two new houses in April. So far Habitat volunteers from Linworth have numbered 18 and they have given over 250 hours of service in building the two houses in inner-city Columbus. Habitat works in partnership with God, homeowners, and volunteers to build affordable homes, empower families and develop communities. For more information on how you can be involved contact Mike Torok.

Making a Commitment Donation Through Bread and Water is Now Easier

On the right of the Worship Center sits bread and water. These symbols are a tangible reminder of Linworth's commitment 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 always open dates for Bread and Water commemorations. If you have questions about Bread and Water check out this new function on our website: <http://www.linworthumc.org/worship/bread-and-water-dedication>.



Social Concerns

Contact: Esther Hunter

Get Involved with Social Concerns

► Worthington CROP Hunger Walk

The walk will take place on **Sunday, October 11**. The 5K walk will begin at the UM Children's Home. CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the U.S. 25% of the funds raised will stay in the community and directly benefit the Worthington Food Pantry & Resource Center. If you would like to get involved, contact Esther Hunter (336-8485 or email worthingtoncropwalk@gmail.com).

► Praise The Lord and Thank You Linworth UMC

The food drive for the Worthington Food Pantry & Resource Center was great! In three weeks, you donated over 1,654 pounds of food. That will serve approximately 78 families or 158 individuals, a total of 21 meals. You continue to amaze us with your generosity. Thank you so much.

► Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group

The October SRJNG will meet on **Tuesday, October 6 & Tuesday, October 20**. For information call Sue Kuhn.

► Open Shelter & Rebecca's House

The October Open Shelter lunch preparation will be on **Tuesday, October 13** at 8:00 a.m. Call Roy & Arlean Sudhoff for information. We will also be preparing sandwiches for the Rebecca's House Meals. The delivery & serving of Rebecca's House Meals will start at 4:00 p.m. Call Celeste Thomas if you want to help.

► October 16 & 17 Garage Sale!

Join us the week of **October 11-17** for The Best Garage Sale in Central Ohio! We will need cashiers for the Sale and many volunteers in all areas during that week. There is lots of fun, fellowship, food and service to the community. Call Denny Devine or Esther Hunter with questions.

► Brunch Bunch

The October Brunch Bunch will be on **Sunday, October 25**. This will be the last brunch of 2009. We will reconvene in January, 2010. Thank you for your support. Call Marie Hardin to help.

► Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you for your support of the Red Cross Blood Drive on September 19. You have given the gift of life once again. The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Saturday, November 21**.

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



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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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Upcoming Events

- October 1-31—Stewardship Focus
- October 4 & 11—Ministry Fair
- October 11—Worthington CROP Walk
- October 11-15—Garage Sale Setup
- October 16 & 17—Garage Sale
- October 25—Brunch Bunch
- Baptism Sunday
- November 3—Church Conference

can be involved as a faith community. The connectional groups will include interest groups, service groups, Bible Study groups, social groups, on and on and on. Please take some time and look at the opportunities, pick up a few brochures and spend some time in prayer considering where God would have you serve at Linworth.

And if you are overwhelmed and unsure, any one of our staff persons is willing to meet with you for a conversation. And if you are really uncertain about your gifts for ministry, then set aside Tuesday evenings in October from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and come to a class called "Discovering My Gifts." We want everyone to be filled with a passion for ministry and to feel as if you are in the right place, the place where God wants you to serve.

Stewardship month is a thirty-one day opportunity to once again immerse ourselves in prayer, this prayer, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Pray it every day, and I believe that God will give you an answer.

I give thanks for this faith community and for who we are.
 I am, in ministry with you,
 Rae Lynn