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# The Linworth Link

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## Thoughts from Pastor Rae Lynn

I give thanks for the summer months, the warm weather, open windows, longer days with evening light, time for leisurely walks to reflect. Summer brings with it a sense of a different rhythm to life. Even if we are still working the same hours at the job, summer *feels* different. For me I am lured back into those lazy days as a child, free from the Monday through Friday school schedule for three months. Even though as an adult I don't get a three month break, I still feel a sense of less intensity in the summer.

Our church never takes a summer vacation. Oh, most of us take a week or two off for vacation, but the ministry of our church does not miss a beat! As I reflect with you on this page, I am already planning for fall events and dreaming dreams for our ministry together. Our Stewardship team has already invited and is enlisting many of you to lead fellowship events in your homes this fall, a time of coming together to share our hopes for our church, to hear about the current health of our church and to join together in sharing the presence of God in our lives. I hope that all of us will sign up to attend one of these fellowship events. We believe in community and this is a simple way to come together and meet persons we do not know who are a part of our community.

Along with these fellowship events, Pastors Gene, Jeff and I will be teaching and preaching during worship and in Sunday School and evening classes from the book Treasures of the Transformed Life. This is the fall stewardship study on living a life engaged with God. We will start a sign-up sheet soon to purchase the book. We had great reader participation for the series on The Ten Commandments and we are hoping for the same. These are two ways for us to all connect together!

In mid-May I preached a sermon using as a unifying illustration the pink Columbus Dispatch. In that message I challenged us to find the one mission that all 500 plus of us in worship could come together around and make a powerful difference in this community or in the world. I have had two suggestions and I am open to receiving as many as you pass my way. I believe that God desires that we put our collective gifts together and make a "God-difference" in this world. So, I challenge us over these summer days to let God speak to us and find that mission.

As we are listening to God and discerning God's leading in that God-sized mission, we can collectively come together and put our gifts and energies into retiring our debt on this building. In 2011 we will enter into another debt reduction and, I hope, debt retirement campaign. I believe that as we pull our collective energies and resources into this ministry we could retire this building debt in four years. Now, that would take God's leading since our current building debt stands at \$1,600,000. That would add an extra \$400,000 to our annual budget without

### June Worship Schedule

#### 6 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

#### Holy Communion

#### Dr. Eugene Folden

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 13 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

#### Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 20 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Rev. Jeffery Dunn

#### Father's Day

8:45 a.m. —Traditional

10:15 a.m.—Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional

#### 27 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif

8:45 a.m.—Traditional

10:15 a.m. Contemporary

11:30 a.m.—Traditional



## Small Groups

### Aging Parents Group:

Contact: Karl Holloway

This group for persons with aging parents will meet on Sunday, **June 6**

at 11:30 a.m. in room 228. They invite you to join them on Wednesday, **June 2** at 7:00 p.m. to listen to a guest speaker.

**Bridge Club:** Contact: Byrdie Lorenz

Bridge Club will meet on **June 4** at 8:00 p.m. in the homes of our members. Our meetings are usually the 1st Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (with a few exceptions caused by holidays).

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

We will be meeting once on **June 3** for Bible Study, childcare is provided. Then we will meet at Graeter's on Bethel on **June 17** for some ice cream. Our June social event will be a Clippers game on **Sunday, June 13** at 5:05 p.m. Please feel free to join us!

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

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 225. The Closer Walk class 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, June 4** 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 **June 9 & 23** 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. We will continue our study of *Fearless*, by Max Lucado. Meetings are **June 14 & 28**.

**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. Watch for summer schedule.

**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 **June 8 & 22** at 7:00 a.m.

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

This is a book study for moms of all ages! Normally we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month, however we're taking the summer off. Watch the Link & bulletin for fall start-up dates.

**MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers):**

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

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

**Peace in the House:** Contact: Shelley Burton

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

**Sensational Older Singles (SOS):**

Contact: Lois Gifford

Give Lois a call to see what this group is up to this summer.

**Searchers:** Contact: Doug Stahle

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

**Shawl Ministry:** Contacts: Marilyn Pohlman & Jean Davidson

More than 230 shawls already have been presented to those in pain. Call a contact to become involved.

**Stephen Ministry:** Contact: Sandy Apicella

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. June meetings are **June 1 & 15** 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. Schedule may change over the summer.

**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. Watch for summer schedule.

### **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

### Don't Miss the Boat! Register NOW!

Sail away on a VBS adventure!! Register NOW through June 14 for VBS 2010. Pick up a registration form on the VBS table or check the church website. Spaces are limited!! ARRRRRRRGG!!



### Ahoy Maties!!

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

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 (adult, 18 years or older) available on Sundays, and other childcare opportunities available for various events throughout the week. 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).



### A Group For Young Adults

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

Fusion, a group for young adults, will be reading and discussing the book, Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller. We will also have a social event during the month (tba).

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.

### A Helping Hand for those in Need

Have you been approached to help a person or two who meet you on Sunday mornings 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 worship center 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 in need who comes to our church on Sunday. 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

### 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!**

The following notes were received by the church office:

*"Thank you for the donation of books. We served over 2,000 children between the ages of 5 to 17. They really got a lot of fun selecting their own books. Thanks to you we will be able to give books out for a long time. David Drumm, Food Pantry Manager."*

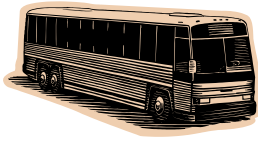
*"To those in charge of the Linworth UMC Garage Sale. Thank you for giving many much-needed items to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. I wish you could have seen the packed school bus Thursday afternoon. There was only one seat left open for the trade-off driver. The rest of the bus was packed almost to the ceiling. The men are driving the bus to Florida and from there it will be shipped to Haiti. We all appreciate your generosity. Eleanor Stratton, Dublin Baptist Church."*

# Xtreme Impact

Youth News from Seth Rowe (406-9234)

## June Xtreme Impact Calendar

- 6--Middle School: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
- High School: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 13--Summer Kickoff Party, Details TBA
- 20--Summer Softball season begins, time TBA
- 27--Summer Softball, time TBA



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

OUR ANNUAL JUNE BUS TRIP is **Tuesday, June 22**. Cost is \$42.00. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and arrive back to church at 5.00 p.m. This trip is always a fun ride, being with our church friends, listening to quips and jokes by tour guides Donna and Pat, perhaps singing songs, sharing, guessing games and always a small bag of goodies. Activities as follows: 10:45 a.m. KITCHEN AID, Greenville, Ohio--Tour of the Mixer Factory. A MUST (for factory tour)--WEAR SHOES WITH CLOSED TOES AND CLOSED HEELS. 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the BROTHERS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CENTER, where we are sure to experience great food. At 2:00 p.m. we'll tour the GARST MUSEUM, home of the Annie Oakley Center, Darke County Historical Society, WORLD CLASS EXHIBITS--Annie Oakley, Treaty of Greenville, Indians, Lowell Thomas, Zachary Lansdowne, Military History, Currier & Ives, The Village Room, American Antiques, Early Farming Tools, Auto and Horse Racing. Whatever your interest, you will find it here--such a variety!! Let's fill the bus-sign up with Donna Hughes, Pat Burkey or George Bilderback ASAP to be assured of a seat. Checks for \$42.00 to be mailed to George Bilderback. There will be NO REFUNDS after JUNE 14.

### Spring Garage Sale Is HUGE Success!

Wow! Thanks to everyone who helped make the Garage Sale a great event. Not only did we work hard, but we played hard too! A record *216 volunteers worked approximately 2,076 hours* to "get 'er done."

We were able to help the following community organizations: Anthony Jamal Morgan Scholarship Foundation; St. Phillips Episcopal Church; New Life UMC; Kidney Foundation; United Methodist Free Store; and Volunteers of America. We also had the privilege of helping 4 families.

Clean up happened in record time—everything was cleared out, vacuumed, and restored by 3:30 pm! Many hands truly made light work.

Here is the Garage Sale financial report:

Gross:	\$25,495.45
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>\$12,372.88</u>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$13,122.57</b>

The proceeds will be dispersed to the Youth Group, Linworthys, and Trustees.

Thank you again for all the tremendous help!



**Births:** - Everett Stephen Shearer, son of Aaron & Amelia Shearer;  
- Jude William Zielinski, son of Eric & Jan Zielinski

**Deaths:** Jane Reyes, daughter of Don & the late Rhea Goodson.

## Mission Board Meeting

Contact: Sue Gabel

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

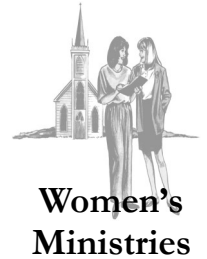
## Evening Circle

Contacts: Linda Holloway & Sue Bowen

Third Monday evening of every month. There are no Evening Circle meetings in June, July, and August.

Our next meeting will be a combined meeting with the Fellowship Circle on **September 20 at 6:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars now for this dinner meeting. The program will be "The History of Linworth UMC" with Jim Thompson.



## Fellowship Day Circle

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Marlene Heltzel

Second Tuesday morning of every month. We will meet **June 8** at 9:30 a.m. for an update on *Three Cups of Tea* and *Experiencing Community in New Ways*.

## MOPS

Contacts: Holly Meister & Andrea Orofino

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

## 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.

## Service Circle

Contact: Lea Elshoff

Fourth Friday morning of the month. Sandwich making in the church kitchen for Faith Mission. Join us on **June 25** at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen.

## MISSION PROJECT HELP

During the month of June we are collecting plastic utensils and paper plates/bowls 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.

### Events to Remember

June 6-10: Annual Conference at  
Lakeside

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



### Linworth Campers

**June 25 - 26**, Buck Creek State Park  
Hosts: Charlie & Linda Webster

Contact:  
Sharon McManis

**July 2 - 4**, Winton Woods, Cincinnati  
Hosts: Mike & 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.



### Get Involved with Social Concerns

**Social  
Concerns**  
Contact: Esther  
Hunter

- The next Open Shelter will be on **Tuesday, June 8** at 8:00 a.m. 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, June 8**. Call Roy & Arlean Sudhoff for information. If you would like to help serve the meal from 4:30—6:00 p.m., call Celeste Thomas.

- The Scioto Ridge Job Networking Group will no longer be meeting at Linworth UMC. Their other locations can be viewed at [www.sciotoridgejng.com](http://www.sciotoridgejng.com).

- **Sunday, June 27** 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. Due to shortage of volunteers, we are asking that once again, mission teams or committees sign up for duty. We will begin with the June Brunch. Please call Esther Hunter or call the church office to sign up.

- The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Saturday, June 12**. If you can help or wish to donate, call Esther.

### Exploring United Methodist Mission Efforts in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

Submitted by Joel Rabb

Pastor Rae Lynn Schleif and Dee Stickley-Miner organized a mission trip to Southeast Asia to assess the current mission efforts and to identify ways in which United Methodist congregations could contribute to efforts in this part of the world. Participants were Roger Grace (Assistant to the District Superintendent Capitol Area North), Ryan Grace (Pastor in Bluffton), Dee Stickley-Miner (West Ohio Conference), Rae Lynn Schleif (Pastor of Linworth), Esther Dang (Pastor of Vietnamese Churches in Columbus and Dayton), Mike Smeltzer (Linworth), Beth Rabb (Linworth), and Joel Rabb (Linworth). Missionaries who facilitated this trip were: Esther & Nicholas Gitobu Kithinji, Romeo Del Rosario, Joseph & Marilyn Chan, and Clara Mridula Biswas (Cambodia); Emmanuel & Beverly Barte (Laos); Ut To & Karen Van To (Vietnam).

Cambodia represents a special mission situation because five branches of Methodism are involved: The UMC in the United States, the UMC in Switzerland and France, the UMC in Singapore, the World Federation of Chinese Methodist Churches, and the Korean Methodist Church. In 1989, Cambodia had three Methodist churches. Today, there are more than 150 served by more than 20 Methodist and United Methodist missionaries, 10 ordained deacons, and 100 lay leaders. The Cambodian District Superintendents discussed their hopes of expanding their Conference Center, and the challenges of moving to a fully functioning autonomous Methodist Church by the year 2016.

The Lao Samphang Methodist Church (LSMC) has 77 congregations and is growing steadily. Several new church buildings are in process. Evangelism and education are high priorities, especially for school-age children and women in the church. The mission provides seed to allow families to grow food, including the Seed Project loan for mushroom, goat, and green rice farming. Laos has a diverse ethnicity including: Loas 55%, Khmou 11%, Hmong 8%, and other 26%. The Methodist leaders in the Loatian Districts discussed their hopes and dreams for expanding the Methodist Church in Laos despite the fact that the church is repressed. The repression takes on many forms.

The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries has been working with Christians in Vietnam since 1998. Most of the churches and fellowships are in the area of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. The group participated in the dedication of a Conference Center on April 17, 2010 that was officiated by Bishop Ough. This is a key step to governmental recognition of the United Methodist Church. To be officially registered as a religious body in Vietnam, the group must have a physical headquarters and have a ministry presence in the country for 20 years. The UMC has had a presence for 19 years and hopefully within the next year or two, the denomination will gain recognition.

The participants had many more adventures in the different locations. Be sure to talk with one of them to learn more about what they saw and what they did while in Southeast Asia. They were all impressed with the fast pace of life, the significant increase of economic development, and the gentle kindness of the people. There are many worthy projects that merit our consideration in this area of the world. Mike Smeltzer said he got the impression that an investment in projects in Southeast Asia would be money well spent. They have ideas, projects, initiative and need. The Linworth Mission Team will be meeting as a group to make recommendations about next steps.

### Serve Sunday Dinner at New Life

Take the opportunity to be involved in hands on Ministry at New Life. We are looking for volunteers to help serve Sunday Dinner at New Life on **Sunday, June 27**. We have a crack group of cooks who will prepare the meal at Linworth. We will transport the food, prepare 100 take home meals, serve 100 people in person and clean up afterward. We will serve meat loaf, green beans, bread and butter, dessert and a drink. We will meet at LUMC at 1:00 pm on June 27 and return about 5:30. 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>. We need about 6 additional volunteers to serve this meal. Contact Mike Smeltzer (614-766-7789) to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you on June 27.



### Easter Offering Designated

Easter offering has been designated for the Linworth Habitat Project and Grace Hospital in Haiti. The Easter Offering will be used for the Habitat and Grace Hospital budget commitments as well as other mission projects if the offering exceeds the budget commitment. The Habitat Group is planning its building projects for this year. Habitat works in partnership with God, homeowners, and volunteers to build affordable homes, empower families and develop communities. Grace Children's Hospital, founded in 1967, is the flagship ministry of International Child Care. Grace Children's Hospital is recognized as Haiti's leading medical facility dedicated to the treatment of children with tuberculosis (TB). Each year, the hospital receives thousands of children who are suffering from TB, HIV and other diseases.

### Habitat For Humanity Builds Houses In Alabama

The week of February 22, Linworth United Methodist Church participated in their 3rd annual trip to Mobile, Alabama to assist in building houses for Hurricane Katrina victims who have moved to this area from New Orleans. Participants were Howard Dean, Vicki Nichols and Steve Beard. The group left on Saturday, February 20 and returned early Sunday morning February 28 along with 12 other folks from Habitat for Humanity Hilliard United Methodist Group. The group installed sheathing on the walls and roof. They shingled the roof, installed windows and installed over 80 "Hurricane" screws into the foundation and ceiling of a home. It was a great week of hard work and fellowship for all. Thank you Linworth United Methodist Church for your support of this worthwhile cause. If you want to participate in Habitat House Builds contact Steve Beard.

### Mission Budget for 2009

The Linworth Budget Supports Mission projects in three categories—Local "Creating Community," National "Growing in Christ," and International "Serving the World." **This year's budget provides \$27,280 to 25 projects.**

#### Creating Community

Faith Mission \$ 1,000  
South Side Settlement Camp \$ 2,000  
Open Shelter \$ 500  
Habitat For Humanity \$ 3,000  
New Life UMC \$ 2,000  
Methodist Children's Home \$ 500  
Adopt a Family \$ 500  
International Friend \$ 1,000  
New Life Sunday Dinner \$ 500  
Sarah Casto Memorial \$ 500  
NNEMAP \$ 500  
Worthington Food Pantry \$ 500  
Impact Ministry \$ 300

#### Growing in Christ

Youth Volunteer U-2 \$ 500  
Cherokee UMC \$ 1,000  
Pharr Outreach \$ 4,000  
Jackson Area Ministry \$ 2,000  
Northern Chaplain Service \$ 500  
Methesco \$ 500

#### Serving the World

Southeast Asia Ministry \$ 1,500  
Operation Christmas Child \$ 500  
Grace Hospital \$ 2,000  
Africa University \$ 1,000  
Health Kits for Haiti \$ 480  
Disaster Relief \$ 500

**Total \$27,280**

### Spring Planting – Jackson Area Seed Drive – Fill the Wheel Barrow

Jackson Area Ministries (JAM) is a mission project of The United Methodist Church serving the Appalachian counties of Ohio. Its Garden Project (Green Thumb Garden Project) in 2009 initiated 3,174 gardens throughout the 19 counties of southeast Ohio. Since the early 1970's, JAM has been assisting families and individuals in improving their food supply by enabling them to "grow" their own vegetable gardens. We are collecting seeds and donations for the Jackson Area Ministry Green Thumb Garden Project. This project provides seeds for poor families in southern Ohio to plant and harvest food for their families. So donations of seeds and money support needy Ohio families. Please place your seeds in the wheelbarrow and your designated check in the offering plate.

### Fill the Bread and Water Dates

On the right of the sanctuary 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 on the back hallway near the kitchen. There are open dates in the fall for contributions to Bread and Water. If you have questions about Bread and Water contact Virginia Brizendine ([vsbriz@qn.net](mailto:vsbriz@qn.net) or 740-362-4336).



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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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other cost of living increases.

But break it down into giving units in our church. We have approximately 300 pledging units in our congregation and at another \$1,350 per year for each pledging unit we would have the debt retired in four years! Break it down into one more bite sized consideration, an additional \$112 per month per giving unit over four years gets the job done. Now, I know that for some, this is easy. For others, it is a challenge. And for persons like myself, we can even do more than that! Look for more from the Finance team late fall and early 2011 around the debt reduction, but today, I am planting the seed of excitement and commitment!

We are a gifted congregation, gifted in many ways and I believe to those who have been gifted much, much is expected. We are in ministry and mission close to home and around the globe. We have small groups and experiences for all ages in this congregation. Our talents in music, arts, and technology abound. We have an abundance of children and youth that make this place buzz and the wisdom of our seniors give this place depth! God's Spirit and direction are waiting to be unleashed in our midst. So, let's come together in many of these opportunities I have shared today and prepare for the next place that God is leading us together!

I am, in ministry with you,

*Rae Lynn*