



# The Linworth Link

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### September Worship Schedule

**Sept. 4**  
**Holy Communion**  
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif  
8:45 a.m.—Traditional  
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary  
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

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

**Sept. 18**  
**Stewardship Focus-  
Radical Hospitality**  
Rev. Brian Gath  
8:45 a.m.—Traditional  
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary  
11:30 a.m.—Traditional  
5:30 p.m. Community Picnic

**Sept. 25**  
**Stewardship Focus-  
Passionate Worship**  
Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif  
8:45 a.m.—Traditional  
9:45 a.m. Brunch Bunch  
10:15 a.m.—Contemporary  
11:30 a.m.—Traditional

## From the Desk of Pastor Rae Lynn

Classes and small group learning opportunities this fall . . .

Wow, September already! You may be feeling the same, scrambling into the fall schedule, days and evenings filling up with school events, new work projects, less evening time out as daylight shortens and we adjust into the routine of the next nine months. I am looking at my calendar filling with fall events; our stewardship gatherings in homes, community picnic, assisting Seth occasionally with the Confirmation class for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, building the 2012 budget and the annual fall church conference with our District Superintendent. I am looking for one evening where I can teach or start a new small group and my September calendar is already full!

So, the first learning opportunity will begin on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** as we launch into our fall stewardship. We are invited to read the book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Copies are on sale at our bookstore. For five weeks we will study what Bishop Schnase calls the practices of healthy, growing congregations. Schnase writes, "The most visible way God knits people into community to fulfill the

mission of Christ is through congregations, and these five practices give congregations a common language. Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations are those that naturally practice these qualities." The information is practical, gospel-centered, and transforming to any congregation. We will hold two classes each Sunday, one from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. and one from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. This will allow persons who attend any worship service to have class time regarding the sermon series and teachings. Your clergy staff will team teach this series.

The next learning opportunity will **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, and for six Wednesday evenings I will offer once again the healing prayer class based upon the book, Stretch Out Your Hand, Exploring Healing Prayer. This book is a classic and a well thought through resource on healing prayer. The topics addressed are: frequently asked questions about healing, praying for the person God is calling me to be, praying for another's healing, praying for institutions, and the Church as a healing community. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. and often ends around 9:00 p.m. Finally, for those of you who

have a heart for the poor and disenfranchised, I am hoping that you will attend a series of workshops with me. Beginning **Tuesday, September 20**, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Bethel International UMC, (formerly Bethel United Methodist Church) the first workshop is called "Building Community from the Inside Out." That evening there will be a ministry fair at Bethel International UMC. Then on **Tuesday, October 4**, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at North Broadway UMC will be the workshop "Bridges Out of Poverty I." The topic of this workshop is how to build relationships with people struggling with poverty. Cost is \$10 for the book. On **Saturday, October 22**, 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Powell UMC, is the second "Bridges Out of Poverty II" workshop, "How to apply the bridges concept in your ministry setting." Cost is \$10 for lunch.

I will be attending all three of these events hoping to learn more about how we can be a part of addressing the issue and impact of poverty in our community and around the globe. If you are able to attend with me, send me an e-mail ([rschleif@linworthumc.org](mailto:rschleif@linworthumc.org)) or give me a call (614-336-8485, x213).

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## Adult Small Groups

### Bridge Club:

Contact: Byrdie Lorenz

Bridge Club will meet on **Sept. 2** at 8:00 p.m. in members homes. Call Byrdie for information.

### Building Nesters: Contacts:

Shawn & Amy Brown

We will meet this month on

**Thursday, Sept. 1** and **Sept. 15** at 6:30 p.m. Meals on Wheels will be delivered on **Saturday, Sept. 3.**

### Closer Walk Class: Contact: Janet Blocher

The Closer Walk Class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 225. We'd love to have new members join us as we kick off the new Sunday School year! On Sept. 25 the Closer Walk Class will be studying the stewardship book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, led by our clergy team. This study begins **Sunday, Sep. 25.**

### 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.

### Hand and Foot Card Club:

Contact: Jean Balsler

The group usually meets the first Friday of each month. Next meeting is **Sept. 9.** Call Jean Balsler for details.

### IMPACT Service Group (Serving Claremont Residents): Contact:

Becki Hollenbaugh

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

### Keen Adult Bible Study: Contact:

Bob Jacobson

Join them in the Fellowship Hall (room 136) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

### 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.

### Linworth Campers:

Contacts: Ian & Jean Davidson

Camping dates are: **Sept. 2 & 16**

See article on page 7 for details.

### 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. Join us on **Tuesdays, Sept. 13 & 27.**

### Mom's Study: Contact: Terese

Loudner

Mom's Group begins in September. We meet twice a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Topics are stand alone. Individuals can sign up to lead the group on a topic of their choice. It could be a short video, an article from the paper, questions from a pot, a poem or another idea. This would allow anyone to come with no planning ahead of time. Watch the bulletin for exact dates and topics. See you soon.

### MOPS (Mothers Of

#### PreSchoolers): (A Christian group

for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten) Contacts: Diane Hamilton & Maria Del Regno.

Find faith-based support and friendship with other mothers of children from infant through Kindergarten. Our meetings are on **September 12 & 26** from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Childcare provided.

### Peace in the House: Contacts:

Celeste Thomas & Cathy Lowry

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

### 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 270 shawls already have been presented to those in pain.

You don't have to knit to be involved. Call a contact to get connected.

### Stephen Ministry: Contact: Sandy

Apicella

We meet the 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays. September meetings

are **Sept. 6 & 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library and room 225.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study:

Contact: Lea Elshoff

The Thursday morning Bible Study meets each week September thru May at 10:00 a.m. in room 210. We begin anew by studying the questions in The Upper Room devotional book. Please feel free to join us.

### Women's Bible Study: Contact:

Jeanne Byers

Come, join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 in room 210 to grow spiritually with other women.

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

## Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, September 11

6:30 p.m.

"What is your 9-11?"

Sponsored by The Hearts of

## Children's News

Alisha Meacham

(ameacham@linworthumc.org)

Director of Children's Ministries,  
LUMC

### Move Up/Kick Off Sunday

**Sunday, Sept. 11** will be "Move Up/ Kick Off Sunday" for Children's Sunday School. Your child must be 4 yrs. old to move up to the preschool class. Children preschool-6th grade move up to the next class according to their grade level. If you have any questions, please contact Alisha Meacham.

### Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery, toddler/two's room, three's room, and all Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. This includes help on 5th Sundays and subs. For more details on helping, contact Alisha.

### Thank you Beth. . .

We want to thank Beth Pearson for her many years as Children's Sunday School Coordinator. Many of you know that she left her position as of August 21<sup>st</sup> to spend more time with her active family. Beth and Paul have three children, Ellen, George and Dillon and they are all involved in many sports and school activities and the traveling and attending three sets of events keeps the Pearson family on-the-go!

Beth has been involved in the children's ministry many, many years and she will be greatly missed. She has been a blessing to the staff, to Alisha during her first year among us, on Sunday mornings, during VBS and many countless hours of sacrifice and serving. The joy is that Beth says she will continue to help with events during the year and be present among us more for worship. Thank you, Beth for all that you have given to children and to the children's program at Linworth! We have been blessed!

## Welcoming and Connecting News

Brian Gath, Associate Pastor

(bgath@linworthumc.org)

Jesus knew how to be a good host. When the disciples came to Jesus encouraging him to send home the crowd of 5,000 because they were hungry, he did the opposite. He not only understood the crowd's need to be fed, he miraculously provided a meal for them. (Mark 6:30-44)

Linworth United Methodist Church is a church of loving caring followers of Christ who also know how to be good hosts. My job as Pastor of Welcoming and Connecting Ministries is to aid the congregation in organizing itself in such a way that:

- First-time guests think to themselves, "Wow! I'm impressed" by the welcome they receive.
- Returning guests and members have easily identifiable "next steps" offered to them to help them connect with others and with service.

If you are already a part of the Welcoming and Connecting Ministry (as a greeter, a group leader, or a Welcome Center staffer) I look forward to serving with you.

If you think you might be shaped to welcome our guests and help them connect with Linworth, please contact me – we have a place for you to serve.

# WELCOME

## Youth News

Seth Rowe

(srowe@linworthumc.org)

Director of Youth Ministries

### Parents Win Softball Game 3rd Year in a Row!

The annual Parent vs. Youth softball grudge match was settled August 14 when the wisdom and time-tested skill of the parents prevailed, 24-14. After being postponed two weeks in a row due to rain, the clouds parted long enough for the parents to remind the students who's in charge. About the loss, seventh grader Ellie Darby said, "It's not about winning or losing but having fun playing with our parents and friends." Freshman Mara Kilgore doesn't see it in quite the same way. Despite her dad's victory, Mara assures us, "My dad's a loser at heart!" Although Mara's words may seem harsh, no one at the game would blame her after seeing her father, Jim Kilgore, running around the bases, giggling with glee and taking advantage of overthrows and the indecision of the other team. Despite the lopsided victory, an equal amount of fun was had by all!



Grant, Lindsey, and Justin enjoying the post-game celebration.



## Linworth Children's Center

www.linworthcc.org

Spots still available in...

- ⇒ Full Day Kindergarten
- ⇒ Full Day Program
- ⇒ Part Day Program

Call 614-336-9559 for a tour or more information.

## Safety Fact of the Month Do You Know the Answer?

It is YES! We do have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) unit in the building (thank you First Aid Kit Team). Please make sure you know the location of this device should you ever need to use it (find it in the lobby area near the main hallway). A brief demo will be playing in the lobby near the AED unit to help familiarize you with the ease of its use. Training will be offered for CPR and AED use this fall. Watch for more information.

### Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Did you know some churches in the district are getting involved in Job Creation? At Community Ministries we have a Job Creation Task force and we have launched a 5 week class on starting a small business--led by David Cofer at Church for All People. One church is working on starting a lawn care business, another a jewelry business and another a backyard gardening business! If you are interested in exploring social enterprise, creating a business plan and starting a small business, contact Beth Weisbrod (bethweisbrod@WOCUMC.org) or Deborah Archie (darchie@4allpeople.net) or come to our Community Ministry Festival **Tuesday, Sept. 20** and get more info there! This is a great way to help provide a hand up to people struggling to find employment in our communities!

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

Our meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 27** at 11:30 a.m. is our TAILGATE PARTY. We are striving to have all your favorite school colors represented--also if desired, wear your school colors for a festive RAH RAH DAY. Our tailgate luncheon (served indoors) is brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. All this for only \$6.00 each. Program pending. More publicity when finalized. Come along for a fun filled afternoon.

Mission donations: \$200.00 for a Kitchen Staff purchase for knives. \$500.00, a Vacation Bible School gift. \$1500.00 Linworthys financial support of the Laos Mission Project for steps. Linworthys you made this all possible. Thanks to all.

Note: Mark your calendars. **Tuesday, October 25**, for our **MYSTERY TRIP**. Details in process, we are told that this is a great trip--publicity forthcoming. Destination as always ????????

## Short Term Mission Projects New Mission Weekend Opportunities

- Saturday, Sept. 24**, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Rahab's Hideway;
- Saturday, Oct. 1**, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Salvation Army Carnival;
- Saturday, Oct. 29**, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Habitat for Humanity Restore;
- Saturday, Nov. 5**, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Community Kitchen;
- Saturday, Nov. 12**, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Awaken the City, Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati;
- Saturday, May 12**, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Good Works, Inc., Akron.

If you are interested in any of these one-day mission experiences, call Esther Hunter.



## Social Concerns

Contact: Esther  
Hunter

## Get Involved with Social Concerns

\* The Open Shelter Meal will be prepared beginning at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**

in the church kitchen. If you can help contact Roy & Arlean Sudhoff.

\* The Rebecca's House meal will be prepared at 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, Sept. 13** in the church kitchen. Call Roy & Arlean Sudhoff if you need information. If you would like to help serve the meal, contact Celeste Thomas.

\* The next Brunch Bunch will be **Sunday, Sept. 25** Come and join us for the food, fellowship and fun from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Remember to invite someone new to sit with you!

\* **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on **Saturday, Sept. 17** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please sign up to donate blood, volunteer for refreshments or work at the registration desk.

## Bridges Out Of Poverty Sessions I & II

On **Tuesday, October 4** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at North Broadway UMC. The session, "How to build relationships with people struggling with poverty," will be led by Rev. Lou Seipel. Cost is \$10 for the book. Pay at the door.

On **Saturday, October 22** from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Powell UMC, Bridges Out Of Poverty II, entitled "How to apply Bridges concepts in your ministry setting," will again be led by Rev. Lou Seipel. Prerequisite: Bridges I. Cost is \$10 for lunch.

For additional information on these two worthwhile sessions, contact Esther Hunter.



**Contact:**  
**Angela Pucher**  
 linworthfusion@gmail.com

**A Group for**

**Young Adults**

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

We are a community of Young Adults encouraging one another to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, living out our faith by serving others with the love of Jesus Christ. Contact Angela at (linworthfusion@gmail.com).



**Stephen Ministers Are There to Care**

Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time?

Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, talk with Sandy Apicella, Janet Enck, or Cheryn Houston. Our Stephen Ministers are "there to care."



**The Following Note Was Received:**

*"Building Nesters & LUMC Family—hugs and prayers for all your love, support & encouragement in our*

*transition to Florida—the Schwanzl's."*



**Membership News:**

**Births:**

- George Steven Min, son of Stephen & Sarah Min; Grandparents are Chuck & Linda Kemp;
- Wesley Daniel Smejkal, son of Mike & Kimberly Smejkal, brother of Amelia & Bradley.



**UMW Women's Ministries**

**Mission Board Meeting**

Contact: Sue Gabel  
 First Monday of every month. Because of Labor Day the next meeting is **Sept. 12** at 7:00 p.m.

**Evening Circle**

Contacts: Linda Higgins & Sue Bowen  
 Meets the third Monday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m. On **Sept. 19** we'll have a combined meeting with the Fellowship Day Circle for a sing-along with Norma Hoag and Julie Slonecker.

**Fellowship Day Circle**

Contacts: Nancy Zimmerman & Mary Lynn Jacobson  
 Normally meets the second Tuesday of every month at the church, 9:30 a.m., but on **Sept. 19** we'll have a combined meeting with the Evening Circle at 7:00 p.m. for a sing-along with Norma Hoag and Julie Slonecker.

**MOPS**

Contacts: Diane Hamilton & Maria Del Regno  
 Meet on **Mondays, Sept. 12 & 26**. MOPS is a faith-based group for women with children from birth through Kindergarten, who meet twice a month (Sept.-May) for support, friendship and growth as parents. Moms do not need to attend Linworth (or any church) to participate. This year we'll explore "Mom-Sense," embracing the unique parenting skills God gave us for our specific children! During meetings, kids can attend MOPPETS childcare.

**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 **Sept. 30** at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen.

**Mission Project Help**

During the month of September we are collecting AAA & D size batteries and bedding articles 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 cupboard opposite the Church Office, or they may be brought to any Circle or Board meeting. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**School Supply Mission Report - 2011**

Total number of children/youth who shopped = 88  
 15 - High Schoolers  
 14 - Middle Schoolers  
 56 - Elementary  
 3 - Preschool

Total Number of Volunteers who helped = 9 members/2 staff.

A BIG THANK YOU to Stonehenge Partners and Kathy Bell for "lots" of dry erase markers.





## Linking Linworth With Laos

### Hunger in the Local Community

Most of us go about our daily lives in pretty good shape despite reading the daunting statistics of unemployment, mortgage foreclosures, and stock market crashes. We think of the poor as those bedraggled multitudes that we often feed when it's our turn to feed people at New Life or South Side Settlement House. Yet there is growing hunger in our local community. A review of recent data from NNEMAP and the Worthington Food Pantry speaks to this exploding need in our community. NNEMAP has had a consistent 10-15% increase month over month and year over year for the last three or four years. In June, NNEMAP served 2,190 family members. This is a 33% increase over the same month last year. The Worthington Food Pantry has grown from 259 family members served in July 2010 to 879 family members served in June 2011. It is providing five times as much food in June of 2011 as it did in July of 2011—from 4,185 lbs. of food to 15,352 lbs. of food. These increasing numbers put increasing pressure on the food pantries to meet the needs of the hungry in north Columbus and Worthington. NNEMAP was able to take advantage of grants to purchase much needed freezer and refrigeration equipment. It also was the recipient of a grant from Impact Community Action that paid for food for several months. Even with the grant, items are needed.

#### Needed Items include:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- boxed potato dishes
- condensed, chunky soups, cream soups
- meats like chili, Vienna Sausage, tuna, salmon
- peanut butter
- Pop Tarts
- dry cereal, grains, beans (like oatmeal, corn meal, flour, dry beans, rice)
- pancake mix, bread mixes, brownie mixes and crackers

Special Items include: sugar, detergent, hygiene items, baby food/formula, diapers, Jell-O/pudding, dog/cat food

You can donate the much needed food items to the NNEMAP Pantry or Worthington Food Pantry by contacting Esther Hunter.

NNEMAP(Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program) is a cooperative ministry of over 30 churches distributing food and material assistance to needy residents of the near north side of Columbus. For more information click on <http://www.nnemappantry.org/>

The Worthington Food Pantry distributes food and personal items to individuals or families in need within the Worthington area. It provides information on educational resources, authorized sources and referral information. For more information click on <http://www.worthingtonfoodpantry.org/>

#### **Linking Linworth with Laos Ministry**

Thanks to Linworthys: This last month the Laos ministry received a \$1500 donation from the Linworthys to complete the funds needed for the second stairway and to provide funds for pastors' salaries in Laos.

**Scholarship Funds Raised:** The Vacation Bible School Raised over \$1700 for scholarships for children in Laos so that they can attend school. Our missionary in Laos describes the need for those scholarships: "There are many Lao children who are from poor families who could not support their children to go to school, pay the entrance registration fees, buy school uniform, and buy school supplies. Many children live far away from the school and they do not have means of transportation, so they walk to the school very early in the morning for an hour or more to attend school. Some have to climb hills barefoot, as they do not have money to buy slippers. Because they lack study materials such as notebooks and pens, and have to walk so far, and have to help their parents first in the household chores before going to school, many children do not pursue their studies. But generally, there is a strong desire to go to school and study. Thus, paying for their registration fee and basic school supplies will make a difference in the lives of the Lao children."

#### **Annual Conference for Laos Set:**

From September 30 to October 2, 2011 Bishop Ough will host the first Annual Conference for Laos. He will convene the Conference in Thailand just across the border from Laos. This is an exciting development in the Life of the Laotian Methodist Church. A delegation from Linworth also expects to attend the Annual Conference and then visit the villages where we are constructing stairways and supporting pastor salaries. Upon his return from the Annual Conference the Bishop will meet with the Linking Laos and Linworth Team on **November 14** to discuss the next steps to supporting the Laos mission.

**Pens Now Available:** Many people gave over \$100 for Laos projects. Those who did are eligible to receive a engraved hickory pen turned by Chuck Kemp. Contact Cheryl Helenberger in the church office to receive your pen.

#### **Wings of the Morning Fund Raiser by Capitol Area North District**

Wings of the Morning is an aviation ministry of The United Methodist Church in the North Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Wings of the Morning provides access to remote areas across the region to deliver medical supplies, Bibles, pastors, and mission teams, as well as evacuation of critically ill and injured villagers.

The West Ohio Conference has committed to join with our brothers and sisters in North Katanga to raise the funds necessary to purchase a refurbished Cessna Grand Caravan to replace the aircraft currently in use. On Sunday, **September 25, 2011**, at 5:00 p.m. The Capitol Area North District invites you to join Chris Spielman for an evening of food, entertainment, live and silent auctions at the Columbus Zoo to support the Wings of the Morning Caravan Campaign. The cost to sponsor a table (for 8) is \$500. Individual tickets are \$75, couples \$100. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider making a financial contribution. To purchase tickets for the event, contact The Capitol Area North District Office (614) 222-0602 or [capitolareanorth@wocumc.org](mailto:capitolareanorth@wocumc.org).

**From the Stewardship Committee  
Scott Saffell, Chair**

As the summer winds to a close and vacation season is almost over, it is time to again turn our attention to the spiritual health of our church, as well as our own spiritual health. There are many exciting events coming over the next few months that we hope you will prayerfully consider being an active participant in...and we would like to highlight two of them for you.

Again this year, there are many people hosting Stewardship Gatherings in homes beginning on September 3rd and running through October 9<sup>th</sup>. There are 36 events with a variety of dates, times and formats to choose from. Many members of our congregation have graciously offered to open their homes to host dinners, desserts or teas with the objective of Creating Community within the congregation. Persons who sign up to attend a Gathering will receive their Stewardship packet at the event, however, the main focus of the event is getting to know each other a little better, sharing a bit about yourselves and your hopes for Linworth United Methodist Church and enjoy an hour or two of fellowship.

Secondly, our annual Ministry Fair is rapidly approaching. The Ministry Fair will be held over three Sundays: **September 25, October 2 and October 9** in areas all over the Church. During the Ministry Fair, many of the small groups and connectional programs will be highlighted and information made available to help you determine if you feel called to participate in them. We are holding the Ministry Fair over three Sundays due to the large number of small and connectional groups that are currently active at Linworth. The displays will stay up around the Church during the weeks of the Fair for you to peruse at your leisure. Hopefully, people will browse these displays on Sundays between worship services to meet and greet other members of the congregation.

**The Top Ten UNtruths About  
Singing In**

**The LUMC Chancel Choir**

10. You have to try out to be in the choir.
9. You have to have been a music major to even be considered "worthy."
8. The chairs in the choir loft have lumbar support and a massage feature.
7. Tom Cook regularly throws hissy-fits.
6. Expect to sing a solo at some time during the year if you're in the choir.
5. You get to wear Bermuda shorts under your robe.
4. Expect pop quizzes at any time where you must have your music memorized.
3. You must turn in a practice record every week to the director.
2. You're welcome to listen to Rev. Schuller via headset during the sermon.
1. Amy Blosser is a tyrant.

Please join the fun and fellowship and consider becoming a member of the Linworth Chancel Choir this year. The choir performs at the 8:45 service every week, occasionally at the 11:30, and at special services during Advent and Lent. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. The first rehearsal of the 2011-2012 season will be on **Sept. 8**, beginning with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you're a first-time visitor, you don't need to bring a dish to share. If you're a current member, please bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Contact Amy Blosser with questions.



**125 Years  
Linworth UMC  
Honoring the Past  
Celebrating the Present  
Shaping the Future  
1887-2012**

Save the following dates for  
Linworth's Anniversary  
Celebrations!

- ⇒ **March 4, 2012:** Church Potluck & Play (LUMC Beginnings)
- ⇒ **June 17, 2012:** Outdoor Worship and Picnic (1800's style!)
- ⇒ **September 16, 2012:** "Homecoming" Worship Service @ all 3 services



**Linworth  
Campers**

**September 2-5**

Campground, Lebanon

Hosts: Stu & Sondie Schwotzer

**September 16-18**

Buck Creek State Park

Hosts: Jim & Nancy Brown

**October 14-16**

Scenic Hills, Millersburg

Hosts: Andy & Karen Ahijevych

For general information regarding  
the LUMC Campers  
contact Ian & Jean Davidson.



**Linworth United Methodist Church**  
7070 Bent Tree Blvd.  
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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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I am hoping to have at least five persons join me to learn and to become a ministry team.

Fall is here. In the midst of your busy personal schedules, remember that the church is here to assist us, to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ and to teach us how to engage the world with a servant's heart. We are a church building deeply committed Christians who love God and neighbor!

I give thanks to God every day for the faithfulness of all of you!

Rae Lynn



*Linworth's Annual  
Community Picnic  
Sunday Sept. 18th  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
at the Church.*

*Linworth and all of its neighbors are invited to join in the fun and fellowship. Food, drink, fun, and games are all provided. Come for the whole evening or stop by at your convenience, and be sure to invite/bring a friend*

