

Welcome to
Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church
In this "holy ground" we offer hospitality to all who seek food for
the spirit and a faithful community that seeks to embody and
express God's grace.

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE: *The Communion Table*

by Michael Shea

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47):**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: The Lord chooses our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

People: **God is king over the nations, and reigns forever.**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***HYMN:** *Thine Be the Glory* #308

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more trouble by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1: 1-11

*GOSPEL: Luke 24: 44-53

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig

ANTHEM: *Blessed Are They*

by Jack Noble White

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN:** *At the Font We Start Our Journey* #2114

SERMON: "In the Mean Time"

Alicia Vanisko

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: *In the Garden*

arr. Mark Hayes

*PRESENTATION: #95

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good, and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. . . And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . . And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Our Communion today is by intinction – receive the bread and dip it in the cup. *The love offering basket is for Carpenter's Kitchen.* Approach by the center aisle & return by the side.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* #2241

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *To God Be the Glory*

arr. Edward Broughton

**Please stand as you are able*

Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
Liturgist:	Dave Miller	Carol Brain
Greeters:	Jean Warfield	Hope & Jim Doherty
Ushers:		Renny Finch, Pam Carlton

Please Pray For

* **Crystal Adams**, granddaughter of Louise and Ray Adams – JOY – who is serving in the US military, was here visiting with her family.

Jennifer Asher's Family – Please pray for strength and comfort for Jennifer and Jim, her mother, and the extended family as they mourn the death of her father.

* **Joan Brannan** – JOY – was in services with us on Sunday! She thanks you for your continued prayers.

Darlene Bouma – continued prayers as she improves.

Estelle Brown – continued strength.

The Curtis Family – journey mercies as they travel for the family gathering.

Jennifer Della'Zanna's nephew – health concerns.

Debbie Gottwals – her sister, Denise, continues to need prayer.

Sally Grantham – continues with chemo for breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Grace Hammann – is residing at Morning Side House in Ellicott City. Please keep her in your prayers.

Hank Maeser – prayers for successful on-going cancer treatment.

Jennifer Marrow – is seeking answers to personal prayer.

Margot Newcomb – recovering from surgery.

Stanley Nimo – pray for his new job.

Anthea Nwandu – continued success with her HIV clinic in Nigeria.

Susan Roth – please pray for her as she gains strength.

Mitzie Scruggs – physical health.

Rosier Strimel – is residing at Morning Side House in Ellicott City. Please keep her in your prayers.

* **Marolyn Wesloh's mother** – JOY – is doing much better. She is now eating full meals, and taking her medications on her own. Thank you for your prayers.

* **Steven and Gina Winfield** – JOY – as they celebrate the birth of their new healthy son, **Aidan James**, on Sunday April 27. Mother and son are doing fine.

Continued Prayers for our Military serving in harm's way.

(* denotes new prayer requests) A comprehensive prayer concerns list is in our WWW.

Calendar: May 4 - May 11, 2008

Sunday Holy Communion	4	Early Morning, Informal Worship Traditional Worship Service Children's Church, Youth & Adult Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Children's Church, Youth Sunday School Church Trip to Toby's Theater Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church AA LOUD Picnic M.Y.F. Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Monday	5	Prayer RHHS AP Testing Trustees	6:00 pm 7:00 am - 4:30 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	6	Bible Study RHHS AP Testing Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Meeting	6:00 am 7:00 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	7	RHHS AP Testing UMW Susanna Wesley Circle [GRm] Open Korean Baptist Church [CRm]	7:00 am - 4:30 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Thursday	8	RHHS AP Testing Beginner Bells Bells Choir	7:00 am - 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
Friday	9	RHHS AP Testing UMW Banquet AA	7:00 am - 4:30 pm 6:00 - 11:00 pm 8:30 pm
Saturday	10	No events	
Sunday	11	Early Morning, Informal Worship Traditional Worship Service Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Children & Youth Sunday School Reception for Confirmation Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church Brownie Troop # 1606 AA M.Y.F. Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 2:30 - 4:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- May 9 ~ UMW Banquet
- May 11 ~ Confirmation Sunday
- May 12 ~ Grassroots Meal & Visit
- May 17 ~ Strawberry Festival
- May 18 ~ New Member Sunday & Youth Donut Day Fundraiser
- May 30 ~ Middle School Lock-In
- May 31 ~ Habitat Sandtown Workday
- June 1 ~ Teacher & Youth Leader Appreciation Day; Youth Donut Day & Blood Drive
- June 16 ~ Guest Minister: District Superintendent Rev. Vivian McCarthy
- June 22 ~ Mission Trip Consecration
- June 26 & 27 ~ Habitat Sandtown Summer Week
- June 28 - July 6 ~ Sr. High Youth Mission Trip
- June 29 ~ Care Bear Kick Off
- July 5 - 10 ~ Middle School Youth Mission Trip
- July 13 - 17 ~ Vacation Bible School

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for coming and worshipping with us today. To learn more about LLUMC, who we are and what we do, please stop by the Information Table in the Narthex, contact the church office, or visit our web site at www.l-lumc.org.

We invite you to let us know who you are among us by signing the attendance sheet in the red booklet found at the end of the pew. You may also join us in the life of LLUMC by participating in our activities or by offering your time and talents by completing the card found in the card holder in the pew.

To find out more about our church and activities, please sign up to receive the Wednesday Weekly Witness and the pastor's Friday e-Pistle. Both arrive in your email each week. Please complete the Time & Talent card and note your request on the back. Drop all requests in the offering plate.

We hope to see you again soon.

CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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We Welcome all to Worship and to Sunday School every Sunday

CHURCH MEETINGS: Monday, May 5 – Trustees (7 pm)

INFORMATION STATION

SCRIP Gift Cards Available ~ Today, Sunday, May 4 Pick up your SCRIP "Gift Cards" ordered last week, see Don McBride in the Narthex. To date LLUMC has earned over \$3,000 in commissions.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please consider volunteering to assist with the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 17 from 11 am to 4 pm, all day or just a shift. Fill in the insert in this week's bulletin and find your "niche".

YOUTH NATIVE PLANT SALE CONTINUES The native plant sale benefiting the Youth Mission Trips will continue through May 9. Order forms are in the narthex and can be returned to the church office. Please pay for your plants when you pick them up at the Strawberry Festival (May 17). Plants are in 4 inch pots from the nursery which supplied the plants for the bank last spring, excellent plant quality and good prices. Questions, please contact Mary McBride (301) 854-0179 or mmcb7025@aol.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUN., JULY 13 – THURS., JULY 17 – TAKING REGISTRATIONS Join "Chatter" and the crew at the "Power Lab". Registration forms can be found on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteer forms are available too. See Beth Jaczun (Jaczun@verizon.net) or Alicia Vanisko (alicia@l-lumc.org) for more information. Price increases May 18TH!

ACTIVITIES

LOUD ~ FINAL PICNIC ~ Today, Sunday, May 4 – 4 – 7 pm The final event of the school year – dinner, fun and games. Don't forget to bring gently used children's books (ages pre-K to 5) to donate. Questions? Contact Lisa Feinberg (Feinberg-cootiecat@aol.com or 410-531-7672).

TICKETS ON SALE ~ UMW WOMEN'S BANQUET ~ Friday, May 9, 6:30 pm The theme this year is "Celebrating Children". Come out and join the ladies as the men do the cooking. RHHS Madrigals, OKBC Musicians & others will be performing. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, children 3 and under are free. Child care will be provided. You can purchase tickets Sunday morning, before and after services from one of the UMW Officers or at the door Friday night.

GRASSROOTS MEAL ~ Monday, May 12 – 3:00 pm Our turn to prepare the Grassroots meal has come! Please pick up a pan in the foyer and drop it off on Monday by 3:00 pm. Questions? Call Pam Kasemeyer at 410-720-0928.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ~ May 18 Anyone interested in becoming a member at LLUMC should contact Charlotte Stoughton at 410-381-9267 or casks@aol.com. We look forward to you becoming a full member here. (New Member Classes in the Fall.)

SCRAPBOOKING ~ New Dates Join us as we enjoy time together working on our albums – Tuesday, May 20 & June 3, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm and Friday, June 13, 7 – 11 pm.

BLOOD DONOR SUNDAY ~ June 1 ~ SIGN UP TODAY! Join other LLUMC members and give blood on Sunday, June 1. Sign-up sheets are available in the Foyer.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

UMW Collecting Gently Used Books, DVDs & VHS Tapes Donate those extra books, DVDs, & tapes to the UMW for sale at the Strawberry Festival. Place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Sandtown Habitat for Humanity - Changes in Workdays Join us on Saturday May 31. Meet at 7:45 am in the LLUMC parking lot. Also, we will be working on our project house during the Summer Building Week on Thur. June 26 and Fri. June 27. Registration materials are available at www.sandtownhabitat.org/sbw.htm or contact Eric Silberhorn (silberhorn@comcast.net; 410-964-2147). We need to turn in our registration forms no later than Friday, May 30, 2008. Hope to see you there!

Fisher House Support ~ Non-perishable food collection starts today Fisher House™ is "a home away from home" for families of our nation's soldiers who are receiving medical care at military and VA medical centers. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House! Your help and support is needed. Contact Chris Wertman or Steve Jaczun if you have questions.

Quality of Life Retreat ~ June 6 – 8 ~ Donations Needed LLUMC will again be participating in the retreat held at West River UMC Camp. These retreats are for persons living with HIV/AIDS. We will be providing fresh fruit, juices, snack-packs, brownies, cookies and more. Sign-up sheets are available on the Info Table. For further information contact Loretta Anders. [410-531-2026 or lfanders@comcast.net]

Grassroots Shelter needs Start-up Supplies The new expanded Grassroots Shelter will be opening in the middle of May. There are a number of items that they need to equip the resident's rooms, 30 twin sheet sets (plain color) with pillowcases, 30 pillows and pillow covers, 30 bath and hand towel sets, and 45 bulletin boards (18" x 24"). All items should be new, not used. A box will be placed in the narthex to gather donations. Questions – contact Pam Kasemeyer. [410-720-0928 or pmetz@schwartzmetz.com]