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Welcome



July 20, 2008

Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church

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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.

Order of Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: Meditation on *Showalter* arr. Ben Logan

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WORDS OF GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 139)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts; and lead me in the way everlasting.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***HYMN:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #404

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 28: 10-19

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 13: 24-30

CHILDREN'S SERMON: VBS – Finding the Power of God Beth Jaczun
VBS Children & Youth

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Lord is My Sheperd* Cathy Stach, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206

SERMON: "It's Always Too Early to Quit" Steward Frazier
(From the Book of James)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

OFFERTORY: *Our Great Savior* arr. Bob Krogstad

***PRESENTATION:** #94

***CLOSING HYMN:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Praising the Almighty* by Edward Broughton

**Please stand as you are able*

Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
Liturgist:	Jennifer Della'Zanna	Kaye Simmons
Preaching:	Steward Frazier	Steward Frazier
Music:	Dave Foley Cathy Stach	Dave Foley Cathy Stach
Ushers:	Pelletier Family	Emilie & Jim Sanborn
Hospitality:	Becky Joyner	Sandy Kleinberger

Please Pray For

- **JOY – Mary McBride's ankle is much improved. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern.**
- **JOY – Sara Tung & Ian Howard have returned happy and safely from their backpacking trip to New Mexico.**

Joan Brannan – Continued prayers for strength and health.

Darlene Bouma – continued prayers as she improves.

Carol Brain – working with the recovery of the Mid-west flooding.

Estelle Brown – continued strength.

Beverly Conroy – recovering from thyroid surgery. Please keep her in prayer.

Kassie Coulson – recovering from ACL surgery.

* **Hallie & Lexi Goldberg** – are in Ocean City this week with their dance teams for their final performances. Prayers for safety, health, and positive reinforcement for all their hard work this year.

* **Meg Goldberg** – her father who has been with her the last month left to spend the rest of the summer with her brothers. Attempts to help her father make the transition to his next stage of care are not going smoothly. Please keep her and her family in prayer as they make these difficult changes.

* **Debbie Gottwall's grandmother** – has moved back to her apartment but is still having breathing difficulties and needs continued prayers for healing.

Sally Grantham – Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Grace Hammann – continued prayers for health.

Karen Lowrey & Family – Bill Cater, her father passed away. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Jennifer Marrow – is seeking answers to personal prayer.

Mary McBride – is healing from a very sprained ankle.

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

Rev. Bryant's family in Iowa – they have suffered major losses of crops during the storms. Prayers for farm and crops as they move forward.

Charlotte Reeder-Shaw – a former member of LLUMC has died. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Susan Roth – is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Mitzie Scruggs – continued prayers for health.

Gloria Simpson – please keep her in prayer.

Charlotte Stoughton's son Parks – has been diagnosed with a rare auto immune disorder requiring chemotherapy. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues with chemo. Also Charlotte's

Granddaughter, Mia – a 3 year old, who fell this week and broke her leg. She will be in a full leg cast for 4 weeks.

- Available resources for those who struggle with emotional health.
- Families traveling this summer – please pray for safe travel.
- Please pray for quick resolution to the California wild fires and for the families in their path.
- Prayers for all people suffering from natural events – floods, storms, and earthquakes.
- Continued Prayers for our Military serving in harm's way.

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

Calendar: July 20 - July 27, 2008

Sunday	20	Early Morning, Informal Worship Traditional Worship Service Pre-K & Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Pre-K Sunday School Venture Scouts [FH] Open Korean Baptist Church AA	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm
Monday	21	Prayer Group Finance	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
Tuesday	22	Bible Study Venture Scouts Roundtable	6:00 am 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	23	Church Picnic Open Korean Baptist Church [CRm]	6:00 - 8:30 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Thursday	24	Clarksville Kindergarten Gathering 4H Dayton	6:30 - 8:30 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday	25	Quilters AA	9:00 am - Noon 8:30 pm
Saturday	26	Sandtown Habitat Work Day	7:45 am
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Rev.
Bryant
Preaching

Please remember to fill out the **Attendance Books** on **Sundays** during services. We ask that you continue to submit prayer concerns and joys with the **Prayer Cards** and volunteer to help on the **Time & Talent Cards**. The office uses these resources on a daily basis. Thank you.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are placed by
Charlotte Stoughton in appreciation of
God's blessing for her family.

THANK YOU

Paul greeted the Philippian Church, the church known for its brotherly love, in a way that best expresses my heart toward you, my LLUMC family: *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ..."* it was indeed my great pleasure to serve with you over the past two years. For me, it was a rich time of fellowship, and learning -- a gift given to me from our Lord for which I am truly grateful! Leaving is a sweet sorrow, made far more palatable by your many expressions of love, appreciation, encouragement and prayerful concern for my future. Each time I look at my picture of the church, use my *Treasury of Christian Prayer* or take a walk in my personal labyrinth, I will lovingly think of each one of you. Thank you again for making the past two years one of the most meaningful seasons of my life.

I also thank you for your consistent prayers for my future. I pleased to announce that on September 2, 2008, I will be joining the team of chaplains at Goodwin House, a senior housing facility in Falls Church Virginia. Thanks again for your continued encouragement and prayers.

Rev. Laurice

We Welcome all to Worship every Sunday

INFORMATION STATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ Now Studying the Book of James ~ Sundays – 9:00 am – Pre-School Room Everyone is welcome and can join in at any time. Contact Jeff Hartz at 443-864-6328.

LINK EDITORIAL DUE ~ Monday, August 4 Please submit articles and pictures to Meg in the Church office. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES

LLUMC SUMMER PICNIC ~ Fun for Everyone! ~ THIS WEDNESDAY, July 23 – 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Join the UM Men for hotdogs or hamburgers at their annual church picnic. Its mid-summer and time to get out and see friends you may not have seen in a while. Enjoy a game of horseshoes or kick back and enjoy a cold glass of lemonade. Come rain or shine! Please bring a side or dessert to share! Contact Matt Kennedy (443-535-0024) if you'd like to assist.

UMW Book Group ~ Monday, July 21 – 6:00 pm The meeting will held at Peking Chefs in Hickory Ridge Village Center. The book for July is *A Sweetness of the Soul* by Jane Kirkpatrick, a novel dealing with the history of Oregon. All women are invited.

SANDTOWN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY ~ Saturday, July 26 – 7:45 am Our monthly work day is coming up next week! We gather at 7:45 am in the LLUMC parking lot. New helpers are welcome. Contact Eric Silberhorn (410-964-2147) or Mike Gross (410-531-3086).

SUMMER SCRAPBOOKING SOCIAL ~ August 1 & 2 Take a break from the heat and head inside to the Great Room for a day and a night of cropping, photo sorting, and putting vacation memories into albums. This no-frills workshop will allow you dedicated time to have some fun, share laughs and say hello to friends you haven't seen in a while. Come for Friday night (7-11pm), Saturday (9-5:30) or both. Pre-registration is needed. Contact Meg in the church office for more details (410-531-5653 / lumc@l-lumc.org).

TUESDAY MORNING SCRAPBOOKING ~ August 5 & September 9 – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

HAM & OYSTER PLANNING MEETING ~ Wednesday, August 6 – 7:00 pm All interested members are invited to attend this planning meeting. If you have questions or cannot attend, please contact Carole Silberhorn at 410-964-2147 or silberhorn@comcast.net.

ROAD CLEAN UP ~ Saturday, August 9 – 8:00 am Good planets are hard to find! Help keep ours healthy and beautiful – join our summer road clean up crew scheduled for Aug. 9. This only takes 2 hours and we will be finished before it gets hot. Wear heavy shoes – all supplies furnished. Meet in the parking lot and we will carpool. Questions? Contact Tracey Hoffman (301-854-1457).

CARE BEAR PROJECT ~ till August 17 Give a hug to a child who is hurting! We are collecting gently used and loved stuffed animals to give to the Baltimore Fire Department at the end of summer. Please leave animals in the pews. Questions? Contact Erik Brady at dreikbrady@verizon.net.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

PUPPETEERS – New & Experienced Wanted The Puppeteers will be practicing over the summer. All youth entering grades 5th to 9th are invited to participate. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Kleinberger at 410-531-5240 or mack104@msn.com and join this fun & exciting ministry.

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS! ~ Youth & Adults Would you like to celebrate your family pet? We are launching a new event just for you on October 4. If you would like to be a part of the planning team and help at the 1st Annual "Pet Parade," please contact Meg in the church office (410-531-5653 / lumc@l-lumc.org). A meeting will be scheduled at the end of July beginning of August to begin preparations.

2nd Annual PAPER DRIVE BENEFIT for Habitat for Humanity (Sandtown) Last year we received \$250 as a direct result of *your* increased paper recycling in the summer months. This year we hope to earn \$500. Bring all of your paper – our drive runs through August 31.

9am USHERS NEEDED If you attend Worship at 9, please consider welcoming our guests with a smile and bulletin. Contact Scott Pelletier (410-884-6831).

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

Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig	Pastor	boskvig@l-lumc.org
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Tom Keane	Lay Leader	(410) 531-0991

Call for Helping Hands

College Student Caring Ministry

We are looking for a group to send care packages, notes, etc. to our college students during their school year. If you have or had a college student who has received kindness, please consider assisting. Contact the Church Office.

Sunday Morning Special Music

Soloists, duets, instrumentalists, and small groups of all ages and all musical abilities are welcome to share. Contact Dave Foley - orffteacher@mac.com or 410-719-0624

Summer Altar Flower Delivery

Help the Caring Committee delivery flowers to members after Sunday services. Contact Jenny McCormick - 410-531-2839 or jenny0672@yahoo.com

Hilltop Board of Directors

Consider providing guidance to our childcare center. Meetings are held quarterly. Contact Pam Kasemeyer - 410-720-0928 or pmetz@schwartzmetz.com .

Summer Office Hours:	Monday	9:30 am – Noon
	Tuesday & Wednesday	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
	Thursday	9:30 am – Noon
	Friday	Closed

A BIG Thank You

If any of you stopped by the church this week you would have noticed we looked a little different. Our children and youth were having a blast at the Power Lab learning all about kindness, thankfulness and giving through God's greatness. Our popular Vacation Bible School was attended by upwards of 100. The full experience that each one got could not have been done without the generosity of others — from building and setting up displays, to leading a crew or running a station, taking pictures & setting up daily slide shows, or announcing the daily lesson and song. It was an incredible testament to our mission of praising and serving God and what we do at LLUMC.

Thank you to each and everyone who helped with VBS. We'd especially like to thank our volunteer leaders Beth Jaczun and Kim Kinner for a wonderful job planning and organizing our annual event.

Chikodili Agwuna
NJ Agwuna
Peggy Beidleman
Chris Bell

Erik Brady
Jennifer Brady
Cody Brightbill
Nancy Brightbill
Donna Buzard
Marty Chaloner
Jennifer Della'Zana
Teri DeVault
Clara Ennis
Lisa Feinberg
John Fisher
Stacey Fisher
Krista Geritz
Meg Goldberg
Kelly Gregory
Michael Gregory
Nancy Gregory
Kim Gross
Matt Gross
Mike Gross

Kerry Hannan
Vielsa Harding
Jeff Hartz
Sandy Hartz
Chip Hinde
Michele Hinde
Sara Hipp
Kelly Hogenson
Tracey Hoffman
Ken Horne
Donna Howard
Christopher Jaczun
Steve Jaczun
Cindy Jones
Lindsey Jones
Peter Jones
Dana Keane
Sophie Keane
Jamie Kennedy
Jen Kennedy
Melissa Kephart
Pegah Maleki
Allison Morton
Melissa Morton

Allison Parker
Robin Parker
Stephanie Rovnan
Karen Seybold
Linda Shaw
Carole Silberhorn
Eric Silberhorn
Carl Sink
Jaclyn Sink
Tricia Sisney
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Peter Tung
Sharon Upchurch

