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Welcome



July 27, 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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WORDS OF GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Adapted from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known the
deeds of God among the peoples.

People: **Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all the wonderful
things the Lord has done.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek the Lord's presence
continually.

People: **Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles,
and the judgments that the Lord has uttered.**

Leader: God is mindful of the covenant forever, of the word that the Lord
has commanded, for a thousand generations.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*HYMN: *Praise Our God Above* #2061

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

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 troubled
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: Romans 8: 26-39

*GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *St. Anthony's Chorale*

Alaina Feinberg, piano soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: *Seek Ye First* #405

SERMON: "It's Totally Like That"

Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION: #94

*CLOSING HYMN: *Hope of the World* #178

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*

Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
Liturgist:	Kristin Fichtel	Kristin Fichtel
Music:	Dave Foley Alaina Feinberg	Dave Foley Alaina Feinberg
Ushers:		Tim & Michele Woods
Hospitality:	Sandy & Jeff Hartz	Jackie Donovan

Please Pray For

- JOY – Emilie Sanborn, Gloria Simpson & Marty Chaloner who attended UMW School of Missions this past week .
- JOY – Birth of Grant Nicholas Burdick, grandson of Bruce & Gay Burdick on July 11 in Columbia, SC. Grant, parents and grandparents are all doing well.

Joan Brannan – continued prayers for strength and health.

Darlene Bouma – continued prayers as she improves.

Carol Brain – deployed to assist in recovery from the flooding in the mid-west.

Estelle Brown – continued strength.

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

Tina Fulton's grandmother, Hilda Schwartz – is recovering slowly from a serious car accident.

Please keep her and the family in prayer.

Meg Goldberg – attempts to help her father make the transition to his next stage of care are not going smoothly. He is now visiting Meg's brothers. Please pray for the family.

Debbie Gottwal's sister, Denise – continues to need prayer.

Debbie Gottwal's grandmother, Mary O'Driscoll – has moved back into 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.

Kerry Hannan's father, Don – was recently diagnosed with a melanoma skin cancer.

* Todd Loudin's brother, Dale – has bile duct cancer. Please keep him in prayer.

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

Jennifer Marrow – is seeking answers to personal prayer.

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

Bryant Oskvig's ailing grandfather, Melvin – is in the hospital and gravely ill.

Susan Roth – had knee replacement surgery, is doing well.

Mitzie Scruggs – continued prayers for health.

Gloria Simpson – please keep her in prayer.

Charlotte Stoughton's Granddaughter, Mia – a 3 year old, who has broken her leg and will be in a full leg cast for 4 weeks.

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

* Charlotte Stoughton's former husband, father of her sons – is gravely ill. Please pray for the family.

* Charlotte Stoughton's daughter, Cayle – is having medical problems. Please pray for healing.

- Families traveling this summer – please pray for safe travel.
- 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 27 - Aug. 3, 2008

Sunday	27	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	28	Prayer Group Church Council	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	29	Bible Study	6:00 am
Wednesday	30	Climate Change Film Open Korean Baptist Church [CRm]	7:00 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Thursday	31	Open Korean Baptist Prayer Meeting	10:00 am - Noon
Friday	1	Scrapbooking AA	7:00 - 11:00 pm 8:30 pm
Saturday	2	Scrapbooking Cub Scout Car Wash	9:00 am - 5:30 pm 1:00 - 4:00 pm
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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.



The flowers on the altar celebrate
the joys of summer - more time to
share with family and friends.

UMCOR ~ Urgent Appeal for Flood Buckets

With all the flooding happening in the Midwest and hurricane season approaching, UMCOR is in great need of flood buckets. In the past six weeks, 6,624 flood buckets were shipped to emergencies around the country, and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La., is almost out. Congregations and individuals are urged to send completed buckets, bulk materials or a contribution to purchase supplies. To purchase items for each bucket requires \$45. Checks can be mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Write "UMCOR Advance 901440, UMCOR Material Resources" on the memo line of your check. Online gifts can be made at www.givetomission.org. One hundred percent of every donation goes to support recovery efforts. For instructions, go to: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/>.

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

SCRIP Gift/Shopping Cards ~ Sunday July 27 These popular cards are being sold today by Don McBride in the Narthex. Remember, LLUMC receives a commission on each card you purchase, and you receive the full face value. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup next Sunday.

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP VIEWING FILM ~ Wednesday July 30 – 7 pm All are invited to see *Who Killed the Electric Car*. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Andy Hogenson (andrew.hogenson@navy.mil or 410-531-7999).

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 / llumc@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.

FAMILY POOL & PIZZA PARTY ~ Wednesday, August 20 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm All LLUMC families are invited to join us at the River Hill Pool for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Jane Marlatt (410-531-1251 or bunchofmariatts@hotmail.com) or Carole White (410-531-7740 or cwhite836@comcast.net).

UMW Book Group ~ Tuesday, September 2 – 6:00 pm The September meeting will be held at La Fiesta restaurant on Center Park Drive. The three selections are: *The Shack* by William Young, *Ordinary Heroes* by Scot Turow and *Resistance* by Anita Shreve. All women are invited.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Cub Scout Car Wash ~ LLUMC Parking Lot – Saturday, August 2 – 1:00-4:00 pm Pack 720 will be set up and washing cars in our parking lot. Come, get your car spruced up, and support scouts. All car washes will be done by donation only.

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 / llumc@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.

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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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

Ushers for the 9 am Service

Volunteer to assist in Worship by being an Usher. Contact Scott Pelletier - srpellet@verizon.net or 410-884-6831

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