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# Welcome



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**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.

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# Order of Worship

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: *He is Exalted* by Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN SING

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BEARS [10:30 service] – see prayer below

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45: 1-15

\*GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 10-28

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 Service) Cooper Edward Schmidt

Parents: Edward & Tami Schmidt

Grandparents: Renny Finch & Judy Finch (deceased)

Edward & Martha Schmidt

PROMISE OF THE PARENTS

BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISM

PLEDGE OF THE PEOPLE:

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Joseph Paul, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #526

SERMON: "Unexpected Places" Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

OFFERTORY: *Doxology*

by Mark Hayes

\*PRESENTATION: #94

## BLESSING OF THE BEARS [9:00 service]

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts of comfort to you. We ask that you follow these stuffed animals with your blessing that the children who receive them may be consoled in their suffering, find courage when they are afraid, strength when they are feeling weak, hope when they are feeling lost, and companionship when they are feeling alone. Allow these animals to offer peace and comfort in the midst of chaos and tragedy and be a physical experience of our prayers for those who receive these gifts. We ask this by the power of the Holy Spirit as we pray for the safety of those who deliver these animals in the midst of their service to our community, in the name of our comforter, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN:

*Together We Serve* #2175

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Welcome to the King*

by Garrett Parker

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
Liturgist:	Dave Miller	Tyler Hannan
Ushers:	Peter & Cindy Jones	Ginger Tuhulski & Charlotte Stoughton

## Please Pray For

- \* JOY – Stephanie, daughter of Greg & Cindy Ault – has passed her Registered Nurse licensing exam and started her new job at Baptist Hospital in South Miami in the post-op unit.
  - \* JOY - John Bouma III, Darlene Bouma's grandson – recovering well from surgery.
  - \* Ed Beaver, grandfather of Cathy Ormond – had a stroke. He was the care giver for her grandmother. Please pray for the family.
  - Joan Brannan – continued prayers for strength and health.
  - Darlene Bouma – continued prayers as she improves.
  - \* Ken Bouma – will have surgery.
  - 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.
  - \* Cowans family, friend of John Hartung – they are mourning the death of their 16 year old son, Max.
  - \* Joel, brother-in-law of Jim Doherty – has congestive heart failure.
  - Meg Goldberg – Her father is in rehabilitation. Prayers for continued strength for him and the family.
  - Grace Hammann – continued prayers for health.
  - \* Norma Hershey's grandmother – please keep in prayer.
  - \* Leanne Himmler, Devon Oskvig's college roommate – died suddenly of a brain aneurism. Prayers of comfort for family and friends.
  - Donna & Chad Howard family – Chad left for Iraq for a year as part of the State Department on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in prayer.
  - \* Rose LeRoy's Mom – needs our prayers.
  - 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.
  - \* Susan Roth – is home, receiving therapy for her knee and has asked for prayer.
  - Mitzie Scruggs – continued prayers for health.
  - \* Smallwoods – request prayers for a healthy baby.
  - \* Hannah and Christopher, grand children of Charlotte Stoughton – both had medical tests this week.
  - Charlotte Stoughton's son Parks – had a surgical procedure this week. Please keep him in your prayers.
  - \* Roy Stover – has leg pain.
  - \* Mt. Vernon UMC Congregation in the Hampden area of Baltimore, recovering from the tragic church fire.
  - \* Families traveling this summer – please pray for safe travel.
  - \* Continued Prayers for our Military serving in harm's way.
- (\* denotes new prayer requests) A comprehensive prayer concerns list is in our WWW.



# INFORMATION STATION

## Church Meetings this Week:

Monday Finance (7:00 pm) & Ham & Oyster Supper (7:00 pm)  
Wednesday UM Men (6:30 pm)

**CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS! ~ Youth & Adults** Would you like to celebrate your family pet? We are launching a new event just for you on September 27. Proceeds from this fun event will benefit upcoming youth mission trips. If you would like to be a part of the planning team and help at the 1st Annual "Pet Parade," please contact the church office (410-531-5653 / llumc@l-llumc.org). A meeting will be scheduled at the end of August.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ Now Studying the Book of 1 John** Ken Horn is leading the Adult Sunday School in a study of 1 John. The group meets each Sunday during the 9:00 service in the Great Room. We invite everyone to join our study and discussion.

## ACTIVITIES

**FAMILY POOL & PIZZA PARTY ~ Wednesday, August 20 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm** All LLUMC members 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 Carole White (410-531-7740).

**ICE CREAM SUNDAY ~ Sunday, August 24** Join the LLUMC congregation and Family Ministries after the 10:30 am service for fellowship and ice cream – share your joys from the summer. Any volunteers willing to serve, please contact Jane Marlatt [410-531-1251]

**Sunday School Teacher Training ~ Sunday, August 24 – Noon – 2:00 pm** All fall teachers are welcome to join the Education Team to review the education materials for the Fall Sunday School. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Beth Jaczun [bjaczun@verizon.net or 410-531-2331].

**GRASSROOTS DINNER ~ Monday, August 25** It's our turn to prepare a hot meal for the clients at the local homeless shelter. Please grab a pan or bake some brownies and leave them in the kitchen by 3:00 pm on August 25. NEXT DATE: September 22

**PUPPET TRAINING & PRACTICE ~ Sunday, August 31, 11:45 am** New and experienced puppeteers (youth in grades 5 through 9) are welcome to join us for our next rehearsal to prepare for our first performance in September. It follows the 10:30 service on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Want to participate? Contact Sandy Kleinberger at 410-531-5240.

**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 Scott Turow and *Resistance* by Anita Shreve. All women are invited.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**PAPER DRIVE BENEFIT for Habitat for Humanity (Sandtown)** Get rid of all the fall catalogs you've been receiving lately and aid our Habitat for Humanity Sandtown project! Dump catalogs, magazines, phone books, newspapers, and shredded paper (in plastic bags) in our green & yellow bin! Tell your friends and neighbors too! Your support helps a family ready their home for occupancy.

### **JOIN a CHOIR, PRACTICE on Thursday and CELEBRATE in WORSHIP on Sunday**

- 5:00 pm ~ **Children's Choir** ~ children in grades 1-5 ~ rehearsals start September 4
- 5:30 pm ~ **Junior Bell Choir** ~ children in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 ~ rehearsals start on September 4
- 6:15 pm ~ **Hilltop Bells** ~ youth & adults, 7th grade or older ~ rehearsals start on September 4
- 7:30 pm ~ **Adult Choir** ~ youth and adults, 6th grade or older ~ rehearsals start on August 28

Please email Dave Foley at [orffteacher@mac.com](mailto:orffteacher@mac.com) or call 443-538-1698 if you have questions regarding any of the choirs. Come, sing, ring in celebration of your faith.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE**

Please pick up your financial statements from January 1 – June 30, 2008 from the box in the Narthex. They are in alphabetical order. If you have any questions, contact Steve LaFountain at 410-480-0408 or [smlaf@comcast.net](mailto:smlaf@comcast.net). Thank you.

# 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](http://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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jenny0672@yahoo.com)

### CRAFTY HANDS NEEDED – Puppets Need Repair

The puppets are back! Let's get them ready for their first performance. Do you sew? Can you glue some eyes on? How about fixing yarn hair? Great! Please contact Sandy Kleinberger at 410-531-5240 or [mack104@msn.com](mailto:mack104@msn.com) and help us get them performance ready!

**Summer  
Office  
Hours:**

**Monday  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday**

**9:30 am – Noon  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm  
9:30 am – Noon  
Closed**