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Welcome



February 1, 2009
4th Sunday after Epiphany

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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.

Service with Holy Communion

PRELUDE: *How Majestic is Your Name* arr. Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WORDS OF GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 111)**

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**
Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and the Lord's righteousness
endures forever.
People: **The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just.**
Leader: God sent redemption to all people.
People: **Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord!**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***HYMN:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #127

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O Wisdom on High, by you the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in
darkness for the godly. Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask
what you would have us do. This we pray that we may be saved from all false
choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not
stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

***GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 21-28

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM: *We Fall Down/Holy Holy Holy* arr. Phillip Kerveren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN:** *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #599

SERMON: "Learning Something New" Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: *We are an Offering*

by Dwight Liles

***PRESENTATION:** #95

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in the true person,
Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in
God. God calls us to be the Church, the Body of Christ, to celebrate Christ's presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and
risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We
are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

Thanks appropriate to the season are offered, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

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.

The thanksgiving continues with a celebration of the gift of Christ, and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The institution concludes:

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.

The present work of the Holy Spirit is invoked, and then praises for the Trinity are offered, concluding:

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. Please approach by the center aisle and return by the side. Our "Love Offering" is Human Relations Sunday.

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:** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* #557

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

by Joseph Prentiss

**Please stand as you are able*

Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
Liturgist:	Susan Mather	Ed McKay
Ushers:	The Pelletier Family	Karen Lowrey & Jackie Donovan
Hospitality:	GiGi Curtis	Sandy Kleinberger

Please Pray For

We praise God for our Joys!

Devon, Bryant & Baby Oskvig ▪ Steward Frazier ▪ Joe Brian

Healing, Strength, & Comfort Prayers for our Sick:

Betty Beam ▪ Joan Brannan ▪ Estelle Brown ▪ Kay Brown ▪ Cindi Hinson ▪ Hank Maeser ▪ Stanley Nimmo ▪ Susan Roth ▪ Mitzie Scruggs ▪ Gloria Simpson ▪

Peace & Comfort for those who have lost a Loved One:

Bob & Loretta Anders (Bob's mother & father) ▪ Grace Hammann's family ▪ * Michelle & Peter Baldwin (Peter's father Jim) ▪ * Steve & Leslie LaFountain (Steve's stepmother) ▪ * Jane & Geoff Marlatt (Jane's Mom) ▪ * Paula Stehle (father)

We ask God's Spirit of Guidance and Sustenance for:

Carol Brain ▪ The Howard family ▪ Jennifer Marrow ▪ Anthea Nwandu ▪ Steward Frazier's daughter – Maria Whitaker

Additional Prayers:

- * Mission Trips to Nigeria
- Prayers for those who have lost their home.
- Improvement in the global economy.
- Prayers for families & individuals experiencing the loss of a job and help to those looking for work.
- The safe return of the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Middle East – Prayers for the people in all the countries in the region

The prospect for and actions toward peace between Israelis and Palestinians – "God who makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth, we pray your will be done throughout the world that we may have peace."

*Denotes new prayer requests (a complete list is found in the WWW)

To have your prayers included, please fill out a prayer request found in the pew.

Church Meetings

CHURCH MEETINGS:	Mon., Feb. 2	Youth Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm
	Wed., Feb. 4	Environmental	7:00 pm
	Thurs., Feb. 5	Outreach	6:30 pm

YOUTH SCHEDULE:

Sun. Feb. 1	No UMYF or Confirmation	
Thurs., Feb. 5	Mid High Heifer Mission Trip	7:30 pm
Sun., Feb. 8	Dinner for UMYF & Confirmation	6:00 pm
	UMYF & Confirmation with Mentors	6:45 pm

ACTIVITIES

COLLEGE MINISTRY ~ Collecting funds this Sunday, February 1 There will be a basket in the hallway after services today to collect funds to purchase and mail Valentine boxed candy to our college students. Thank you.

HEART'S PLACE ~ Today, February 1 – 4:00 pm ~ Volunteers needed Pans for casseroles are available in the Foyer. Persons are also needed to go to the Shelter to help set out the meal for the guests. For more information or to volunteer, contact Gigi Curtis at 410-531-2987.

EARTH CINEMA CIRCLE ~ Tuesday, February 3 – 7 pm This week's movie: *Renewal* – which profiles eight faith-based groups as they try to be good stewards of the environment, including Muslims, Jews, & Buddhists. Snacks will be provided. Future movie dates (all Tuesdays): Feb. 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21. Sponsored by the Environmental Ministry.

WOMEN ON WEDNESDAY NEW STUDY ~ Wednesday, February 4 – 10:00 am Join us for a new study entitled, *A Life Worthy of the Gospel* with Dr. Sondra Wheeler. Feel free to bring your children. If you have questions, please contact Tracey Hoffman at 301-854-1457.

UMW Book Group ~ Thursday, February 5 – 6 pm Join us at Hickory Ridge Grill in Hickory Ridge Village Center. The books for February are *No, I don't want to join a book group* by Virginia Ironside and *19 Minutes* by Jodi Picoult.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ~ February 8 – All Services New members are invited to join next Sunday. Please contact Charlotte Stoughton at 410-381-9267 or casks@aol.com.

LOUD ~ Sunday, February 8 – 3:30 – 5:30 All 3rd through 5th graders are invited to our Winter Picnic. For information contact Donna Buzard (410-720-6116) or Robin Nikiel (410-964-6405).

PANCAKE SUPPER & BAKE SALE ~ Tuesday, February 24 – 5:00 – 7:30 pm Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake and sausage supper provided by the UM Men. Support the bake sale too. Adults - \$7 * Children 12 & Under - \$3. UM Women are asking for baked goods.

SCRAPBOOKING ~ Lucky are those who inherit family photos and memories

Tuesday, February 10 & Monday, February 23 ~ 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
RSVP & Questions to Meg in the Church office.

SCRIP Gift/Purchasing Card Orders ~ This Sunday – Between Services Gift card orders taken last Sunday will be delivered this Sunday, February 1. See Don McBride in the Foyer between services. Questions? Contact Don McBride at dmc7025@aol.com.

CONGREGATIONS CONCERNED FOR THE HOMELESS ~ Offices Destroyed by Fire

CCH Offices were destroyed by fire. Staff is temporarily housed at The Arc of Howard County. Services to homeless families continue uninterrupted. Volunteers are requested to contact CCH at 410-884-5408. January needs: beds, linens and pots and pans – see details on flier in the foyer.

EASTER FESTIVAL ~ Volunteers Needed for Saturday, April 11 Please contact Meg in the church office to volunteer. Assistance is needed with games, crafts, and eggs.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE DIALOGUE ~ Tonight – 5 – 7 pm

Please join us and bring a neighbor or friend. The sessions continue on these Sundays.

- **February 1** will view *Peace, Propaganda, and the Promised Land*, which will be hosted by Bob Krasnansky, who has been active in TV and education on Middle East issues.
- **February 8** – David Hosey, a UM intern who worked at a peace center in Palestine, will talk about the struggles for peace he observed and life among the Palestinian Christians.
- **February 15** – Living Room Dialogues – Israelis and Palestinians who live locally will speak on current issues and lead the discussion.
- **February 22** – Dr. Jerry Lawler, Professor of Psychology at the U of MD with expertise in the Middle East, will discuss the psychology of the conflict and its impact.

Calendar: Feb. 1 - Feb. 8 2009

Sunday	1	Early Morning, Informal Worship Traditional Worship Service Children's Church No Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School [Hilltop]	8:00 am 9:00 am
Services of Holy Communion		Traditional Worship Service Children's Church & Youth Sunday School Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church AA Heart's Place Israel/Palestinian Dialogue #3 No UMYF or Confirmation	10:30 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday	2	Pastor's Time Prayer Group Youth Leader's Meeting	4:00 - 6:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	3	Bible Study Church Staff In House Retreat Earth Cinema Circle [1/2 GRm]	6:00 am 9:30 am - 3:30 pm 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Wednesday	4	Women on Wednesday [FHall] Environmental [Rescheduled] Susannah Wesley Study Open Korean Baptist Church [CRm]	10:00 - 11:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Thursday	5	Children's Choir Beginner Bells Bells Outreach Choir Heifer Mission Trip Planning Mtg.	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm
Friday	6	AA	8:30 pm
Saturday	7	No Events	
Sunday	8	Early Morning, Informal Worship Traditional Worship Service Children's & Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School [Hilltop]	8:00 am 9:00 am
New Member Sunday		Traditional Worship Service Children's & Youth Sunday School New Member Reception Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church AA LOUD - Winter Picnic Israel/Palestinian Dialogue #3 UMYF & Confirmation Dinner Confirmation with Mentors UMYF	10:30 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:30 - 5:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm 6:00-6:45 pm 6:45 - 8:00 pm 6:45 - 8:00 pm

Sign up Now ~ LLUMC TALENT SHOW Friday, Feb. 13

The youth going on the Heifer Mission Trip are hosting our 5th Annual Talent Show & Dessert Bake Off next month. Join us this fun night watching songs, dance, comedy, and music (from young to the not-so young) while snacking and voting on our best desserts. To sign contact Jim LaTondre (jalaton@verizon.net) today!

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 1: Heart's Place	Mar. 14: Tables of 8
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Feb. 13: Talent Show	Apr. 4: Tables of 8
Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday	Apr. 11: Easter Festival
Feb. 13: Talent Show	Apr. 14: Carpenter's Kitchen
Feb. 24: Pancake Supper	Apr. 25: Rebuilding Together Howard County

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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 Foyer, 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 Welcome Cards 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 responding to those needs listed in the bulletin.

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. You can do that on the Welcome Card. Drop all requests in the offering plate.

We hope to see you again soon.

CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Pastor Time ~ Mondays - 4 - 6:30 pm

Do you need time with Rev. Oskvig? He's here ready to meet with you, take your call, or grab a cup of coffee on Monday afternoons. Please call ahead to schedule a time.

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