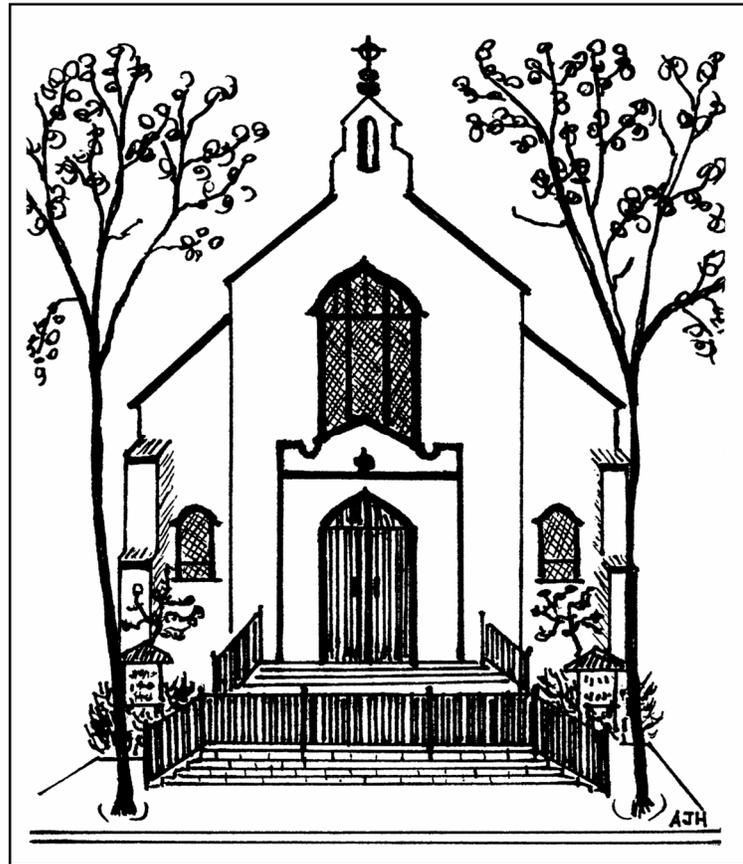


# United Methodist Church of Linden

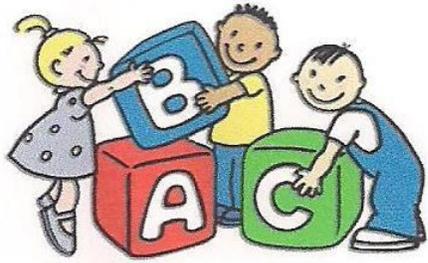


## The Monthly Messenger



*Incorporated in 1866*

Rev. Yoomi Yi, Pastor



BUILDING BLOCKS DAY CARE CENTER

During the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> our Building Blocks Day Care Center opened with some children registered. We are hoping for additional children as time passes. We had a number of parents visit us during the two open houses that were held the past few weeks and everyone admired the facilities and felt that it would be a very pleasant place for children to spend their time. Our teachers are planning to teach the children some of the things that will make attending kindergarten easier for them next year. Rev. Yi is acting director to get us started and soon a full time director will be part of our Day Care.



A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

Thanks to all who came and worked for our first Outreach event on September 26<sup>th</sup> to Linden's September to Remember. We had a table in front of our church and gave out small water bottles, children's books, bibles. and fliers about our church. Many admired the new appearance of our church building and were interested in hearing about our church. Our prayer group, Faith in Action, did a wonderful ministry of reaching out to people of the community.

Sunday church worship services have become extra special since the addition of our young children from the Sunday School. We owe it all to Megan Stamer and Jackie Valdez who are the dedicated teachers and really challenge the children. Each week Rev. Yi has a children's sermon which they all enjoy and contribute to. At the beginning of our worship they are the acolytes bringing in the lighted candles to our altar and taking them out to the world at the end of our service. This past week two of the children read short passages from the bible. It adds so much to our service and we thank Megan and Jackie for their commitment to our children and the Sunday School.



Rev. Yoomi gives a children's sermon.



Waiting for church to start.



LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

November 1, 2015 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a; JOHN 11:32-44

November 8

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-24

November 15

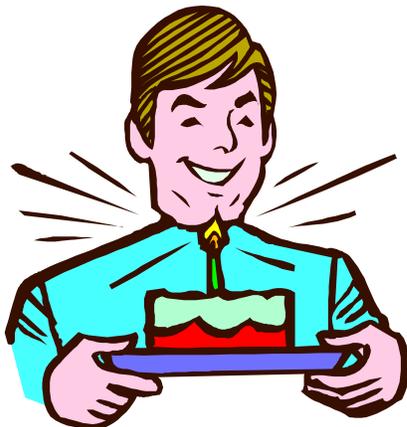
I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 1:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 10-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 22

@ Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:12  
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Kathryn Gmitter       | 2  |
| Vera Horsch           | 4  |
| Ricky Hanns           | 4  |
| Randy Horsch          | 7  |
| Roni Hanns            | 7  |
| Suzanne Lashley       | 9  |
| Aimee Gmitter Roberts | 12 |
| Cheryl Colletti       | 19 |
| Zachary Moore         | 19 |
| Pauline Agumba        | 24 |
| Kathryn Martinson     | 27 |
| Robert Moore          | 28 |

.....and many, many more!!

COMMUNION EACH MONTH

*On the first Sunday of each month, Rev. Yoomi Yi serves communion. For those people who cannot come to the altar to receive it, she will serve you in your pew. This is an important part of our worship service and we urge everyone to try and attend church especially on that Sunday. But don't forget the rest of the Sundays during the month! We look forward to seeing you every week! With the increase in our choir, our new, talented choir director, and organist, Bill Jensen, and the addition of our Sunday School, our church service is more meaningful than ever. Come and join us!*



*This picture was taken during the summer when we were meeting in Aldersgate Hall.*



CHRISTMAS CARDS IN DECEMBER

A reminder to our church members – instead of sending Christmas cards to your friends in the church, in recent years, we have encouraged you to send one card to the church that everyone will see when it is posted on our beautiful bulletin board in the rear of the church. After the holidays they are all listed in our January Messenger so if you missed seeing the cards, you will still know who sends Christmas greetings to you,

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## BITS AND PIECES

After Rev. Roger Swanson received our September Messenger I received a wonderful letter from him. Although I can't print the entire letter ( I did read it on Anniversary Sunday when we honored our 50 and 25 year members) I will quote some of it that I think you will all enjoy,

"It is always a joy to get a copy of the Linden UMC newsletter and this issue did not disappoint. There were pictures of old friends – Gertrude Baldwin, Doris Stamer, and yourself."

"I can't believe that Jayne Lamont and Jayne Zahorbenski are 50 year members, along with Walter Baldwin, Janet Modrak and Ed Burns".

"You know, I still tell stories from our Linden years. Just the other day I was telling how I was turned down by the congregation at Suffern, N. Y. The Bishop, it seems had given them 2 names – Bob Grant and me, and after interviewing both of us, chose Bob. It hurt my pride, and the next morning when my DS called to tell me the results, I told him I didn't want to move. He then told me that I was moving to where he wanted me to go in the first place – Linden! What a wonderful act of God's grace to be turned down by Suffern so that I could go to Linden."

"I tell people that a good part of my success in ministry was from lessons I learned at Linden. Those were difficult years in some ways, but I have never known a more committed group of Christian disciples than the folks at Linden. I remember so many with deep affection and none more so than you and Al, your sister, Betty, your Mom and Dad and so many others. The youth were particularly fun and challenging to be with. To see their names keep turning up in the newsletter brings me great joy."

"I wanted you to know how cherished you are by at least one former pastor—and I'm sure many others who had the good fortune to serve with the "saints" of the Linden church."

I know you will all enjoy the quotes from his letter as much as I did even those people who did not have the good fortune to meet Roger Swanson during his 5 years with us. Those were very good years in all churches at that time, and we were truly blessed with Roger, Beverly and their children!

We also had a communication from Ed Horsch who joined the church many years ago as a teenager. His grandparents (Bill and Lois Wheeler Lindlar) were neighbors of Tom and Caroline Long. Ed was a longtime member of the military and It was wonderful to hear from him. He, his wife and daughter are now living in Ohio after a very successful Military career. He works at Cintas and is trying to get adjusted to living in the country. If you remember Ed, his address is 1090 Centerspring Ave., Waynesville, Oh. 45068. We know Tom, Rob, and Ken Long will remember him. See the next page for more information and a picture of Ed and his daughter.

A few notes from Gail Martin Giuffrida in an email recently - Bill Martin, who lives in Portland, Maine, is doing fine and is working in a local hotel (he calls me just to keep in touch and see how everyone at church is doing). Glen has a new food service position at Colgate University, Jeff is now Communication Director for American Anthropological Society. His wife Bette is home from 8 years overseas with the Peace Corp and is now working on a women's issue grant from DOL. Devon is a freshman at Arizona and Tess is in her second year at the Grier School in Pennsylvania. As Gail says "When people ask how I am, I respond "upright". Better than "horizontal".

A few of us from the church were invited to the 99<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Bernice Bedrick on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Bernice was a teacher and supervisor in the Linden school system and her husband, was the school superintendent. She served many years on the Board of Directors of the Linden Free Public Library and started the Friends of the Linden Library many years ago. I will attend the first part of our Anniversary Sunday and then leave to join Bernice and her guests for the party planned by her son, Alan. Alan, by the way, played our old organ many times substituting and filling in for special occasions, and loved that old organ!



149TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
&  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 27<sup>th</sup> was a lovely day as we greeted our 50 year and 25 year members for 2015.

50 YEARS

Walter Baldwin – 6/6/65

Janet Modrak Pavlinic – 6/6/65

Edgar Burns – 12/12/65

(We were sorry that Ed Burns could not be with us)  
Walt and Janet gave each other TWO BIG hugs and the congregation gave them a huge round of applause. It brought back many memories of their years in the Methodist Youth Fellowship- 50 years ago!

25 YEARS

Kerry Abbott – 3/21/90

Vera Horsch – 27 years

(We missed having Vera with us)

We remember when Kerry joined the church and she became a very dear friend to many of us.

Doris Henel read a letter received from Rev. Roger Swanson and you will find parts of that letter on another page in this Messenger. Everyone was very moved by the letter, even those who never met Roger but could feel the love and caring for our members still here and those no longer with us. We also celebrated the day with a lovely birthday cake. Each month the committee picks a Sunday and celebrates that month's birthdays.



Walter Baldwin, Jr. & Janet Modrak Pavlinic



Janet Modrak Pavlinic

**TWO WEDDINGS ON THE SAME DATE!**

**THE DATE: August 22, 2015**

Matthew Henel, son of Bill and Sue and Jaimie Van Salisbury, daughter of AJ and John were married by a friend of Jaimie's family at the Peppadew Winery in Morganville, N. J. The whole Henel clan came from Ca., Wa., Co., Mi., N.Y. and Pa. It was a beautiful setting for the wedding, the food was delicious and they all danced the evening away! The couple left for their honeymoon in Mexico Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and returned to their new home in Brick, N. J.



Jason Schickel, son of Todd and Debbie, and Katharyn Doose, daughter of Carole & the late Dennis, were married by Jason's aunt, Carol Schickel, who is Bob Schickel's wife. Many family members from Indiana were in attendance. Along with outstanding weather, the views of lower Manhattan and the WTC Tower were great. The couple had a 2-week honeymoon in the Greek Isles and Turkey, and are residing in South Orange.



## THE LOST IS FOUND!!

We didn't find him! He found us! I received a message from Ed Horsch who joined the church when he was a youth and was good friends with Tom, Rob and Ken Long. After school he joined the military and we were able for quite a while to keep track of where he was transferred. Eventually we lost him with so many moves but never removed him from our membership because it was our policy not to remove any person serving in the armed forces.

Somehow he saw a Messenger with a picture of the Long's in it and wrote and asked if I would forward his email to them. Which, of course, I did.

Now that I have his address I will see that he receives the Messenger each month and he might find there are a number of people that he remembers. He and his wife Shelby and daughter Brynn live at 1090 Centerspring Ave., Waynesville, Ohio 45068. After a very successful Military career he is now working for Cintas and is trying to adjust to living in the country. HorschE@cintas.com



Ed Horsch & daughter, Brynn

His grandparents were Bill & Lois Wheeler Lindlar, longtime neighbors of the Long family.

Roy Wheeler and Russell Wheeler were members of our church for many years. Roy was also the Mayor of Linden, and his brother Russell was the first person from Linden killed in W. W. I and Russell Wheeler Park in Linden is named after him.

## ANOTHER WEDDING

Nichole Scott and Nicholas Jones were married on September 27, 2015 on the beach in Duck, North Carolina. Nichole is the daughter of Diane Scott and granddaughter of Lorraine and Bob Carhart. They were all a little nervous because that was the time the south was having terrible rain storms. The day before and the day after September 27<sup>th</sup> they had rain but the day of the wedding was beautiful and the wedding was lovely.

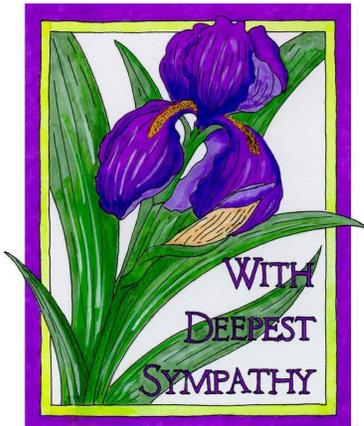
Nichole & Nicholas



The Wedding

If you have need for a piano, Ethel Steiniger has one that she is willing to give you. Just pick it up in Linden. Call her at 732-655-8006. Ethel's new address is Sunnyside Manor, 2500 Ridgewood Rd. Room 118. Wall, N.J. 07719

ALL SAINTS DAY – Nov. 1, 2015 – Flowers will be on the altar for our deceased member this past year – Ralph Horsch, Leonard Parker, Leona Parker, Norman Carhart



We were saddened to hear of the death of Norman Carhart, 80, on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Visitation was Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Werson Funeral Home, Linden. A funeral service was held at the United Methodist Church of Linden on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with entombment at the Rosedale Memorial Park in Linden. Norman was born in Linden, April 25, 1935 to Norman and Mary (Scheiderman) Carhart. He retired after 25 years as a regional store manager of A&P and then retired again after 25 years as an assemblyman for General Motors. Norman loved bowling and had many 300 games to his credit. He loved the Giants and Yankees and was a master miniature golf player. Norman loved his church and was a member for 65 years. attending Sunday School as a young child. Even when he and his wife moved to Brick, he traveled back up to Linden to attend church every Sunday. When he could no longer drive, Joyce brought him up because she knew how important that was to him. It didn't seem like Sunday until we checked the pew he always sat in, and saw him sitting there. When his health failed and he could no longer travel, he was missed so much by his church family and it hurt him that he could no longer be with us. We prayed for him every week and kept track of his health through his brother, Bob. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce, (Mesler), daughter and son-on-law, Leighanne and Christopher Hartman of Allentown, Pa. and daughter and son-in-law Lynette and John Gladdis of Clinton, N. J. Also grandchildren Nicholas, Lindsay, and Madelyn Cross and Jacob,

Michelle and Sean Gladdis and brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Lorraine Carhart of Linden. Norman was preceded in death by his son, Gregg Russell and his parents, Norman and Mary Carhart. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norman's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org) would be appreciated. We extend our deepest sympathy to Norman's wife and family. He will be missed very much by all of us!



Norman also enjoyed the food we served at the church. He and his wife were part of a large church group that traveled with us on a number of cruises. We always kidded him, because he sampled most of the food at the dinner table and then when we returned home he complained about the amount of weight he had gained!

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#### CHARGE CONFERENCE

The first of the Custer Charge Conferences for our church was held this year at the Roselle Park Community UMC. There were 9 UMC at the first session which we attended. The following attended from our church on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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|------------------|---------------|
| Rev. Yoomi Yi    | Rob Carhart   |
| Lorraine Carhart | Carolyn Franz |
| Doris Henel      | Kathy Curtin  |
| Jamilla Lashley  |               |

After an opening with music and conversations, we all went into separate rooms for our own C/C, led by separate leaders. Different but well received.



**CHURCH-WIDE HOLIDAY FAIR**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**  
**10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

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**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR !!!**

Here we go again! It's Fair time and we are asking for your help. Please join us in setting up the Fair and help us prepare for it in the months ahead.

- Bake Table – All profit. Help us and bake something special.
- New Table – Last year this table was FULL. Can we do it again?
- Donations of new items are needed.
- White Elephant items are a big draw and we usually fill the gym.
- Please leave white elephant items in the gym.

In November you will receive a telephone call asking what you can contribute to the Fair. We need new items, Christmas items, white elephant odds and ends, help waiting on tables, workers behind the tables and in the gym and help in the kitchen. We especially ask for **HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS** because there is always a great demand for this. And of course, we can always use money to help with expenses in the kitchen.

**RESERVE THE DAY! SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!**  
**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! FUN FOR EVERYONE!**  
**BRING YOUR CHILDREN!**  
**LUNCH AND SNACKS ALL DAY**

We will let you know when it gets closer to the date, when we need help to set up for the Fair. Please reserve Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have a limited number of tables available for \$20. for church members or church organizations. The cost for outsiders is \$25.00. You may keep any money you make during the day and we will not have any duplication of tables.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SLIP AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE ANY SUNDAY OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH : ATTN: CHURCH FAIR**

I CAN HELP NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> \_\_\_ I CAN HELP NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> \_\_\_ I WILL BAKE \_\_\_  
 I WILL DONATE TO KITCHEN \_\_\_ WHITE ELEPHANT \_\_\_  
 CHRISTMAS ITEMS \_\_\_ NEW ITEMS \_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

# Holiday Bazaar



Linden United Methodist Church  
321 N. Wood Avenue  
Linden, NJ  
**COME JOIN US!!**



**November 21, 2015**  
**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Something for everyone!**



**Lunch & Snacks**

**Baked Goods**

**White Elephant**

**Crafts**

**New & Nearly New  
Items**

**Holiday Spirit!**

## NOVEMBER 2015

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1<br>9:00– Choir<br>9:30-Sunday Sch.<br>10:30 –Ch. Worship<br>12:30-Saints of God   | 2<br>7-Board of Trustees | 3<br>11:30-United Methodist Women<br>7:30-Faith in Action | 4                                       | 5  | 6<br>5:30-Champion Youth  | 7<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  |
| 8<br>9:00-Choir<br>9:30-Sunday Sch.<br>10:30-Ch.Worship<br>12:30-Saints of God  | 9                        | 10<br>7:30-Faith in Action                                | 11<br><u>10 AM –<br/>CHURCH COUNCIL</u> | 12   | 13<br>5:30-Champion Youth   | 1<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  |
| 15<br>9:00-Choir<br>9:30-Sunday School<br>10:30-Ch.Worship<br>12:30-Saints of God   | 16                       | 17<br>7:30-Faith in Action                                | 18                                      | 19<br><b>MOVE TABLES INTO<br/>PLACE FOR GYM<br/>AND ALDERSGATE<br/>HALL – MEN<br/>NEEDED! – 7 PM</b> | 20<br>5:30-Champion Youth<br><b>SET UP FAIR<br/>10:00 AM AND<br/>PREPARE FOOD</b> | 21 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist<br><b>CHURCH-WIDE<br/>ANNUAL FAIR<br/>10 to 3 p.m. GYM &amp;<br/>ALDERSGATE HALL</b> |
| 22 9:00-Choir<br>9:30-Sunday School<br>10:30-Ch.Worship<br>12:30-Saints of God<br><b>INTERFAITH<br/>COMMON THANKS-<br/>GIVING WORSHIP</b> | 23                       | 24<br>7:30-Faith in Action                                | 25                                      | 26<br><u>THANKSGIVING<br/>DAY</u>  | 27<br>5:30-Champion Youth   | 28<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist   |
| 29<br>9:00-Choir<br>9:30-Sunday School<br>10:30-Ch.Worship<br>12:30-Saints of God   | 30                       |   |   |  |   |   |

**BUILDING BLOCKS DAY CARE CENTER – United Methodist Church of Linden, 321 N. Wood Ave. (next to City Hall) Monday to Friday**  
**Hours – 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Accepting registration for 2 ½ to 6 years old. Contact: Rev. Yoomi Yi - 908-486-1054**