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RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND



Starting October 4, we will be centering our time in God's Word around the theme of "Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles." This journey will take us right through the middle of December and help prepare us for Christ's Advent.

Our faith is certainly a comfort to us, but faith isn't meant only to be a comfort. Sometimes, we get too comfortable doing the same things and living the same life. If we are going to be the people that God is calling us to be then we need to be willing to take some risks for Jesus.

Faith is about taking the first step.

What should you do when you know something is God's will but you're scared to death to do it? Do it anyway. Faith is about taking the first step.

You may be thinking, "But I'm waiting for God to do something?" Has it ever occurred to you that God may be waiting on you? It will sound harsh, but how much do you want God to do for you without you doing anything? He is the author of Creation and salvation, the one who has wrapped you up in His loving arms and given you a permanent home in His Kingdom, the one who has given you the Holy Spirit — all as His gift to you. Now Jesus asks you to join Him on His mission of love and reconciliation for the world. Will you take the next step? Throughout the Bible we see this important truth: The Holy Spirit releases his power the moment you take a step of faith. When God told Joshua to cross the Jordan River, it was at a flood stage. It was only after Joshua stepped into the river, that the waters stopped flowing and the whole nation of Israel crossed on dry ground.

God waits for you to act first. Move ahead and do what God tells you to do — don't wait to feel super happy about it. In 2 Corinthians 5, the Bible says, "For our life is a matter of faith, not of sight". This is how you cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

What is God asking you to do that you haven't done yet? Take that step of *Daring Faith* today.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

COFFEE HOUR Brian & Cindy Brandt Jarrod Montague

Would you like to be the face of hospitality for our congregation on Sunday morning? Helping with coffee hour is a good way to extend loving fellowship to our worshippers. If you'd like to help or want more information, call the office at 810.735.5755

USHERS

9:00AM

10:30AM

October 4

Richard & Doris Parks
Rich & Sue Eaton

The Zysk Family

October 11

David Brownlee
Dave & Cindy Shane

The Wagner Family

October 18

Denny & Lola Manner
Sally Harris, Mary Leitkam

The Amendola Family

October 25

Donna Maidmont, Sharon
Haley, Sharon Donaldson

Cindy Shane
Christina Dugan

LITURGISTS

October 4

Wendy Mueller

Nancy Robare

October 11

Cindy Shane

Sue Chapel

October 18

Dennis Manner

Andy Zysk

October 25

Dick Honaker

Cindy Shane

COMMUNION SERVERS

October 4th

9:00am

Cindy Brandt, Rich Honaker,
Rick and Sue Eaton

10:30am

Laura Huston
and
Sharon Foster

October 18th - 2nd Service

Sue Chapel

If you would like to be a
communion server, please
contact Sue Eaton.

IN WORSHIP

If you would like to serve in
our worship services, please
contact Cindy Shane at
(810)750-8674.



A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Gracious God, I come before you to praise and adore Your Holy Name this day for the gift of _____ in Your Church Universal and here at Linden Presbyterian. I ask for your blessings upon _____ this day and in the coming year, that s/he may come to a deeper knowledge of Your love, grace, and peace in mind, heart, and spirit. In Jesus Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Oct 1 Brandon Versola

Oct 21 Kim Whisman

Oct 3 Mary Easter

Oct 4 Jill McClimans

Oct 5 James Wagner

Oct 8 Lola Manner

Oct 9 Janine Hetes

Oct 13 David Malinowski
Andy Zysk

Oct 14 Wendy Mueller
Kathy Selden
Donna Snavelly

Oct 17 Cindy Brandt
Lisa Harden

Oct 23 Ann Willett

Oct 27 Kaylee Briggs

Oct 28 Bradley Hetes
Gemma Amendola

Oct 29 Andrew Robare

Oct 31 John Whitman Jr.

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MISSIONAL CONNECTIONS

We continue to be busy on the Missional Connections team and are overwhelmed with your desire and willingness to serve your community and our God. It is a blessing to bring these opportunities to you! Here is a look at what we have going on!

Socktober is a month-long collection of (new) socks, undergarments, and blankets/pillows during the month of October. These items will be donated to the local foster care system. Oftentimes, children in foster care are moved from place to place on a moment's notice and do not have these necessary items. Let's work together to donate to this great cause and shower God's children with love and support.

Packing with Pride is another new initiative in which we are participating this year. Similar in mission to Socktober, Packing with Pride calls us to donate suitcases or luggage (can be used) to our local foster care system. As I mentioned earlier, when a child is moved from one house into another, they often only have a trash bag or grocery sack to carry their things. Donations will be picked up from our church and can be set on the mantle in the Fireside Room until pickup. Thank you for caring about the children in our community!

The **Annual Coat Drive** is coming up on November 2nd! We currently have volunteers to pick up the coats from the schools and deliver them to the church, but we would love to see you at the actual event! It takes quite a few hands to orchestrate the actual giveaway, so if you are available, we would appreciate the help! Contact Kristen Garmyn or John Whitman if you are available and interested.

Soup Supper is almost upon us! It is October 2nd this year and we still need A LOT of help! There is a sign up sheet in Whitney Hall for the numerous jobs available. If you are free, please stop in to enjoy some yummy soup or help work this successful, annual event! It is always a great evening of fellowship! Contact Kristen Garmyn or John Whitman if you have any questions or would like to volunteer and cannot make it to church to physically sign up. Thank you!

This year, we will be holding a **Fall Clothes Giveaway** during the Soup Supper. It will be held in the Family Room and all of the clothes from the Clothes Closet will be on display! This event is in lieu of the Back-to-School Clothes Drive, as we have more success with such events when there is more foot traffic in the church. If you would like to help setup or work this event, please contact the office or a member of the Missional Connections Team.

Thank you to everyone who helped pick-up and drop-off the food from Barnfest this year! It was a HUGE job and we couldn't have done it without your help! We are so blessed to receive this food for our FISH Pantry!

Thank you to everyone who served dinner at Carriage Town on Sept. 24th! Your love for service and dedication to helping those in need is an inspiration to us all!

Our first **Cereal Sunday** is coming up in November! Start collecting boxes of cereal for this event! It will greatly benefit our FISH Pantry!

Last, but not least, we have a trip to the **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan** scheduled on October 10th from 9:00-12:00pm. Fred Lewis is going on behalf of the team and we would love to take at least 9 other people! The more the merrier! For each man-hour tracked at the Food Bank, we earn credits that allow us to shop for our FISH Pantry at incredible prices. Please consider attending this trip! It is so fun and rewarding! Praise the Lord for the continued blessings we receive from this partnership with the Food Bank.

Would you like to become a member of this exciting ministry team? We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in Whitney Hall. Come share your ideas with us and join us on this miraculous journey of local, national, and international missions!

Christian Education

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us in showing our appreciation by covering Pastor Seth in prayer each and every day this month! (Feel free to let this carry on into November, too ☺)

~ October 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Walk with God May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:37, Prov. 3:5-6)	2 Passion for Scripture May he delight in Your word and meditate on it day and night. (Psalm 119:15-16)	3 Prayer Life May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communication with You. (Col. 4:2)
4 Character and Integrity May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Psalm 78:72, James 1:22)	5 Humility May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to Your instruction. (Gal. 6:14-15)	6 Obedience May he obey Your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom. 6:16)	7 Health Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is Your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19-20, 3 John 1:2)	8 Thought Life May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind. (2 Cor 10:5, Rom. 12:2)	9 Peace and Joy Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but to be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom. 15:13, Phil. 4:6)	10 Temptation May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov. 4:23, Ps. 119:9, Matt. 26:41)
11 Rest and Refreshment Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in Your presence. (Ex. 33:14, Matt. 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)	12 Protection Protect him. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps. 34:7, Ps. 91)	13 Family Bless his family and protect them. May they put each other's needs above their own. (1 Cor. 13:4-7)	14 D.Min Studies May he find renewed passion for You in his studies. Help him to balance life, calling, and education. (2 Peter 3:18, Prov. 23:12)	15 Coaching May he guide them with clear and kind instruction while encouraging them to meet their goals on and off the track. (Col. 3:23, Heb. 12:1)	16 Finances Provide for his needs and keep him from the love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov. 3:9-10, 1 Tim. 6:10-11, Heb. 13:5)	17 Priorities/Time May he seek Your Kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt. 6:33, Eph. 5:15-17, Ps. 90:12)
18 Love for Others May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil. 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)	19 Shepherd's Heart May he have a heart for those You have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)	20 Heart for the Lost May he proclaim the Gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt. 28:19)	21 Conflicts Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt. 18:15-17, Prov. 15:1, 1 Cor. 13)	22 Elders/Deacons May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You in joy. (Heb. 13:17, 1 Cor. 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)	23 Godward Focus Help him to keep his eyes fixed on You in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov. 4:25-27)	24 Wise Counsel May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov. 24:5-6, 19:20-21)
25 Encouragement May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragers into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes. 5:11, Isa. 41:10, 1 Tim. 5:17)	26 Discernment May he listen to Your voice as You direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa. 30:21, Prov. 3:13-18)	27 Biblical Faithfulness May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)	28 Sermon Preparation Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and words to present it clearly. (Col. 4:5)	29 Teaching May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly preach the word of truth and may the hearts of Your people be open to it. (2 Tim. 2:15)	30 Vision May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him Your vision for the church. (Jer. 3:15)	31 Blessing May he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for Your glory. (1 Tim. 5:17, 1 Thes. 5:12-13, Num. 6:24-26)

Modified from PrayingForOurPastors

Deacon on Duty

Nancy Robare

810.348.1198

In the event you have a pastoral care emergency after office hours, the Deacon on Duty is available to take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will be able to notify the proper people and provide you the care you need.

Discerning God's Will for Your 2016 Stewardship Commitment

BELIEVE

"Call to me and I will answer you."

Jeremiah 33:3

LISTEN

Find a quiet place where you can be still and listen to God's voice.

He will speak to you, guide you, and direct you.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalms 46:10

FOLLOW

Respond in faith and simply do what he asks.

"My Father . . . your will be done."

Matthew 26:42

PRAISE & THANK GOD

"The people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart."

1 Chronicles 29:9

PRAY FOR GUIDANCE

"The Lord is close to all who call on him."

Psalms 145:18 (NLT)

Financial Snapshot through August 2015:

	Income	Expenses	
Budget	\$138,611	\$137,249	
Actual	<u>\$149,182</u>	<u>\$137,454</u>	
Difference	\$ 10,571	\$ (205)	Total difference \$10,366

Income remains strong while expenses have been kept just slightly above budget. Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship!

Linden Presbyterian Church Stewardship Commitment 2016

We are all called to be stewards of the resources God has given us. We may also provide stewardship by committing our time and talents towards the needs of the Church. I understand I may change my commitment at any time by contacting the finance secretary Laura Huston.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

☐ YES, I/we will support our church financially with an annual gift of \$ _____,

which I/we would like to pay ☐ weekly, ☐ monthly, ☐ quarterly, ☐ other _____

will be paid by: ☐ Check/Cash ☐ Automatic debit (if new to ACH, please provide a voided check)

Would you like numbered envelopes for the year beginning January 1, 2016? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would also like to show support with my time and talents in these areas:

☐ Finance Committee ☐ Christian Education ☐ Youth Support ☐ Missions ☐ Building & Grounds ☐ Music & Worship

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WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

October Youth Schedule

October 4th - Middle School Youth 6-7pm. High school 7:30 – 8:30.

October 11th – Middle School Youth 6-7pm. High school 7:30 – 8:30.

October 18th – Middle School Youth 6-7pm. High school 7:30 – 8:30.

October 25th – Middle School Youth 6-7pm. High school 7:30-8:30.

*** After high school youth group on most Sundays we will head to fine local restaurants to continue in community, rides to these restaurants and rides home after are available to all our high school kids.

Fall Weekend – All 9 – 12th graders are invited to Fall weekend at Timberwolf Lake Younglife camp November 13 – 15th. Forms are in Whitney Hall and for more information contact Jake.

Winter Weekend – All 6 – 8th graders are invited to Winter Weekend at Timberwolf Lake Camp February 5 – 7th. Forms are in Whitney Hall and for more information contact Jake.

Campaigners – All 9 – 12th graders are invited every Friday morning beginning at 6am at the Whisman House at 521 South St. Linden. There breakfast will be provided and a message, we conclude at 7am and kids will always have a ride to school.

*** Continue to bring all returnable bottles to Whitney Hall on the last Sunday each month; all money goes to help sending out youth to camp!

*** Future events include concerts, a progressive dinner for Thanksgiving, and a Halloween event, stay tuned!

October Calendar

2 ND AT 5:00PM	HOMECOMING SOUP SUPPER AND CLOTHES GIVEAWAY
4 TH	SOCKTOBER KICKS OFF / DARING FAITH SERMON SERIES BEGINS
6 TH AT 7:00PM	BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING
14 TH AT 7:00PM	COMMITTEE/TEAM MEETINGS (WORSHIP TEAM AT 6:00)
10 TH AT 8:30AM	MENS AND WOMENS CLUBS MEET
14 TH AT 7:00PM	COMMITEES
16 TH AT 12:00PM	LINDEN ARTS COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE
25 TH AT 11:30ISH	REFORMATION LUNCHEON
28 TH AT 7:00PM	SESSION MEETING

SUNDAYS 6:30PM MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP **WEDNESDAYS** 10:00AM QUILTERS
7:30PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MONDAYS 7PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
8PM AA

THURSDAYS 6:30PM CHOIR
8:00PM BELLS/8:00PM AA

FRIDAYS 6AM CAMPAIGNERS

November Newsletter Deadline

Communication is key to a vital congregation!

Please send all submissions to lpcoffice@lindenpres.com by

Monday, October 26th at 5:00pm

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