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We're back! Back to in-person worship and back to worship in the sanctuary. In July 2019 we never dreamed it would take 17 months to get the sanctuary back in commission from the fire, and when we shut down in-person worship in March 2020 we figured it would only be a few weeks, a month or two at most.

But now we are back! And though the building wasn't used as much this past year, the church was never "closed," because you and I are the church. We *never* stopped being church. In the early weeks of the pandemic we were serving over 120 families a week at the food pantry, and though later that number decreased sharply, we were still there. We helped our neighbors learn about other sources of food and financial help during this difficult time, but most of all we continued to show up. We showed up to let our neighbors know that we care. We showed up to listen to our neighbors and provide a place where people are loved and accepted.

But now we're back! And the question is, do we just go back to doing things the way we used to, or do we re-assess the situation and adapt to new circumstances?

We've learned a few things this year. We've learned that being together is important for mental and spiritual health. We've learned that electronic communications will never fully take the place of in-person conversation and relationship building. We've learned that Christ knew what he was doing when he created a church that was filled with people, not just a bunch of individuals doing their own thing.

But we've also learned that we *can* use technology to enhance our ministry. Pre-recording and live-streaming provided a means for staying connected when we couldn't be together. While no one particularly liked on-line meetings, they also made it possible to meet, and it made it possible for people to attend who in the past weren't able to get to the building for meetings. Technology allowed us to be a community of people rather than lone wolves doing their own thing.

It was a rather steep learning curve, but thanks to Gary Harding, Jim Woodruff, Rich Sharp, and Andrew Martin we are flattening the curve somewhat. Thanks to Pat and Larry Kerr, Kathy Harding, Nancy Pottorff, and many other deacons, elders, and deaconesses, we are adapting our Sunday morning routines for the "new normal." And enough cannot be said about our Music Director Beth Aubrey Meyer and the choir's deep repertoire that provides us stunning music with no rehearsal.

As we continue to look towards the future and listen to God's call to serve, let us continue to be faithful in adapting our ministry to the needs of God's people.

Peace,
Pastor Carolyn

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Health Issues:

Glenda Gonzales	Dottie Baugh	Mikki Sanders
Martha Etheridge	Betty Frazer	Donna Metzger
Karen Jones	Marilyn Henegen	Doreta Terry
John McMillian	Amy Elliott	



Prayers have been asked for:

Earl Ivory, Luke Alberts, Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Cora DeMasters, Brian Slowinski, Ema Parson, Tracey Hagler, Kendall Robbins, JR Haner, Susan Moore, Dan Napier, Joe Manning, Jill McCory, Martha Reyes, Jessica Holcomb, Jim Cecil, Carolyn Hollingsworth, Katie Taylor, Jason Daniel Illari, Theresa White, Penny Webb, Sandy Gardner, Andy Wyson, Valeria Sweeney, Joyce Burris Gant, Russ Lawrence, Kennedy Rogers, Wade Shaw, Bill Rainwater, Niccole Willoughby, Susan McDanina, Randy & Dawn Paulin, Isaac Gill, David Baugh, Julie & Jim Gray, Dan Bickel, Christina Tylicki, Karen Damon, Nancy Lawrence, , Shirley Lee, Klint Brown, Michael Griffith, Ernie Zimmerman

We join with God's loving concern for those facing life's difficult times:

Mackenzie Cole, Allison Harding, Richard & Donna Hasse, Robert & Christy Keltner & Family, Sylvester Truitt

We offer our prayers of sympathy for:

The family of Donna Zimmerman, Larry Kerr's sister, who passed away on April 20th

Celebration of Life for Gary and Sherry Elliott

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Service: 10:30 am at Linwood Christian Church

Elliott family will be seated in Sanctuary first

Overflow seating in Fellowship Hall with live stream

Live streaming available on YouTube for home viewing,
search for “Linwood Christian Online”

Picnic Lunch: 1:00 pm at Garfield Park Playground Shelter 2

Playground is located in SW corner of the park off of Southern Ave.

Use main entrance and turn left

Food and table service and water provided

Bring a lawn chair if possible



Linwood Christian Online

Live on Sundays at 10:30 am

Recording available soon afterward to be watched at any time.



If you're not ready to come back in person...if you're under the weather or recovering from surgery...if you are on vacation but want to check in...or for any other reason, please join us on-line for worship. On your computer, tablet, or smart phone, search for “*Linwood Christian online*” and the first item to pop-up should be a link to our YouTube channel. Never miss another choir anthem, another message, or another opportunity to commune together at the Lord's Table!

In addition to on-line worship, we also have a website: www.linwoodchristian.org which contains an up-to-date calendar and links to other news about Linwood...and don't forget to “like” us on Facebook!