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The Linwood Lindy



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Notes from Your Absent Pastor...

When you receive this newsletter, I will be participating as a counselor at You and Me Camp at Bedford for first-time campers, following a week at the General Assembly of the Christian Church, July 12-15 in Memphis, Tennessee. I will not be present in worship on July 20th, taking an R&R Sunday. John Jones will be preaching in the service on the 20th and some others will be covering the things I typically do in worship on that Sunday.

Regarding the General Assembly:

This year's theme: **"BEYOND"** is based on **Ephesians 3:20-21** – *"Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!"*

For those who have never been, the General Assembly includes four-days of worship experiences, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore local mission projects, and lots of chances to connect with people from across the denomination.

Among the more prominent "business items" considered at the Assembly are the following:

- A call for our congregations to be more intentional about being communities of "grace and welcome" by being accessible to all of God's children – "though differing in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, marital status, ability or disability status, political stance, or theological perspective."
- This resolution encourages congregations to make intentional efforts to include people who sometimes are left out or made to feel unwelcome. While this is mostly unintentional by congregations, it happens far more often than we are aware. Therefore, congregations are encouraged to be more thoughtful about activities and programs they offer and promote to be sure that we are not sending the message that certain people are "not welcome."
- There are also resolutions that promote policies against gender-based violence, and that oppose "Project 2025 Government Policies" that hurt or injure the most vulnerable in our nation – "as such policies are inconsistent with the general Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) stated commitment to justice, mercy, and compassion for our neighbors."
- There are also several proposed amendments to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), that streamline decision-making processes, make its bureaucracy more efficient, and changes the General Assembly to a once every three-year event instead of the current every two-year event.

Thanks to all who are stepping in during my two-Sunday absence! Blessings to you this and every day!

Pastor Frank

Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Allison Pittman, Karrie Lindley, Margie Wilson, Wanda Hartley, John Schenck, Beth Meyer

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Myers, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Bobby Parson, Jake Marshall, Jessie Patton, Sheila Patton, Rob Welch, Doug Engle, Jenn Streyckmans, Louise Scrougham, Nancy Schoen, George Hill, Christopher Ignaut, Dan Rau, John Franke, Fay Walker-Wells, Anne Brower, Joann Engero, Ed Hofer, Laurelle Zarins, Lisa Thompson, Blake Mueller, Melissa Martin, Jerry Hill, Doug Sample, Monica Willis, Chanin Russell, Erik Nelson, Jackie Robbins, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Sheila Solberg, Hope Smith, Donna Bray, Jerry Lawrence, Liz Arnold

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

John McMillan, Debbie Ignaut, Dee Miller, Joyce Franke, Jason Kropp, Leana Wright, Mark Merriman, Doug Wickham, Shynika Jakes, Natasha Peals, Donna Opel, Jeff Lawrence

We offer prayers and condolences to the family and friends of: Randy Burch who passed away on July 3rd, Samantha Morales who also passed on July 3rd, and Dick Eastland who passed on July 4th.

Prayers of Joy are offered for: Wanda Hartley who has done a remarkable job in rehab and went home July 13th, Silvester & Cindy Truitt on their 23rd Wedding Anniversary, and Anne & Dana Crapo on their 72nd Wedding Anniversary

Posy Pot Dedications:

To Silvia Martin for their 29th Wedding Anniversary from Kelly.



To Rev. Gale Stutz as an expression of our appreciation for sharing her gifts and talents with us.



Our prayers go out to all those who are affected by the July 4th Floods in Central Texas. The losses of life and property are devastating and it will take many months, if not years, to rebuild. We cannot recover the lost lives, but we can help and encourage those who survived. May God's people find solace and comfort as He holds them in the palm of His hand.

After praying, what else can you do?

Although Linwood has a Special Day Offering for the Week of Compassion once a year in February, you can always help at any time. The WOC organization, Disciples of Christ, is a good way to donate to emergency relief for disasters. You can look them up at www.weekofcompassion.org. There is a specific category for U.S. Storms and Fires Fund along with information on giving and volunteering for a variety of tasks.

If interested, you can send your contribution to Linwood (address at end of Lindy) or directly to:

Week of Compassion
PO Box 1986
Indianapolis IN 46206

Please specify the event such as "Central Texas Floods" on the address and your check so it can be directed accordingly.

Sunday School class is growing ...

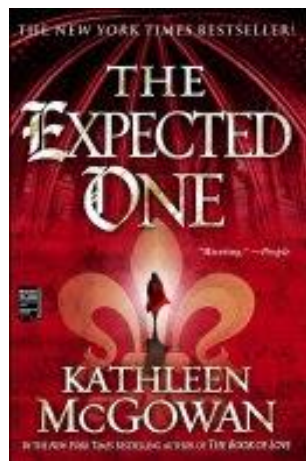
Ed Urban is currently leading us through the Book of Psalms, which is his personal favorite. We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:20 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.



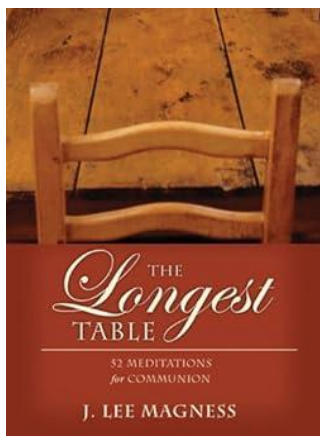


The Book Nook

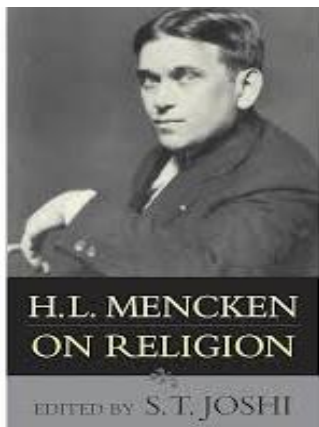
Try to cool off this summer and enjoy a great read, always available in the Linwood Christian Church Library.



The Expected One by Kathleen McGowan is a quite controversial fiction novel which presents the finding and content of a “Gospel by Mary Magdalene”. These are reportedly discovered in scroll form in foothills of the Pyreneese, in France. The content of these scrolls tells of executions and love triangles involving many characters of the biblical Gospels. This is the first of a trilogy of books about the “Gospel of Mary Magdalene”.



The Longest Table by J. Lee Magness is a collection of 52 messages for use with Holy Communion. These fresh, beautifully written meditations are for use in local churches by anyone called upon to deliver a Communion meditation. Each 2-page, front-and-back meditation includes a Scripture reading, meaningful thoughts for Communion, and a prayer. It could be a great resource for any of our Elders who are fresh out of ideas.



H. L. Mencken on Religion edited by S. T. Joshi. H. L. Mencken was a journalist whose fame came mostly from coverage of the 1925 Scopes Trial (which he renamed “The Monkey Trial”). Mencken spent most of his publishing career lampooning religion, government, other literary works. In this volume Joshi has assembled a collection of Mencken’s published articles against religion.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

From the Pews ...

Pun in the Sun: What did the Baseball Glove say to the Ball?

*****C*A*T*C*H*****
*****Y*A*****
*****L*A*T*E*R*****

Another great celebration Sunday, July 13th!

July 13th, while Pastor Frank was off attending the General Assembly, the Congregation took over and celebrated their favorite way ... with Music! Vickie Pastrick came up with the idea of having members talk about the meaning of their favorite hymn. Beth Aubrey Meyer took that and ran with an absolutely wonderful presentation of “Hymn Stories – Linwood Style”. Andy Meyer was not only #1 Elder, he also hosted the entire service. A big THANK YOU to Beth and Andy for their loving devotion and contributions to Linwood. You can hear the testimonies streamed on YouTube if you missed it.

Here’s the list of Story Tellers and some of the words from the hymns they selected. It is with deep appreciation that we recognize these members for sharing such heart-felt times in their lives with us. Perhaps one of these is also your favorite??

Jim Woodruff

I Love to Tell the Story

No 480 Vs 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Danielle Elliott

Amazing Grace

No 546 Vs 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Beth Aubrey Meyer

In the Garden

No 227 Vs 2

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Godvin Jerome

Here I Am, Lord

No 452 Vs 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Ed Urban

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

No 339 Vs 1

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Gary Harding

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No 585 Vs 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Janet Sharp

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No 65 Vs 4

God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Christ who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, God's reign endures forever.

Live and archived service streams are available at: [YouTube.com/@LinwoodCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LinwoodCC)
Visit our Web Page at www.linwoodchristian.org to learn what is going on at Linwood.

To submit an entry or comment on what you want to read about in the Lindy, you can

Email us at: linwoodcc@sbcglobal.net Or mail to:

With Subject: Lindy

Linwood Christian Church – Attn: Lindy
4424 E Michigan Street

Entries for next Lindy by: August 18, 4p Indianapolis, IN 46201

Your Lindy Crew

Everyone Needs Tuning Maze

Romans 12:2 New Living Translation

² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

