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# The Linwood Lindy



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## **As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026,**

many people are asking what, exactly, we are meant to celebrate. Official commemorations invite the nation to reflect on its past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and imagine the future we hope to build together. Such an invitation matters only if our reflection is honest as well as grateful, courageous, and patriotic. This milestone can be a chance to pause, remember, and look ahead with humility.

Scripture teaches that love of neighbor cannot be separated from justice, and gratitude cannot be separated from repentance. We give thanks for movements toward liberty, self-governance, and the hope that communities can be shaped by shared responsibility. At the same time, faith calls us to remember those who were excluded, enslaved, displaced, silenced, or denied the promises proclaimed in the nation's founding language. To celebrate faithfully is not to ignore these wounds, but to bring them into the light and ask how we might live more truthfully, mercifully, and justly now.

That is why the ministry of Linwood Christian Church matters so deeply in this season. The church's weekly food pantry serves 90-100 people, and its rummage room offers clothing and household items at very low cost. These ministries are more than acts of charity; they testify to the gospel's insistence that dignity belongs to everyone. They remind us that love of country is hollow if it does not include love of community, especially those who are struggling to find enough food, affordable necessities, and a sense of belonging.

In this light, the nation's 250th anniversary can become an occasion for covenant as well as nostalgia. Christians can ask: How do we help build a nation that better reflects the sacred worth of every person? How do we create a society where freedom is not reserved for the privileged, but shared widely in the form of food security, shelter, healthcare, safety, education, and opportunity? The ministry of Jesus points us again and again toward those on the margins. If this anniversary inspires greater generosity, deeper solidarity, and renewed commitment to the common good, then it can become holy work.

As the nation marks 250 years, let us celebrate not just triumphally, but also with humility and hope. We can honor what is life-giving in the American story while refusing to baptize injustice or pretend the work is finished. We can pray for a country that grows more compassionate, more truthful, and more committed to the flourishing of all people. And we can embody that prayer in concrete ways through ministries like the food pantry and rummage room at Linwood Christian Church, where the promise of beloved community becomes visible in bread, clothing, welcome, and care.

## *Pastor Frank*



Pastor Frank is again offering 10 tickets to the congregation for 2 upcoming Indianapolis Symphony events:

- **Friday, July 3** – Symphony on the Prairie – ***“Star Spangled Spectacular”*** – An evening of great American music capped off with Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” – complete with fireworks and real canons. Please make requests by Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Friday, July 17** – Symphony on the Prairie – ***“Back to the ‘80s”*** – This power-packed evening of #1 hit songs from the ‘80s includes “The Power of Love,” “Time After Time,” “Material Girl,” “Everybody Wants To Rule The World,” “Higher Love,” “I’m Still Standing,” “Addicted to Love,” and many more unforgettable melodies. Please make requests by Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

## *Blankets in July!*

*Oh My!!*



Yes, the **Church World Services (CWS)** can use those beautiful, heavy-duty blankets all year long. They provide shade and shelter when disaster hits. Most floods, earthquakes, fires, and tornados happen during warm weather. This year, Linwood is recognizing **Blanket Sunday** on **July 19<sup>th</sup>**. Every \$10 buys a blanket, a symbol of hope in a time of uncertainty. Although we “kick-off” the campaign next month, you can give to this very much needed project at any time. If you are able to join us in worship, just mark your donation for CWS Blankets and place it in the offering tray. If you are one of our out-of-towners, or home-bound, or maybe even simply a Linwood follower, you can mail it to Linwood at the address listed at the end of this Newsletter. Your giving can save a life!

*Thoughts and Prayers ( e-mail: [prayer@linwoodchristian.org](mailto:prayer@linwoodchristian.org))*



### *Health Issues:*

Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Martha Etheridge, Beth Meyer, Amanda Parson, Ka Burris-Wright

### *Prayers have been asked for:*

Brian Slowinski, Toby Parson, Doug Engle, Jenn Streyckmans, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Tom Reese, Chanin Russell, Tom Smith, Steve Folsom, Tom Newton, Wayne Lee, Frank Poynter, Jodi Martin, John Proctor, Harold Scrougham, Carol Fowler, Rebecca Taylor, Kendall Robbins, Ron Seely, Jerry Panatieri, Michael Wright, Garry Smith, George Thomas Hill, Joyce Franke, Leana Wright, Adam Boyer, Ariel Horne, Dan Sinclair, Thomas Chisholm, Gilberto Guerra, Deb Miller, Paul Cornn, Crystal Skaggs, David Richmond, John Franke, Doug Riddle, Piper Witcher’s grandbaby, Karen Plemons

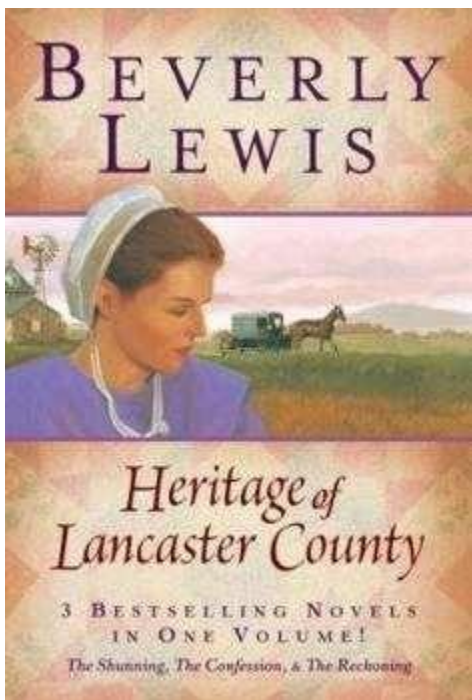
### *We join with God’s loving concerns for those facing life’s difficult times:*

Yolanda Hollow, Ed Miller, Sharon Jackson, Dan Bernd, the Williams and Trombley families

*We Offer Prayers of Condolences to the family and friends of:* Jeff Williams on his passing June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# The Book Nook

**Beat the heat, sit in the shade and enjoy a good read.**



Heritage of Lancaster County is actually a set of 3 books by Beverly Lewis which tell a powerful story of rejection and reconciliation.

Book 1. The Shunning. When Katie Lapp finds the satin infant gown in the dusty leather trunk of her parents' attic, she knows it holds a secret she must discover. Why else would her Amish mother, a plain and simple woman who embraces the Old Order laws, hide the beautiful baby dress in the attic? But nothing could have prepared Katie for the startling news that stumbles out of her anguished parents on the eve of her wedding to Bishop John.

Book 2. The Confession finds Katie as a woman who questioned the strict rules of her upbringing and even her own identity, has been shunned from her Amish community. Now known as Katherine, she sets out to find her birth mother, and a life she has never known. Her birth mother is seriously ill and she must struggle to find her, before it's too late.

Book 3. The Reckoning finds Katherine as the new Mistress of Mayfield Manor. But as the seasons pass, she finds herself grieving the loss of her Amish family and her dearest friend, Mary Stoltzfus. Shunned from the Plain life she once knew, Katherine finds solace in volunteer work with hospice patients--a labor of love she hopes will bring honor to the memory of her birth mother. Her present life far removed from Lancaster County, Katherine longs for the peace that reigned in her mother's heart. And once again, she is compelled to face the heritage of her past.

*Joan Woodruff, Church Librarian*



Ed Urban continues to teach the Sunday School class, leading us through the last 50 Psalms (Psalms: 101-150). Come and join us at 10:20 am each Sunday morning in the church library. Stop by the parlor first, and bring your coffee and snack with you.

## *News from the Pews*

### **Happy Father's Day to everyone!!**

Our fathers carry half of our genetic makeup. Our relationship with our father plays a huge part of who we will become. In many segments of society, people grow up without ever knowing their fathers. This is unfortunate because fathers should play just as important a role in raising their children as mothers do. A father is the model of a man for his daughter and she will choose a man who is like him. A father is the model for his son as well. Fortunately, there is a trend for fathers to be more active in their children's lives.

### **Good Samaritans make good Neighbors**

Lewis Glady was walking by the Dairy Queen recently and saw a lady who had fallen off the edge of her yard and into the alley. He stopped to help her get up. Jada Sorrels, one of our Food Pantry and Rummage Room customers, saw Lewis and came to help as well. They got her safely into her home. God watches out for us and it is good to know that He shows us how to watch out for each other!



### *We share our Joy for Our 2026 Graduates:*

**Quinton Elijah Murphy**, son of Patrick Coleman and Monica Willis, and Margarita Santiago's grandson, has graduated from Herron High School and is currently working full time at the Indiana Room Ballroom. He has plans to attend a Trade School to study engineering.

**Elizabeth Wolheter**, daughter of Jeff and Andrea Wolheter, and granddaughter of Jan Sharp has graduated from Prairie Heights High School and will be attending IU Indy in the fall. She has received a 75% scholarship for all 4 years!

**Emmianna Dowell**, daughter of Mike and Shelley Dowell, and granddaughter of Carolyn Lovato, has graduated with honors completing dual coursework from Madison Consolidated High School and Ivy Tech. She will be attending Jefferson State College in Birmingham, AL. She is playing golf for them hoping to get into a four year college to play. She is considering a career in physical therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, or forensics.

### **S - t - r - e - t - c - h      and      R - e - l - a - x**

Join **Cece Walton** and others in a 10 o'clock Saturday morning "easy" Yoga Class at Linwood. Sessions will be offered thru August but there will be no classes on June 20<sup>th</sup> or July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Live and archived service streams are available at: [YouTube.com/@LinwoodCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LinwoodCC)

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Next Lindy articles due July 13<sup>th</sup>, 4p

*Your Lindy Crew*

# You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



God Cares for You

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