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The Linwood Lindy



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From the Pastor:

Comedian Amber Ruffin recently sang a song extolling the virtues of “Halloween...because it’s Christmas!” For her, the coming of Halloween kicked off her Christmas celebration, and what is not to like about that? Now that Thanksgiving is almost here, the rest of us, too, will find ourselves in the middle of non-stop Christmas preparations surrounded by Christmas decorations, songs, and television specials.

On Sunday mornings, however, our scriptures won’t start with the familiar stories of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, or angel choirs singing, or shepherds and wise men from the east. On Sunday mornings in Advent, Jesus will warn us about trials to come; John the Baptist will call us a brood of vipers, and Mary will sing a song about how the proud will be knocked down.

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But fear not!!! We read these scriptures to remind ourselves that the world today is not so different from the world of Jesus' day. We, too, need a savior to rescue us from the social and political forces around us; we, too, need a savior to remind us that God has a better way for us to live our lives than the world offers.

So we listen to the warnings; we search our souls; and we prepare our hearts to welcome the light of the world into our midst. We wait with longing, because we know how much we need the light to illuminate our lives. We wait with anticipation, because we know that great things are coming. We wait with hope, because God promises that Jesus is born in us again...and again...and again.

Peace,
Pastor Carolyn

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Health Issues:

Dottie Baugh, Mikki Sanders, Martha Etheridge, Betty Frazer, Donna Metzger, Marilyn Henegen, Sandy Dulaney, Vickie Pastrick, Deeann List.

Prayers have been asked for:

Luke Alberts, Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Cora DeMasters, Brian Slowinski, Mike Paulin, Doyle & Doris Mink, Cindy Dunbar Smith, Tina Moore, Doug Smith, Nikki Dean, Aaron Cepeda, Sharon Filliman, Winfield Cooper, David Duncan, Caton Zielinski, Carol Richard, Kristi Paulin, Sue & Michael Griffith, Susie Squire, Karon Damon, Julie Groler, Betty Brown, Pete Henshaw, Angie Sharp, Diane Adams, Claude Brissart, Milly Ross.



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

Mackenzie Cole, Allison Harding, John Jones, Laura Dine, Shayna Putnam, Barbara Duncan, Brenda Miller & family, Tammy Morgan & family.

Prayers of joy and thankfulness are for:

Christy Walsman who is healing nicely; Christopher Clouse who received good test results; Danielle Elliott who won the beautiful Afghan; Judy Mecher and John McMillan who finally received their furniture; Gary and Kathy Harding who celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary; Mackenzie Cole who was inducted into the National Honor Society and whose New Palestine Marching Band placed 9th in the State Competition at Lucas Oil Stadium on November 6th!

Our condolences and prayer go out to friends and family of:

the family and friends of Audrey Boyd who passed away on October 17th, Brendan Dwyer on his passing October 22nd, and Pastor Claude Franklin who passed away October; the family and friends of Pastor Terry Howard who passed away on October 29th, and Jennifer Gonzales whose fiancé passed away in October.

Holiday Schedule



Thanksgiving is here, and Christmas is just a month away! Be sure to take notice of the activities on the church calendar and their descriptions below. Invite your neighbors to the Christmas Sing-along on Nov. 28th, and bring them to worship with you on Sunday mornings.

If you are unable to make it to worship on Sunday mornings, remember that you can always find us on-line. Simply search for “Linwood Christian on-line” and the first thing that pops up should be our YouTube channel. Also, check out our web page at www.linwoodchristian.org, and don’t forget to “like” us on Facebook!

Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner

Nov. 21, 2021, Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall following morning worship. We will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am that morning, and dedicating the cornucopia of vegetables and fruit for our Food Pantry.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 27th, 10:00 am; gather at church to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, followed by lunch.

Cookie Boxes for Food Pantry Clients

Saturday, November 27th, around 1:00 pm (or after Hanging of the Greens lunch) we will pack boxes with homemade cookies for our Food Pantry Clients. We need “**about a bazillion,**” so start making your plans now for a cookie-baking marathon!

Christmas Sing-along

Sunday evening, November 28th. The Bell Choir will play beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by our annual Christmas Carol sing-along, topped off with a dessert buffet at 8:00 pm.

Nov. 28	1 st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 5	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 12	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19	4 th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve (Friday)
Dec. 25	Christmas Day (Saturday)



Local and World Outreach

Mitten Tree for Afghan Refugees



Imagine arriving in a foreign country with only the clothes on your back...and then imagine being showered with the love and friendship of the people from that country, and gifts of food, clothing, and shelter. Wouldn't that make you feel thankful and blessed?

Now, imagine the tree to the left filled **with mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and underwear of all sizes!** That's what we are hoping to do for our new neighbors, refugees from the war in Afghanistan, who are now at Camp Atterbury. There are over 6,000 men, women, and children who need to be ready for winter, which will be here soon.

Bring your gifts of new clothing articles to church and put them in the collection box in the Narthex. They are asking for plain colors; no human representations, no animal prints, and modest styles. Your generosity is appreciated.

Sherry's Christmas Fund

We are once again collecting a special offering in order to provide Christmas gifts for our food pantry families in need. Your gift of \$10, 25, 50, or 100 dollars will help parents provide special surprises for their children this Christmas.

We are experimenting this year. Due to the reduced number of volunteers, we will be providing gift cards so that parents can shop themselves instead of taking parents shopping. While this is less personal than in the past, this allows us both to provide financial support and to let parents make their own choices for their children.



You may put your donations into the offering plates on Sunday mornings marked "Christmas Families," or send the donation into the church office. Please be sure to specify "Christmas Families." Thank you for your generosity and the love you share with our neighbors.

Holy Spirit in Honduras

Once again we are asking for **aprons and glasses** to send with our friends at Holy Spirit Catholic Church when they go to Honduras in January. We have been partnering with Holy Spirit for several years now; after an interruption due to Covid, Holy Spirit is back at work. Bring your contributions to the church office, and thank you for your support!



Adult Sunday School Class



The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the NW corner room (across from the church Library) each Sunday from 9:25 am – 10:00 am. We begin and end promptly due to many members needing to rehearse for Choir at 10:00.

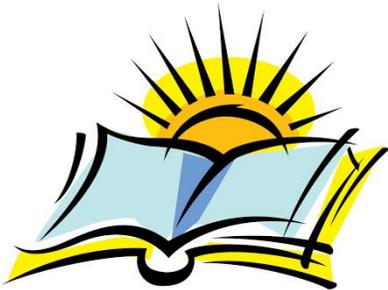
Joan Woodruff is currently leading a study of Galatians, one of Paul's early letters for believers. This Sunday (11/21) we will be studying Chapter 3.

Sunday (11/28) Galatians 4

Sunday (12/5) Galatians 5

Sunday (12/12) Galatians 6

Please join in for our weekly study and discussion.



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

As part of Linwood's fire restoration, the library now has new paint, new window blinds, and has undergone some rearrangement. It is a very pleasant and quiet space to sit and read in, and is open whenever the church is open for Rummage Room, Food Pantry, or Services.

Fiction and Non-Fiction works are arranged alphabetically by Author or Publisher (if collaborations) on the east wall of the library together with a section of Children's books.

On the west wall are "Chicken Soup" books, Christmas books, Health books, and others.

Near the window are commentaries and other Biblical research books, as well as some writings about Linwood Christian Church and other local churches.

Please check out books by signing the sheet on the library table. When finished, return the books to the large box in the back of the room.

Joan Woodruff

Linwood Librarian

Thank You!

"I would like to give a big thanks for prayers, well wishes, cards and kindnesses during my recent fall. It seems am mending well. Andy Meyer mentioned Sunday that with just a tiny bit more creativity the nurse that sewed me up could have made my scar look a little more like a Harry Potter lightening bolt! Dang! Wish I would have thought of that!" -- Vickie

"Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers and the card for clergy appreciation month. They brightened my day and week so much!" – Pastor Carolyn