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The Linwood Lindy



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This is the 14th anniversary of my first coming to Linwood to be your pastor. A lot has changed; the sanctuary has taken on a whole new look, the food pantry is ever-evolving, and we have welcomed new members and said good-bye to dear friends.

One thing stays the same, however: our commitment to serving God. Besides our Sunday morning worship, we have volunteers at the church building Mondays-Thursdays serving our neighbors; often there are as many as 15 church members and 7 volunteers from the community and partner churches working together.

The chorus of my favorite camp song is: *they'll know we are Christians by our love...* As we work side by side and walk hand in hand, I am grateful to be your pastor and pray that we will always be known by our love for others.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Carolyn

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

A special prayer for all the friends, family, and loved ones who have various types of Covid-19. May they recover quickly and with no long-term effects.



Health Issues:

Dottie Baugh, Martha Etheridge, Betty Frazer, Donna Metzger, Marilyn Henegen, Curt Elliott, David Niemann.

Prayers have been asked for:

Luke Alberts, Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Cora DeMasters, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Pete Henshaw, Angie Sharp, Diane Adams, Claude Brissart, Yvonne Etheridge, Logan Sprong, Bill Witt, Janet Beard, Monica Reed, Butch Matthey, Dottie Baugh's daughter Diane, Paula Meadors' family, Molly Bridge, John Gayton, Keagan Caffee, Charlie Hatley, Glen Freeman, Tina Morris and children, Jackie (Mike) Percy, Junia Shaw, Gale Smith, Doug Smith, Pamela Richmond, Quinton Murphy, Thomas Chisholm, Dina, Wayne, & Jordan Vannice, Lawrence Romero, baby Jasmine, baby Gates Pottorff.

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

Mackenzie Cole, Allison Harding, Barbara Duncan, Deb and Delbert Morris, Angela Williams, Paula Reed, Karen Pappas & family, Jim DeMasters.

Prayers of joy and thankfulness are for:

The healing of Vickie Pastrick, Deeann List, Carolyn Lovato, and Jennie Schenck, all are doing much better and are active again; Carly, Greg, and new baby – all are doing fine; Jared Leonard's road to recovery; Paula Meador whose husband, Ronnie, is recovering from his severe infection.

the family and friends of Ray Peters who passed away December 12th, and to Ellie Thompson on the passing of her husband, Doug, December 8th; the family and friends of former Linwood-ite, Elizabeth Carrasquillo, who passed away December 18th; the family and friends of our very dear friend, Penny Brown, who passed away January 6th.

Thank you notes:

Thank You for your prayers, cards and gentle words at the passing of our sister, Mikki Sanders. Your love and support means so much.

Kathy Harding and Marilyn Henegen





The Book Nook

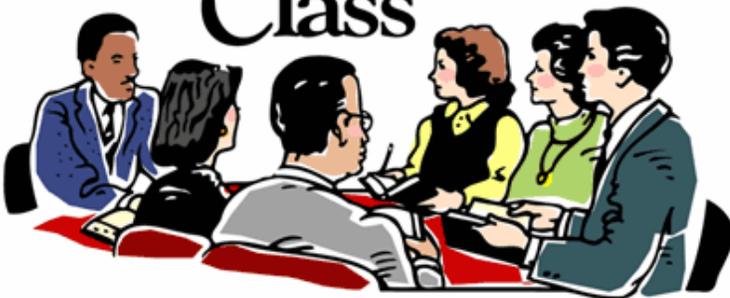
We have a lot of fine books to warm you up on a cold night. ***Rich in Years*** by Johann Arnold is about rediscovering the spiritual riches that age offers and how to make the most of them. He shares stories of Nelson Mandela, Pope Benedict XVI, and Mother Teresa.

Wood's Walk by Henry Art and Michael Robins is an information packed guide to encourage you to use your senses to experience nature. It reveals the mysteries and secrets of the world of senses as a field guide to identify flora and fauna.

Somewhere in Heaven is the love story of Dana and Christopher Reeve. The author, Christopher Anderson, writes about the Reeves' unique partnership, romance, faith, and fortitude. Books on the east wall of the library are arranged in order by author. The Library is open when the church is open (mostly along with the Rummage Room). Come check out these gems. **Happy Reading!**

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

Adult Sunday School Class



Our Adult Sunday School Class has now resumed meeting at 9:25 am on Sunday mornings. We are currently looking at Paul's Letters to the Corinthians, using both standard bible translations and Eugene Peterson's paraphrase in contemporary language: *The Message*.

We meet in the Library and finish by 10:00 to accommodate choir members.

Thank You!



To everyone who came out to un-decorate the sanctuary on January 8, and to the Worship Committee and choir for the lovely music and services that we had during Advent and Christmas.

Did You Know?

You can attend worship on-line every week. Whether you work on Sundays, you're a bit under the weather, or you're on vacation you can still join us for worship at Linwood.



Watch live, at 10:30 am, or any time afterwards when your schedule allows it. You can cut and paste the following web address into your browser, or you can google "Linwood Christian Church online" and a link will pop up to our page. We do start broadcasting 10 minutes early, and during that time there is just a picture of the church and music.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSbrZEju28msI31ELz3jsRQ>

Covid Precautions

Due to the rise in infections and hospitalizations for Covid, we are once again taking precautions to prevent the spread of the disease when we gather together. These precautions will be in place until Feb. 14th, at which time our Covid Response team will re-assess the situation and make suggestions for the Board to consider.

- Masks required, regardless of vaccination status.
- Every other pew will be roped off to encourage social distancing.
- Frequent hand sanitation is strongly recommended.

We also encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccination, mask wearing, distancing, and sanitation are the most important things that we can do to save lives and to put an end to the pandemic. We aren't doing this primarily for ourselves. We do it because we love our neighbors, and these four practices work together to slow and stop the disease. Thank you for your efforts and your thoughtfulness towards others.

Prayer Chain

One thing Linwood is known for is generously offering prayers for those in need. We thank you for your prayers, and your efforts to keep us aware of the needs around us.

Our dear friend Pat Kerr has asked for a 6 week sabbatical from being in charge of the prayer list. Pastor Carolyn has agreed to take on this responsibility and is ready to receive your texts, phone calls, and emails.

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