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The Linwood Lindy



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My Favorite Time of the Year...

It is undoubtedly an over-used phrase, but I love the Advent-Christmas season in the church! From the music to the Advent wreath to raising candles while singing “Silent Night” on Christmas Eve, there is nothing like it. I am very much looking forward to this first time through the Advent and Christmas season with Linwood.



For those of you who like to look ahead, these are my texts and sermon concepts for the season.

Advent 2023 Worship Texts and Themes: “An Unexpected Journey”

Advent 1: December 3rd

- Text: Isaiah 64:1-9
- Sermon: “Prepare”
- Teaser: Just when you think God has gone silent, WHAM! You get called to go on an unexpected journey.

Advent 2: December 10th

- Text: Isaiah 40:1-11
- Sermon: “Go”
- Teaser: God often leads us to places we are hesitant to go.

Advent 3: December 17th

- Text: John 1:6-8, 18-29
- Sermon: “Into the Light”
- Teaser: When you are comfortable in the darkness, the light can be scary.

Advent 4: December 24th (morning service)

- Text: Luke 1:26-38
- Sermon: “Home”
- Teaser: Sometimes “home” turns out to be in the most surprising of places.

- *Pastor Frank*

Hey Linwood Family,

I just want to let everyone know that we will be having a congregational meeting after worship service on December 3, 2023. We will be approving Nominations for Board Members and the 2024 Budget. Your participation in the ongoing life and work of the church is greatly appreciated.

Board chair,
Ron Pastrick

Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Doretta Terry, Kathy Harding, Rich Sharp, Dana Crapo, Beth Meyer, Mattie Horne, Andy Meyer, Anne Crapo, John Wiggins, Larry Kerr, Matthew Lovato

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Bruce Burgdoff, Ariel Horne, David Allen, Troy Slagle, Debbie Hatley, Dan Hartley, Evan Emrick, Lisa Sharp, Tiffany McMannis, Fred Fowler, Darlene Seals, Nikki Dean, Tobby Parson, Ellie Kropp, George Farrell, Louise Carter, Frances Mandoza, Stephanie Murphy, Danny Cox, Daisy Davis, Amy Reasoner Stack, Spencer Everett, Jake Marshall, Robbie Bush, Ed Peace, Kandy Brown Wiley, Linda Wrench, Sherry Dick, Nedra Everett, Wanda Hartley, Suesie Squire, Mickey Carr, Doug Smith

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

Ron Cripe, Lynette Shewmaker, Tish Emrick, Tiffany Tuttle, Dan Bernd, Bill Dick, Judy Mecher, John McMillan, Janie Watkins-Sondrini, Lora Dorton-Cheney

We offer prayers of Joy for: Amanda Richmond who helped to obtain a \$5,000 food grant for Linwood's Food Pantry; Mary Clouse's son, IMPD Officer Christopher Clouse, who was recently awarded the Medal of Bravery; Kathy & Gary Harding who celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary on November 6th.

We offer prayers of Condolences for the family and friends of: Penny Purcell's son, Cory Purcell, who passed away on October 14th, Amanda Richmond's uncle, Nick Senior, on his passing October 15th; Larry Fields who passed away on October 18th, Robert Thornton on his passing last January, Bradley Werner and Gary Burdine who both passed away in October, and Carl Brunsman who passed on November 1st.

Christmas Gifts - 2023



Sock Drive for Food Pantry

New, winter socks of all sizes for babies, boys, girls, men, and women are needed. On Wednesday, December 20th, they will be distributed during regular Food Pantry hours. There is nothing like putting on a new pair of socks after coming in from the cold, and often wet, outdoors in the wintertime. Or, for going outside to school, or work, or play or shopping – Whatever! From Macy's to Menard's and Big Lots to Walmart, many stores carry good winter socks. The next time you are out shopping, purchase a pair or 2 or 3. Then drop them off in the "Santa Box" located in the Narthex the next time you are at Linwood.

Blessings to all.
Mattie Horne

Christmas Family Fund

Friends,

One of my "feel good memories" at Linwood Christian Church is when Sherry Elliott would stand up to give a plea for her favorite Christmas activity --- The Christmas Family Fund. The time when we ask for monetary donations to help us help others with Christmas for their children. We are currently serving around one hundred patrons every Wednesday at our Food Pantry. Of course, not everyone will be asking for help, but we would like to be able to help some of those who have children but may not be able to provide gifts this year. In memory of Sherry, give a little extra for the activity that warmed her heart at Christmas each year. I'm sure we'll feel the warmth of her smile as we keep her spirit alive. We need your "CFF" donations by Sunday, December 3rd, so there is time for the families to get their shopping done by Christmas.

Thank you for sharing,

Pat Kerr



The Book Nook

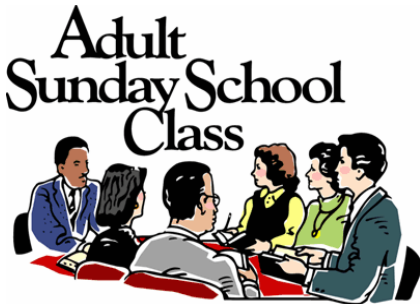
Take a break from shopping and enjoy a good book. We have a treasure of books with a Christmas theme.

***The Christmas Sweater* by Glen Beck is about family, faith, and forgiveness. It tells of boyhood memories, life lessons, and the true meaning of the season.**

***The Aluminum Christmas Tree* by Thomas Davis tells of Christmas memories, a search for happiness, and the trials and triumphs of a family in rural Georgia.'**

***The Willows at Christmas* by William Horwood describes holiday adventures of the characters Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger from Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*.**

*Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian*



Sunday School is continuing the study of Galatians this Sunday. Sometime in early December we will be moving to Ephesians. We have been studying Paul's letters in the order most scholars believe they were written. There is no agreement on the timing of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians, so we have saved them for last.

We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:25 in the Library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

Linwood's Open House on Nov 5 was a great opportunity to welcome our neighbors and food pantry family, to meet and greet our church members, and showcase our ministries. We hosted about 25 people and introduced them to our building and our history.

Many thanks to those who helped...Gayle Stackhouse, Silvia and Kelley Martin, Kristy Walton, Pat Kerr, Kathy and Gary Harding, Beth and Andy Meyer, John Jones, Lynne Krieger, Pastor Frank, Nancy Pottorff, Mattie Horne, Joan and Jim Woodruff, and to those who contributed to underwrite the expenses.

I always say, "When you love people, you feed them." We fed our guests physically and spiritually last Sunday. *Thanks for being the family of Linwood,*

Kathy Shickles

Familiar Sightings ...

Our friend and long time Linwood Member, Kris Reed, visited the Rummage Room recently. Kris brought some donations and the Tuesday RR Crew was excited to get to visit with her! Kris said she is beginning to sing again after several years. We let Kris know she has been missed and there is always room for one more in the Choir. (You're welcome Beth 😊) - ***Tuesday RR Crew***

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