



August 1, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

the
Linwood Breeze

Sunday, Aug. 2 **Outdoor Morning**
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
The Pavilion

Sunday, Aug. 2 **Vespers**
8:00 p.m. **Note time**
The Bluff West of **Change**
the Playground

Wed., Aug. 5 **Adult Bible Study**
10:00 a.m.
The Pavilion

VESPERS
Sunday – 8:00 p.m.

Vespers on the bluff overlooking the lake! Last week we gathered (distanced of course) and celebrated the beauty of the evening and the presence of God. This week we are meeting an *hour later*, so that we can watch the setting sun.

Come to the area west of the playground. Youth director Josiah Molter will lead us through a short time of worship and reflection. This is a sweet way to close the day.

Bring a chair; please wear a mask!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 2 - 11:00 a.m.
The Pavilion

We live in a complex world, and our lives get pretty complicated.

Join us this Sunday, as Chris preaches from Luke 12:22-34 on the joy of simplicity. Worship music and the next in the installment of Linwood Legacy stories also await.

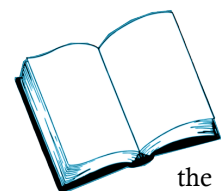
Bring a chair to sit under the trees. There's plenty of room for space between us.

Bring your phone along, as you can find the words to the songs we will sing at linwoodchristianlife.org.

The service will also be live streamed at: linwoodchristianlife.org and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodCCL/>

If rain is a threat, we will live stream from The Tabernacle. Last-minute changes to live stream only will be sent out on Linwood and Linwood Cottage Owners Facebook pages by 9 a.m. on Sunday.

PLEASE wear a mask, to protect yourself as well as others.

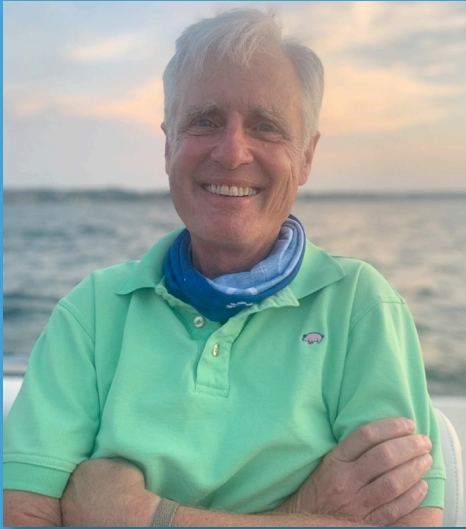


BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, August 5 – 10:00 a.m.
The Pavilion

Join us as Pastor Chris leads us as we look at another text in the book of Luke. This is a comfortable, unthreatening time of talking about Scripture, a great way to lessen the distance between us even as we maintain six feet of separation. **Please wear a mask!**

A Word From Our Park Pastor Chris Scruggs



The Simple Life

This week's theme is the Joy we find in Simplicity. Traditionally, simplicity was one of the virtues, along with faith, hope, love, justice, fortitude, wisdom, humility, and the like. In today's society, there is probably no area of life that we need to ponder more than what it means to live simply.

We all instinctively know that lots of money and lots of possessions do not necessarily make us joyful. Our nation is extremely wealthy, but not extremely joyful. While it is true that we cannot find true joy without some amount of food, clothing, shelter, and the like, more and more food, clothing and shelter do not necessarily make us happy or even contribute to our happiness. The same is true of those of our many other possessions that are not necessities of life.

Jesus never says, "Be Simple." However, Jesus does remark that he does not himself have a lot of possessions and urges us in a number of his parables and teachings to avoid the anxiety and worry that comes from too much attention being paid to possessions. For example, in this week's text, Jesus says to his disciples: **"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes"** (Luke 12:22-23).

What is this simplicity we desire in our hearts but find so elusive in our day-to-day lives? It is the habit of not having too much. In the last few years, Kathy and I have sold two houses and moved twice. In each of these moves, we downsized. Not so long ago, we looked around our "retirement house," much downsized from our "raise the children and family house," and said to ourselves, "We still have too much." We have downsized and downsized and still have a storeroom of things we will almost certainly never use (except the Christmas decorations, which I refuse to downsize by one decoration.)

Simplicity goes beyond our physical possessions. One of the things age sometimes provides is a simple kind of faith. This does not mean a "simplistic faith." Focusing on the simple essentials, Loving God, Loving Others, and Sharing the Gospel is a simple faith, not a simplistic faith. Just being a simple Christian, loving God and other people, isn't always easy or without complications, but it is a part of wise living.

I hope that the column of the week gives you something to ponder at the beach this week.

Yours in Christ,

Chris



A Special Opportunity for the Linwood Christian Community

Growing into the likeness of Jesus doesn't automatically happen, any more than becoming a disciple or helping someone else grow as a disciple does.

Kathy & Chris Scruggs became passionate about discipleship five years ago. They ended up writing a study that moves people from passively listening to Bible teaching, to actively contributing to Jesus' plan for redemption and connecting with others intentionally to grow into Jesus' likeness.

COME LEARN.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

For a sneak preview go to:
<http://www.saltnlight.me>
To learn more or reserve your spot email Chris:
chrisscruggs@me.com

JOSIAH'S INVITATION TO TEENS

Teen Night
Ages 13 -19
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
The Stand Patio

Bring your mask and get ready for some fun hang out time and conversations! *Only two weeks left!* Woot woot!

KATELYN'S INVITATION TO FAMILIES

Family Night
All Ages
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
The Stand

For family night, we will have a *Community Wide Scavenger Hunt!* This means that you're not just finding "things" in the park, but finding clues from the friendly faces of Linwood. Meet by the Stand at 7:00 p.m. for your list and make sure you've found all the clues by 8:30 p.m.! All participants that return back with all their clues found will receive a small treat.

KIDS' ACTIVITY

Make sure you check out the **red box** by The Chapel! Please follow our Facebook page: Linwood Park Youth Activities and Family Fellowship OR at [Facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth](https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth) for more updates!



Calling All Readers

Monday, August 10 - 10:00 a.m.
The Stand Patio

The **Linwood Book Club** invites any and all to join the discussion of our latest book selection. We will discuss *Virgil Wander*, a novel by Leif Enger. The Minneapolis Star-Tribune describes it as "...peopled with pretty regular folks but with room for romance and redemption, the drama of the everyman and the everyday..."

Please bring your mask; we will maintain social distance.

The Stand Is Open

But Not For Long!

Through Sunday August 2

3 - 9 p.m. daily

August 3 - 6

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Closed after August 6

Because of Covid-19, The Stand is operating on a limited basis.

Orders will be take-out only.

No inside store purchases.

The menu is posted outside. Options include: ice cream, milk shakes etc., beverages, popcorn, nachos, candy treats bags, and snacks.

All sanitary precautions will be taken including: outside hand sanitizers, required social distancing in line. Employee will wear masks and gloves. The Store will be sanitized on a daily basis.

Payment is via credit card or cottage accounts only.

Cash is not accepted!

The Linwood Store

The Museum/Store will remain closed, but The Park Board has approved outdoor sales.

This week's Pop-Up store will be Monday August 3, 6 - 8 p.m., weather permitting. There will be no rain date this week. The next Pop-Up will be Saturday, September 5—just before Labor Day. Details TBD.

Items for sale will depend on which artists are in The Park during that week. Tables will be set up to the west of the store.

Artists will wear masks, and we ask that you respect their health and wear a mask too. Hand sanitizer will be provided.



Linwood Radio A Sound in the Air

Have you turned in to Linwood Radio?

Go to linwoodradio.org, or while you're in The Park, tune in to 97.3 FM.

Your spirits will be lifted!

How to Help

LINWOOD CHRISTIAN LIFE

Even though Linwood Christian Life has been forced to curtail some activities and services during the pandemic, there is still a need for your support in order to meet the budget.

If you would like to help, go to

linwoodchristianlife.org and click on the "give online" button. Or write a check to LCCL and mail to LCCL, 444 Ash St., Vermilion, OH 44089. Many thanks for your faithful support.

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A Fond Farewell!

Ten years ago Park Pastor Hu Auburn introduced to Linwood a talented musician—**Rick Fortney**. Ever since, Rick has led the music ministry in The Tabernacle, from leading our singing to bringing us many of the musicians who have enriched our services.

For several years, Rick brought his *TrueNorth Choir and Orchestra* to The Tabernacle, presenting stirring patriotic concerts. Rick's talents are many, and his reminders of to whom and why we are singing have led us to true worship.

Now Rick has been called to a new role, as he describes below. We pray that he and Joan will flourish at Avon Lake Presbyterian, but that we will see them often. Thank you, Rick, for your leadership and your commitment to Linwood. We love you!

AT THE WORSHIP SERVICES ON AUGUST 2 AND 9 THERE WILL BE A BASKET WHERE YOU CAN LEAVE MESSAGES OF THANKS TO RICK. THESE WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM ON AUGUST 9.

Dear Linwood Community –

I wanted to let you know that I have accepted a position at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, Director of Music Ministry, and will be starting there on Sunday, August 16.

I would like to thank each of you for blessing Joan's and my life with your friendship and in the sharing of ministry ... thank you.

This is my tenth summer serving at Linwood. When Hu Auburn asked me to join him in ministry at Linwood for the summers I automatically said yes. My first reason for saying yes is that I valued the time in working with Hu, and the idea that we would have a second go-around after our years at Bay Presbyterian was truly a blessing and was met with an enthusiastic yes!

What I did not know at the time was the additional blessings which would follow in becoming a part of the Linwood community. I grew up spending my summers at Pelee Island where our family had a cabin. We always passed the gates going into Linwood on our way to and from Sandusky. I sometimes wondered what was on the other side of those gates, but never explored to find out. Little did I know that what was on the other side of those gates would some day personally be a blessing.

Each time I go to Linwood I get a taste of the 'Pelee Slows,' reflecting on my family growing up and my past summer experiences; then of course building upon that foundation has been the meeting of a whole new community whom I now value, sharing in worship and fellowship.

Taking the position at Avon Lake Presbyterian was an easy decision, however very difficult once the reality kicked in that we would not be able to continue on at Linwood.

A few years back at one of our Linwood TrueNorth Patriotic Concerts I thanked one of our new cellists in our Chamber Orchestra for joining us and asked if she would be continuing next season. I told her that not only was she an excellent musician, I appreciated her enthusiasm and support ... I went as far to say, 'your eyes give me hope' ...

Later that night that cellist sat on a park bench at Linwood overlooking the lake and she called her Mom saying I am not ready to go home yet—it is beautiful here and she just wanted to pause and take it all in. She told her Mom something was different that night, and she just could not explain actually what it was—

Well, to fast forward two years, at that same location (Linwood), Joan and I were engaged at that same park bench and then married in The Tabernacle four months later! Amazing how God works!!!!

In closing, thank you for the ministry, worship and fellowship shared over the years. We hope our paths continue to cross and intersect. Possibly we can share in concerts in the years ahead. Know we value each of you and Linwood as a whole. Oh yes, know you may see us on the park bench overlooking the lake each August 25th as we celebrate our anniversary!

Blessings,

Rick and Joan



Our best
wishes to
Rick and Joan
Fortney
in their new
adventures at
Avon Lake
Presbyterian
Church

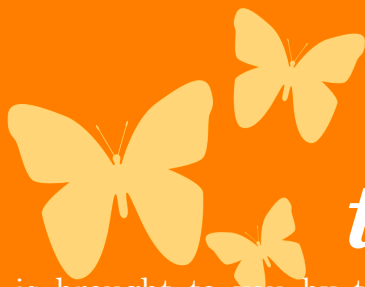
How to Help...cont.

GRACE'S KITCHEN

This is a difficult time for many, and our local Grace's Kitchen is serving more and more people in need of meals. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to: Grace's Kitchen, 5505 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio, 44089. Please put MSV on the memo line. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linwood Christian Life has a powerful ministry of prayer warriors! If you would like to be a part of this program, or if you have a prayer request, contact Bronlynn Eberhardt or email: Linwoodprayers@gmail.com.



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