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the Linwood Breeze

Welcome to Worship

What a Grand and Glorious Fourth of July It Was !!!

The weather was perfect, the parade bigger and better than ever, the fireworks spectacular! Many thanks to all who had a part in planning and carrying out the festivities, especially Ken Bliss and Bill Fussner, who after 37 years of managing the parade are passing the baton.

Results of the July 4th Linwood Leg-a-thon:

Adults

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| Men: | Women: |
| 1 st - Eric Davis | 1 st - Avery Peters |
| 2 nd - Matthew Phillips | 2 nd - Erin Simon |
| 3 rd - Dillon McCostlin | 3 rd - Vanessa Demming |

Kids Twelve and Under

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| Boys: | Girls: |
| 1 st - Carson Csdage | 1 st - Olivia Royek |
| 2 nd - Ezra Chandler | 2 nd - Colbie Eberhardt |
| 3 rd - Isaac Demming | 3 rd - Aldyn Petronsky |



Is there Truth, or are there many truths, depending on your opinion and perspective? Tomorrow morning, Linwood pastor Paul Thwaite will preach on the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth. We will also be treated to an appearance by the Linwood Handmaids, offering dance as a form of worship. All are warmly invited to this interdenominational worship service tomorrow morning at 11:00 in The Tabernacle.

If you are unable to join us in person, the service will be live-streamed, or you can view the service anytime. Just go to www.youtube.com and subscribe to our YouTube channel: Linwood Christian Life Media.

Our record-breaking children's attendance at the July 2 worship service.



Save the Date

Kid's Sunday School
Adult Forum
Sunday,
July 9 - 10 a.m.

Worship Service
The Tabernacle
Sunday,
July 9 - 11 a.m.

Bible Study
The Chapel
Wednesday,
July 12 - 10 a.m.

Linwood Street Dance

In Front of The Stand
Saturday,
July 8 - 7 p.m.

Tonight!

Here's the Scoop!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, 10 - 10:45 a.m.

ADULT & TEEN FORUM

SUNDAY, 10 A.M. – THE CHAPEL

"Blessed are the unoffended. Are You?" Join Bob Frazier, professor of Philosophy and Biblical Studies at Geneva College, in this 2-week study of Matthew's Gospel. What a pertinent topic for the times! Bring your teens along to join the conversation.

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 8 – up)

SUNDAY, 10 – 10:45 A.M.

THE TABERNACLE

This group is led by Bronlynn Eberhardt. Come and grow in your faith along with other Linwood youth.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 – 7)

SUNDAY, 10 – 10:45 A.M.

BACK OF THE TABERNACLE

Bring your children to The Tabernacle to learn about God in all sorts of fun ways! Led by Sarah Royek.

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 10 A.M. - THE CHAPEL

Following up on our summer worship theme of the Holy Spirit, these Wednesday gatherings focus more specifically on the Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit and how they play an important role in our lives as believers. Join the adventure! Everyone is welcome!

FOCUS ON PRAYER

MONDAYS, 10 A.M. – THE CHAPEL

All are welcome to join the prayer group every Monday. If you have a prayer need, please contact Gere Flick at 440-320-3763, and we will pray for you.

LAST WEEK'S PING-PONG TOURNAMENT WAS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Check out the LPCOA Activities & Events on page 4.

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

THIS WEEK !

Don't miss the fun events we have going on this week! Our hope is that these events will create memories and provide an opportunity to deepen relationships with God and one another. This summer Kimmy Csepe is coordinating. If you have questions, text her at: (330) 715-1541.

CHALK ART CONTEST FOR ALL

Saturday, July 8 – 6 p.m.

THE STAND

Calling artists of all ages to come out and decorate the sidewalk in front of the Stand before the Street Dance! We will have a variety of categories for the contest, including an 18 & over prize. Come out and show us your best chalk art!! Starts at 6 sharp!!

Tonight !

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT – NIGHT GAMES

Sunday, July 9 – 9:30 p.m.

THE STAND

Come out after dark for some night games like Capture the Flag & Kick the Can in The Park.

YOUTH NIGHT

Monday, July 10 – 7:30 p.m. (ages 7 - 13)

THE STAND

Games, friends, faith & fun - all kids ages 7-13 are welcome to come and join the fun!! Meet in front of The Stand.

MOVIE NIGHT – THIS WEEK!

LOOK FOR POSTERS ON THE BOARDS OR GO TO THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

linwoodchristianlife.org. Click on Youth and Family.

LINWOOD TALENT SHOW

Friday, July 28 - 7:30 p.m. (all ages)

THE TABERNACLE

More information to come. Get your act ready!!!



PASTOR PAUL'S PONDERINGS

What a great week it has been here at Linwood—the annual gathering of family and friends to celebrate Independence Day on the 247th anniversary of the momentous events surrounding July 4, 1776. We all know our nation faces real challenges, as has often been the case through those 247 years. But we should also be extremely grateful for the freedoms we enjoy each day in the USA!

I spoke briefly about those freedoms in my message last Sunday and also at the brief ceremony following the 4th of July Parade. I thought however it might be helpful to put them in print so we can all refer to them if our memory is a bit foggy!

Our Founding Fathers knew there were three important tasks before them—to win freedom, order freedom, and sustain freedom. Freedom was declared on July 4, 1776, and won with the blood and sacrifice of those first patriots in the years following. Freedom was ordered with the writing of the Constitution and Bill of Rights (1788 / 1791). John Adams said "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Thus the challenge of sustaining freedom.

Sustaining freedom has been the task of our nation ever since. It's important to distinguish between two basic kinds of freedom:

Negative Freedom = freedom *from* oppression, restraint, power, authority, tyranny.

Positive Freedom = freedom *for* positive good, to do what we ought to do and be who we ought to be.

Negative freedom is necessary but deceptive, for when it leads to a "I can do whatever I want no matter what!" attitude it can breed permissiveness and license that can be harmful to individuals, communities, and our nation.

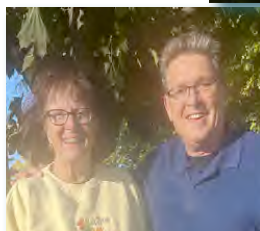
Positive freedom is essential and precious, for it calls us to consider how we can use our freedom to serve others and build up our families, communities, and nation in positive and life-giving ways! As Os Guinness has written, "Freedom requires virtue, virtue requires faith, and faith requires freedom" Those three qualities are inherently interdependent on one another and in peril if any of the three begin to falter.

I hope and pray our celebrations of freedom will remind us of what a precious gift it truly is, and call us to reflect on how we can embrace positive freedom in deeper ways personally and corporately for the benefit of our families, communities, and nation!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Paul

THE 4TH OF JULY IN PHOTOS



The Stand, The Store, and More!



THE STAND!

HOURS DAILY: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
GRILLED BURGERS, DOGS & BRATS
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Stand has been happily busy during this big Fourth of July week, but the kids working there are keeping up with the many visitors. Did you know that they offer a taco bowl with all the trimmings? And how about a vanilla phosphate? Mmmmmmm!

THE LINWOOD STORE!

HOURS: Mon. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.;
 Thurs., Fri., Sat., Tues. 7 – 9 p.m.;
 Sun. after church until 2 p.m.

Today, you are probably not thinking a lot about Christmas, but it's only 24 weeks away! Wouldn't you love to have some shopping done in advance? Here's your chance!

The Linwood Store has great gift ideas, like the ones pictured.

It's *Christmas in July* time. Take home a Linwood memory!



LINWOOD BOOK CLUB

Monday, July 10 – 10 a.m.

Library Room – The Tabernacle

HEY BOOKIES! COME READ WITH US! We will meet to discuss *The Reading List*, by Sara Nisha Adams. All are welcome to join us in the library room in the southwest corner of The Tabernacle.



LPCOA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL CHALK CONTEST - TONIGHT

Saturday, July 8 - 6 p.m. – The Stand

STREET DANCE - TONIGHT!

Saturday, July 8, 7:00 p.m. in front of The Stand

Come and enjoy our Linwood Street Dance hosted by Ron Hetche, featuring oldies but goodies and some newbies. If you are not a dancer, come and watch those who are! It's great spectator sport!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Look for the **Frisbee Golf course** set up in The Grove. It's fun and free! Grab a few friends or play by yourself anytime. Just pick up your Frisbees and score cards in The Stand.

If you like to play **Pickleball**, you can obtain balls and paddles in The Stand. Our Pickleball court is located on the tennis court.

BEYOND THE GATES

Did you know that Vermilion hosts a series of free concerts at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings at Main Street Beach? Bring your chair and enjoy! Here's the lineup for the summer:

July 9 – Hughes, Hall, and Denney
 July 16 – Mike Moore
 July 23 – Islands Songs Trio
 July 30 – The Four Dads
 August 6 – Solid Brass of Lorain County
 August 13 – The Leading Edge
 August 20 – The New Barleycorn
 August 27 – The Music People
 Sept. 3 – The Polka Pirates

For details about these musical groups and further info: <https://www.vermilionohio.com/live-at-the-lighthouse/>

Also note that the *Annual Vermilion Car Show* happens on Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are a Corvette fan, this is for you!

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If you have information or pictures you would like included in the next edition of *the Breeze*, please direct your email to: breeze@linwoodchristianlife.org. **The Breeze deadline is noon Tuesday of the week of publication! Photos of children must be accompanied by written parental permission** for us to publish the picture online and in the printed newsletter. If you would like to donate to the work of the Linwood Council of Christian Life, please send your check to: 444 Ash Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. Photos in this issue are courtesy of: Eric Breece, Kate Breece, Becky Phillips, Carolyn Reed, Janet Waggoner.