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Hard copies of *The Breeze* will not be handed out to cottages this summer, at least until conditions change. *The Breeze* will be posted online weekly. However, there will be copies posted on The Park bulletin boards for your reference.

the Linwood Breeze

NEXT WEEK!

LIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday, July 5 – 10 a.m.
The Pavilion Area**

We will gather together outdoors to worship and celebrate.

Tell your friends and family—what a treat it will be to actually be together in person!

Please wear a mask and bring a chair.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Stand Patio

While online services are great, it's good to be together in person. Join us for Bible Study with Pastor Chris. Bring a mask, as we are maintaining social distance.



Virtual Worship Continues

This Sunday we will again “meet” technologically. We are grateful to all who are part of the online worship service, both those whose faces we see and those who are responsible for the technical aspect. What a gift it is to have the technology that allows this kind of togetherness.

Community cannot be cancelled!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
10:00 a.m., and available afterward
Online at Linwoodchristianlife.org

Or for audio go to Linwoodradio.com or 97.3 FM

Pastor Chris Scruggs will preach on the topic, the *Joy of Wise Living*. His Scripture text will be Luke 6:46-49. Wisdom and joy—a precious combination, and how needed in today's world. Don't miss this service that includes inspiring music, a kids' message from Josiah and Katelyn, and personal words from a long-time Linwoodite.

Save the Date – Cottage Owners Meeting - June 27 – 10 a.m. – The Pavilion

**Streamed
Worship Service**
June 28 – 10 a.m.

Join us at either:
linwoodchristianlife.org
linwoodradio.com

Adult Bible Study
Wed., July 1 – 10 a.m.
The Stand Patio

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**Outdoor
Morning Worship Service**
July 5 – 10 a.m.
The Pavilion

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Evening Vespers
July 5 – 7 p.m.
The Pavilion

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Linwood Radio

A Sound in the Air for a Place in the Heart

Have you tuned in to Linwood Radio? Go to linwoodradio.org, or while in the Park, tune in to 97.3 FM. Your spirits will be lifted!

Youth and Family Activities

Directors Katelyn & Josiah

If you haven't already *please* follow us on our Facebook page:

"Linwood Park Youth Activities and Family Fellowship"

or

[Facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth](https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth)

You'll find updates and our weekly kids devotional to go with each week's sermon!



TUESDAY TEEN NIGHT

Ages 13 – 19

Tuesday - 7 p.m. weekly

Meet at The Stand

Please Bring a Mask

This week we are going to be talking about temptations and how we deal with them. In addition we'll explore how we can put our problems into God's hands and receive God's transformational grace in our circumstances. Come for conversation and fun activities.

FAMILY NIGHT

All Ages

Wednesday - 7 -9 p.m. weekly

Meet at The Stand - Please Bring a Mask

To kick off the summer at Linwood, families participated in a scavenger hunt around the Park! Those who "liked" and posted on our Facebook page were entered in a raffle for a Romps Dairy Dock \$10 gift card! The winners were Mati and Camden Partington—CONGRATULATIONS! Last week families enjoyed painting rocks and canvases in The Park as well as writing letters to God for the kids craft!

News From The Stand

The Stand opens Friday, June 26th

3:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily

July 3rd and 4th,

12:00 - 9:00 p.m..

What we've all been waiting for! While things will look different this year, we are all so glad to see the Stand humming again!

Orders will be take-out only.

No inside store purchases.

The menu will consist of: ice cream, milk shakes etc., beverages, popcorn, nachos, candy treats bags, and snacks.

The daily menu will be posted on the outside of The Stand's window and on signage in line.

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.

Payments will be taken with credit card or cottage accounts only. **Cash will not be accepted.**

Check Linwood radio 97.3 for The Stand announcements.



NEXT WEEK'S FAMILY NIGHT

Next week we will have a movie night on Wednesday meeting in the field behind The Stand! Plan to arrive around 8:45 PM if you would like your photo taken once you and your family are settled in! The kids will be getting a photo gram to decorate which will be in the kids craft box outside The Chapel! We hope to see you all there!

A Message from Park Pastor Chris Scruggs

It's Almost Independence Day

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible that Kathy and I have been here almost a month and July 4th is next week! This Sunday, June 28th, the services will be online, and our focus will be to build our lives on a solid foundation of the wisdom and love of God. Next week, the service will be July 5th—and it is going to be a special service. Our theme is going to be the *Joy of Human Community* and I will be preaching from **Luke 2: the Story of the Birth of Jesus**. God chose to be born into a human family and a particular human community, indicating that our communities are important to God.

Here are some details:

1. Time and Place. The service will be an outdoor service at **11:00 am July 5 at The Pavilion**. The service will be an hour long, so you will be able to return home at noon. If it rains, the service will be broadcast, but not at the normal time, and it will be slightly different.

2. Seating. As regular cottagers know, many of the picnic tables are taken to private residences to celebrate July 4th. Therefore, to the maximum extent possible, we ask everyone to **bring their own folding chairs if possible**. In order to comply with the wisdom of our public officials and Board of Directors, everyone needs to remember that families may sit together, but **family groups need to be at least 6 six feet apart**.

3. Masks. We ask that families **bring masks and wear them** during the service. Linwood Park is made up of a variety of people, some of which have health conditions or are older and might be put at risk if they contract the disease. As an incentive, Chris is going to give out a **prize for the most patriotic and for most unusual mask**. (You can choose whether to be patriotic or creative.)

4. Food. This is going to be an old fashion, outdoor, Camp Meeting-like service. We

encourage cottagers, if they like, to bring their own coffee, refreshments, and anything else they wish to bring for the service. We can't share food outside of our family groups because of COVID-19, but we will all admire your creativity in what you bring for your family group to share.

5. Children. Those of you who have children already know we have a children's message every week. There will be a special children's message on July 5th. Children are welcome to sit and listen to the message with their family groups. They will not be asked to come forward due to Covid-19 risks. Finally, we encourage parents and grandparents to provide a few coloring markers and paper or a coloring book for their small children.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone there. We hope to make this a fun, safe, and spiritually moving and enlightening time for all who attend.

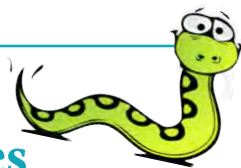
As the Linwood Park Pastor for the summer, I want to be sure everyone knows that I love to be stopped while I am walking and meet new people. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself. If you would like to visit with a pastor, either drop by Auburn House or stop me on a walk!!! It has been a wonderful experience meeting the cottagers and being in this lovely spot.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chris



Eeww--Snakes



While most wildlife at Linwood is appreciated (think eagles, squirrels, etc.), some is not. Many people who have walked down to the pier comment about the abundance of snakes hiding out in the rocks or sunning themselves on a warm day. These comments are usually not positive.

So what kind of snakes are these? Are they poisonous? Do they bite? Should we kill them?

These are northern watersnakes (*Nerodia sipedon*), some of the most common watersnakes in the U.S. They range in size from 24 to 55 inches. They are not venomous and will not attack, but if agitated they may bite. (So don't agitate them and don't try to handle them!) They are important in keeping the balance of nature, as they feed on many species of fish as well as amphibians like frogs and toads, and are also prey for herons and hawks. Northern watersnakes mate after coming out of hibernation in late March to April. Females give birth between late August and early October to live young, having anywhere between 12 and 36 at a time!

These snakes were rare to absent on the pier as recently as 20 years ago. They moved out from the river to the lakeshore and pier after the arrival of the invasive round goby (gobies arrived through the dumping of ballast water from ships coming from the Black Sea). The gobies are bottom-dwellers that are much easier prey for snakes than are most of the native fish in Lake Erie, and the snakes responded to this rich new food source.

Some people think these snakes are venomous 'water moccasins' and therefore try to kill them, especially since the watersnakes can flatten their heads into a diamond shape that makes people think they're a venomous species. In actuality, there are no water moccasins (aka cottonmouths) within hundreds of miles of Linwood.

Though these snakes may not be your favorite creatures, please don't kill them! They are generally not threatening, and they are an important part of the natural world.

(Thanks to Robert Reed, herpetologist, for co-authoring this article.)

Reminders From the Park Board

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Please encourage your kids to honor social distancing and to use the sanitizers when moving from one piece to the next. If your child is not feeling well or has a temp over 100, please do not let them go to the playground. We want everyone to be safe and stay well.



SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit in the park is 10 mph. The kids of Linwood are out in full force on their bikes, roller skates, and just playing. As our most important asset, we want to keep them safe.

GOLF CART RULES

1. Operators must have a valid drivers license.
2. Operators must obey the same safe driving practices as automobiles in the park.
3. Golf cart operation is limited to use on established roads and may not be parked in a manner which interferes with vehicles or pedestrian traffic.
4. Golf carts must have fully functioning headlights, brakes and horns, and must not be altered with "high speed kits" or "lift kits" or anything that enhances the performance of the Golf Cart.
5. Golf Carts may **NOT** carry more than the number of passengers for which they are designed.

Let's have an enjoyable summer and remember, social distancing is still the new norm at Linwood.

DOG LEASH REGULATIONS

Please remember that dogs are to be on a leash and under the control of the person walking them. Dogs are not allowed on the beach at any time.

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