



the Linwood Breeze

Winter Strong Gives Way to Spring

By Sharon Revennaugh

ARISE, SWEET SPRING

*Beauty green swaddled softly in blue.
Arise, oh dormant, full of joy
Brilliant world burst forth in life
Ancient sun, friend of eve.
Return sweet souls to waves of comfort
Warmth of sands and voice of babes.*

Winter strength moved mighty columns of ice and snow along the shores of Lake Erie. We watched in wonder as the might and power of wind and waves gave genesis to our very own 'Linwood ice mountain range'. Several peaks reach upward of 15 feet from the lake edge. For weeks the whole view of the lake shoreline lay silent, still and white. A wonder to behold.

Then suddenly... the Beauty of Spring arrives in our beloved Linwood grounds! The Park, a celebration of life filled with the flowing power of color and life. Forsythia, rhododendron, azalea, daffodil, wild flowers and warmth! Migrating birds, gentle breezes, azure waters gently ripple. I can hear the call from my childhood heart, "It's time."



SPRING ?

We're seeing signs of spring at Linwood!

The ice is gone, the flowers are blooming, and the temperatures are rising. Matt and his crew have cleaned the beach of all the winter detritus—and speaking of the beach, there's lots of it!

After this year of isolation, won't it be wonderful to walk the Linwood streets and the beach and connect with friends?

Save the Date

LPC Shareholders Meeting

Saturday, May 29

10:00 a.m. – Pavilion

Shareholders only

Cottage Owners Meeting

Saturday, May 29

Time TBA. - Pavilion

First Worship Service

Sunday, May 30

10:45 a.m. – location TBA

Official Park Opening

Friday, June 11

News From Linwood Christian Life

Much Zooming has gone on as plans are being made for summer 2021. While many details are unclear, as we don't know what state and county rules regarding Covid -19 will still be in place, this we do know:

- **Pastor Chris Scruggs** will return from Texas to Linwood for part of the summer, from about May 30 to June 20, and again from about August 22 through Labor Day.
- From June 27 To August 15 we will host a series of visiting Sunday morning preachers. (See page 3 for the list.)
- And BIG NEWS for our kids and teens: Josiah Molter and Katelyn Bleisath, (soon to be Josiah and Katelyn Molter after their wedding in the Tabernacle on April 30,) will return to Linwood to lead our children's and teens' programs throughout the summer. Stay tuned for details. Best wishes, Josiah and Katelyn!

Life Together At Linwood

Dear Friends:

It is spring and soon summer at Linwood Park will be upon us. Praise God!

Kathy and I are pleased to once again be a part of Linwood and for the opportunity to serve as one of the "Park Pastors" for the summer. There is more to come concerning the way in which we will serve Christ together this summer.

The theme the Linwood Council of Christian Life is developing for 2021 is "Life Together at Linwood." Linwood is a special place, with a special role in the lives of those who live and visit in the community. It is a place of rest, relaxation, friendship, restoration, renewal and spiritual growth. It has been such a place for many years, and by the grace of God it will be such a place far into the future. Last summer the emphasis was on the joy we experience as disciples of Christ. This summer the theme will be the transforming community to which Christians belong, the *Body of Christ in the World*.

Linwood Park was founded by German Evangelical Christians. It is, therefore, appropriate that our theme this summer is also the title of a book by an important German thinker, pastor, and martyr of the 20th Century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer wrote *Life Together* near the beginning of the Second World War, at a time he was the leader of a seminary for the Confessing Church. He begins the book quoting Psalm 133, "**How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity**" (Psalm 133:1, GCS paraphrase). This summer we will celebrate the transforming community we enjoy together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we plan for this summer, on the weeks I am at Linwood the sermons will come from the Gospel of John. There will be the normal Wednesday Bible Study that looks at the text for

the week just past. In addition, I would like to offer residents the opportunity to read *Life Together* as a community and ponder the meaning it may have for our lives. Those of you who may have read the Christmas Devotional, remember that the division Bonhoeffer makes between the "Life Alone" and "Life in Community" formed the basis of the devotional. We have a personal relationship with Christ that we feed by prayer, reading, and meditation as part of a life that includes service and community with others.

Bonhoeffer was eventually imprisoned because of his activities in opposing Hitler. In prison, he wrote of the pressures of solitude and the blessing of the community of which he was then deprived. Too often, contemporary Christians do not remember and celebrate the blessings of the Christian communities of which we are blessed to be a part. Linwood is such a community and place. This summer, let's take the opportunity to reflect upon and experience that joy that comes only with Christian community.

Kathy and I will see you soon!!!

Chris

Park Pastor



Message from Worship Chairperson Anne Humphries

Summer Worship at Linwood? Almost here!!

We can't wait to return to the Park and experience Sunday morning worship with our families, friends, and neighbors. What a joy! This will be the 136th year of hearing the bell ring and joining together to hear God's Word.

This summer we want to invite as many as possible to share their gifts during worship service. We are aware that right here in our park we have many musically talented people and even whole families! Please consider sharing your gifts on the Sundays you are scheduled to be in the park. Just email vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.org and tell us when you will be at Linwood and what you would like to play or sing. We'd love to get you or your visitors on the schedule.

AND you can also email us with sacred music requests, old gospel tunes, familiar hymns, praise choruses, contemporary worship songs... we can always use your ideas for inspiration.

We look forward to worshipping again at Linwood soon!

We welcome suggestions and observations from the community. So that you know whom to contact, following is a list of officers of Linwood Christian Life:

President – Keith Saffles
 Vice President – Anne Humphries
 Secretary – Kim Csepe
 Treasurer – Sharon Revennaugh
 Youth and Family Chairperson – Bronlynn Eberhardt
 Support Services Chairperson – Jason Hetche

Welcome to these preachers who will be bringing our Sunday morning messages this summer:

May 2 through June 20 – Chris Scruggs
 June 27 and July 4 – Wayne Phillips
 July 11 and 18 – Jon Wolney
 July 25 – Hu Auburn
 August 1 – Youth Sunday – Josiah Molter
 August 8 – Mike Vonderau
 August 15 – Kim Csepe
 August 22 through September 5 – Chris Scruggs

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

- Write a weekly restaurant column for the Breeze? Or a weekly “things to do around the area” column? Please contact: breeze.editor@linwoodchristianlife.org
- Provide altar flowers for a Sunday morning worship service? Please contact Linda Stocker: lindas1944@twc.com
- Usher at a Sunday morning worship service? Please contact: vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.org

PRAYPING FOR LINWOOD

Throughout the year, a group of Linwoodites meets weekly (currently via Zoom) to pray for the needs of our community. We would love to pray for you. Contact Bronlynn Eberhardt to let her know whom you would like added to the prayer list: Linwoodprayers@gmail.com





In Memoriam

Over this past long and difficult year, the Linwood community has lost a number of dear friends. We pray for their peace in God’s rest, and for solace for the families and friends, who acutely feel their absence.

William Enfield – October 8, 1940 – September 21, 2020
 William LaFleur – September 22, 1945 – December 29, 2020
 Bea Henry – October 21, 1925 – January 4, 2021
 Patricia Roney Wettach – June 5, 1923 – January 20, 2021
 Lois Johnson – November 3, 1926 February 8, 2021
 Robert Eckley – January 1, 1929 – March 2, 2021

News From the Linwood Park Board of Directors

The Upper Rooms are available for rental this year. However, at this time we are limiting rentals to no more than two family units at a time.

We want to be sure everyone is comfortable and safe, so each unit will have an assigned bathroom to use.

Rentals are not limited to one room. A family unit can rent multiple rooms.

The refrigerator and microwave will not be available for use this summer.

STAND BY FOR THE STAND



Aren’t we all looking forward to the first ice cream cone from the Stand? As of now, the plan is to continue ordering from the window as was done last season. However, those plans could change depending on the situation with Covid.

Hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day. On the weekend the Grill will be putting out hamburgers and hot dogs, and during the week there will be more lunch options to choose from. Big news: the Slushie machine will be back this summer!

New Across Liberty Avenue



The **3-Bs - Bites, Bowls, and Buns**, is due to open in late April. It is on the Linwood Park property that used to house Burger King.

Major renovations are underway, and the prospect of good food with easy access from the Park is tantalizing!



THE LINWOOD STORE WILL BE BACK IN BUSINESS THIS SUMMER!

You can look forward to some new artists and some new items for sale, with new hours, including after church on Sundays while the Grill is serving. Watch this space for specifics as details emerge.

Around the Park – The Sounds of Building

As usual, the day after the official Park closing last fall, the sound of saws and bulldozers filled the air, as the demolition and building crews got to work. We have three new cottages this summer: two are rebuilds and one is on a lot that has always been empty.

One of the rebuilds is at the corner of Tabernacle and Sixth, the cottage belonging to Cathy and Ron Campbell. The other rebuild is on Seventh Street, the cottage belonging to John and Debbie Donoghue.

The new cottage at 475 Linden is on a lot that was purchased in the 50's by Gary Morgan's grandfather, Doctor New. Instead of building on that lot, he bought the cottage at 475 Walnut. Seventy or so years later, Gary and his wife Debbie decided to move west and build on the Linden lot and sold their Walnut cottage to the Waggoners, who had been their next-door neighbors for decades.



Seventh Street



Linden Street



Tabernacle & Sixth

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Happy Spring !