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Linwood Breeze



Summer Summer Summer!

Finally, finally, summer is on the horizon! For many of us, it has been too long since we drove through the gates of Linwood Park. Many people are working to ready The Park and the programming for everyone's arrival. This online *Breeze* will give you a sense of what to expect.

Welcome

Pastor Paul and Jan Thwaite!



We are delighted to welcome Paul and Jan to Linwood. Many of you met them last year, but this will be their first summer in the Auburn, as Paul begins his first year as resident pastor. It has been about 35 years since we have had a pastor who lived among us; we are so thankful for the prayers, work, and

financial support that have made this landmark step possible. Please make it a point to get to know Paul and Jan, who are all in as they embark on this new venture.

See Pastor Paul's first message to Linwood on page 2.

Blessing of the Park

**Saturday, May 27 – 7:00 p.m.
Tabernacle**

Join us in The Tabernacle as we welcome one another and the season. We will sing, delight in being together, and ask God's blessing on this place and its people. All are welcome, from the littlest on up! **Plus—FREE ICE CREAM afterward!**

Save the Date

**Be sure to put these
dates on your calendar**

First Worship Service
Sunday, May 28 - 11 a.m.
The Tabernacle

**Linwood Council of
Christian Life Meeting**
Saturday, May 27 – 8 a.m.
The Chapel

LPCOA Meeting
Saturday, May 27 - 10 a.m.
The Tabernacle

Blessing of the Park
Saturday, May 27 – 7 p.m.

Official Park Opening
Friday, June 9

**Kids' Sunday School and
Adult Forum**
Begins Sunday, June 11



Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Spring Greetings to you, Linwood friends! As I write this here in Pittsburgh it's to be 80 degrees today, and I can hear the birds chirping outside the windows as Spring begins to take hold more fully (of course, we also had a frost warning yesterday morning!!) We are fresh off Easter celebrations of our resurrected Lord Jesus who is alive and present in our lives and world today! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! It's a wonderful time of year, and Jan and I hope you are finding it to be so for you and your loved ones as well!

Another wonderful time of year is fast approaching as we look ahead to the coming summer season beginning soon at Linwood Park! It will be our first full season as your *Park Pastor*, and Jan and I are looking forward to it with excitement and anticipation. We are so grateful to all the folks who have been working in different ways to prepare for this summer through Zoom meetings, work on the Auburn Cottage where we are privileged to reside for the summer, and prayers for God's Spirit to be working in us and among us!

Speaking of God's Holy Spirit, the Worship team has approved our theme for Summer 2023 worship services and Bible studies to be an in-depth consideration of God's Holy Spirit under the title "The Holy Spirit - God's Personal Trainer." Ephesians 1:13-14 says: *In him (Christ) you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.* Every believer in Jesus Christ has received this precious gift! The Holy Spirit is akin to a personal trainer who is committed to work with each of us to "shape us up" into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ! I hope this little "preview of coming attractions" will begin to get you excited about ways in which God's Spirit will be working among us this summer!

Jan and I have also been meeting weekly via Zoom with the Prayer team from Linwood as we lift up the joys and concerns of the Linwood community. In preparation for the coming summer season, I would invite you all to join that team in praying for the Lord to use this summer for his glory and for our growth in love, faith, and community! Pray for God to use our times in worship, Bible study, and fellowship to deepen and strengthen our faith individually and corporately. Pray for others in the Linwood community you know. Pray for God to touch the hearts of those who are not yet followers of Christ. Pray for Linwood to be a light for the wider Vermilion community. Pray for the Spirit of God to move in the Linwood community in ways that are greater than what we could even think or imagine! We look forward to being with you!

In Christ,

Pastor Paul (and Jan) Thwaite

Urgent Need

Linwood Christian Life is still searching for a youth leader to lead our high school students, elementary students, and little ones this summer. If you have a love for youth and a passion for Christ or know of someone who does, please email Bronlynn Eberhardt at:

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New In The Park

Playground Equipment



Stunning Spring Plantings

THE ANTS GO MARCHING -- AND LEADING US TO BIG CHANGES



There was an “incident” at the Auburn last August. Ants invaded a second-floor bedroom! No one wants to live with ants, and it certainly wasn’t fair to ask the Scruggs to put up with that, either. An exterminator was called, the house was sprayed, and that was fortunately the last of the ants.

However, learning what attracted the ants in the first place led to some changes at the Auburn. The ants were attracted to soft rotting wood due to a roof leak sending water down the bedroom wall. After consulting with a roofing contractor, it was decided that the old metal roof that had been tarred over a couple of times needed to be replaced. That improvement was made in early September.

The timing of the needed roof repair coincided with the departure of Chris and Cathy Scruggs and the

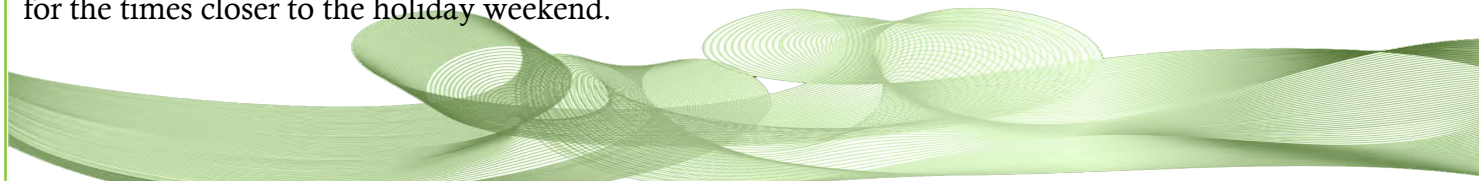
arrival of Paul and Jan Thwaite. Chris—always full of ideas and guidance—gave the LCL several suggestions of how the Auburn could be improved to make it more livable. The old air conditioners blocking several of the windows left the cottage dark. They also seemed a bit moldy and cooled the cottage unevenly. With the anticipated arrival of the Thwaites, the bathroom was deemed way too small for them. It always was too small, but the Scruggs tolerated it with their usual southern grace. (In the past you could sit on the toilet and brush your teeth at the same time!)

Bottom line, a project was undertaken to make some much needed upgrades to the Auburn *and* protect the LCL’s investment. Several HVAC contractors were asked for suggestions and quotes on installing a heat pump. Those consultations resulted in the installation of a traditional HVAC system outside and in the attic, with ducts to the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms and all the bedrooms, plus one long run along the middle of the downstairs, such that air could be blown directly (i.e., efficiently) into the living room, dining room, and kitchen.

Les Revenaugh was tasked with building bulkheads to hide the ductwork downstairs. He was also engaged to take down the wall between the two front bedrooms, making it a much bigger room with better cross ventilation. Some of the space created by the newly enlarged bedroom was used to expand the bathroom, adding about 18 inches between the toilet and the sink. The bathroom was upgraded with a lot of new stuff—toilet, vanity, and storage closet for towels. It looks great!

As with any home improvement project, as the project advanced, new ideas emerged. One such suggestion was to paint the bedroom ceilings white, making the upstairs brighter, airy, and more inviting.

All involved in the improvements are pleased and proud of the outcome. You need to come see the improvements! **An Open House is being planned for the Memorial Day weekend.** Be on the look-out for the times closer to the holiday weekend.





THE STAND – SUMMER 2023

Sharon Revenaugh – Manager
Randi Johannsen – Asst Manager

Hours 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., every day
 Grilled burgers, dogs and brats
 Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Are you dreaming about a Linwood Stand ice cream cone?
 Only 7 more weeks till you can have your first cone of the
 summer!**

This summer, like every year, we will have the amazingly delicious flavors from Tofts Ice Cream. We're excited about our brand-new display/dipping freezer that just arrived. Along with ice cream and all our other regular items we are adding some new items to our menu. Check these out:

- Chop salads**
- Pecan Pie Bars - by the bar or on a sundae**
- Coffee – regular or flavored**
- Puppy Chew mix**
- Chex mix**
- Granola**



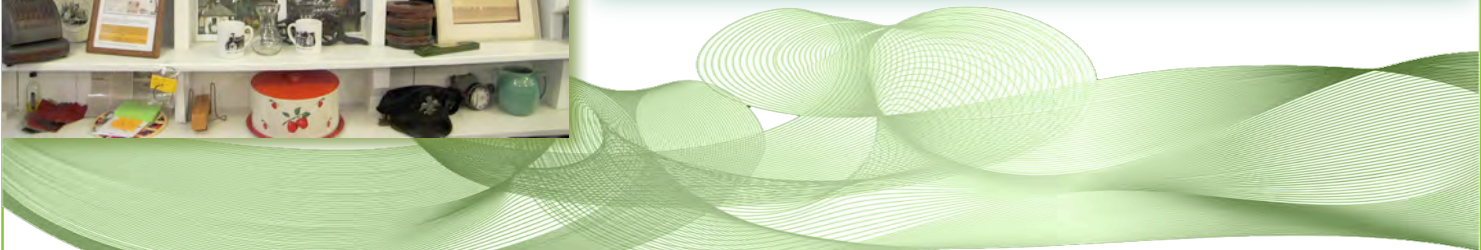
New 2023 clothing for sale this summer will be a sport-style ¼ zip long-sleeved shirt. They go fast so be sure to get yours quickly.

THE STORE AT LINWOOD

It has been 11 years since the old grocery store was repurposed into the Linwood Store and Museum featuring arts and crafts by our own Linwood affiliated artists.

The Linwood Store/Museum will have a soft opening Memorial Day Weekend. Beginning in June, hours of operation are Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday after church until 2 p.m.; and Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in season. Phone numbers are posted on the front door if you would like it open for special groups.

Abby Stocker's design was chosen from the t-shirt contest. T-shirts will be on sale when the park opens. You can also pre-order t-shirts at the first LPCOA meeting on Saturday, May 27.



NEWLYWEDS BUILD HOUSE IN LINWOOD

Here at Linwood, almost every winter someone rebuilds or remodels their cottage. Well, this year we watched a pair of newlyweds build their new home from scratch, stick by stick!!

Let us introduce you to Linn and Woody Bald Eagle!!!
(trumpet sounds)

In January, the full-time residents of Linwood were so excited to discover a pair of bald eagles taking large and small branches to the top of an old majestic tree near the mailboxes on Linwood Street. Day by day, week by week, the nest grew from a few random branches to a sturdy nest approximately two feet high.

Although they continued to build and tend the nest, they did not have eaglets this year. Nevertheless, the joy of seeing one or both of them perched or sitting in the nest high above our heads as we come and go through the Linwood gate is a tremendous joy and wonderful blessing to our beloved Linwood Park.

Bald eagles mate for life and will keep the same nest as long as they live and the nest remains. They will add to it each nesting season, thus growing it larger and larger. After nesting season passes, the pair will seldom, if ever, return to the nesting spot. However, they will no doubt be present all year in the Park. Watch for them fishing, soaring, or perched on the highest lakefront trees on most days.

BALD EAGLE ETIQUETTE

Now that we have our own bald eagle nest in Linwood, we need to practice excellent bald eagle etiquette. These manners are most important during nesting season, which can range from February to June in Ohio. Please learn how to be *good neighbors* to our beautiful couple, Linn and Woody!

Stay back: Keep at least 100 feet from an active nest, roost, or feeding area. Use optics like binoculars or a telescope to view the eagles at a distance.

Quiet please: If you must talk, whisper.

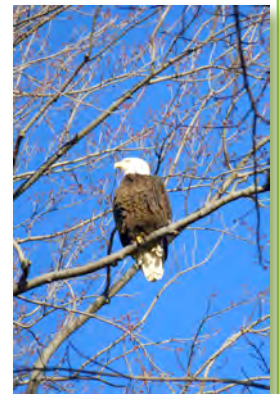
Cover up: Use your vehicle or boat as a blind; eagles often are more alarmed by pedestrians.

Be cool: Avoid sudden movements — and movements directly toward the eagles or the nest — while on foot or in a vehicle or boat.

No flushing: Don't make the birds fly. Flushing an eagle off a nest may expose the eggs or young eaglets to cold or wet weather or a nest predator. It also wastes precious energy and may cause them to leave a valuable meal behind or abandon a nest that they are constructing.

Pay attention: Watch how the eagle reacts to your presence – if it acts agitated, vocalizes repeatedly, or starts moving away, you are too close.

Do not fly drones near nesting areas: Respect eagle zones. Drones will startle and agitate eagles. Eagles will defend nests and attack drones which can result in injury to the eagle.



AN OPEN INVITATION

Hey Linwood ladies! Are you looking for a fun "new" game to play? Would you like to spend a couple hours with a variety of Linwoodite gals?

Well, here's an idea for you: come to The Stand on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. and give the ancient tile game, Mah Jongg, a try.

There is no cost, no time commitment, nothing to bring, and no previous experience needed. The seasoned players will be glad to teach you, as well as enjoy your company!

The group looks forward to twittering the sparrows with you! No worries, that just means mixing up the tiles.

If you'd like additional information, feel free to contact one of us:



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HEY BOOKIES! COME READ WITH US!

Our first meeting of the summer season will be Monday, June 5 at 10 a.m. We will discuss *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. All are welcome to join us in The Store.

PLAYGROUND ADDITION

LPCOA has purchased a new piece of playground equipment, tailored for special needs children. Thanks to Matt Crase for installing it free of charge!



MANY THANKS TO MATT & CREW!



As always, Matt Crase and his hardy crew of workers have been busy keeping Linwood Park's grounds looking beautiful. In addition to the many trees planted last fall to keep our grove growing, Matt has been busy with clean up after storms (we've had some significant blows this winter), and has begun the cleanup and grooming of the beach in anticipation of this coming summer season.



So once again, Matt, THANK 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: **Kate Brece, Sharon Revennaugh, Janet Waggoner.**