

The Linway News

June 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Greetings! As I write this it is apparent that many places in our country have begun to open-up and resume business and commerce heading toward a resumption of what we remember as *normal*. Unfortunately, the church is not there yet. We had our May Session meeting via Zoom technology where we were all in our homes, yet we could see and hear each other. While there are indications of restrictions being relaxed, it is not as easy as simply saying that *on such and such a date we will resume our previous scheduled worship services*. Many ideas were shared by the Elders including having worship on the front lawn with people invited to bring their lawn chairs or possibly sit in their vehicle in the parking lot. What I can tell you is that when we are prepared to resume worship, in whatever format, you will be informed.

The First Sunday this June is Trinity Sunday on the Church calendar. The historic symbol for the Trinity is three interlocked circles. The Trinity is not some mathematical absurdity that $1+1+1=1$. The Trinity is a human statement about the personhood of God. God abhors sin. God's desire is for a close, loving relationship between us and God's self. The Christian faith announces that this has been accomplished through the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit means that the mystery beyond us, the



mystery among us, and the mystery within us are all the same mystery. The Trinity is a way of expressing how we experience God. Our experience is not limited by time or space, because God transcends all of these and more.

We worship the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom he called *Abba*, Father, who transcends time. We worship the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord of Life who transcends space. When Philip said to Jesus: *Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied*. Jesus' reply is instructive: *He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ... The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works* (John 14:8-10).

We worship the Holy Spirit as the presence of God with us who transcends space and time as an abiding presence. This is the mystery of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is God's still, small voice that continues to speak to us and invites us to enter into a relationship that will take us from where we are to where God wants us to be. This is Good News! And it is God's Holy Spirit who binds us together although the Corona Virus Pandemic temporarily keeps us physically separate.

There is encouraging news daily but it is far too soon to sound the *all clear!* What I can tell you is that as soon as it is safe, we will resume worship and the activities that we believe are part of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. In the meantime, as I have said before, let's covenant to stay connected. Don't hesitate to call or email friends to see how they are doing. A friendly greeting and

remembrance can certainly brighten another's day.

I want to thank everyone who has been so faithful in sending in their offering and participating in the candy bar, gift cards, and greeting cards fundraising sales. It has been helpful. Session has approved the Fundraising Committee's request for a Chicken Barbeque fundraiser. It has been scheduled for Saturday June 6th from 2 to 6 p.m. This one will be Take-Out Only! We will be required to wear masks and keep a physical distance. Please look for additional information in the rest of the newsletter. Help with set-up and clean-up is necessary and appreciated.

Please review the announcements and information contained in the rest of this newsletter. They will help us to plan for what we may or may not be allowed to do in the coming days and weeks. I will continue to write a weekly letter with the Scripture readings for the Lord's Day until we receive the *all clear*. I hope you will find it helpful.

By the grace of God, we are one people, and together, part of the Body of Christ in this time and place. I look forward to sharing with you the worthy and sacred work of worship, mission, and ministry at our Lord's Linway Church.

Grace & Peace,
Eric E. Dennis, Pastor



Linway Church Picnic

Our annual Church Picnic previously scheduled for June 14 in White Oak Park has been cancelled.

HAPPY *Father's* —DAY—

Father's Day: Sunday, June 21

We wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers and grandfathers and also to all of the men of Linway who share their concern and care for others! We also fondly remember the men in our lives who have gone home to the Church Triumphant.

"A righteous man who always walks in his integrity; how blessed are his sons after him."

Proverbs 20: 7

OUR DAILY BREAD

The June-July-August 2020 edition of *Our Daily Bread* has been delayed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will notify you when we receive them and they are available for pick-up.



Session Notes

Next Session Meeting: June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

On May 19, the Session met via Zoom technology and discussed guidelines from the Presbytery and ideas regarding re-opening the church. Plans are still being formulated and will be announced prior to holding worship at the church. Other items from the meeting include:

- Cancellation of the Church Picnic
- Holding a virtual VBS instead of gathering at the church
- Mission to Feed the Homeless must wait for the approval from Howard Ministries to resume this mission
- Approval of Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser Take-Out Only on June 6



Lawn Care Donations Requested



It's Grass Cutting Time! We would appreciate donations toward our Lawn Care Fund to help defray the cost of the lawn mowing service that takes care of the church's lawn and landscaping. Each weekly cut of the grass costs \$40.00. If you are willing and able to help with this expense, please mark "Lawn Care" on your check memo line. Thank you so much for helping us keep the church's lawn and grounds looking nice.

**WE PUT THE
FUN
IN FUNDRAISING**



Fundraising Committee

Chicken Barbecue Take-Out Only!

**Sat., June 6 2:00-6:00
Use East Lot
(across from Big Ross)**

NEW PICK UP PROCEDURES: NO NEED TO EXIT YOUR CAR!

Pull into the East Parking Lot (the Big Ross Hoagie side of the church) and a volunteer will approach your car to take your order. Meals will then be brought to your car.

The cost is \$10.00 per dinner, and includes half of a delicious barbecued chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter, bottle of water and a Sarris Candy Bar. Please come support our Fundraiser. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to stop for Linway's famous, mouth-watering Chicken Barbecue!

Sarris Candy Bars will also be available for purchase during the BBQ.

Volunteers Needed for Chicken Barbecue

Volunteers are needed to help in a number of ways both Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7. If you can help on Friday with preparing the chicken and cleaning the potatoes, please contact Scott Gray at 412-977-8254.

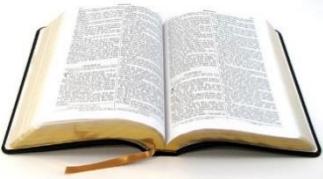
Saturday help is needed setting up outside, taking orders, and clean-up afterwards. Contact Jamie Stewart at 412-419-7179 if you are able to help on Saturday.

Volunteers are asked to park in the West Lot (the Getgo side of the church).

Thank you to everyone who supported our Greeting Card, Gift Card, and Sarris Candy Bar Fundraisers to benefit the General Fund. Please leave a message on the church answering machine if you would like to purchase Giant Eagle gift cards.



Christian Education Committee



Staycation Bible School

We are excited to announce our Staycation Bible School! We're not going to let the Corona Virus totally stop us from having VBS this summer. Instead of meeting inside the church, we are offering a Bible School that kids may complete at home! Plans include:

- Online Bible Lessons given by our own Linway members that can be viewed from the church website.
- Take Home Kits made up of crafts and activities relating to each lesson.

There is no cost to participate. We only ask that you reserve a Take Home Kit for your child in advance. Kits may be reserved by emailing your child's name, age, and phone number to www.VBS@LinwayChurch.org before June 30. You will then be contacted in mid-July when you may come to the church to pick-up your kit for your child.

Monetary donations towards VBS may be mailed to the church office. Please mark that your donation is for VBS. Thank you, in advance, for your donations!

New Linway Retreat Date: Saturday, Oct. 1

We will be holding a Fall Retreat at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center with most of our regular activities compacted into a single daytime retreat. We'll have the use of a portion of the cafeteria and the outdoor pavilion with a fireplace to make 'smores and hot dogs in the evening before we drive home. We're excited to try this one-day retreat with the fall colors in full display. More information will be coming!

YOUTH activities



Congratulations to our High School Graduates:

Megan Nicole Egenlauf

East Allegheny Jr./Sr. High School

During her time at EA, Megan is most proud of her soccer participation. After high school, Megan will be attending the Community College of Allegheny County for Early Childhood Education.

Jocelynn Renee MacDonald

East Allegheny Jr./Sr. High School

During her time at EA, Jocelynn was the Captain of the Girls' Soccer Team and earned ALL WPIAL for soccer. After high school, Jocelynn will be attending the Community College of Allegheny County and then plans to transfer to the University of Pittsburgh.

Caleb Novosedliak

East Allegheny Jr./Sr. High School

During his time at EA, Caleb participated in Track and Baseball. After high school, Caleb will be going into the National Guard and then plans to enter the FBI.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11





Mission to Feed the Homeless

Due to the pandemic, we have been unable to carry out our monthly Mission to Feed the Homeless in downtown Pittsburgh in order to follow the guidelines of social distancing. We will provide updates as soon as we are able to resume this mission.



Preschool Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year is Being Accepted

If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child in the Linway Preschool program starting this August, please contact the church office at 412-824-3555. There are some openings in the 3-Year Old Classes that meet Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. A few spots remain in the 4-Year Old Afternoon Class that meets Mon, Wed & Fri 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Meals on Wheels

During this pandemic, Meals on Wheels is continuing to operate out of the Linway kitchen in order to provide meals for their clients. They are providing 5 meals a week but have consolidated their food preparation and delivery to 3 days a week.



Please remember the following in our prayers:

Helen Alexander	Anne Nutter
John Arnold	Dennis Bernhardy
Betty Brinker	Charlotte
Bill Chobanic	Clay & Lois
Dorothy	Cindy Druga
Mike Feigh	Betty Frommell
Gloria	Jason & Jackie
Karen	Audrey Koppel
Edward Lloyd	Rita Marrow
Nellie Nicholls	Nan Oskin
Carol Pascarella	Pat
Fran Peppler	Ann Puscaric
Renee	Doreen Sever
Linda Smith	Michelle Smith
Cindy Taylor	Jim Welsh
Irene Young	



Happy June Birthday to:

Tom Thornton	Marissa Lapp
Willie Marrow	Caden Sivrich
Duane Welty	Pam Susan
Denny Bernhardy	Scott Susan
Cathy Walters	Dale Frye
Ed Matko	Ellen Hardy
Samantha Stewart	Stephanie Spingola
Deanna Buchman	



Happy June Anniversary to:

Jackie & Tom Thornton
Jaime & Ed Ruffing
Linda & Jim Wetzler



Online Giving Through Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly is a secure way to give to Linway Church through credit cards or your bank account from anywhere at any time. There are two ways to give via Tithe.ly:

- Website: <https://tithe.ly/give>
- App: Downloaded to your phone (<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>) from either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Note: When searching for Tithe.ly, select the Finance App.

Once on either the website or the app, the registration process is very quick and secure. To find Linway, click on Search, type Linway and select Linway United Presbyterian Church. If you have any additional questions, please contact Christine Stewart, our Financial Secretary, at financial@linwaychurch.org.

Also, the Church mail continues to be checked daily for church offerings that are sent through the U.S. Post Office.

Telephone Number Updates

Jamie and Christine Stewart are no longer using their home telephone number. If you need to contact them, please use their cell phone numbers:

Jamie: 412-419-7179

Chris: 412-736-9763



Thank you to all the prayer warriors who have been praying for Tim King. He has recently been told he is cancer free!

-Wendie King

MA's Pantry

Since March, MA's Pantry has been cooperating with the East Allegheny School District on the distribution of school lunches. Effective June 3, the District will discontinue lunch distributions for the summer. Otherwise, MA's Pantry is functioning as normal. The next distributions will be June 6 and 20. To everyone's delight, fresh produce is back! We have found a way to distribute produce safely. Thanks to all who have continued their gifts to MA's Pantry during this stressful time.

Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

*They will soar high on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary.
They will walk and not faint.*

-Isaiah 40:31



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Deadline for newsletter information is usually the Sunday before the last Sunday of the month unless noted differently.

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