



The Linway News

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Linway **PRESBYTERIAN** United
CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



What Is Our Greatest Resource?

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is our greatest resource here at Linway? I'm sure this is a question that could generate no small amount of discussion, and I'm sure that among the possible answers we would hear: "Our faith in Jesus Christ" or "The people of Linway" or "Our history and heritage," and any of these would be part of the answer. Let me suggest one more – ***The Power of Prayer!***

Let me share some powerful quotes I've come across through the years:

"Prayer is the key that unlocks the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power. All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of prayer."

R.A. Torrey

"Prayer isn't easy, and it doesn't come naturally to anyone. It's work. Prayer is a joyous privilege, but it is a challenge. The concerns of the world distract us from prayer. The irony is that prayer is what helps us overcome the concerns of the world. Commit yourself to sincere and earnest prayer and God will open the doors of heaven to you."

John Maxwell

"Prayer is the sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God through Christ in the strength and assistance of the Holy

Spirit, for such things as God hath promised, or according to the Word, for the good of the church, with submission and faith to the will of God."

John Bunyan

"One might estimate the weight of the world, tell the size of the celestial city, count the stars of heaven, measure the speed of lightning, and tell the time of the rising and the setting of the sun – but you cannot estimate the power of prayer! Prayer is as vast as God himself because He is behind it. Prayer is as mighty as God because he has committed Himself to it."

Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer is not a spiritual performance for "Super-Christians," nor merely a lifeline for the wayward. Prayer is simply conversation with God – Your Father who loves you and delights in time with you. Prayer is the privilege of the creature communicating with the Creator. Prayer is the point of connection between the needs of the world and the power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer changes lives, and it will change yours and mine, and it will change the life of Linway, or any church, forever!

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you

*ask in my name, so that the Son
may bring glory to the Father.
You may ask me for anything in
my name, and I will do it.*

John 14:11-14

Remember, "You can do more than pray...
but not until you have prayed!"

Be blessed,
Pastor Larry



Rally Day Communion: September 8

World Communion Sunday: October 6

We will be sharing holy communion during both worship services on Sunday, September 8 and Sunday, October 6.

Rally Day Treats: Sept. 8 at 11:30

Join us in the Social Hall following the 10:30 service as we gather to celebrate the end of summer & the return of regular church activities. We will be serving one last taste of summer: slices of watermelon & ice cream sundaes! We rejoice that we are able to gather together at Linway for praise & worship!

Transition to New Pastor

After receiving results of the Congregational Survey, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met with representatives from the Pittsburgh Presbytery and has begun the process of searching for Linway's next pastor. The Pittsburgh Presbytery helps guide churches in the process of finding a new pastor. A summary of the survey results is included with this newsletter.

The Session

Next Session Meeting: Sept 17 7:00 pm
in the Friendly Fellowship Room.

Fundraising Committee Linway Chicken Barbecue! Sat. Sept 7 serving from 2:30-?



Meals will continue to be take-out only from our East Parking Lot. Cost is \$12 per dinner and includes: 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, and roll.

Volunteers are needed:

On Fri. 9/6, help is needed with kitchen prep at 11:30 am. Contact Scott Gray at 412-977-8254 if you can help Friday.

On Sat. 9/7, please contact Keith Eremic at 412-445-8385 if you are able to help with one of the following areas:

- Set-up, Serving, Traffic Flow help needed starting at 1:00.
- Clean-up help needed starting at 4:30.



Fall Festival: Sat., Nov. 9

Save the date for our annual community Fall Festival at Linway! Please share this date with friends & family. Watch for more information in the coming weeks on how you can join in to help with this fun event.

Giving Bean Coffee & Tea On-Going

Fundraiser: Online orders may be placed directly with Giving Bean at any time and Linway will earn 25% of the sale. Orders will then be shipped directly to you. Use this link to order:

<https://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=83fa1>.

Gift Cards: Eat'n Park & Giant Eagle Gift Cards in various amounts are available for purchase after the 10:30 worship service or by calling the church office. The church receives a % of the value of each card.

Property Committee

Security: Each night, a member goes through our church to make sure lights & faucets are off, windows are closed, doors are locked, etc. If you would be willing to help, please contact Scott Gray at 412-977-8254. The current schedule is 1 week roughly every other month. More help on the schedule would reduce the number of times each person does security a year.

Kitchen Project

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Kitchen Project! Your hard work is truly appreciated! Work began on July 15 with the removal of all items from the kitchen, except for the ovens and dishwasher. A lot of digging and hauling of dirt was then done by several members and friends to get to the original pipes underneath the kitchen floor. The kitchen plumbing was reconfigured, with a new 3-bowl sink, hand-washing sink, grease trap, and new pipes.

On July 24, the plumbing passed all inspections, and then gravel and concrete were poured to fill-in the trenches that were dug. The kitchen was wiped-down, sanitized, and the cupboards re-organized. On August 1, the kitchen was ready, and Meals On Wheels resumed using the kitchen. While the construction was underway, Meals On Wheels had been using the Preschool Classroom and the Ladies Parlor with meals prepared by Drew Menas Restaurant.

The next step is the installation of a new floor, but that must wait while the cement on the floor cures for several weeks.

Thank you to Scott Gray, Clara Welty, and Dave Brown for coordinating and to Rick & Ricky Morgan for being consultants on this

project. Here are a few pictures:



Kitchen floor, counters, & appliances removed & trench dug to replace plumbing



New 3-bowl sink



New hand washing sink



Current progress: Cement floor is curing

Deacons

Next Deacon Meeting: Sun, Sept. 15 at 11:30 am in the Friendly Fellowship Room.

Halloween Treat Boxes: The Deacons are preparing Halloween treat boxes for Linway's college students and military personnel. Donations of snacks, school supplies or other items for the boxes can be left in the upstairs work room of the church. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope in the offering and mark your donation "Halloween Boxes". Please provide all donations by Oct. 14. Your support is appreciated. Thanks!



Christian Education Committee

Children's Sun. School: EVERY Sunday

We are pleased to announce that Children's Sunday School will now be offered EVERY SUNDAY during the 10:30 Service. If you would like to help by being a Sunday School helper and prepare a craft project or activity, please contact Jaime Ruffing or the church office.

Kid's Club:

Now starting at Age 5 & adding Music!

Kids' Club will be starting Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We'll have a Bible lesson, craft, game, snack and music for kids age 5 years old through 6th grade. Kids' Club will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Invite a friend! Please share info about this free program with other families. **Parents do not need to be a member of Linway to participate.**

Please contact the church office for registration forms. Any child coming with someone who is not their parent or guardian must have these forms completed in advance & bring them when they come. Please use the James Street entrance at

the back of the church when you come inside to sign-in/sign-out your child.



Bibles for 3rd Grade Students

In keeping with our annual tradition, Bibles will soon be presented to children who are in the 3rd grade. If your child is in the 3rd grade, please contact the church office to make sure we have him/her on the list.

Bible Study Group: After reviewing the survey responses, the CEC is exploring materials for an Adult Bible Study which will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m.

We are seeking:

- someone to organize & communicate with the group
- individuals to be on a team to assist with leading the group

If you are interested in helping to make this happen, please contact a member of CEC or the church office. We hope to add more adult programs in the future.

Help Needed: Sun, Oct. 27 1:00-3:00 to pass out treats on our front lawn. Plans are underway for a **Community Trick or Treat** in which families will follow a path on our lawn to collect treats. If you would like to help hand out treats and/or decorate a treat table, please contact Jaime Ruffing or the church office. More info soon! We're excited to host this community event!

Music Ministry



Chancel Choir: Do you find yourself humming songs on your drive home from worship? Consider joining our choir! After a summer break, the choir will be holding their first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Use the west door to enter. Everyone is welcome to sing with our choir during the 10:30 service. Rehearsal is a time of fun, fellowship, and singing. Please speak to George Hawkins or one of our choir members if you have any questions.

Women's Breakfast

The first Monday of the month, the women of Linway get together for breakfast at 10:00 a.m. at North Versailles Eat 'N Park. Any woman from the church is welcome. The next breakfast dates will be Sept. 9 and Oct. 7.

Men's Breakfast

The men are also getting together for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at North Versailles Eat 'N Park. All men are invited. The next men's breakfast dates will be on Sept. 25 and Oct. 30.

Craft Ladies

The Craft Ladies resumed meeting on Tues, Sept. 3 at 12:30 downstairs in the Friendly Fellowship Room. They are working on projects for our Fall Festival. Contact Nancy Waszkiewicz or Clara Welty with questions.

Linway Preschool



Teacher's Michele Brancato and Alle Comunale welcomed the 3 & 4 year olds to their first day of school on Sept. 3 and 4. An exciting year is planned, with lots of learning along with fun activities.

Still Accepting Registrations for the 3 Year Olds Class

There are still a few openings in our 3 Year Olds Class. Please share with those who may be interested and ask them to call the church office a.s.a.p. for more information.

*He hath made everything
beautiful in its time.*

-Ecclesiastes 3:11



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels operates out of the Linway kitchen 5 days a week to provide meals for their clients. Extra hands are always welcome to help. To volunteer or to sign-up to receive meals, please call: 412-327-6908.

Need for Prayer



Please remember the following in our prayers:

Patty B., Donnie Baker, Ben B., Michele B., Amy C., Chris, Cheryl D., Betty Frommell, Frank & Mary Lou Fawcett, Bev Harcum, Jill Hardy, Nick Hunter, Karen K., Michelle K., Kathy, Kevin, Samantha L., Vickie Lofgren, Ken M., Jill M., Lynn Miracle, Eric N., Nancy, Linda P., Carol Pascarella, Joan Pierro, Renee R., Laura Shawley, Shawn, Anna Marie S., Bill Szmuc, Tammi, Cindy Taylor, Pat V., Wanda, Linda Wetzler

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the Baughman family. Linway member Florence "Flo" (Baker) Baumann went home to be with our Lord on July 20.

Our sympathy is extended to the Roberts family. Bill Roberts, a former member of Linway, went home to be with our Lord on July 28. Bill was the husband of Marilyn (Byron) Roberts, also a former Linway member.

Our sympathy is extended to Kim & Dave Brown, Claire & Ryan Conley, and their family. Kim's mother, Eleanor McCamant, went home to be with our Lord on Aug. 15.

Our sympathy is extended to the Nicol family. Linway member Joan Nicol went home to be with our Lord on Thursday, August 29.

Parking Request

Please do not park in the parking lot located on Route 30 across from the church. That lot is for the apartment tenants with parking passes. Vehicles without a parking pass may get towed.

Our Daily Bread

The September-November edition of *Our Daily Bread* is available at the Sanctuary entrance. Please pick-up your free copy of this daily devotional booklet and grow your relationship with our Lord.

Happy Birthday!

Happy September Birthday to:

Cindy Deferrari
Michael Rousseau
Kyra Thornton
Jane Hayes
Gladys Festa
Chrissy Eremic



James Alexander
Katy Augustin
Kurt Hillgartner
Scott Dennis
Cindy Trout
Natalie (Hilbert) Peel

Happy Anniversary!



Timothy & Meredith Hazard

MA's Pantry

Day of Giving

Thank You to everyone who donated to MA's Pantry through The Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving in August. \$1,325 was donated by the generous folks at Linway and was then doubled by the Foundation!

Food Distribution at MA's Pantry

Everyone is affected by the increase in food prices. If you are a resident of East McKeesport or North Versailles and need help or know anyone else who does, be sure to send them to MA's. Upcoming food

distribution dates are Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 5 & 19 from 9:00-11:00 am at 1000 Broadway in East McKeesport.

Stars

by Frank Fawcett

Stars, so many you can't count them
Stars, that sparkle in the night
In their splendor make you wonder
Give you hope and pure delight

They are hung there for His glory
And they each can tell the story
Of the star that led the shepherds
To the bright and morning star
A baby boy named Jesus
Who was born to save us
And to show us who we are

As we gaze into the heavens
All God's glory on display
Let us pray for God's forgiveness
And a new and brighter day.

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

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