

The Linfield UCC Buzz

June 2024

Please note that the roster of worship participants is posted on the website and on the calendar in Fellowship Hall.

THE CALENDAR

June 2nd 9:00am Worship with visiting pastor **Rev. Homer Royer**
June 4th 8:00am Men's Breakfast
June 5th 7:00pm Christian Ed Board Meeting
June 8th & 9th Garden Tour @Historic Brownback Mansion -12 to 4PM
June 9th 9:00am Worship **Jon Detterline**
June 11th 7:00pm Consistory meeting
June 16th 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion – Happy Father's Day!
June 20th 6:00 to 8:00pm Faith and Fellowship
June 23rd 9:00am Worship celebrating our Graduates
June 30th 9:00am Worship
Every Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study
Altar Guild: Joanne & Dennis Reagan

If you would like to serve as a worship participant, liturgist, greeter, usher, or altar guild, please contact Susan Ross after worship or email at sross10@comcast.net.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues at 10:00am, with the video series entitled "Christ Revealed". This series presents historical evidence of the events of the life of Jesus Christ. If you have not attended before, now would be the perfect time to join us for Bible Study. Come and experience the history, the evidence, and the inspiration that changes lives.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please refer your prayer chain requests to Karen Bolonski at 610-639-0416 or email at karenbolonski@gmail.com. Please remember that, due to HIPAA regulations, the disclosure of sensitive health information is prohibited without the specific knowledge and consent of the individual.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As we enter into the warmth of summer, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the blessings that surround us and the opportunities for growth and renewal that lie ahead. Summer is a season of joy, relaxation, and exploration, a time when we have the chance to embrace the beauty of creation and form new relationships with our neighbors.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes for a summer filled with enjoyment and safe travels to each and every one of you. May your vacations be filled with laughter, adventure, and precious moments with loved ones. As you journey to and from vacation please remember to stay safe and be mindful of your role as the Body of Christ wherever you go.

Even in our time away from church, I urge us all to be faithful stewards of the church. Your regular donations are essential to the continuation of our ministry and outreach efforts, both locally and beyond. Remember the words of Paul in 2Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". If you are away, please take the time to mail in your envelope, or fill it with your usual offering and bring it with you when you return or take this as an opportunity to give in a new way using our online giving option on our website. <https://www.linfieldunitedchurchofchrist.com/donate>

As you all take time for renewal and family, I too will do the same and wanted to remind you of my upcoming absence from the church. I will be away from May 31st to June 3rd to officiate my younger sister's wedding and from June 6th to June 9th for the PSEC Conference meeting at Penn State. During this time, I ask for your continued prayers for the conference and our faithful discernment of the potential merge into the Keystone Conference. I promise to provide more information in the weeks following that will help us make an informed decision as a congregation as to what our vote will be when it comes to the Fall Conference meeting in November. If you have any questions on the process, please do not hesitate to bring them to me.

Lastly, as a member of our Conference Consistory, I find it vital to my responsibility to you and the United Church of Christ that I share some information concerning Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). Our churches and individual's contributions to OCWM support the essential work of our denomination and provide resources for ministries, programs, and support for and from the PSEC Conference. OCWM giving to the PSEC has continued to decline, resulting in yearly budget cuts. Your generosity is crucial to the continuation of this work, and I encourage you to prayerfully consider what the future of Linfield UCC and the wider church looks like.

As we prepare for the rest and relaxation that comes with summer, let us remain faithful in our commitment to God and to one another. May this season be a time of abundant blessings and renewal!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please note that Faith and Fellowship will meet on June 20th starting at **6:00pm**. There will be a picnic provided and then there will be a hiatus in July and August. Faith and Fellowship will resume in September.

THE TEACHER'S CLOSET

The Teacher's closet will be on sabbatical and will resume in August for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to all of our generous contributors.

MISSION

The mission team is looking into some projects with a longer reach into the community and beyond. If you would like to be a part of this important work consider joining the Mission Team. For more information, contact Jon Detterline at jondetterline@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

Please return all Duck Race tickets to Teresa Diena by June 9th. Once again we will be having a garden tour at the historic Brownback Mansion in Linfield. This year's tour will include an Art Show and sale and also a vintage jewelry sale along with a book signing with Sara Singleton (Joanne Reagan's mother). And don't forget the beautiful gardens! The event will take place on June 8th and 9th and tickets are \$12.00. Lastly coming in September will be a Rummage sale. You can bring your gently used items to the church on Sundays during coffee hour or contact a consistory member who can open the church during the week.

PROPERTY

Spring is here, which means grass mowing and flower bed maintenance. If you can lend a hand, please contact Don Bolonski or Dennis Reagan.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

If you have ideas for future activities and would like to join the group, please contact Cora Smith @ coopchick@verizon.net or Adrien Cibulsky @yoadrien225@gmail.com

COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to help supply refreshments for Coffee Hour, please check out the signup sheet on the board in fellowship hall. Coffee will be provided. All monetary donations are used to purchase paper supplies and coffee.

REMINDERS

Elders are available to visit and bring home communion to those who are unable to come to worship.