

Linden United Methodist Church

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STAFF

Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone

Musician/Music Director Paula Fitts

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SUNDAY

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Worship

6:00 p.m.

Choir Practice 4th Sunday

"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to the Linden
Community for 167 years"

Linden Light

January 2021

President Trump and U.S.A.

Charles Robert Allen

Forrest Anderson

Beth Belford

Randy Brock

Virginia boney

Mike Carpenter

Roger Carpenter

Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

Stella Ellington

Mickey Fears

Red and Bobbye Hamilton

Kerlin Harris

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Larry Hill

Don and Polly

LaNell Latham

Littlejohns

Kaylin Kluge

Sherry Lowery

L-KCISD



Mike Mahan

Sandra May

Desiree McDuffie

Buz Rountree

Jimmie and Martha Sheridan

Jim and Sandye Templeman

Robert an Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Kendra Clayton

Tina Hamilton

Sullivan family

Danny Boon

Larry Hill



December Memorials

Joann Allen

Jack Bailey

Maybell Bailey

Charlie Reece Harris

Cissi Lanier

Jackie Stanfield

Judy Sullivan

Jerry Don Whatley

Max Womack





Hughes Springs United Methodist men Mr. Perry and Mr. Wright, Hughes Springs UMC Pastor Mitchell, and L-K Coach Allen delivered the junior high food collection for the students. Thanks go to these men for their kindness.

December food pantry volunteer Muriel LeGrow, Nancy Belford, Pastor Kelly Krone, and Sue Hill were successful in their efforts to serve the community. They were, however, unable to find takers of the black olives!





Linden-Kildare High School students collected 1,000 cans for the LUMC food pantry.

Mae Luster Stephens Junior High School students set a new school record with 3,100 cans collected for the LUMC food pantry.

Without the help of the L-K student projects, the LUMC food pantry could not serve as many clients as now served.



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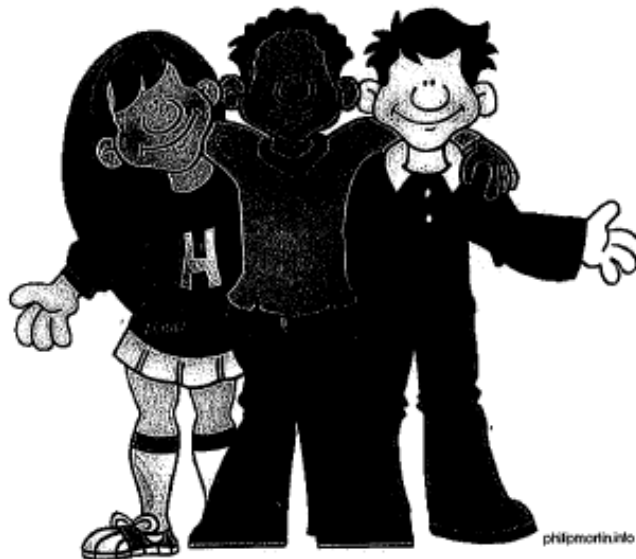
On behalf of my staff, my students and myself I would like to thank you so much for your generosity. Your donation of school supplies and coats for our babies is overwhelming.

We are so proud of our students. They work hard and for most of them, receiving these items are a huge blessing and relief for their families. As you know, this area has economic challenges so again, thank you very much.

Missy Hemby

Missy Hemby, Principal

Linden Elementary



THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the New Year is upon us. And the time for us to be reflective in our lives. Many use this task to seek to make improvements in their lives and thus New Year's Resolutions are born. Many of the top resolutions include quit smoking or drinking, lose weight, return to school, spend more time with the family, take a trip, pay off debt, get a better job or try something new. But regardless of how hard we try, after the thrill of the moment and all has been cleaned up, many of these resolutions will fall to the wayside after just a few days. We are full of good intentions but life gets in the way. We never change, it's just too hard.

The prophet Micah, who prophesied during the 8th century BC, calls the leaders of Judah and Israel onto the carpet for wickedness, dishonesty, exploitation and oppression of the people. They were supposed to be resolved to serve God as the leaders of the people of God but instead served themselves. Micah called them to repent and return to the Lord. But he knew that promises of man can often be empty. Micah saw that the Lord had other plans. One of a new king. One that would bring in a reign of peace. One that would come from Bethlehem.

This year let us ask not what we can do for ourselves and make useless resolutions but how can we serve this King, who is Christ. Micah 6:8 tells us what God requires, "He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Notice that it is not just talking about things to think about but the Lord requires action. Words are not good enough. We must be God's hands and feet in this world. To care for the sick and shut ins. To feed the hungry and clothe the naked. To break the bonds of injustice and raise up the oppressed. And when we do, we walk humbly with our God.

We enter into this New Year with the hope of the Covid pandemic to begin its decline. The hope of a return to the way it used to be may be just a memory. Somethings like social distancing, wearing a mask and online worship may still need to be done. Our ways must speak of concern for one another and care for those who are vulnerable. That is the way of the church. To walk in the ways declared by Micah.

May you resolve this year to follow Micah's words, to do justice, love kindness and walk with the Lord every day of the year.

May God Bless you this year. Draw near to Him. And do.

In His Grace,
Kelly

Happy Birthday

Jan. 6 Daniel Burkhalter
Thomas Lanier
Kinslee McCreary
Jan. 11 Codi Grubbs
Jan. 14 Sue Snowden
Jan. 15 Josh Sibert
Jan. 16 Ashley Hoskins
Jan. 20 Dawn Hoskins
Jan. 21 Tommy Elliott
Ryan Nash
Jan. 23 Lyndi Smith Warner
Jan. 26 Tony LeGrow
Jan. 27 Anglique Sullivan
Justin Watson
Jan. 28 Tina Hamilton
Bradley Lanier
Jan. 29 Viona Beene
Jan. 31 Steven LeGrow



Happy Anniversary

Jan. 8 Frank and Judy Lanier
Jan. 9 Ronnie and Jina Hamm
Jan. 20 Daniel and Kathryn Burkhalter
Jan. 26 Loy Dale and Judy Grubbs



January 12

Church Council

6:00 p.m.



January 20

Food Pantry

9:00-11:00 a.m.



January 24

U.S. Daughters of 1812

2:00 p.m.

