

Linden United Methodist Church

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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



Linden Light

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

MAY 2021

President Biden and U.S.A.

Charles Robert Allen

Gabe Anderson

Beth Belford

Randy Brock

Virginia Boney

Mike Carpenter

Roger Carpenter

Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

Stella Ellington

Mickey Fears

Red Hamilton

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Sue Hill

Don and Polly Holt

Littlejohns

Kaylin Kluge

Sherry Lowery

L-KCISD

Linda Smith



Mike Mahan

Sandra May

Desiree McDuffie

Buz Rountree

Jimmie and Martha Sheridan

Jim and Sandye Templeman

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Herman Temple

Paula Hultsman

Jade Heard

Marie Knight

Wendy Fuller

Morris Poteet

Curtis Whatley

Connie Rachal



April Memorials

Laurah Braddock

Bobbie Hamilton

Doris Henry

Buster Kurtz

Cissi Lanier

Jerry McKinney

Donna Mirabent

Marilyn Whatley

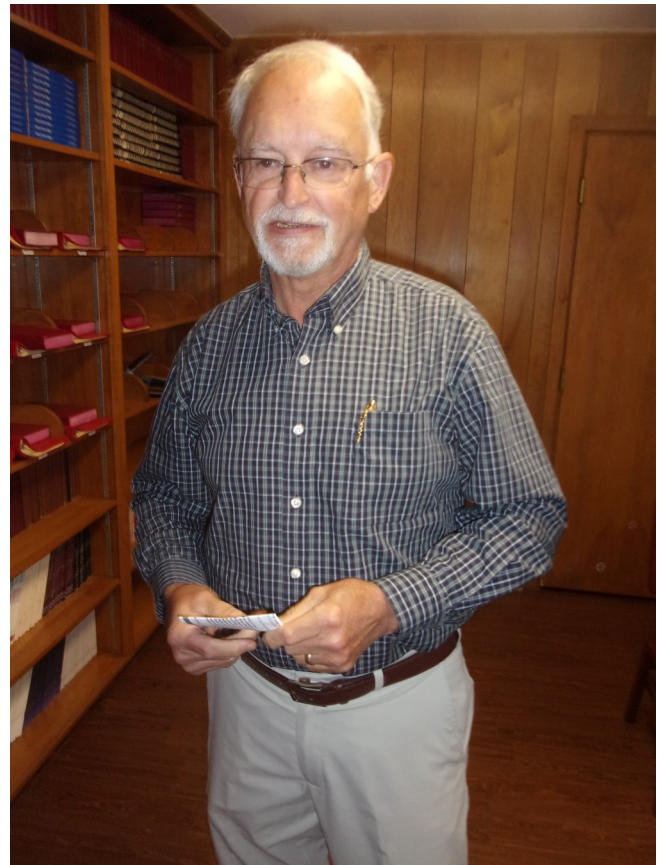


LUMC family appreciates Codi Grubbs, Marlon Sullivan, Dr. Judy Lanier, and Shawn Pixley for serving as lay readers in April.





Mary Dowd graciously gives her time to serve in the community. She is now a Linden alderman. Thank you, Mary.



At the worship service on April 11th, Dr. Bruce LeGrow wonderfully sang “The Light of the World Is Jesus”.



LUMC food pantry ladies Nancy Belford and Muriel LeGrow were joined by Pastor Kelly Krone and Nurse Cheryl Prince as they distributed groceries for the April giveaway.



Easter



2021



I don't know about you but May seems to have snuck up on us. Maybe it was the early Easter or that our April was marked with days of rain and tears. But whatever happened, May is upon us. They say that April showers will bring May flowers but around here much of flowering has finished and May reminds us that summer is around the corner. It is a transition time when major life events occur. School graduations from kindergarten on up begin to occur. Senior proms come and go. Graduation parties. Conferences, tests and holidays. May is the transition from the school year calendar to the summer calendar. From schedules to leisure. A month to prepare for what is to come.

We having been living in a season of transition. Early last year, our lives were shattered by the invasiveness of COVID. All of our normal ways of living changed. Work places closed. Telecommuting. Zooming. Isolation from friends and family and church. In the midst of this season, the transitions continued as you said goodbye to one pastoral family and hello to another all without the normal celebrations and welcoming. Now, as we have past a year of COVID restrictions, slowly we are emerging as a vaccinated community. And like an animal awaking from hibernation, we have began testing our new environment. We are transitioning from hibernation to beginning the normal rhythms of life together. In the years to come, our conversations will mark this season of transitions much like that of 9/11. We will remember and celebrate the transitions that com. Transitions are part of life.

Joshua knew something about these transitional times. He had been part of the exodus from Egypt watching as God used Moses to save his people. He watched as Moses led the people from slavery. When Moses climbed Mt. Sinai to get the laws, Joshua was there during the defining time as the people of God. Joshua took the mantle of leadership from Moses and led the people from the wilderness into the promised land. In Joshua 4, there is the account of the people crossing the river Jordan. Joshua parted the water just as Moses had before them. And he instructed the people to gather twelve stones from the center of the Jordan riverbed and bring them to the other side. There Joshua set the stones up to remind them a off that God had done for them. The stories were to be remembered as they looked upon the stones. Joshua 4:21-22 *"When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.' ... The stones were placed as an ebenezer or remembrance of the grace and salvation that God brings. They are a call to remember the stories.*

Each of us have our stories of our transition from lost in our sin to saved by grace. We each have stories of how Jesus became real into our lives. For many of you it may be tied to this church and it's people. We each have stones of remembrance marking the transitions of our lives, a diploma, a ring, a home, a family, a stone marker. Our stories of how Jesus brought us through our own transitions remind us that we are never alone. The disciples gathered around the resurrected Jesus proclaimed to them, *"..and remember; I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20.

In His Grace,
Kelly



Happy Birthday

May 1 Paula Fitts
3 Laura Penny
4 Dana Boland
Frank Lanier
6 Kallie Daniels
Kasey Viard
8 Ryan Hamilton
13 Kevin Hamilton
14 Mickey Fears
Kenny Hamilton
16 Ann Ferrell
21 Opie Gaskin
Joseph McDuffie
25 Christopher Smith
31 Hannah Cape



Happy Anniversary

May 10 Bruce & Berny Harris
11 John & Johnnie Hennen
25 Cory & Haley Cason
29 Kelly & Jill Krone



May 18

Church Council



May 19

Food Pantry

9:00-11:00 a.m.



May 24

Blood Mobile at LUMC

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



May 31

Church Office will be closed .