

Linden United Methodist Church

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Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone

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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 years"

February 2021

President Biden 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

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Sue Hill

Don and Polly Holt

LaNell Latham

Littlejohns

Kaylin Kluge

Buster Kurtz

Sherry Lowery

L-KCISD



Mike Mahan

Sandra May

Desiree McDuffie

Buz Rountree

Jimmie and Martha Sheridan

Jim and Sandye Templeman

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Harris family

Hill family

Herman Temple



February Memorials

Johnny Beauchamp

Ricky Bynum

Freddie Hall

Morris Hamilton

Charlie Reece Harris

Kerlin Harris

Larry Hill

James Hughes, Jr.

Cissi Lanier

Reheva Norris

Judy Sullivan



Ronnie Hamm awards an attendance prize each year to the member with best attendance in the Fishermen's Class. 2020's winner was Joe Pat McGilvray. Ronnie is shown with the first prize won by Joe Pat.



Codi Grubbs did a great job as lay reader at a recent January Sunday worship. Thanks, Codi, for joining the group who do this very important job.



Ronnie Hamm looks a bit frightened as the special guest of the Sunday Lunch Bunch at Uncle Juan's. He was able to recover enough to entertain the group with wit and humor.



January food pantry food pantry volunteers Muriel LeGrow and Nancy Belford were joined by our church district's nurse Cheryl who provided clients with information about covid19.





THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

February marks one of the most peculiar holidays in the year, Groundhogs Day. It is the day that everyone looks toward Punxsutawney, PA to see if Phil the groundhog sees his shadow which commands six more weeks of winter. Steeped in old farmer's customs of predicting the course of the winter, this tradition has found a humorous worldwide following.

In 1993, Bill Murray starred in the movie "Groundhogs Day". It is the story of a scrooge like weatherman who goes to report on the activities of this famed groundhog. But this normal day turns into the day that never ends. The main character awakes to relive the same day over and over again. He strives to learn new things, meet new people, help those in need and learn to trust people. His revolving day does not end until he allows someone to become close enough to love him. Too often, he saw his shadow and retreated back to himself. He couldn't let himself be out of his control.

The funny thing about shadows is that the light source has to be behind you to cast the shadow. Too often, in our own lives, we too see our shadows. And like Phil, we crawl back into our safe comfort of ourselves. We seek the safety of the known. We do not like to give up that part of our lives that we hold on too so intently.

Jesus spoke the words to his disciples, "Follow Me." He did not ask if he could follow us but we are to follow the light that comes into this world. And the light does not cast a shadow. The light illumines who we are and where we are going. Never asking us to go back to how it was or to turn from the light back to the darkness.

Let us not be afraid to step out in faith. Let us not allow the shadows of our past to drive us back into the comfort of yesterday. Christ calls to us, follow me. I will shed light into the dark places that you have been afraid to go. I will go before you leading the way. Step out of the shadows into the light. The light of love and the light of grace. Found only in Christ.

In His Grace

Kelly

Happy Birthday

Feb. 8 Don Dowd
Polly Holt
10 Charles Robert Allen
Christopher Holt
Brian Ross
11 Mary Lee
13 Cory Cason
Haley Cason
15 Jessica Deal
16 Lisa Egner
18 Dana McDuffie
20 Ruby Dowd
Bret Nash
22 Amanda Tucker
25 Brad Heath



Happy Anniversary

Feb. 3 Jimmie and Martha Sheridan
6 Brad and Debbie Heath
8 Gary and Kendra Clayton
9 Don and Mary Dowd



February 15

Presidents' Day

Church Office Closed



February 17

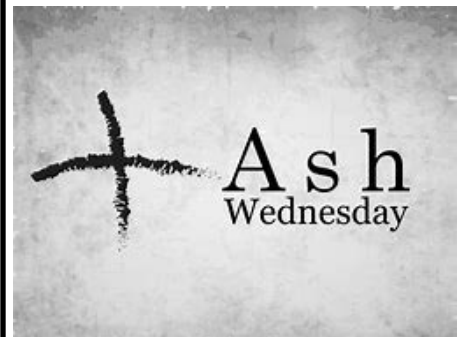
Food Pantry

9:00-11:00 a.m.



February 17

7:00 p.m.



February 18-March 25 at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays there will be a Lent Bible Study, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. It is a video by Adam Hamilton and is based on Mark's Gospel.

Please call the church office for additional information.

