

## Linden United Methodist Church

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### STAFF

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."

## JUNE 2021

President Biden and U.S.A.

Gabe Anderson

Beth Belford

Randy Brock

Mike Carpenter

Roger Carpenter

Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

Stella Ellington

Mickey Fears

Red Hamilton

Jade Heard

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

Charles Robert Allen family

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Herman Temple

Paula Hultsman

Saw Warren family

Marie Knight

Wendy Fuller

Morris Poteet

Curtis Whatley

Connie Rachal

Mary Jane Hayes



### May Memorials

Charles Robert Allen

Derrol Baldwin

Wanda Binnion

Virginia Boney

Laurah Braddock

Suzie Evans

Larry Ferrell

Bobbie Hamilton

Doris Henry

Larry Hill

Buster Kurtz

Tom and Cissi Lanier

Shelby Littlejohn

Danny Mayton

Jerry McKinney

Donna Mirabent

Bo Price

Frances Simon

Abbie Watson

Wayne Wilson



LUMC family appreciates John Viard, Kenny Hamilton, Kathryn Burkhalter, and Dr. Judy Lanier for serving as lay readers in May. Also, thank you, Judy, for your message at Mother's Day worship.







The LUMC family is so blessed by the music ministry of Paula Fitts. On the first Sunday of May, the congregation celebrated 35 years of “Miss Paula”. She always plans or senses the just right hymns and choruses to fit with the sermon, special Sunday or moment. Thank you, Paula, for sharing your God-given, wonderful talents with LUMC. We love you and appreciate you.



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 May giveaway.





**Lynn Reynold is the new Mayor of Linden. Frank Lanier was re-elected as an alderman. Congratulations and thanks go to these two civil servants. Let us hold them and the City of Linden in our prayers.**



**LUMC welcomes to the church family Jenny and John Viard.**





Fun Bunch celebrated its 10-year birthday at the May gathering. John and Lee Ann Fant provided a delicious hot dog picnic lunch. It was great to be able to meet again and enjoy the fellowship, food, and fun. Thanks go to John and Lee Ann for their dedication to the Fun Bunch.





Summer is normally a time to slow down and relax from the business of the year. But this year will be different. We are coming off a year unlike anything that we have ever faced. Normal patterns and celebrations placed on hold. Family and friends unable to gather around a grill and listen to the sounds of a summer night. But now things are turning around. Signs of re-birth are beginning. And our summer is not slowing down at all.

Last year, our congregation was approached by the leadership of the Texas Annual Conference to see if we would want to be part of the conferences, We Love All God's Children, initiative by opening a daycare center in Linden to serve the needs of our community. Our leadership agreed to begin to look for a site to house the facility and our first inquiries were not available. But God was working behind the scenes and a new opportunity came. This spring, we were approached by LK-CISD if we were interested in taking over LK Dayschool at their facility. A door opened and we faithfully walked through and Methodist Children's Center was born. MCC will begin operations in August serving ages 6 weeks to 4 year olds and the MCC Board is working hard in conjunction with the leaders of the Texas Annual Conference to prepare for the opening. Through generous grants, the Texas Annual Conference is covering all start up costs and operation for the first 90 days. The plans are that the MCC will be self-supporting after the first 90 days. My thanks to the MCC board, Melissa Lanier, Tammy Palmer, Lee Ann Fant, Pat Rountree, Prencess Higgs-Spelling, Garrett Williams, John Viard and Rev. Jill Daniel for all the hard work. This is an exciting time in the life of our congregation, please be in prayer for MCC.

Also, beginning on the second Thursday of each month, we are partnering with Community Services of Northeast Texas to bring the Mobile Pantry of East Texas Food Bank to Linden. They will bring fresh produce to distribute. The distribution times will be 11:30 to 1:30. If your group would like to help with the distribution, please contact the church office.

It is returning!!!! Our third Sunday Potluck Meal will be held on June 20th after church. Come and bring your favorite dish to share. It will be great to gather in fellowship once again.

On June 1st, our website will be updated and it will have more information on our congregation as well as the ability to give online. Check it out.

Watch in late summer for a one day VBS Saturday. More to come.

A lot going on in the time of relaxation.

In His Grace,  
Kelly



# **Methodist**



## **Children's Center**

**A Ministry of Linden United Methodist Church**

**Coming Soon to Linden-Kildare CISD!**

**(Former L-K Early Childhood Day School Location)**

*Excellent Early Childhood Christian Education Program*

*Safe, Healthy Learning Environment*

*Well-Qualified, Loving Staff*

*Age-Appropriate Enrichment Activities*

*Parental Engagement Opportunities*

**Open Year-Round**  
**6:30am – 6:00pm**

**Serving Children**  
**6 Weeks & Up**

**Guarantee a Space for Your Child!**  
**Pre-Enrollment Begins June 1, 2021 at**  
[www.lindenumc.org](http://www.lindenumc.org).

**Opening Date: August 2, 2021**

*We Accept Child Care Subsidies!*

*More information coming soon!*

## Happy Birthday

June 1 Kacy Dowd Tillman

7 Gary Clayton

8 Ronnie Clayton

13 Jeff Swink

15 Trevor Deel

18 Marie Knight

19 Mary Jane Ellinger

24 Johnnie Hennen

28 Jimmie Sheridan

Traccer Henry



## Happy Anniversary

June 3 Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

10 Joe and Teri deNatale

Billy and Billie Ruth Hankins

28 Al and Betty DeLoach



June 10

East Texas Food Bank

Food Truck

11:30-1:30



June 16

Food Pantry

9:00-11:00 a.m.



June 20

Potluck Luncheon Following Worship Service



*Train a child  
in the way  
he should go,  
and when he is  
old he will not  
turn from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6

*Happy Father's Day*

