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STAFF

Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone Musician/Music Director Paula Fitts Administrative Assistant Megan Kirkland Custodian Darrell Heath SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 4th Sunday



Linden Light

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

JUNE 2021





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 **Bobbye Hamilton** Doris Henry Larry Hill Buster Kurtz Tom and Cissi Lanier Shelby Littlejohn Danny Mayton Jerry McKinney Donna Mirabent Bo Price Frances Simon

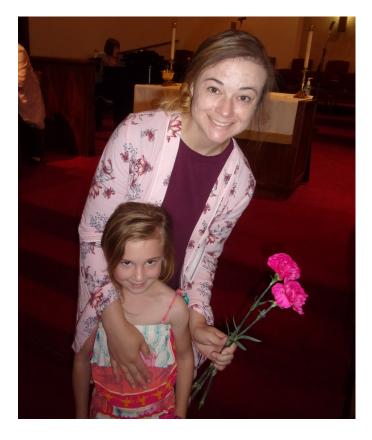
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LUMC family appreciates John Viard, Kenny Hamilton, Kathryn Burkhalter, and Dr. Judy Lanier for serving as lay readers in May. Also, thank you, Judy, for your message at Mother's Day worship.











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





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.

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





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 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

