

## 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



## *Linden Light*

"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to the Linden Community for 168 years"

## JULY 2021



### June Memorials

Charles Robert Allen

Virginia Boney

John Pierce Ellis

Jerry Fuller

Violet Stanford

Thomas Stone

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

Louise Burson

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Herman Temple

Paula Hultsman

Loy Dale Grubbs

Marie Knight

Sue Morse

Morris Poteet

Curtis Whatley

Connie Rachal

Mary Jane Hayes



LUMC family appreciates John Viard, Dr. Judy Lanier, Shawn Pixley, and Codi Grubbs for serving as lay readers in June.







**Fishermen's Class members relocated the playground from east of the sanctuary to the grassed parking area northeast of the sanctuary.**



**LUMC volunteers Dr. Bruce LeGrow, Muriel LeGrow, Dr. Kelly Krone, and Karen Draper were among church members who worked with CSNT to distribute the produce truck item from East Texas Food Bank.**



**LUMC food pantry ladies Nancy Belford and Muriel LeGrow are always faithful to pack and distribute groceries to clients each month.**



Well, I guess you could say that we are now in the Dog Days of Summer. The heat has hit and nothing is better than to slow down and relax in the cool shade of the trees or in the breeze of the fan. But where did the term come from? In Roman times, this season from about July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup>, coincided with the rising of the Dog star, Sirius. It was during this season that the constellation of this star was brightest and nearest to the sun, thus producing the “dog days of summer.” This declaration of these summer days continue. The **Old Farmer’s Almanac** extends the days to 40 from July 4<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>. In the lectionary readings from the Old King James Bible of 1611, dated the Dogs Days from July 6<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. This roughly corresponds with our surrounding holidays of Independence Day and Labor Day. Charles Dickens in the story, **A Christmas Carol**, wrote about Scrooge, *“He carried his own low temperature always about with him; he iced his office in the dogdays; and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas.”*

And our lives today are much the same. Summer is a time of relaxation, vacation and anticipation. We slow down from the everyday life into a new rhythm. The pace of life at times slows down. We sip on tea and lemonade to cool off. The chores of spring are completed and now a time of relaxation has begun.

For some this means, journey’s to see friends and family or to see new places. It is a time of travel and adventure. In today’s world many that we have not seen in years. But for some it is a season of loneliness. The friends who were around are traveling and they are left alone. The job that gave meaning is off for the summer and the connection is gone. And now they wait and anticipate for the resuming of normality.

But for the church, we rarely slow down. Some activities take a vacation but others replace them. Later this month, we will be holding VBS for the community and later in August a Back to School Bash. Bible Studies, Food Pantry, meetings and Sunday services and activities go on. Groups ministering to people's needs continue. God’s work is never on vacation. There is no slow down.

In summertime, it is normal for giving to reduce as people travel. Attendance will also show some decline. But the church continues. If you are able to give generously over the “dogdays”, we thank you. If you see that people are missing from service, pick up the phone and give them a call. It is easy to get caught up in the rhythm of the “dogdays” but we must not let them control us.

*“Come, let’s worship and bow down! Let’s kneel before the LORD, our maker! He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands.” Psalm 95:6-7 CEB*

Enjoy and come,  
Kelly





## Happy Birthday

July 2 Christina Belford

5 Norma Littlejohn

Curtis Wells

11 Billie Ruth Hankins

Chris Hill

13 Stan Wells

16 Mike Mahan

19 Logan Smoak

20 Teri DeNatale

21 Glenn Lanier

26 Mary Dowd

Karoyne Stillwell

30 Ronnie Hamm



## Happy Anniversary

July 2 Steve and Paula Fitts

10 Joe and Teri deNatale

Billy and Billie Ruth Hankins

28 Al and Betty DeLoach



July 17

FUN BUNCH

11:00 a.m.



July 21

FOOD PANTRY

9:00-11:00 a.m.



JULY 18



July 25

U.S. Daughters of 1812

2:00 p.m.



July 31

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

