

**Linden United Methodist Church**  
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### STAFF

**Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone**  
**Musician/Music Director Paula Fitts**  
**Financial Secretary Megan Kirkland**  
**Custodian Darrell Heath**

### 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"**

## NOVEMBER 2021

President Biden and U.S.A

Bro. Brian Baggett

Randy Brock

Louise Burson

Ellingers

Mickey Fears

Evelyn Georges

Kenny Hamilton

Red Hamilton

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Sue Hill

Don and Polly Holt

Kaylin Kluge

Marie Knight

Sarah Kuban

L-KCISD

Mahans

Bill and Vickie Mulvany

Buz Rountree

Sandy Wells

Curtis Whatley



Herman Temple family



### October Memorials

Mary Blakely

Ann Chandler

Connie Crowe

Stella Ellington

Leonard Heard

Danna Hitchcock

Dr. Sam Holder

Cissi Lanier

Loren Mahan

Jimmy McWaters

Morris Poteet

Barbara Price

Patsy Price

Robert Sheffield

Mary Story

Herman Temple

Becky Turner

Cathy Watson



Monday, October 18, 2021, was a celebratory day for Linden United Methodist Church. Bishop Jones and some of his staff came to Linden to dedicate the Methodist Childcare Center, which is located on the campus of the Linden Elementary School. Director Tanetra Blaylock is pictured above left with her husband Karlus and her daughter Jessica. In the above right picture, Rev. Jill Daniel, Texas Conference Director of **We Love All Children**, was served as master of ceremonies as Pastor Kelly Krone prepared to cut the ribbon

before Bishop Jones addressed the assembly. In the picture below, Rev. Daniel introduced the board members, who are Garrett Williams, Princess Spelling, Lee Ann Fant, Lisa Trammell, Pat Rountree, Tammy Palmer, and John Viard.







**After the daycare center dedication, Bishop Jones visited Linden United Methodist Church to pray a blessing over the new Lanier Pavilion. In the above picture, he was joined by Denise Lanier Mahan, Frank and Judy Lanier, Melissa and Glenn Lanier, and Pastor Kelly and Jill Krone.**



**Ever faithful Linden United Methodist food pantry volunteers Muriel LeGrow and Nancy Belford were joined by Pastor Kelly Krone in ministry to clients in October.**

# THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE



It is now only a matter of time. Halloween has come and gone. Hopefully, the candy laden buzz has begun to reside. And now. the television begins airing commercials and shows for the big day that is coming, Christmas. Hallmark channel has begun Christmas movies daily and it seems like we are in a rush for it to come. But we must not forget that November is full of days of remembrance from All-Saint's Day to Veteran's Day.

But one of my favorite times of the year is coming. A day of gathering together with friends and family. A time of traditions. A time of stories. A time of laughter and a time of fun. A time of that tantalizes our taste buds and arrests our sense of smell. Of a turkey roasting in the oven. Dressing (cornbread/sage of course) waiting to be served. Steaming bowls of mashed potatoes and French onion green bean casserole. And the myriad of pies, cakes and cookies galore. A time to give thanks.

When I think of Thanksgiving, I also think of a song. Not one about a turkey or about a journey to grandma's house. Not one about the pilgrims that the children sing. But a song of gathering, "*We Gather Together.*"

The song, written in 1626, is an old Dutch hymn that celebrates Holland's freedom over the Spanish domination and religious persecution. It is a song of a people gathering to give thanks. Long a favorite of the Dutch, it was later translated into English in the late 1800's but did not gather popularity. But that soon was to change as the Methodist Episcopal Church included it in their hymnal of 1935 as a hymn of thanksgiving. Soon, churches across the country were including it as part of their worship experience.

The Psalms remind us in over 20 occurrences to give thanks to the Lord. But too often, that thanks goes unspoken. This Thanksgiving season, as you gather together around the table; give **thanks** to the God of all creation; give **thanks** for the love which God has for us; give **thanks** for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ; give **thanks** for the friends and family around the table; give **thanks** for the freedom we have in Christ: and give **thanks** for God is good.

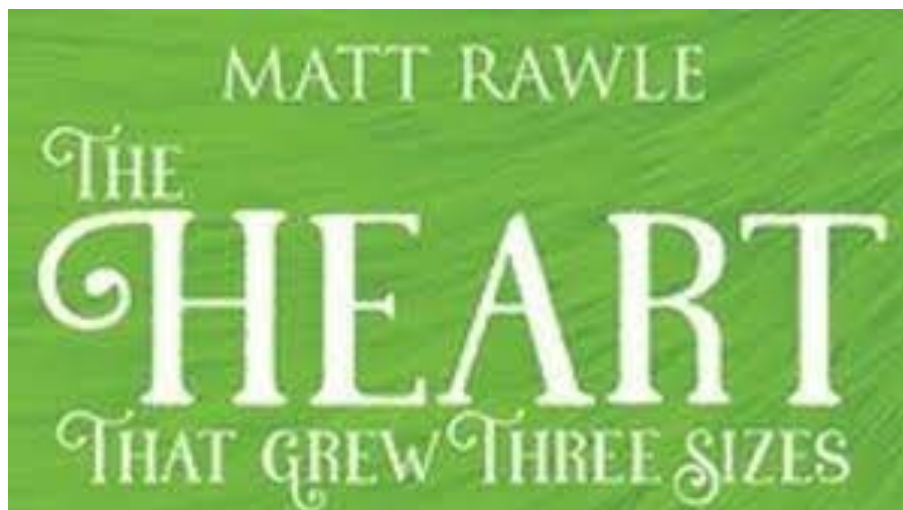
Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

*"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever."* Psalm 118:29

In His Grace,  
Kelly







Advent Study beginning Wednesday December 1st at 6:30pm.

Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages,  
ribbons, and bows.

Finding Faith in the story of **The Grinch**

Contact the office

Thank you for your prayers and support.



## Happy Birthday

Nov. 1 Desiree McDuffie

Steve Morse

Jeanine Rich

6 Robert Norton

8 Jo Beth Fuller

9 Jina Hamm

10 Steve Fitts

Sophia Greer

17 Pam Smith

22 Wyatt McCreary

26 Staci Wells



## Happy Anniversary

Nov. 2 Mike and Denise Mahan

15 Joe Pat and Donna Early



**DON'T FORGET TO  
SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK ONE HOUR  
ON SATURDAY  
NIGHT THE 6TH.**

November 7



**November 11**  
*Thank You*  
**VETERANS**

November 11  
PRODUCE TRUCK



November 17  
FOOD PANTRY

9:00-11:00 a.m.

