

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 168 years"

DECEMBER 2021

President Biden and U.S.A

Bro. Brian Baggett

Randy Brock

Louise Burson

Ellingers

Mickey Fears

Jo Beth Fuller

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
Viard family



November Memorials

Jean Bennett

Herbert Bible

Cissi Lanier

Tom Lanier

Curley Mahan

Loree Mahan

Meagan Payne

Stephen Viard



Thank You So Much!

Glenn and Melissa are now at home in College Station. Their LUMC family wishes them all the best on their new adventure.

Dear Linden Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful love-offering for our move!! It was truly a surprise blessing, and it just reinforces the fact that you always find such wonderful ways to share God's love with your church family and others. The love and support that we have received from each of you throughout the years has been a blessing that we will truly treasure forever. It is hard to say good-bye, but you were so kind to think of us as we start our new adventure. We are looking forward to returning and visiting with you in the future, and if you are ever in "Aggieland", please give us a visit. We would love to see you!

With love and gratitude,
Glenn and Melissa Lanier



Fresh landscaping in front flowerbeds and around Hwy. 11 church sign is completely redone and areas look quite welcoming.



Sunshine Class Ladies recently had 100% attendance for two consecutive Sundays. Congratulation, Marie, Mickey, Ruby, Johnnie, Sue, Laura, Betty, Nancy, and Marsha for being great examples for others!



**Scenes from the Preparations for the
Hunters' Blessing Luncheon Which
Was Sponsored by Fishermen Class**



THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The cloud of dust comes over the horizon and soon the source comes near. There is John Wayne, leading a group of settlers in wagons, being chased by the Indians. Soon, he stops and yells, "Circle the wagons" and the movement of chaos running out of control, changes. Soon, all the wagons are gathered in a circle that offers them protection and safety from the onslaught. In their circle, they are able to better manage what lies ahead.

The circle has always been a part of our lives. From the earliest of times, we would gather around the fire to share our stories and experiences. It provided us safety as we gather around a fire. In Biblical times, the second chapter of Numbers, recounts the beginning of the tabernacle in the wilderness and how the tribes would set up camp around the tent of meeting where the presence of God would reside. It is there in center where their identity was found.

In the old favorite gospel song, we sing of another circle, one that brings us hope. "Will the Circle be Unbroken" is a haunting reminder of the power of the circle of life and of how one life intersects with another. The song calls us to remember those saints who have gone on before us to heaven, recalling how they sat around teaching you stories of faith and hymns of praise. One verse says, "*You can picture happy gath'ings 'Round the fireside long ago,*" recalling those memories of days gone by and the promise that the circle will be unbroken as we join them in the sky.

This is a seasons of circles. Soon, you will gather around a table to give thanks. And then, the season of advent is upon us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. One of the traditions we cherish is that of the advent wreath. It is a circle of garland with four candles (three purple and one pink) surrounding a white candle. A candle is lit each Sunday of Advent. The first purple candle is the candle of the Prophecy or candle of hope. The second purple candle is the manger or Bethlehem candle which reminds us of love. The third candle is the pink candle which is the Shepherds candle or the candle of joy. The fourth candle is the last purple which is called the Angels candle or candle of peace. The center candle is lit on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the coming of Christ.

This holiday season as we gather and celebrate, let us give thanks for all the blessings God has given us and share the story of the coming of our Savior, Jesus. Celebrate those traditions that you cherish and pass them on to the future generations. Tell your story of Jesus love for you. Bring others into the circle whose center is Christ our Lord.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year from our family to yours.

In His Grace,

Kelly and Jill Krone

Happy Birthday

Dec. 9 Drew Watson
Zach Watson
11 Stella LeGrow
13 Rosemary Hays
Shawn Pixley
14 Kendra Clayton
Daniel Ross
20 Red Hamilton
Kassie Watson
22 Marian Hatton
Rhonda Shirley
24 Melissa Lanier
29 Megan Milloway
30 Charles Snowden



Happy Anniversary

Dec. 15 Buddy and Susan Whatley
23 Ricky and Karen Draper
26 Don and Polly Holt



December 1

6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study
to be held each
Wednesday

December 7

6:00 p.m.

Women's Craft Event

December 9

PRODUCE TRUCK



December 12

2:00 p.m.

Young Families' Christmas
Gathering

December 15

FOOD PANTRY

9:00-11:00 a.m.



December 19

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Parsonage Open House



December 21

6:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas



December 24 6:30 p.m.





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**

No books required.

Blue Christmas

A Service of hope during the holidays

Join us on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm as we
come together on the longest night of the year to
remember our losses and heal from our grief.