

The Methodist Messenger

December 2020

United Methodist Church ~ Lindsay, Oklahoma

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Pastor

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& Minister of Youth

Sunday, December 6 ~

2nd Sunday of Advent

Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

Holy Communion

Special Music:

Alexia Herrin

Parking Lot Worship

10:55am

Sunday, December 13 ~

3rd Sunday of Advent

Shepherd

Luke 2:8-15

Special Music:

Justin Davis

Parking Lot Worship

10:55am

Sunday, December 20 ~

4th Sunday of Advent

Wisemen

Matthew 2:1-11

Special Music:

Nancy Pracht

Parking Lot Worship

10:55am

Sunday, December 27 ~

1st Sunday after

Christmas

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11;

5:14-16

Special Music: Ed Bevers

Parking Lot Worship

10:55am

The Season of Advent

...has come and the sanctuary is festively decorated. We have planned beautiful Advent / Christmas music, our sermon series The Glory of Christmas began with Mary on November 29, and we are lighting the Advent candles each week.

I am hoping you have begun this tradition of the Advent Candle in your own home. We are lighting one of the four Advent candles during worship each weekend. If you have five candles, you can create your own wreath. You can arrange four votives surrounding a large Christ candle on a tray; group four pillar candles with a taller pillar in the middle; or arrange the traditional advent candles of three purple, one pink, with the white Christ candle in the middle set in a wreath. The Bevers family lit the first candle of Hope last Sunday and Niki Richardson will light the Love candle December 6.

Come join us for worship in any way you can this Advent / Christmas Season. We have been gathering in the parking lot and invite you to join us in fellowship. It's nice to see each other every Sunday in a safe manner. However, your safety is most important, so we are happy for you to join us in the comfort of your home on 105.1 FM radio, or watch us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LindsayUMC.



Season's Greetings!

December 2020

The Advent Season is here! In the past we, as a Church family, have given a monetary gift to our staff. This is our way of showing our appreciation for the many extra hours they spend serving our Church. We are now offering you the opportunity to contribute to this gift.

You may give your contribution to any of the people listed below if you wish to participate. Please take your gift in to them by closing time Monday, December 14th.

Theresa Bevers
Church Treasurer

Chynna Jarman at First National Bank
Liz Moseley at American Exchange Bank
Brenda Postlethwaite at Lindsay Vision Center

POWER THROUGH PRAYER

We are all in the midst of change from our everyday life. The COVID virus has changed our entire lifestyle, our worship services are virtual rather than live, and you are getting a new pastor beginning January 1, 2021. But then I got to thinking that whether families were able to get together for Thanksgiving or not, that one day causes us to be mindful of thankfulness. It sets in motion the ideal mental attitude to carry us through the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving helps us sustain a spirit of gratitude making the weeks before Christmas a celebration, rather than a marathon.

I was reading *The Finishing Touch* by Chuck Swindoll in my devotion time this morning. The topic was power through prayer, so I jotted down some things I am thankful for. Maybe these few thoughts will stimulate you to give God your own thanks in greater abundance.

Thank You Lord . . .

for Your sovereign control over our circumstances
for Your holy character in spite of our sinfulness
for Your commitment to us even when we wander astray
for Your Word that gives us direction
for Your love that holds us close
for Your gentle compassion in our sorrows
for Your consistent faithfulness through our highs and lows
for Your understanding when we are confused
for Your Spirit that enlightens our eyes
for Your grace that removes our guilt
for Your presence in the midst of our fears, wounds, and pain.
We are not alone. Amen.

Please Welcome Reverend Dr. Mark Whitley!
He will be here at LUMC starting in January 2021.



Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley has been the interim pastor at Cordell First United Methodist Church since October 1, 2020. Mark graduated with his Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation in May 2019 from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Previously, he completed a three-year program with The Sojourn Institute in Tulsa in 2012 and is a credentialed Spiritual Director. Mark was ordained as a United Methodist elder in full connection in June 2011. He graduated in May 2008 with his Master of Divinity degree (with highest honors) from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. Mark has two Bachelor of Science Degrees in Biology from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA.

Previously he served as the pastor of Collinsville Meadowcreek United Methodist Church, Verdigris United Methodist Church, the associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Bixby, and as pastor of the United Methodist Churches in Waukomis and Verden, OK. Mark was also the chaplain and director of funds development at Epworth Villa from 2003-2005, following his first position in Christian ministry with The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation as a Planned Giving Officer.

He was a health-care professional for 26 years before entering into the ministry.

He was a volunteer firefighter with the Collinsville Fire Department serving as the Department Chaplain and was selected was one of five Volunteer Firefighters of the Year by The Cherokee Nation in 2020.

Mark has been married to Rev. Susan Whitley for 40 years. Susan is the pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell, OK. Mark and Susan are originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and moved to Oklahoma from the Washington, DC area in 1996. Mark and Susan have three adult children, Bryan, Chris, and Caitlin, and four grandchildren.

Life in the Body of Christ

...Our Presence in Nov. ...

Worship 80

...Our Gifts...

Needed Weekly \$4,717.65

Received...

Nov. 1 \$1,546.00

8 \$6,023.00

15 \$3,231.00

22 \$745.00

29 \$250.00

TOTAL \$11,795.00

\$23,588.25 was needed to meet all of our church needs for the month. **We were under that goal by \$11,793.25.**



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...Worship...

If you would like to watch our worship services you can do so by going to the LUMC Facebook page OR if you are not on Facebook, you can go to www.lindsayumc.com Look for "Watch Our Worship Service" tab on the left-hand side, click and it will take you to the link to watch the video. Please call or text Lacie if you need help.

You can also find our weekly worship bulletin, monthly newsletter, upper room devotionals and much more on our church website.

...Condolences...

to the Tommy Ferguson family:
his father, Sandy Ferguson
passed away
November 30, 2020

Pastoral Calls: Emergency or Non-emergency

When times of crisis, sudden illness, or death happen, your pastor is available any time of the day or night to offer prayers, be a spiritual support, and if need be, offer last rites and prayers for the dying. Call the church office during office hours: 756-2382.

Any other time, please call Jacki's cell phone: 580-445-7464.

... New Bible Study...

Frances Bunch will be leading an all church Bible Study in January 2021

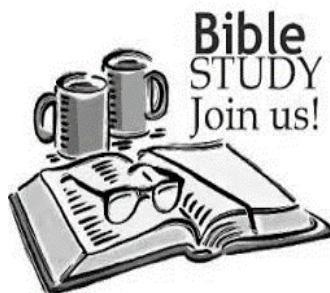
"Gather 'Round the Table!"

Have you ever wondered...
Why did God create Mosquitos?

In a conversation with someone who does not know about God, what would you tell them?

Join us in the parlor on
**Monday, January 8th
at 6:00pm**

We will explore these and many more thought-provoking questions.



December Birthdays

4th Nita Butcher
Stanley Miller
5th Mona Gabbard
6th Kent Johnson
Patricia Murdock
7th Kira Davis
Aaron Vanoni
8th Marlin Butcher
Tyler Harrison
Lane Harrison
10th Keelia Stinnett
14th Diane Webb
15th June Elkins
16th Corey Scruggs
19th Amanda Anderson
Matt Holinsworth
20th James Millsap
22nd Jody Holinsworth
23rd Amanda Gibson
Danny Johnson
25th Brandon Miller
28th Lisa Burch
30th Seth Cleary
Trent Cleary
Deana English

December Anniversaries

26th Jake & Jane Pool
27th Hunter & Andrea Harris
28th Bob & Kim Cleary

...UMC Food Pantry...

In the month of October, we served 8 households. In November we served 10 households. We hand out food to those in need by appointment on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Donations welcome. Questions, call the church office.



Poinsettias 2020

In Memory of: Carl Banks

In Memory of: Jack & Alice White

By: Rev. Jacki Banks

In Memory of: Paul & Maxine Cameron

By: Claude & Carol Cameron

In Memory of: Edgar & Irene Newby

In Memory of: J.A. & Hettie Barker

In Memory of: Shelby & Mary Ann Holinsworth

By: Joe & Jo Holinsworth

In Memory of: S.M. (Chock) & Loda Kennedy

In Memory of: Truman & Marguerite Moody

By: Joe & Leah Kennedy

In Memory of: Mark Loman

In Memory of: W.C. & Mary Hopkins

In Memory of: Lloyd & Lucile Loman

By: Tonya, Noah, & Jacob Loman

In Memory of: Kenneth & Nina Hale

In Memory of: Arlon Postlethwaite

By: The Postlethwaite Family

In Memory of: W.C. & Mary Hopkins

In Memory of: Bud & Wanda Beamer

By: The Richardson & Davis Families

In Memory of: Mike Stevens

By: Leah Stevens

In Memory of: Calvin Clingman

In Memory of: Royce Clingman

In Memory of: R.L. Wells

In Memory of: Ricky Wells

By: The Wells Family

In Memory of: Claudean Harrison

In Memory of: Juanda Howell

In Memory of: Mike Stevens

In Memory of: Johnny Waters

By: Your Church Family

In Honor of: Tom & Tiffany Lewis

In Honor of: Frankie Minton

By: Rev. Jacki Banks

In Honor of: Don & Nancy Whittaker

By: Claude & Carol Cameron

In Honor of:

Our Precious Family, Apels & Herds

By: Joe & Leah Kennedy

Intercessory Prayer

Lord Jesus, I come to you today and thank you for the privilege of praying for others. I've been the recipient of others' prayers so often I understand how powerful intercessory prayer can be. I ask you first to cleanse my heart and show me if there is any unconfessed sin in my own life so that my prayers for others will not be hindered. I thank you that through your name, I can come boldly before you and pray with confidence, according to your will and know that you hear me.

I lift up those in my neighborhood, in my city, and in my church. Begin with those who follow you and help them influence others for good. Let them be salt and light, pointing others to you. Deepen their love for you and for the people around them. Guard them from hypocrisy or from giving in to temptations that could harm the cause of Christ. Raise up leaders who will serve you faithfully at all costs. Turn the hearts of fathers towards their children, and families toward you. Help them to exemplify your values and make them bold in their faith. Strengthen my own family, and those closest to me, Lord. May our love for You help us to love and forgive others and make a difference in our world.

I pray for teachers, for students, and for all those in authority and leadership, both locally and throughout the world. Give them your mind and surround them with godly counselors who will exercise integrity and work for justice, morality, and freedom. Help them to esteem you, not dismiss you. Send revival, Lord.

I pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned-- behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, your peace, and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenseless and hold them close to your heart. I pray for laborers to tell the good news of Jesus to people around our world. Jesus, my heart cries out for persecuted believers, too. Make them brave and give them your powerful protection. Bind the power of Satan and strengthen believers everywhere.

...Our Prayers...

Tommy, Amy, Ty & Allie Ferguson Family
Bill Branch Family

Shut-Ins:

Wilma Johnson
Pat Wall

Facing Health Challenges:

Leah Albright, Carolyn Branch, Sara Burke,
Rachel Franklin, Tom Herrin, Joe Kennedy,
Leah Kennedy, Jacob Loman, Frankie Minton,
Julia Murray, Bill Pool, Nancy Rogers, Lynn
Scruggs, Katilyn Spencer, Leah Stevens,
Julia Murray, Rick Webb

So many needs, Jesus but your name is
powerful, and your power is great. So, it's in
your name that I pray -- and believe. AMEN

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1		2	3	4	5
		Prayer Group 5:30pm		Recording Worship 5:30pm			
6	7	8		9	10	11	12
Holy Communion Parking Lot Worship 10:55am		Prayer Group 5:30pm		Recording Worship 5:30pm			
13	14	15		16	17	18	19
Parking Lot Worship 10:55am		Prayer Group 5:30pm		Recording Worship 5:30pm			
20	21	22		23	24	25	26
Parking Lot Worship 10:55am	Recording Worship 5:30pm				Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
27	28	29		30	31		
Parking Lot Worship 10:55am		Prayer Group 5:30pm					

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**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church.**

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

While we are not meeting regularly, we will still shop together for our Angel Tree children plus a sibling. This year we are serving 4 children in total.

We will meet at Walmart in Lindsay, on Thursday December 10th at 3:30pm.

We will shop for the children and Lacie will bring the gifts back to the church. She will set up gift wrapping stations in the parlor for anyone wanting to come help wrap presents for these children. Please contact Lacie if you are interested in donating towards these purchases or wrapping these gifts.