

The Methodist Messenger

January 2021

United Methodist Church ~ Lindsay, Oklahoma

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Pastor

Alexia Herrin,
Minister of Music

Lacie Wilkins Ad. Assistant
& Minister of Youth

Sunday, January 3 ~

Epiphany Sunday

Fresh Eyes

Mark 8:22-25

Holy Communion

Special Music:

Matthew Dutton

Sunday, January 10 ~

Baptism of the Lord

*Sermon Title and Text -
to be announced*

Special Music:

Miranda Edwards

Sunday, January 17 ~

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

*Sermon Title and Text -
to be announced*

Special Music:

Megan Dutton

Sunday, January 24 ~

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

*Sermon Title and Text -
to be announced*

Special Music:

???

Sunday, January 31 ~

4th Sunday after Epiphany

*Sermon Title and Text -
to be announced*

Special Music:

Lacie Wilkins

New Year, New Pastor

The New Year always bring the possibility of changes, opportunities, goals and much more. This year LUMC will begin the year with a new pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley, and we say our goodbyes and well wishes to Rev. Jacki Banks who is headed to Newcastle UMC. Please be in prayer for each of these pastors as they begin a new journey in ministry. Please cover both pastors with prayer of comfort, peace, and encouragement as we all begin this new year full of change.

January Worship

For the month of January, the church will be closed on Sunday. You will be able to worship by listening to KBLP at 11am each Sunday. Our worship video will be posted on the church Facebook page, and there will be a link to watch on our church website. You do not have to be a "Facebooker" to be able to have access to the church Facebook page, it is posted for the public. Parking Lot worship will be suspended through the month of January while Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley becomes familiar with the church and our ministry needs.

The Basketball lunch scheduled for January 7, 2021 has been cancelled. We will sign up to feed the teams at another time.



***May Gods love light your way and lead you into a
new year that shines with His special joy!***

Happy New Year!

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

Hello, Lindsay United Methodist Church. I thank God for you – and I thank Bishop Jimmy Nunn and the Cabinet of The Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church – for my appointment to serve you. I confess I do not understand the circumstances of the appointment, nor its particular timing. I know that neither you, nor your previous pastor, Rev. Jacki Banks were expecting an appointment change mid-year. I pray God's best for Pastor Jacki as she is doing what I am doing, starting over, in a new place, at an unexpected time. But isn't that kind of the Christmas story – starting over...in a new place...at an unexpected time?

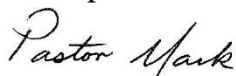
But the appointment was made, and here we all are together – in a very new season in each others' lives. Our only responsibility at this point is to be faithful – faithful to the unexpected, unpredictable movement of our sovereign, providential God who sees what we cannot see, and knows what we cannot possibly know – yet!

As the days, weeks, and months unfold, in this very stressful time of the COVID-19 pandemic, our church must continue its prudent decision of not meeting together in person for the time being. Hopefully, as more people become vaccinated in Lindsay, as the risk for meeting together diminishes, we can begin planning for in-person worship, fellowship, and discipleship early in 2021.

I ask for your prayers, and your patience, as we sort all the complexities out...together, and commit to learning how best to walk together. I am intrigued by what God might be up to. I hope you are, too. May we give each other our best chance to get to know each other, as we can, and work faithfully and diligently to do what is best for our church and for Lindsay.

There is much more to say than I can say in a single newsletter article. We will create ways to get to know each other better in the weeks ahead. I attached a short biography that will give you some idea of my personal, professional, and educational background. Meanwhile, I offer this prayer to you, my favorite pastoral care prayer. St. Francis de Sales offers us timeless words that can bring us heavenly peace amid these anxious times.

Be at peace,



Pastor Mark

Be at Peace

**Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; look to them with full hope as they arise.
God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of fearful times.
He has kept you until now and He will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand, God will carry you in his arms.**

**Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it.**

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

A Short Biography for Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley

Rev. Dr. Mark Whitley was most recently the interim pastor at Cordell First United Methodist Church in Cordell, Oklahoma since October 1, 2020.

Mark graduated with his Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation (with honors) in May 2019 from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. The doctoral program was entitled “Prophetic Word and Service.” 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, Louisiana (BS in Medical Technology, 1980, and BS in Pre-Medicine, 1983).

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. Mark worked the last eight years as healthcare professional with the American Red Cross at National Headquarters in 1993-1996 and in Oklahoma City from 1996-2000. The last 14 years he was an organ and tissue donation professional.

He was a volunteer firefighter with the Collinsville Fire Department from 2017-2020 serving as the Department Chaplain. He 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. Mark and Susan have three adult children, Bryan, Chris, and Caitlin, and four grandchildren. Bryan, Emily and our grandsons Jackson and Bradley in NE Oklahoma City. Chris, Kim and our granddaughters, Adalynn and Olivia live in Norman. Our architect daughter, Caitlin and her husband, Jordan, moved to New York City at Thanksgiving for her new job.

My favorite title is not Dr. Whitley, or Pastor Mark, but Pops! I have been waiting my whole life to be an old coot grandpa, and I finally made it!

Life in the Body of Christ

...Our Presence in Dec. ...
Worship 72

...Our Gifts...

Needed Weekly	\$4,717.65
Received...	
Dec. 6	\$5,516.00
13	\$5,762.00
20	\$2,150.00
27	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$13,628.00

\$18,870.60 was needed to meet all of our church needs for the month.



Facebook.com/LindsayUMC

...Worship...

If you would like to watch our worship services you can do so by going to the LUMC Facebook page.

OR

Not on Facebook...

go to www.lindsayumc.com
Look for "Watch Our Worship Service", the link will take you to a page 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.



Frances Bunch will be leading an all-church Bible Study!

"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 18th
at 6:00pm.

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

...Food Pantry...



In the month December we served 8 households for a total of 32 individuals. We

hand out food to those in need by appointment on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Donations are welcome, the pantry is pretty empty after December distributions. Questions about what to donate?? You can call the church office or look on the church website under the "UMC Food Pantry" tab for a full list of suggestions.

January Birthdays

2 nd	Kris Cummins
	Kurt Cummins
	Sharon Fisher
5 th	Jeff Murray
	Chesica Vanoni
7 th	Jennifer Postlethwaite
8 th	Miya Resseguie
9 th	Blaine Break
11 th	M.T. Johnson
	Mike Knapp
12 th	Hudsyn Harris
13 th	Jamie Allison
14 th	Baxter Boydston
	Janell Walden
17 th	Nathan Urban
19 th	Frankie Minton
20 th	Don Shelton
22 nd	Tyler Keeler
24 th	Wayne Estes
	Mike Postlethwaite
	David Stone
25 th	Jay Boeckman
	Lacee Hogg
	Jessica Stone
	Kenny Wells
	Bryan Williams

January Anniversaries

2 nd	Mike & Kim Boeckman
31 st	Glen & Pam Urban



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					NEW YEAR'S DAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Holy Communion Worship 10:55am KBLP, Facebook, lindsayumc.com			Record Worship 5:30pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10:55am KBLP, Facebook, lindsayumc.com			Record Worship 5:30pm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10:55am KBLP, Facebook, lindsayumc.com			Record Worship 5:30pm	Bloodmobile 11am-6pm		
24	25	26	30	31		
Worship 10:55am KBLP, Facebook, lindsayumc.com			Record Worship 5:30pm			

...Our Prayers...

Our Condolences to:

Family of Sarah Burkes;
Family of Sharon Fisher her, nephew Tony passed away.
Family of Dr. Bill Pool

Shut ins: Wilma Johnson, Pat Wall

Health Challenges:

Carolyn Branch, Clayton Davis, Allie Ferguson, Tommy Ferguson's Mother, Rachel Franklin, Tom Herrin, Joe & Leah Kennedy, Jacob Loman, Frankie Minton, Julia Murray, Sandra Pratt, Nancy Rogers, Lynn Scruggs, Katilyn Spencer, Barbara Thomas, Rick Webb

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

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Depending on when the church is open and back to regular activities...
Please mark the following dates on your calendar. At this time, these dates are
when we will have the fundraisers BUT that may change, I'll keep you updated!

Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale
February 7, 2021

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 16, 2020

Details on how we will handle these fundraisers and How we may change from
previous years to come very soon. ~ Lacie