

# *The Methodist Messenger*

*October 2020*

*United Methodist Church ~ Lindsay, Oklahoma*

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## **Sunday, October 4**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Faithfull Stewardship*

*Mark 10:17-27*

Worship 10:55am broadcasting  
on KBLP or you can find this  
sermon on our Facebook page  
(Sept.20)

## **Sunday, October 11**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Speaking Words of Life*

*and Power*

*Matthew 12:33-37*

Worship 10:55am broadcasting  
on KBLP or you can find this  
sermon on our Facebook page  
(Sept.27)

## **Sunday, October 18**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Message by Ed Bevers*

*Anthem: But God*

*Sunday School 9:45am*

*Worship 10:55am*

## **Sunday, October 25**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Message by Frances Bunch:*

*Power of Prayer*

*Psalms 5:3; Philippians 4:6-7*

*Anthem: I Am Undone*

*Sunday School 9:45am*

*Worship 10:55am*

**Lindsay UMC will be suspending all regular activities until Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We have had a positive case of Covid-19 within our congregation. We will be suspending activities and working with the office locked for two weeks.**

**If you are in need of assistance, you can reach us by calling the church office.**



Boo on You Covid! The 2020 Pumpkin patch was cancelled. We look forward to next year with hopes of bringing the "Patch" back.

The UMYF will be having a Bean & Bingo fundraiser on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

We will serve beans, cornbread, fried potatoes and good ole cast iron cobblers! We will start Bingo at 6pm. The cost of dinner and bingo is a donation to UMYF. This will take place of our "Dinner in the Patch".



Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes

from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Please be in prayer about what gifts you can commit to giving to the church in 2021. Stewardship cards will be mailing very soon. Stewardship Sunday will be November, 15<sup>th</sup>.



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Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> we will serve lunch to the Lindsay High School football team, cheerleaders, and coaches. Set up and clean up help is still needed. Please contact Barbara Thomas for more information.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Chili Corral Cook Day November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Chili Corral ~ November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-1:30pm.**

**Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex mid-October.**

*... for such a time as this ...*

*Hear my prayer, LORD;  
let my cry for help come to you.  
Do not hide your face from me  
when I am in distress.  
Turn your ear to me;  
when I call, answer me quickly.  
For I eat ashes as my food  
and mingle my drink with tears,  
my days are like the evening shadow;  
I wither away like grass. – Psalm 102*

These are just a few words of encouragement during this unusual time in the life of the Church.

God uses the gifts of his people for the needs that exist. Perhaps it was “for such a time as this” that we have been placed in this congregation. We have no control over this virus, death, or storms . . . or how other people react. You can only be an agent of God’s grace. However, you yourself need to receive grace as much as anyone.

Anger is a part of most human processes, certainly of grief. It’s okay to be angry.

You are not alone. There is a reason God established the Church. We are here for you whenever you need us.

So, we will continue to pray for all those who grieve over the loss of loved ones, whether to the virus, cancer, or some other devastation. We will help out with our monetary donations and by connecting with the church. We will help people to rebuild their lives, because that is Kingdom Work. But, let us remain focused with a singular eye to the goodness that God supplies for the life of the world, even to the smallest and most vulnerable.

May we be the Church, now more than ever.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pastor Jachi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the main body of text.

# Life in the Body of Christ

## ...Our Presence in

### September ...

Sunday School	9
Worship	74

## ...Our Gifts...

Needed Weekly	\$4,717.65
Received...	
Sept. 6	\$9,778.00
13	\$1,600.00
20	\$580.00
27	\$1,749.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,707.00</b>

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



**Facebook.com/LindsayUMC**

## ...UMC Food Pantry...



All food items are welcomed, we prefer non-perishable items as they are easy to store. But we have

freezer space available! Please bring items to the church kitchen.

- Canned veggies/tomatoes
- Canned chili
- Soups/ Stews
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry beans & rice
- Instant potatoes
- Dry noodles

We give food to those in need monthly by appointment. If you are interested in donating your time or gifts please contact the church office. There is a full list of suggestions on our website.

## ...Our Prayers...

Leah, Shelly, Luke & Marty  
Stevens Family.

### Shut-ins:

Wilma Johnson,  
Pat Wall

### Facing Health Challenges:

Leah Albright, Rachel Franklin,  
Tom Herrin (hip), Jacob Loman,  
Leah Kennedy, Bill Pool, Nancy  
Rogers, Lynn Scruggs, Katilyn  
Spencer, Julia Murray, Rick Webb,

## ...Condolences...

to the Mike Stevens family.  
Mike passed away on  
September 22, 2020. His  
memorial service was  
September 28, 2020.

## ...Praises...

Andrew and Amanda Gibson  
welcomed their little boy to  
the world on September 1,  
2019. Austin Layne Gibson was  
7lb 19inches long. Welcome  
little man!

### 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.

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UMYF will be running booths at the Halloween Carnival on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to donate to help cover game prizes, contact Lacie.

## October Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Shahan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josiah Harrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bobby Pendergrass  
Nancy Pracht
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tom Herrin  
Diane Powell  
Bobby Stephens
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fredda Bayless
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mike Boeckman
- 11<sup>th</sup> Frances Bunch  
Aubrey Ricke
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mike Thomas
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kevin Mote
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sunnie Rose Edwards
- 16<sup>th</sup> Darrell Richardson  
Titan Wilkins
- 18<sup>th</sup> VonDale Little
- 19<sup>th</sup> Joe Holinsworth
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Landon Webb
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Dutton  
John Harrison  
Charlotte Lowe
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kynli Davis
- 31<sup>st</sup> Doyle Gretemen  
Brian Trammell

## October Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Randy & Diane Powell
- 17<sup>th</sup> Marlin & Nita Butcher
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tommy & Kira Davis

**UMYF will  
hand out  
candy to  
Trick-or-  
Treaters  
on Main  
Street.**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.**

**Candy donations  
welcomed!**



## Worship and Fellowship

I have heard a little confusion from one or two people about “just sitting in a pew for an hour doesn’t feel like fellowship.” So, I decided it was important for all of us to know the difference between worship and fellowship and how the two come together. I am so moved by the Spirit every Sunday morning . . . or even when we record our worship on Wednesday night . . . it greatly saddens me to hear others are not experiencing the same holy ground. I wonder if this is a matter of the heart.

### What is Worship?

*“...to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”* Romans 12:1-2

Worship means expressing reverence and adoration for a deity...God. Our worship services are carefully planned out to lead you into showing reverence and adoration for God. Ultimately knowing that you are loved deeply by God and you are never alone. We enter the sanctuary offering our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. In our daily lives, we worship God by the renewing of our minds, living in the world while not living *of* the world, by transforming our lives to be pleasing to God.

Therefore, worship becomes a way of life for us as we daily surrender ourselves to God for his ministry. Basically, worship is between God and the worshiper. When we worship, we are fellowshiping with God in our continual prayers, singing praises, going to church, and singing hymns, and communing with God in the Eucharist.

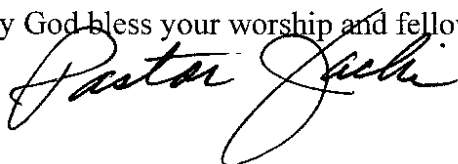
### What is Fellowship?

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ...All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”* Acts 2:42-47

If what Luke is picturing here is vibrant fellowship, we tend to cheapen its true meaning today. The concept of fellowship today seems to be interpreted as getting together with social interaction and leaves out the largest part of being together with God, from breaking bread, to prayer, to giving to those in need.

In the *Holman Bible Dictionary*, the word *fellowship* means: “The bond of common purpose and devotion that binds Christians together and to Christ.” I John 1:17 tells us that fellowship means sharing, participation, or contribution with other Christians. That follows what Luke says in the above Acts scripture. We fellowship in Sunday school, or in the church service. Fellowship is singing together, sharing our resources together (tithes and gifts), praying together, affirming our faith together, receiving the Eucharist together.

May God bless your worship and fellowship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Jacki".

# October 2020

| Sunday                                                                                    | Monday                  | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                   | Thursday                                             | Friday                     | Saturday                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                           |                         |                                   |                             | 1                                                    | 2                          | 3                                                  |
|                                                                                           |                         |                                   |                             |                                                      |                            | City Wide Yard Sales                               |
| 4                                                                                         | 5                       | 6                                 | 7                           | 8                                                    | 9                          | 10                                                 |
| Worship will be broadcast on KBLP at 10:55am and can be watched on the UMC Facebook page. |                         | Prayer Group 6:00pm               |                             |                                                      | LHS Football Lunch 11:45am |                                                    |
| 11                                                                                        | 12                      | 13                                | 14                          | 15                                                   | 16                         | 17                                                 |
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| <b>Laity Sunday 18</b>                                                                    | 19                      | 20                                | 21                          | 22                                                   | 23                         | 24                                                 |
| Sunday School 9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                                                   | Fall Break<br>No School | UMW 9:30am<br>Prayer Group 6:00pm | UMYF 5:30pm<br>Choir 5:30pm | UMYF Bean & Bingo<br>Fundraiser Dinner 5:30pm-7:00pm |                            |                                                    |
| <b>Reformation 25</b>                                                                     | 26                      | 27                                | 28                          | 29                                                   | 30                         | 31                                                 |
| Sunday School 9:45am<br>Worship 10:55am                                                   |                         | Prayer Group 6:00pm               | UMYF 5:30pm<br>Choir 5:30pm |                                                      |                            | Halloween<br>Carnival Youth to work booths 6pm-9pm |

Regular activities are cancelled through October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The office will be locked, but we will be available by calling the church phone.

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

Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm with dinner & a lesson.

We are still working on the following study:

Our study is called  
*"Table Talk Bible Stories You Should Know"*

These lessons go back to the beginning.  
These lessons come from Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy.

**NO UMYF on October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner Plans**

October 14: Hamburgers with chips  
October 21: Pizza  
October 28: Hotdog & Nachos

Dessert: Espinoza  
Dessert: Harris  
Dessert: Dutton