

PRAYER CONCERNS

LINDA HARRIS SUSAN PENDLETON
SUE BARRIER MURLE WILLIAMS
JIM BOB COODY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TED McCULLOCH-health issues, friend of Jerry and Sharon Toland
GARY VICK
ROBERT PATTERSON-heart issues, brother of Lisa Langford
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila & Roger Tonne
TIM RUSSELL-health issues
T.C. HARRIS-health concerns, Scott's dad
NORMA CHADWICK & FAMILY-family issues, friends of Terri Bradley
NELDA MORRISON-health issues
ALFORD NOGGLE-health issues
EASTON RILEY-9-yr-old boy with health issues, friend of Debbie & Jim Ramage
SKEETER RAYBURN-cancer, friend of Jim & Debbie Ramage
DOROTHY TONNE
HARTLEY HEARNE-3 yr. old with leukemia. Granddaughter of Ginger Dittmar's friend
BART SANDERS-cancer, friend of Leslie and Gary Vick
VIVIAN PALACHEK-leukemia in remission, friend of Steve and Linda Leveridge
MICKEY TAYLOR-health issues, friend of Langford's, Morehart's & White's.
JULIO VENEGAS-diagnosed with cancer, friend of James & Donna Wade
CYNDI URBANEK-bone marrow transplant, sister-in-law of Denise Hall
TAMARA MITCHELL-friend of Gary Trammel
LINK LOWRANCE-health issues
JACK ROGERS-great-great nephew of Sue Lodor
BOB & BONNYE ISENHOWER-friends of Sharon Toland

CONGRATULATIONS

Luke and Chelsey McClymond have a new son, Cuade Jett, who was born March 23, 2020.
He is welcomed home by his brothers, Cantyn, Carder and Colemyn.
Grandparents are Cody and Brenda Bradford and
Luke and Bonnie McClymond.



AVERY PARKS-02
CAROL CONNALLY-03
PATTY WALKER-03
M.J. McINTIRE-04
DICKIE GRAY-05
SCOTT POWER-05
HADLEY FULGHAM-09
J TOLAND-14
KATHY TRAMMEL
KELYN COLLINSWORTH-18
KATHRYN HART-18
AUBREY RICHARDSON-21
KATIE RUSSELL-21
JOEY VENEKAMP-26
LINDA WALKER-26
APRIL LECHNER-27



DATES FOR ADULT'S GAME NIGHT

NO ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED AT THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Listed are the dates in 2020 for 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheons:
At this time no activities are scheduled.

Our Christmas shoeboxes were routed to Panama, Puerto Rico and Mexico. There are children today in these countries that were introduced to Jesus Christ and received an example of unconditional love because this congregation participated.

Linda Leveridge

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan
MICAHA CLAY-son of J.R. and Julia Clay.
NICK CORDOVA-son of Ray and Merry Pendleton
GUY CRAIG-son of Bob Meason, grandson of Ruth and Bob Green, and nephew of Guyla and Wayne White
JASON GRAHAM-cousin of Melissa Trammel
ZACHARY KARL-Fort Hood, son of Perry and Debbie Karl, grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.
JACKSON LEVERIDGE-Coast Guard, stationed at Costa Rica. grandson of Steve & Linda Leveridge
JOSH LEVERIDGE-Fort Sill, Oklahoma, grandson of Steve & Linda Leveridge
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER

UMM BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE HELD THIS MONTH.

TRUSTEE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR APRIL.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR APRIL

CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Len Flinchum and family on the death of his mother, Madeline Hogan, who passed on March 19, 2020 in Virginia.



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FROM THE PASTOR

April, 2020

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

On Monday March 30, 2020, I participated in a conference call with the pastors in the community which also included Judge Michael Roach and Dr. Kelli Windsor. As we continue to face COVID-19 and the restrictions regarding social distancing and avoiding gatherings of 10 or more, Judge Roach said that as of today we do not have any confirmed cases. All the things we are doing as a community help keep the numbers down. I want to encourage all of you to stay the course because it is making a difference. We will learn more as more testing becomes available, but at the moment, isolation is our best tool to prevent the spread of the virus. We as a community are acting as if we *have* cases so that we will have *fewer* cases. Do keep the businesses and restaurants in your prayers as their source of income to pay bills is affected greatly. Also, we need to remember the doctors and nurses and aides that care for folks in the hospital and nursing home. We have a unique opportunity as a church to reach out to these persons in a helpful and encouraging way: who would be interested in writing notes of encouragement to the nursing home residents and staff and the hospital staff and patients? Let the church office know if you are interested in this ministry. Together we can make a difference and together we can help each other through this time.

As we look forward to April and celebrating Easter, we will be doing that online. I encourage you to invite friends to join you online as we celebrate in worship together. This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday as well as communion Sunday. I will be consecrating the elements online and those of you who gather online can serve each other in your home. During the celebration of communion, we gather around God's table to remember that we are a part of the body of Christ and that Jesus forgives us of our sins. This coming Sunday we will gather around the table virtually and celebrate communion together. We will stream the service at 11:00 a.m. and it will be posted on our Facebook page after that in case of technical difficulties. Also, each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. I will be doing a mid-week devotional live on our Facebook page.

I want to thank everyone who is helping prepare the sack lunches for drive-by pick-up for Café Love. It is so vital that we continue this ministry for our community. Another great ministry that happens at our church is the Mobile Food Pantry every third Tuesday. For April we will have to be more creative to make this happen. We will be limited to ten people in the CLC at a time (that includes workers). I will be talking with Gunsight Baptist Church to see how we can work through this challenge. Watch your emails and Facebook for updates regarding the mobile food pantry.

Last Sunday I announced that I will be taking a personal voluntary leave of absence effective July 1. Denise and I plan to go to Mississippi during this time of leave. We will both miss Breckenridge and being a part of all the ministries of this church. Thank you for all you do in the community. I also want to thank everyone for your kind words and good wishes for us. I give thanks for all that God has in store for this church in the future.

Bishop Lowry has appointed Rev. David Fergeson to serve as your pastor beginning July 1 of this year. David's wife Susan is a speech pathologist. David has been serving United Methodist congregations since 1991 and is currently at Springtown and Poolville. He has a great heart and passion for ministry.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Matt