

Lytle Methodist Church

March 2024

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Our Mission as Global Methodists is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

From our Lay Leader

God is good ... All the time

God has opened a new door and called for Pastor Kelley and Carmen to walk through it. He has called them to a new adventure - a new mission of discipleship to spread the good news of salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to others. However, when God opens a door, the door is closed behind. And right now some of us might feel that the door has not only closed but it is locked. The fact is, I believe that is true because that door is now in the past. You see, God does not close a door without opening another one and now He has opened a new door and has called us to walk through that new open door praising His name while we start our new adventure.

Some have asked why, but that is not necessarily for us to know. We are to remember that God has a plan and He has assigned us a very small part to fulfill His plan.

So let us rejoice... Let us sing praises unto His name... Let us take up our cross and go forth through the new open door and begin our new adventure together with Christ. Because

God is good ... all the time ... and all the time ... God is good.

May the Lord continue to bless Pastor Kelley and Carmen on their new adventure and may the Lord continue to bless us on our new adventure also.

Amen.

Jim Pruett
Lay Leader

Farewell Luncheon

-For Pastor Kelley and Carmen-

We will have a Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Kelley and Carmen on March 17th right after the worship service. Food will be provided. This will be the last Sunday that they are with us. Please come and join us in this time of saying, "Good-bye" and giving them our heartfelt wishes.

*"The LORD
bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

Numbers 6: 24-26

Easter Services

March 24: Palm Sunday. (There will no longer be a covered dish on this day as advertised.)

March 28 - Holy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm

March 31: Easter Sunday. Sunrise Service at 7:00 am. Regular Service at 9:00 am. Children's Easter egg hunt immediately following the regular service. (There will be no Sunday School.)

Council on Ministries

The COM committee met on February 6th. The Committee continued working on a calendar for the year and brainstorming new ideas. One idea that they would like to implement is to have birthday celebrations at a quarterly luncheon. The dates for Vacation Bible School were also set for June 24 – 27, 2024. It will run from 3:00pm – 5:30 pm.

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ met on February 12th in the Fellowship Hall. The devotional- was “Everyday Should be Celebrated as a Holiday”. We learned that “Holi” means Holy. What better way to give God the glory and praise and celebrate everyday as a Holy/holiday. The inspirational message was “Listening for God’s Voice”. When we pray do we stop and take time to listen for God’s response?

“I am here Lord, I am ready to listen”

Our next meeting will be March 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing a possible fundraiser for our mission projects.

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council had a special called meeting on March 5 to discuss various items that needed to be addressed due to Pastor Kelley leaving. Linda Bahlman discussed the process in which a new pastor will be selected. There will be a regular scheduled meeting on March 19th.

Finance:

Giving totals for the month of February:

February 4th\$2871.00

February 11th\$3765.00

February 18th\$2104

February 25th2440.50

Grand Total..... \$11,180.50

Staff Parish Relations Committee

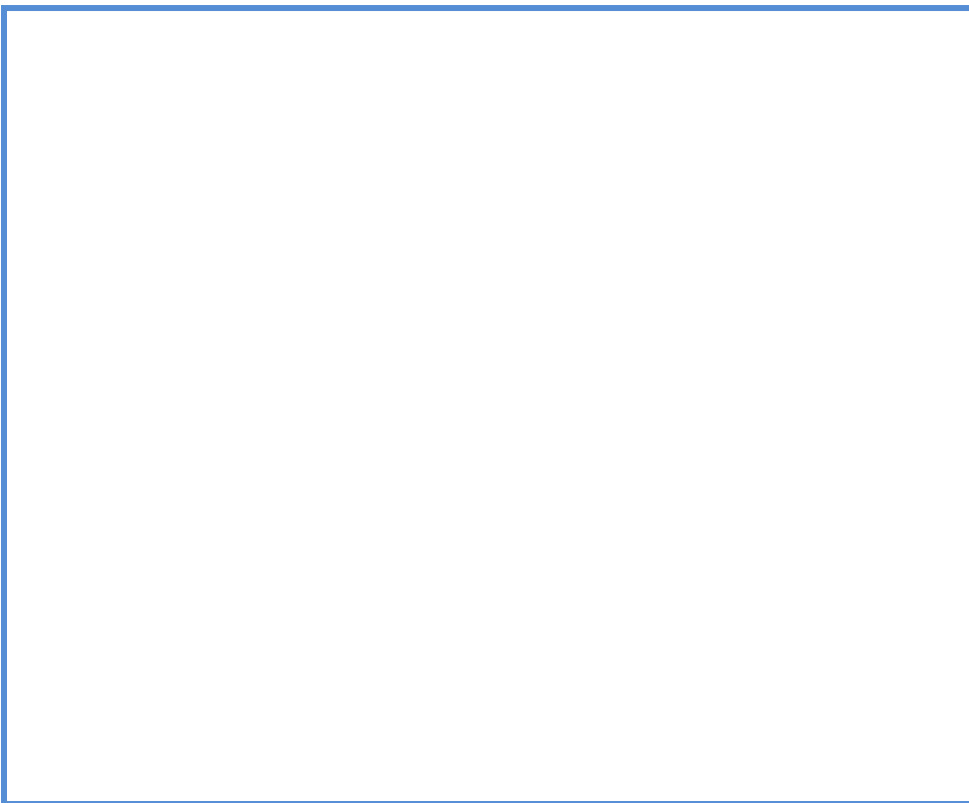
The Staff Parish Relations Committee had a special called meeting on March 3rd. They approved a new employee evaluation form and also filled out paperwork for the Conference so that the search for a new pastor can begin.

Food Pantry

During the month of February, our church served 164 families (643 people) through the Food Pantry Outreach. We also had 17 new applications. If you would like to serve at the food pantry, we serve the community on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Just show up around 5:45 and we will put you to work!

Children’s Sunday School

The Children’s Sunday School will very much miss Carmen, her crafts, and her love that she gave to all the children. This leaves a huge hole that needs to be filled. We will need a volunteer(s) to help Robin Jackson with this class. If you are interested, please give Jim Pruett a call so that we can get you lined up with the child protective training that is required.



Youth News

Starting this month, the Youth Group will help bag the food that is given out at the Food Pantry. The number of people that our Food Pantry serves continues to grow which causes an increased work load on our volunteers. The youth, under the direction of Maribel Gomez, has graciously committed to help relieve the workload from our volunteers. Thank-you Maribel and Youth!

February 4th – Youth Group 4:00pm – 6:30 pm

February 11th – “Souper Bowl” of Caring Collection during the worship service. All money received will go directly to our food pantry.

No Youth Group

February 18th – “Taco Sunday” – Taco Sales after the worship service

Youth Group 4:00pm – 6:30 pm

February 25th – Family Game Night 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Important Dates - Put these dates on your calendar

March 24: Palm Sunday. (There will no longer be a covered dish on this day as advertised.)

March 31: Easter Sunday

June 24 – 27: Dates set for Vacation Bible School.

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

SWTX Koinonia Emmaus News

Our monthly gathering for March will be on March 10 at Somerset Methodist Church beginning at 4:30 pm. As is our usual practice, we will start with singing and worship, and then have a time of fellowship and food. Please bring something to share with your Koinonia family if you can, but come even if you can't bring food. We want to see your face!

The gathering for April will be held at Hondo Methodist Church. We will consecrate the team for the Men's walk, so we want all hands on deck! Remember also that we will have Sponsor's Hour at Light on the Hill around 7:00 pm on Thursday evening April 18. You can come and pray with the sponsors even if you aren't one of them. Then we will have Candlelight on Saturday evening April 20. Remember how blessed you were on your walk, and come to spread the Light of Christ for the Pilgrims of Walk #12. Finally, we will have closing on Sunday afternoon April 21. We would love to have the Southwest Texas Koinonia Community show up in force to celebrate the completion of Walk #12!

Also, Hondo Methodist Church will host the "Welcome Back" on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm. At this time we will welcome all the pilgrims that participated in Walk #12 into our Koinonia community. Please mark your calendars for this important time. We want a full house to show the pilgrims that our love for them did not end at Closing on Sunday afternoon!

There is a lot of good information in the newsletter. Please take a moment to check it out, and when you see Cindy Dixon tell her how much we appreciate her hard work on it: You can find the newsletter at:
https://mcusercontent.com/e712eb1d6312ed7828767b930/files/7f8ef224-ad44-9831-9c84-df617f3c2a59/2024_03_Newsletter.pdf

Below is a link to the prayer vigils and to the wants and needs list for the upcoming Men's Walk #12. Please take a minute and sign up to bring something and to schedule a time to pray. We must cover the entire 72 hours of the walk in prayer before we can begin!

The Prayer Vigil List can be found at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4DAEA72DA6F49-47378180-walk>

The Wants and Needs list can be found at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4DAEA72DA6F49-47378118-walk>

I know we all have a lot going on in our lives (we sure do!), but we all must remember that there is strength in community. We can only be brothers and sisters in Christ if we show up for each other!

Yours in Christ,
Connie Norton
Secretary

Giving Options for Lytle Methodist Church

Tithes and offerings can be made in person, mailed to the church, or texted to 830-581-2288. Church address is P.O. Box 608; Lytle TX. 78052.

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