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**JUNE 2021**



(See Matthew 14:14-21) 03-13-2009  
**YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE, BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A BETTER OPTION**

**As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” – Matthew 14:15-16**

So why did Jesus veto the disciple’s plan? It was late; Jesus was apparently done teaching; time to send the crowd away. But was Jesus really done teaching? Maybe He just wanted to stop teaching with words, and start teaching with actions.

The feeding of the 5000 had at least three purposes: First, it showed the power of Jesus. Second, it showed the love of Jesus. But third, this “biggest of Jesus’ miracles” showed Jesus’ deep desire to have and promote connection. “Instead of sending the people home to their individual little bubbles, let’s stay together a little longer, and connect a little more, and celebrate the power of connection.” Predators like Satan know that the weakest one is often not the sick one, but the isolated one. Through connection we all become stronger.

So why a free community fish fry? For three purposes: First, it shows that our church is alive and strong with the power of Jesus. Second, it shows our church loves with the love of Jesus. Third, it shows that we share Jesus’ desire for connection. This fish fry will promote connections, and a stronger community, a stronger church, and stronger people.

Grace and Peace, **Scott**

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**Our First Official “Catch the Wave” Event**

**Free Community Fish Fry**

***Sunday, June 27, 11 to 2 PM***

“Free Fish Fry” invite cars will be given to church folks to hand out around our community. The Fish Fry will include free fish, fries, coleslaw, drinks and dessert, plus music, our bounce castle and more. We need lots of help, including fish fryers, others cooks, set-up, and especially folks willing to hand out tickets/flyers. This first major event in our “Catch the Wave” Campaign will be a way of meeting new people in our community. We will meet them as we hand out free tickets to this event, and as we will meet them as they attend this event. Please mark this day on your calendar and lend a hand.



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| - Deliver “invite cards” to people | - Help prepare other meal “sides” | - Help set up                     |
| - Provide a fish fryer             | - Help serve food                 | - Help clean up                   |
| - Help cook fish/french fries      | - Shop for needed supplies        | - Help with children’s activities |

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# Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 20 with special music, GoodDad bars, and our slideshow presentation of some of the fathers of our church family. We need your pictures! Just place your photographs on the pastor's desk or email them to [scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net).

## New Ways to Give

1. Online: Go to the church website, [www.lytleumc.org](http://www.lytleumc.org), and go to the "donate" page.
2. By text from a mobile device: Text GIVE or TITHE to 830-224-2780

## Free Church Wi-Fi

Network: lytleumc  
password: holyspirit987  
(all lower case)

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## Church Schedule

June 5-12 - The Rio Texas "Virtual" Annual Conference.

June 7, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

June 18, Friday - Emmaus monthly gathering at Devine U.M.C.  
In Devine. Fellowship and food starts at 6:30 PM.

### June 20 - FATHER'S DAY

June 21, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

### June 27 - COMMUNITY FISH FRY at the Church, 11 AM to 2 PM

July 5-9, Monday through Friday - Vacation Bible School, 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

July 19-23, Monday through Friday - M.A.D. Camp (Music Art and Drama),  
9 AM to noon.

July 23, Friday - M.A.D. play performance at 7 PM in the sanctuary.  
Everyone is encouraged to come!

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## Youth Schedule

June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 No U.M.Y.F.	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 No U.M.Y.F. Happy Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Youth to help with Fish Fry At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	28	29	30			

## Thank You Notes

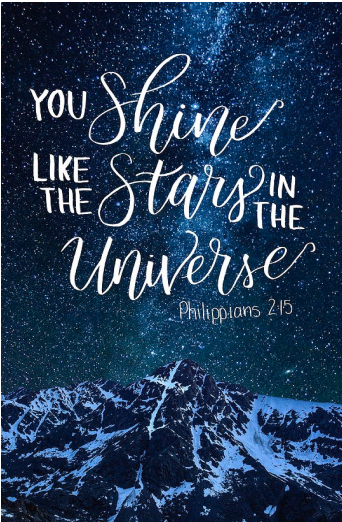
**To Suzi Sollock and Others** - For their hard work on our church prayer garden. Lots of new flowers and plants have been installed and plants that died during the spring freeze have been removed. Please take use of this great resource to deepen your prayer life.

**To Liza Meyer and Kirk Jackson and Company** – For all the wonderful new furniture in our nursery. Please stop by the nursery on Sunday and take a look.

**To Kyle Jackson and Company** – For maintaining the church grounds and for all our new plants, especially the flowers in the round concrete planters in front of the fellowship hall.

**To Ricardo Castillo** - For installing a new light in the back Sunday School closet, installing a light for the first time in our custodian closet, and correcting all the wiring.

### **Special Presentations at Pentecost**



Thanks to Tawana and Diana Jackson, the church reinstated the joy of saying thank you. It had been our tradition for many years to celebrate a church volunteer with a funny gift at our Pentecost covered-dish. This year, thanks to Diana and Tawana, we did it again:

**Thank You to Billy and Linda Stewart:** We thank Linda and Billy for all their hard work with our food pantry, and for all their other service to the Kingdom too numerous to list.

**Thank You to Ricardo Castillo:** We Thanks Ricardo for his constant wok repairing the church electrical system, and his willingness to be called out late at night when necessary.

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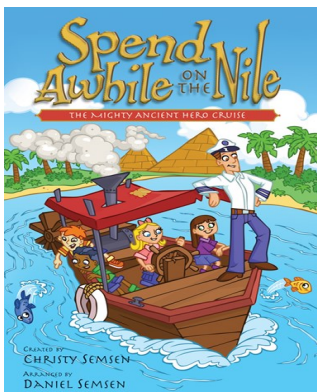
### **Free VBS 2021, July 5-9**

It's time to gear up for Vacation Bible School 2021. At Rocky Railway VBS the message kids will learn each day has proved to be more relevant than ever... Through lifes ups and downs, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. VBS will take place July 5-9, Monday through Friday. This year it will again be in the evenings, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. It will include a snack meal, so food preparers are needed as well as the usual small crew leaders and station leaders. We need lots of volunteers, so please mark these dates now that you might be able to help, and keep this ministry in your prayers. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up your children or simply show up on July 5.

### **VBS Volunteers Board**

Vacation Bible School is one of our most important outreach ministries, but it can't happen without you. In the back of the sanctuary is our VBS volunteers board. God and your church are counting on you. Please sign-up this Sunday.

### **Free M.A.D. Camp, July 19-23**



Our Free M.A.D. summer children's program (Music, Art and Drama) will take place July 19-23, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM until noon. The focus will be the preparation of a wonderful musical called "Spend Awhile on the Nile," which will be performed Friday night at 7 PM. Join Mr. Cruise and his faithful daughter Liza on a boat trip up the Nile as they retell classic Bible stories. But there's a problem: The stories are all wrong! It takes the kids of Lytle UMC who are on board to set the record straight and help Mr. Cruise understand the real truth about God's enduring love and faithfulness to His people. Call (830) 772-3345 today for more information or to sign up your children, or simply show up Monday morning, July 19.

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### **The Kitty Project**



**Part A – Renovate the Sunday School Space:** Install new carpet, window blinds, lights, and updated child-safe electrical outlets; and paint. Cost = \$29,000

**Part B – Renovate the church entranceway:** Replace wood paneled walls and tile ceiling with sheetrock; move electrical conduit into the ceiling; install new recessed lighting; and paint. Cost = \$18,000



**Part C – Renovate the main building bathrooms:** Install new vanities, counters, faucets, and lights; revise the ceiling; and paint. Cost = \$3,000

### **How Will We Finance This Project?**

The total cost of the project is \$50,000. \$20,000 of the needed funds will come from the church budget, and the other \$30,000 will be raised through a capital campaign.

### **What is the Timeline?**

- May and early June: Prayer Campaign and finalize construction details (such as paint color)
- June and July: Raise funds (We don't want to do any construction until after VBS and MAD)
- August and September: Begin construction
- October: Project Dedication

## **Comedy Dinner Theater Moved to Spring**

Because of Covid and because many of our actors are unavailable in the Fall, the Council on Ministries decided to tentatively schedule our next Dinner Theater and silent auction for the spring of 2022.

### **Food Pantry Ministry**

Our food pantry continues to help between 80 and 100 families twice a month. In June our regular food pantry days are June 7 and 21. Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 5:45 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.

## **Prayer Concerns**

- **Family of Phyllis Mayhew, who died May 25**
- **Family of Bryan Boyd, father of Brad Boyd**
- **Family of Angel Escalante, brother of Felix Escalante**
- **Liz Powell's father (and faithful member of men's group)** —hip fracture and aneurysm
- **Sam Oldhausen** (Danny's brother)—multiple strokes
- **Rosemarie Smith** (Connie Norton's mother)—difficulty with side effects of cancer treatment
- **Rose Thumann** (Nan Boyd's mother)—taking chemo again
- **Derek Jackson**—severe injuries in motorcycle accident
- **Kristy Salazar** (friend of Suzie Sollock)—depression
- **Kelly** (Michelle Brown's brother)—blood clots in lungs
- **James Frost**—health, having seizures
- **Sharon Berry's mother** (friend of Connie Norton)—cancer getting worse
- **Diana Jackson**—recovering from knee surgery
- **Irma Bayne**—health • **Lisa Wells**—cancer
- **Bethel Kay Bateman**—vertigo • **Mark (Bethel Kay's son)**—doing better
- **Kenny Wagoner**—health • **Lois Wanjura**—would love window visits
- **Debbie Hunt**—knee replacement March 23, healing at home
- **For those dealing with addiction and their families**
- **Tony** (friend of Trisha Broach)—inoperable brain tumor, family praying for a miracle
- **Paul Schmidt** (friend of Debbie Pruett)—diagnosed with Parkinson's, adjusting medications
- **Jeannie Taylor** (Linda Bahlmann's sister)—recurrence of heart problem, possible surgery
- **Sharon Berry**—stomach cancer • **Kylee Barrera** (Margaret Wilson's niece)—leukemia and bladder cancer
- **Robert Mumme**—diagnosed with stage IV non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **For all our veterans**—especially that they would find hope in Jesus (40 veterans a day commit suicide)
- **Eddie Simons** (Ian's grandfather)—recurrence and spread of brain tumor
- **David Lynn's brother**—cancer • **Michele Brown**—cancer • **Wanda Yoast**
- **Our shut-ins** • **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer • **Felix Escalante**—health
- **For United Methodist Church, General Conference and delegates for 2020**—postponed to 2022
- **For the church staff and their families**
- **Our military and their families and our president and government**
- **Our missionaries around the world**
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



### **Our Church Family Military**

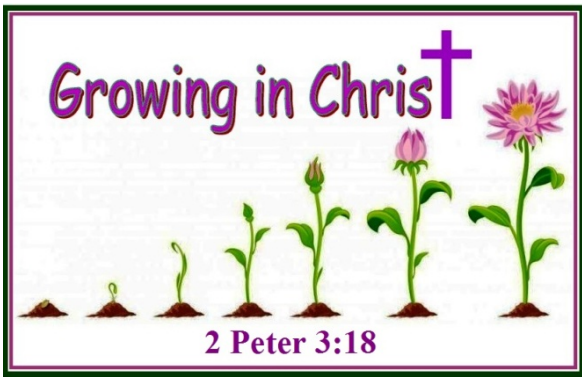
- **Brandon Johnson**—Marines • **Isaac Johnson**—Air Force • **Kristen Pruett**—Air Force
- **Ian Simons**—Air Force • **Brandon Hunt**—Army Reserves • **Brooke Johnson**—Navy
- **Kyle Pringle**—Army • **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle's grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany • **Forrest Keith**—Kevin Keith's son, Navy
- **Josh Orbinati**—Michele Brown's nephew, Coast Guard • **Craig Wolf**—Air Force
- **Jonathan Heiman**—Navy • **Jon and Brianna Hartwig**—Army, Jill Daggs' daughter and son-in-law
- **Joyce Biggs** (George Bahlmann's great-niece)

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**Monday Night Guy's Group**  
All of the men of the church, and friends, are invited to a weekly men's gathering. It takes place on Monday evenings starting at 7 PM at the church and dinner is served. The focus is fellowship and service as the guys gather to lift one another up in their daily Christian walk.

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
**Tues. Night Meeting at 7:30 PM**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Wed. Night Meeting at 7 PM**  
A big thank you to the leaders of these groups and to all you church members who support these groups by allowing them to use our facilities.

**Facebook/Website**  
Check out our facebook site (facebook.com/lytleumc) and our website (Lytleumc.org). A big thank you to Amanda Morrow for keeping our social media going strong.



**Individual Spiritual Goals for 2021**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. - Colossians 2:6-7*

We are not called to be stagnant or self-satisfied, but to grow. Like a plant we are called as Christians to grow our roots deeper into the Lord, and deeper into the Christian Community, through "Spiritual Inward Action." Like a plant we are called to grow outward and upward and to bear much fruit, through "Spiritual Outward Action." Below are some suggestions and a tool to help us not be stagnant or self-satisfied. Thanks to Tiffany Moreno and Amanda Morrow, this form can be found and filled out on our website and we highly recommend you go to the web site for this purpose. Those folks who need information from this form, like those who schedule worship lay leaders, will automatically get the information they need. For those who would prefer to do it through the written form below, please remember to mail a copy of this form to the church or place it in our offering box.



**Catching the Wave Campaign**

**Waves of people are moving into the Lytle Area**  
**Waves of people are moving into our mission field**  
**Will the waves simply wash over us?**  
**or will we be faithful and "Catch the Wave?"**

**What Is the Plan?**

Our Council on Ministries has initiated a four-part ongoing "Catch the Wave" plan:

- 1. Prayer:** If you could help with the "Catch the Wave" prayer team, call (830) 772-3345.
- 2. Church Events:** Events like our December "Christmas Caroling," and our upcoming "Free Community Fish-Fry" on June 27. Have ideas? Willing to help? Call (830) 772-3345.
- 3. Personal Events:** All of us need to learn to get out of our comfort zone and be friendly and inviting.
- 4. Standing Out:** Help make our church and church property stand out, not fade into the background. The Lent/Easter cross in the front yard was a good start. Where do we go from there?

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**House of Mercy Orphanage**

Piedras Negras, Mexico is a border town of countless orphans. The House of Mercy is designed to provide care both physically and spiritually. The House of Mercy provides temporary housing for 106 children, including food, clothing, and Christian education. Future plans for the House of Mercy include a church, school, cottages and a medical facility. You can donate to this ministry through the Sunday offering plate. Just designate your check for "House of Mercy Orphanage"

**Emmaus News – Gathering at Devine UMC, June 18**

The Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering for June will take place at Devine UMC right down the road on Friday, June 18. Fellowship, music and worship will start at 6:30 PM. This gathering will take place in

person and it will also be live streamed. See the Southwest Texas Koinonia Emmaus community website (swtxkoinonia.org) for more information. Mark the date now and be sure to be there to praise the Lord and connect to the Body of Christ. Also, a reminder that due to the pandemic, and heavy restrictions at the Mt. Wesley retreat center, both our spring men's walk and our fall women's walk have been moved from 2021 to 2022. We will let you know the new dates once they are set.



## **Miscellaneous News!**

**Annual Conference** – Annual Conference will be “virtual” again, June 5-12. Please keep this important meeting in your prayers, as well as our delegates: Michelle Keith, Kevin Keith and Scott Martin.

**UMW Meeting** – The United Methodist Women are taking their normal summer break and will begin meeting again in September.

**Christian Tract Ministry** - In the entranceway is a rack of free tracts. Take as many as God is calling you to take. You may also want to take one of the green flyers explaining different ways of using them. If all of us handed out one or more tracts a day, think about the people that might be saved.