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## Youth Yard Sale, Saturday April 2

APRIL 2022

# Easter Holy Week Events

### Passion/Palm Sunday April 10

Come and imagine the palm waving,  
listen to the story of Jesus' last week in  
Jerusalem, and experience  
the power of God.

### Holy Thursday – April 14

Our Holy Thursday service will take place in the sanctuary  
as we hear dramatic readings of that fateful Thursday and  
Friday when Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross. The  
service will also include communion and beautiful music.  
Come and be part of this powerful time as we remember  
when the “Lamb of God” gave up his life for us.

## Easter Sunday, April 17

**Sunrise Service (7 AM)** – The Easter sunrise service will again be held on the  
front lawn of our church, and will include a short sermon by the pastor and Holy  
Communion. It will be a quiet contemplative service to begin the Easter celebration.

**Regular Easter Service (10 AM)** - Christ is Risen! This service will feature  
Scriptures, preaching, beautiful anthems, and beloved Easter hymns, some of which will  
be sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter.  
Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God's power.

**Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt (11:15)** - Our traditional Easter egg hunt will again be held during  
the Sunday school time, Easter morning, beginning around 11:15 AM. To give our celebration the South  
Texas twist, we will also have piñatas for the children.

## *Order Easter Lilies*

Once again this year our Sanctuary will be filled with lilies for Easter. Purchasing a lily in memory of, or  
in honor of, a loved one is a meaningful tribute. This year lilies are only \$10.00 per plant. Just complete  
the form below and place it in the offering plate with your check. The deadline to order is April 10.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

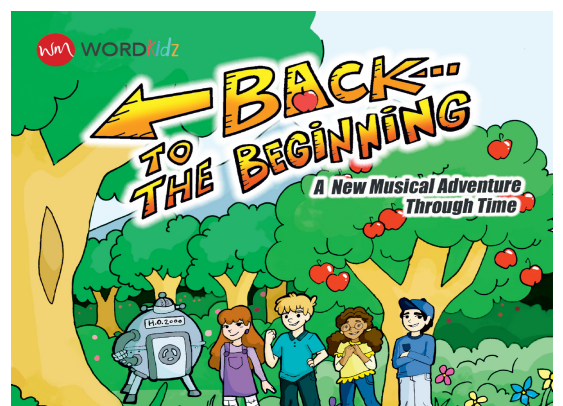
AND/OR

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Music Art and Drama Program (MAD)

**Final Wednesday of MAD  
and Wednesday night performance  
April 20 at 7 PM**

**Sunday Performance - April 24 at 10 AM  
Covered-dish Lunch to follow!**



**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)

**CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- April 2, Saturday - Youth Yard Sale.
- April 4, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.
- April 7, Thursday - Council on Ministries meeting.
- April 9, Saturday - Pregnancy Care Center 5K Walk/Run.
- April 10 - **Palm/Passion Sunday.**
- April 10, Sunday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at Lakehills United Methodist Church in Lakehills. Music, Worship and Fellowship at 4:30 to 6 PM.
- April 11, Monday - United Methodist Women meeting at the church at 2:30 PM.
- April 14, Thursday - **Holy Thursday Worship Service at 7 PM.**
- April 16, Saturday - Highway trash pick-up day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.
- April 17 - **Easter Sunday: Worship at 7 AM and 10 AM. Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 AM.**
- April 18, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.
- April 20, Wednesday - Worship Committee meeting at noon.
- April 20, Wednesday - **Music Art and Drama Closing Program at 7 PM.**
- April 24 – MAD Club leading Worship, **Covered-dish after worship.**
- April 28–May 1 - **Men’s Walk to Emmaus at Mt. Wesley.**
- May 1 – “Run for the Son” Special Offering.
- May 7, Saturday - Run for the Son, sponsored by the Christian Motorcyclist Association.
- May 11 and 18 - Confirmation Classes, 4:15 to 6:15 PM (confirmation on Pentecost Sunday).
- May 22 - **Pentecost Sunday.**

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**Youth News**

# **April 2 Youth Yard sale.**

**April 9  
Possible day for  
extended yard sale**

**April 10  
Taco Sunday**

**April 24  
Hiking Trip to  
Castroville Park,  
2 to 5:30 PM**

## **April 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Youth Yard Sale Lock-in	<b>2</b> <b>Yard Sale</b>
<b>3</b> No U.M.Y.F.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Possible Yard Sale Extensio n
<b>10</b> U.M.Y.F. At the Church 2-4 PM TACO SUNDAY	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> No U.M.Y.F. <b>Easter</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Hiking Trip to Castroville Park 2-5:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## **Kellie Hembree Appointed as New Pastor His First Sunday Is June 26**

Peace of the Lord be with you and upon you. My name is Kelley Robert Hembree I have lived in the Rio Grande Valley since nineteen ninety-seven. I have been married to a beautiful lady for the last twenty-two years. Her name is Maria del Carmen Hembree, we are the proud parents of three wonderful children, and we have six awesome granddaughters.

I have been a Methodist all my life but first felt God's direction in my life when I was eleven years old on Mother's Day seating in the back of a small country church. I remember the pastor was pacing the aisles saying, "if anyone wanted to be christened, please come to the alter." I prayed "God if he is talking about baptism and You want me to be baptized, please let him say baptism" ... the very next words the preacher said were "anyone who wants to be baptized please come to the alter." I didn't argue, I did as God directed me and have been trying to do what He tells me ever since.

I felt God started calling me to pastoral ship in two thousand and thirteen when I had the opportunity to witness to my dad about God's amazing love before he went to be with Him. God continued dropping little hints till I finally agreed and started the clergy process in two thousand and fifteen. I was first appointed as Pastor at Elsa



First United Methodist Church where I served four years. In twenty-twenty I was reappointed to Saint John United Methodist Church in Rio Grande City. Now God has led my lovely wife and I to Lytle Texas to continue His work and further His Kingdome. I was born in Paris, Texas in nineteen sixty-eight. I have lived all over Texas while growing up I lived in; Paris, Houston, Dallas, Victoria, and El Paso I even had the opportunity to live in San Miguel de Allende Guanajuato Mexico for a year in a half as a teenager, we always claimed my dad had a gypsy heart. I served in Long Beach California in the Navy in the eighties, afterwards I drove a truck cross country and have been in forty eight of the fifty states, like the old song says, "I've been everywhere." I hold two bachelor's degrees in business management, one in Human Resource Management and one in Project Management, from Liberty University, the University that Reverend Jerry Farwell established.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you in coming years. "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen" (1 Corinthians 16: 23-24 NIV)

Shalom,  
Pastor Kelley

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**Confirmation Classes to Take Place  
Wednesday May 11 and 18 from 4:15 to 6:15 PM**

The purpose of these classes is to provide a basic outline of the Christian faith and to answer questions that youth may have in order that they might make an informed decision on whether they wish to become "professing members" of this church. Please talk to Scott Martin at (830) 772-3345 for more information

**The Service of Confirmation  
for those choosing to become Professing Members  
Will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 22nd**

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**Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day  
Saturday, April 16, 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

Our trash pickup has been delayed twice due to cold weather, so we hope this one works. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM for breakfast provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We will be done by 9:30 AM.

**Pregnancy Care Center 5K & 10K Walk/Run  
Saturday, April 9**

We are running/walking as a group to support the San Antonio Pregnancy Care center. Go to [sapregnancy.org](http://sapregnancy.org) for more information, or talk to Linda Martin.



The Pregnancy Care Center is a life-affirming ministry helping people facing unplanned pregnancies. Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered plan for unplanned pregnancy. The San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center is an affiliate of Heartbeat International, the first network of pro-life pregnancy resource centers founded in the U.S. (1971), and it is now the most expansive network in the world.

## Prayer Concerns

- **William Meyer**—married last week
- **Prayers for those affected by drought and fire, and prayers for rain**
- **Laverne Snider** (friend of Chris Brauchle)—possible stroke
- **Nicole LaFond**—probably having gall bladder surgery
- **Wyatt LaFond**—wisdom tooth to be removed in April
- **The people of Ukraine and Russia**
- **Our incoming pastor and wife, Kelley and Carmen Hembree**
- **Mary Wagoner** (Linda Stewart's sister)—recovering after surgery
- **Brad Boyd's Aunt Kay**—sepsis, and gall bladder disease
- **8th grader in need of kidney transplant**
- **John Yorke**—fell, fractured vertebra, 6-8 weeks in neck brace
- **Brent and Lisa Meyer's father**—spread of cancer
- **Amanda Morrow's Uncle Gene**—lung problems
- **Rose Lynn**—worsening Parkinson's
- **Debbie Metzger**—rare form of cancer
- **Michelle Keith and her mother**—mother moving to Lytle with Michelle
- **Irma Kelly**—breast cancer spread to lungs
- **Irma Bayne**—back surgery postponed
- **Wanda Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's niece)—cancer
- **Rosemarie Smith** (Connie Norton's mother)—difficulty with side effects of cancer treatment
- **Kylee Barrera** (Margaret Wilson's niece)— leukemia and bladder cancer, in remission
- **Our shut-ins**
- **Mike and Cindy Williams**—starting in a new church in Illinois
- **The missionaries personally supported by our church**
- **For United Methodist Church, General Conference and delegates for 2020**—postponed to 2024
- **Missionaries around the world and for the persecuted church**
- **For the church staff and their families**
- **For our president and leaders** (1 Timothy 2:1-4)      • **For our military and our veterans**
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**



### **Our Church Family Military**

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

<p><b><u>Monday Night Guy's Group</u></b></p> <p>The men meet regularly on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM in the church Joan Ernest Youth Building for a time of fellowship, mentoring, and study. The group also participates in mission work and fellowship activities. Come and be part of this great group. Talk to Kyle Jackson for more information.</p>	<p><b>Having locked her keys inside her car, the woman prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation and got her car door opened in nothing flat. "Thank you God for sending me this nice man to help," she exclaimed. The man replied, "I'm not nice. I just got out of jail for auto theft." "Thank you, God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!"</b></p>	<p><b><u>United Methodist Women</u></b></p> <p>The women of the UMW meet every second Monday of the month. For now they are meeting in the church fellowship hall. Their next meeting is on Monday March 14 at 2:30 PM. To find out more about the UMW, contact Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783.</p>
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## CMA: Christian Motorcyclists Association

CMA is a non-profit, interdenominational organization, dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through motorcycling. Since its beginning in the mid 70's, CMA has had over 136,000 applicants for membership and over 1,000 chapters chartered in the United States. CMA is not a motorcyclist club but a ministry. Robert Hunt is our church contact for the local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

### Run for the Son – Saturday, May 7

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the thirty-fourth annual Run for the Son, which raises funds to spread the light of Jesus around the world. Those participating in this event will raise money by seeking individuals to sponsor them on a ride, usually taken with their local chapter. Donations are tax-deductible and information about how the funds will be distributed is available at [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org). Robert Hunt will be representing our church in this event. Will you help spread the light of Jesus through CMA's "Run for the Son?"



**2021 Lytle “Citizen of the Year Award”**  
**Given to the Lytle United Methodist Church**



While this “Citizen of the Year Award” is normally given to an individual, and was therefore given to me as the pastor, all of the ministry that has been done to benefit the city of Lytle over the years has been done not just by me, but by the church as a whole. While the mayor did a good job listing some of this ministry, he missed a lot, so I wanted to take this opportunity to list some of the helping ministries that has made this church “2021 Lytle Citizen of the Year”:

1. **The Lytle Community Cemetery:** When W.C. Newton gave property to the church around 1890 for the formation of a “Community Cemetery,” I wonder if he saw it as a blessing or as a burden. It is a blessing to the community, but to us as a church it is a huge and sometimes difficult responsibility. It is a gift we are giving to our community of Lytle, and a third of the Trustees meetings, a third of the hours of our Church Administrator, and many hours of maintenance are spent on the Community Cemetery.
2. **The Food Pantry:** Perhaps our most visible gift to our community. What you see on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays is only a small tip of the iceberg. Below the surface is the raising of the money, providing and maintaining facilities, a huge amount of paperwork, getting and storing the food, bagging the food, etc...
3. **The Backpack Food Ministry:** Another important part of our Community Food Ministry.
4. **Project Angel Tree:** Over the thirty years of this program, we have given over 6,000 free Christmas gifts to children in need in our community, along with tons of cookies.
5. **Highway Trash Pickup:** Four times a year we pick up trash from a four-mile stretch of a local road.
6. **Lytle Area Mission Project:** While no longer active, this ministry, started by Diana Jackson, helped repair many homes of people in need throughout the Lytle area.
7. **Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Girl Scout Units:** all sponsored by our church.
8. **Different Support Groups:** Including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcohol Anonymous, and an Al-Anon ministry (family members of those with addictions), are all hosted and supported by our church.
9. **Health Ministries:** Our church has hosted a free health clinic, as well as several exercise classes.
10. **Free Children’s Community Programs:** VBS, MAD, LOGOS
11. **Free Meeting Space for Local Non-profits:** Including the Lytle school and the Lytle Nursing Home.
12. **Free Community events:** Fish Fry, Pumpkin Party, Pie Festival, etc...

In addition, our church helps people in need with bills, food, housing, etc. And individual members of the congregation are involved in many other volunteer ministries throughout the Lytle area. We truly thank the City of Lytle for honoring our church as the citizen of the year for 2021, but we of course don’t do all this to receive honors... we do it simply because we are Christians.

Grace and peace,  
**Scott**

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**Emmaus News – The Men’s Walk Is This Month!**

The Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering for April will take place at LakeHills United Methodist Church in Lakehills on Sunday, April 10. Fellowship, food, music and worship will run from 4:30 to 6 PM. See the SouthWest Texas Kononia 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.

The dates for the Walks sponsored by our community:

**Men's Walk at Mount Wesley: Thursday Evening, April 28 – Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
**Women's Walk at Mount Wesley: Thursday Evening, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022**

## **Food Pantry Ministry, Monday, April 4th and 18th**

We need your help. For safety, we are having those we are serving stay in their cars and drive by to pick up the food, but we still need people to move the food and put the food in their trunks. Please come to help from 6 to 7 PM on Monday, April 4th or 18th. We would also like to thank everyone who orders the food from the San Antonio Food Bank, who picks it all up and stores it in our food pantry, who bags the food, and who does all the paperwork. Thank you!!

## **and Backpack Ministry**

Each week our team, led by Tawana Jackson, loads up backpacks for eleven families. Then one of the kids of each of these families takes their backpack home for the family for the weekend. On Monday we get the empty backpacks back and load them up again. I big thank you to all those involved.

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## **Fill-up the Crib Thank You**



Thank you so much for the donations. The moms are going to love it all. You really make a difference in their lives!

The staff of the Pregnancy Care Center.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, and thank you to Chris Brauchle for delivering the items, including the crib, to the Care Center!

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## **Spring Pie Festival** ***Sunday, March 27***

Thank you to everyone who helped with our "Spring Pie Festival" outreach effort. We had plenty of pies and plenty of workers, and a fun time was had by all.



**Church Ground Thank You** – Thank you to Mesquite Lawncare for trimming several of the trees on the church property, including the big oak in the playground, and thank you to Gibby Moreno for repairing broken sprinkler heads and getting our sprinkler system back in working order.

**National Day of Prayer** - Thursday, May 5, is National Day of Prayer. Please look in next month's newsletter for details about this event and mark this day on your calendar.