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Music Art and Drama Club Begins, Feb. 9th
Wednesdays after school to 6:30 PM
Open to 2nd graders though 7th graders

FEBRUARY 2022

Big News:
Scott and Linda Martin
are retiring this year
New pastor coming
Sunday, July 3rd

I really struggled with this. I know this is the right move for the church. At a pastor's meeting two years ago, we were asked to describe something good going on at our church. When it was my turn, I talked about how we are blessed with a young worship leader, youth leader and business administrator, and then I joked, "Now if we could only get rid of the old pastor." Lytle is growing and there are new churches moving in with

young pastors. I truly believe that having a

younger pastor with lots of energy will help this church reach out to new people, and I truly believe a younger pastor will do a better job ministering to our existing congregation. Who knows, maybe they will stay for 30 years as well.

I know this is the right move for the church and I know this is the right move for Linda and I. It will be so wonderful to have more time to spend on my mom and my children, and time to travel, and time to do other things. I have also been so inspired by the retired people in this church, and how much they contribute and I look forward to being a church volunteer. As Billy Stewart always says, "I am busier now than when I was working full time."

I know this is the right move for the church, and the right move for Linda and I, but I still struggled. Mostly from the sense that I was "abandoning my post." I kept asking myself, "What will my church do without its leader?" But then I heard a soft chucklingly voice from above: "Oh my son, this isn't your church, this is my church, and you can trust that I will take good care of it."

Grace and peace
Scott

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Covered-Dish Lunch
Sunday, February 13, after Worship

Please come to this first fellowship event of the new year as we talk, and laugh, and break bread together.

Carnation Outreach

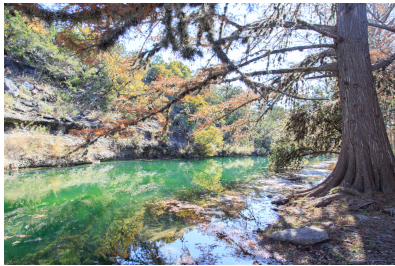
In this outreach effort, planned by our Council on Ministries, volunteers will walk the neighborhood around the church, and around their houses, after the covered-dish lunch on February 13 (The day before Valentines Day). They will simply hand out individual pink carnations door to door as a message of love from the church, and with a message of love (and information) attached. We are hoping to hand out 200 carnations, so we need lots of volunteers.

Please consider helping with this event.



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Youth Spiritual Retreat



At H.E.B. Foundation Camp, Leakey, Texas

Friday evening, March 4 through Sunday, March 6

Talk To Maribel Gomez, youth leader,
for more details

New Ways to Give

1. Online: Go to the church website, www.lytleumc.com, and go to the “donate” page.
2. By text from a mobile device: Text GIVE or TITHE to 830-224-2780

Free Church Wifi

Network: lytleumc
password: holyspirit987
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CHURCH SCHEDULE

February 1, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meeting.

February 7, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

February 9, Wednesday - Music Art and Drama (MAD) Club begins, after school to 6:30 PM.

**February 13 - Church Covered-dish lunch after the worship service.
- Carnation Outreach, after the covered-dish lunch.**

February 13, Sunday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at St. Paul’s Lutheran church in Hondo.
Music, Worship and Fellowship, 4:30 to 6 PM.

February 14, Monday - United Methodist Women meet at 2:30 PM at the church.

February 16, Wednesday - Worship Committee meeting at noon.

February 19, Saturday - “Sew-Busy Quilters” meet in the fellowship hall, 11 AM to 5 PM.

February 20, Sunday - The Youth will be selling tacos after worship as a fundraiser.

February 21, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

February 26, Saturday - Rescheduled Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.

March 2, Wednesday - **Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 PM.**

April 2, Saturday - **New Date for Youth Yard Sale.**

April 17 - **Easter**

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Youth News

Regular meeting time changed to 2 to 4 PM so people can get ready for school the next day

Youth Yard Sale Moved to April 2

HEB Camp Youth Spiritual Retreat, March 4-6

January 13: We will be assisting the church in delivering carnations to neighbors around the church

January 20: Taco Sunday. Come at 10 AM to help prepare and serve the tacos for this fund raiser

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5 Yard Sale rescheduled	
6 UMYF @ the Church 2 – 4 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13 Souper Bowl Sunday event At the Church 12:30 to 3 PM Helping with “Carnation Outreach”	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20 Taco Sunday UMYF @ the Church 2 – 4 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26	
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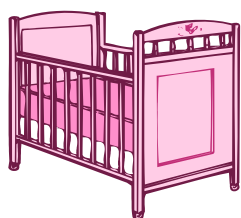
M.A.D. Club Starting February 9 (Music, Art, and Drama)

Children from 2nd grade through 7th grade will gather every Wednesday after school to 6:30 PM. (Don't worry that junior high kids can't get here until 4:30 PM). The kids will do art projects, play games, eat snacks, and will do music and drama through the preparation of a spring musical. This musical, called "Back to the Beginning," is a sequel to "Back to the Cross" which began our M.A.D. ministry so many years ago. This play is again a time travel adventure, as we travel back to the beginning, and to many places in-between.



Please get the word out to all the families you know, and we need more volunteers. Help us reach the children and families of our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ through M.A.D. Club.

Help Fill-up the Crib



Throughout the month of February, we are helping to supply the Care Closet of the Pregnancy Care Center. The Closet provides clothing for mothers in unintended pregnancies and then layettes for their newborn. Items they are asking for are diapers, baby hygiene products, maternity clothing, baby clothing, strollers, swings, crib sheets & blankets (no bumper pad sets please). Due to safety recalls and requirements, only new baby cribs and car seats can be accepted.

Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day Moved to Saturday, February 26, 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

As the new year starts our church will be doing our once a quarter trash pick-up along highway 463. 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, the youth will be near the exits after worship taking up a special offering to help our church's food ministries. They will be joining youth around the country in taking up a special "Souper Bowl" offering to help feed the hungry.



"Spring Pie Festival" Saturday, March 26, 2 to 4 PM

The Spring Pie Festival is our newest "Parking Lot Event" designed to reach out to the community, and to invite people into the church and into a relationship with Jesus Christ.



The Food: Slices of Homemade Pie, Coffee and Lemonade

The Council on Ministries is envisioning "pie parties" where cooks of the church gather together at the church or at homes to fellowship and bake pies. We're thinking we'll need around twenty-five pies of various flavors.

The Fun: Pie Crafts for the Kids, Face painting, Pie eating contests, The Pie Game (kinda like Russian roulette but with whip cream instead of bullets), Music, Pie Hole (the game formerly known as corn hole), Bounce Castle, Pinatas and more

To get involved, and share ideas, talk to Suzie Sollock, the new head of the Council on Ministries, or talk to any member of that group.

Ash Wednesday and Lent, A Time of Preparation



The Ash Wednesday service, celebrated on March 2, is a special time to recommit ourselves to God as we strive to grow in grace, taking seriously Paul’s call to “present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Romans 12:1). The service will begin at 7 PM and will include special opportunities including the “cross of ash,” as palm ash is used to draw a cross on each person’s forehead as a sign of confession, repentance, and dedication to God.

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Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Linda Vogel** who died this week
- **Loxley Robles**—baptized today
- **Jim Becker** (Ann Van Winkle’s son-in-law)—diagnosed with Parkinson’s
- **Gary Berg** (Ann’s brother-in-law)—very weak from parasite attack
- **Logan** (friend of Jacob Jackson)—in boating accident, missing
- **Mark Downing**—lots of back and leg pain coming back
- **Brad Boyd**—recovery from elbow surgery
- **Rose Lynn**—worsening Parkinson’s, home from hospital
- **Debbie Metzger**—rare form of cancer
- **Michelle Keith and her mother**—mother moved to rehab in Seattle
- **Irma Kelly**—breast cancer spread to lungs
- **Irma Bayne**—back surgery postponed
- **Wanda Craig** (Linda Bahlmann’s niece)—cancer
- **Kylee Barrera** (Margaret Wilson’s niece)— leukemia and bladder cancer
- **Our shut-ins**
- **Rosemarie Smith** (Connie Norton’s mother)—difficulty with side effects of cancer treatment
- **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 2022 or 2023
- **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** (George Bahlmann’s great-niece)
- **Brooke Johnson**—Navy • **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle’s grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army • **Forrest Keith**—Kevin Keith’s son, Navy • **Kyle Pringle**—Army
- **Josh Orbinati**—Michele Brown’s nephew, Coast Guard • **Craig Wolf**—Air Force
- **Jon and Brianna Hartwig**—Army, Jill Daggs’ daughter and son-in-law

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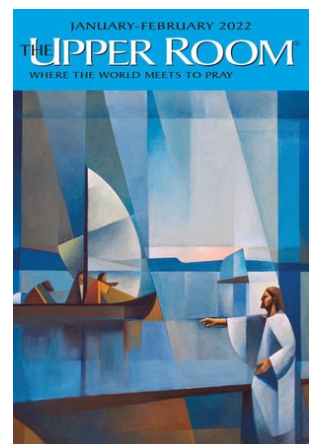
Sew-Busy Quilting Group

The Sew-Busy Quilting groups meets in our fellowship hall on a Saturday once a month and welcome visitors and new folks. Their next meeting is February 19. Call Sandra O’Banion at (210) 347-9205 for more information.

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Free Devotional Guides

Our church offers free devotion guides (The Upper Room). Pick up copies today from the table with the offering box, or from the literature rack in the fellowship hall. A daily time of prayer brings God’s power to your day. We also have copies in Spanish if you know anyone who could use one.



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Work on Church Sign Continues



A big thank you to Kyle Jackson and others for coordinating the work on the support foundation for our new sign. It ended up interfering with an electrical line and the sprinkler system pipe, so it took a little work. And thank you to Ricardo Castillo for moving the electrical line and then installing an electrical line and an ethernet control line to the foundation. The sign will probably come in late February, and it will take more volunteer work to install it and learn how

to properly use it. We'll keep you updated.

Emmaus News

The Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering for February will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Hondo on Sunday, February 13. This gathering will definitely beat out the Super Bowl, since the Cowboys aren't in it. Fellowship, food, music and worship will run from 4:30 to 6 PM. See the SouthWest Texas Kononia Emmaus community website (swtxkonia.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 new dates for the Walks sponsored by our community, delayed by covid, have been announced:

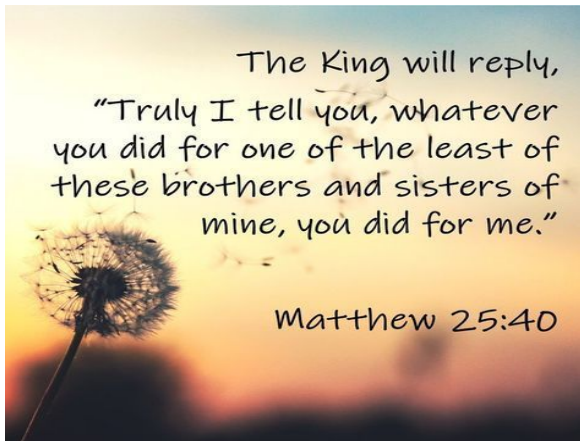
Men's Walk at Mount Wesley: Thursday Evening, April 28 – Sunday, May 1, 2022
Women's Walk at Mount Wesley: Thursday Evening, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022

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Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to

drink"... "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"

Matthew 25:34-37



Food Pantry Ministry

Monday, February 7th and 21st

We need your help. Please come to help from 6 to 7 PM on Monday, February 7th and 21st.

A big thank you to all our workers, and especially to Billy and Linda Stewart and Kyle and Diana Jackson.

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Backpack Ministry Resumes



Our backpack ministry, a second part of our Lytle UMC Food Ministry, has resumed. The school had put a hold on it two years ago because of covid, but we're serving the kids again. The school has identified ten families that we are serving, along with another ten families served by Trinity Baptist Church. The kids in these families rely extensively on the free food they are served by the school, but there is no food over the weekend and many kids and parents go hungry. Each week our team, led by Tawana Jackson, loads up a backpack for each family. Then one of the kids of that family takes it 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. For more information about this ministry, please call the church office at (830) 772-3345

<p><u>Monday Night Guy's Group</u></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>Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.</p> <p>The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"</p> <p>"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."</p>	<p><u>United Methodist Women</u></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 Valentine's Day, Monday February 14 at 2:30 PM. They will be doing a project to help people in need. To find out more about the UMW, contact Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783.</p>
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Thank You to Ricardo Castillo, Our Resident Electrician

What a blessing it is to have a master electrician as part of our congregation. Ricardo is always fixing something. Recently, after completing the power to our new sign, the pastor asked him to look at the main church heating unit (which he fixed), and a window air conditioner (that he also fixed). Our church renovation was completed thanks to help of so many people, but just imagine if we hadn't had Ricardo to do all the lights, and switches, and plugs, and etc.... God has indeed blessed us.

Free Counseling for Women From a Biblical Perspective

Linda Martin has completed the first phase in certification as a Biblical counselor. If you have questions about Biblical counseling, or are struggling and would like to consider Biblical counseling with her, she can be contacted by email (lindamartin9262@sbcglobal.net) or phone or text.

Put Together Some "Love Packages" of Christian Material Today

Linda Bahlmann is collecting old Christian material to help Christians in the third world. This includes Bibles, reference materials, books, daily devotionals, sunday school materials, CDs and DVDs. Gather your old stuff together and call her (830-709-5848 or 210-837-0650) and she will pick up the material, package it, and ship it to "Love Packages," for them to in turn sort it and ship it overseas.



Jesus and Moses are golfing. Jesus says, "Watch this drive. It'll be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and it lands in the lake. Moses says, "I'll get it." He goes down to the lake, parts the water and retrieves the ball. "Okay," Jesus says, "This time, it WILL be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and again, it lands in the lake. Moses goes down, parts the lake and retrieves the ball. "Third time is a charm," Jesus says. "Watch, just like Tiger Woods." And for the third time he hits the ball into the lake. Moses says, "This time, you can get it yourself!" As Jesus is down walking on the water looking for the ball, a crowd has formed. One guy says, "Who does he think he is, Jesus Christ?" "No," Moses says. "He thinks he's Tiger Woods."

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Annie stayed home from church with her mother. When the rest of the family returned home, they were carrying palm fronds. Annie asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he rode by on a colt," her father explained.

"Wouldn't you know it," Annie fussed, "the one Sunday I'm sick and Jesus shows up and offers pony rides!"

On Ash Wednesday, the pastor commenced praying with the words "Oh Lord, without you we are but dust." As he paused for a dramatic effect, a small child's voice was heard to say, "Mommy, what is butt dust?"

"My husband and I divorced over religious differences," the woman confided to her pastor. "You see, he thought he was god, and I didn't."

The full-of-herself religious woman was deeply shocked when the new neighbors called on Sunday morning and asked to borrow her lawn mower. "The very idea of breaking the commandment to keep the Sabbath holy by cutting grass," she ranted to her husband. "Shameful! Certainly, they can't have it. Just tell them our lawn mower is broken."

Our Church's Purpose

To reach out to our community and beyond to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to welcome people into this body of Christ where we might all be filled with God's strength and vision.