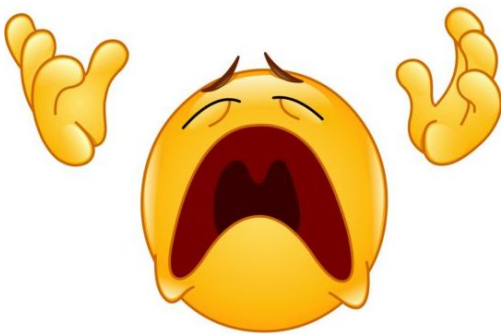


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**Covered-dish Lunch  
After Worship on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**JULY 2021**



**Why is it always me God?!!**

Bobby Sollock had a wonderful, inspired idea: “Let’s dedicate our Sunday School building in honor of Kitty Alexander!” Then Diana Jackson had a wonderful, inspired idea: “If we’re going to dedicate the Sunday school building to Kitty, and all our Sunday school teachers, we should spruce it up first—it’s looking awful dingy.” Then Nan Boyd had a wonderful, inspired idea: “Kitty loved this church and always wanted it to grow, so let’s fix up the dingy dated church entranceway while were fixing up the dingy Sunday school building.” Then everyone said, “What great ideas. Let’s do it!” Then they all looked at me and said, “And we’ll get the pastor to raise the money.”

Okay, so it didn’t happen exactly that way—but it sure felt like it as I’ve looked back in my whinier moments. “Why is it always up to me, Lord?” I think we’ve all said this to ourselves at one time or another. Sometimes, saying, “I’m not up to the task,” we’ve allowed ourselves to be defeated. Other times, grumbling and dragging our feet, we got to work. So it was with me—with a lot of whining I got to the task of trying to raise the needed funds. I talked to a few people, started a prayer team, and put together a mailer describing the project and asking for donations. Then I dragged the set of envelopes to the post office, shoved them in the mail slot, and prayed that a few faithful people would respond.

After the letters were safely in the slot, I then went over to pick up the church mail. In the box was one advertisement and a small letter. In the letter was a thousand-dollar check for the “Kitty Alexander Building Fund.” All I could do was look down in shame, because it had never been up to me—it had always been up to God. Then, after looking down and apologizing to God, I looked up with joy and laughter. “God, I know you work faithfully... I just didn’t know You worked so fast!”

Grace and Peace,  
Scott

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**Vacation Bible School 2021, July 5-9**

VBS starts in one week. Are your kids going to be there? Are your neighbor’s kids going to be there? 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. The fun will take place in the evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday, from July 5 to 9. We still could use more crew leaders, who help shepherd a small group of children through the different “stations,” so please pray and consider helping. We truly need you. Everyone, please keep this important ministry in your prayers. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up all your children, or simply show up on July 5.



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**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.



NICE WORK

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### Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day Saturday, July 31st at 7:30 AM

Our church has adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates, and we are responsible for picking up litter four times a year. Our next "Adopt a Highway Day" is Saturday, July 31st. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM to eat breakfast tacos provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We will be done before 10 AM.

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### Church Schedule

**July 4, Sunday - INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 5, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

**July 5 - 9, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,  
5:30 - 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday.**

July 9, Friday - Emmaus gathering at Western Heritage Cowboy Church.  
Singing/worship starts at 6:30 PM.

July 13, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meets at 7 PM.

July 18, Sunday - Youth breakfast taco sales resume.

July 19, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

**July 19 - 23, MAD Camp: Music, Art and Drama,  
9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday.**

July 25, Sunday - Covered-dish lunch after worship.

July 27, Tuesday - Trustees meet at 7 PM.

July 31- Adopt a Highway pick-up day. Meet at the church  
at 7:30 PM for breakfast tacos.



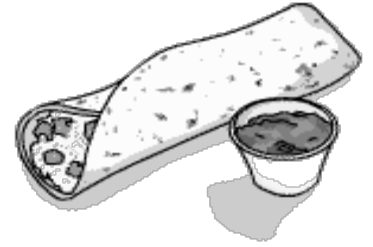
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### Youth Schedule

July 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration No U.M.Y.F.	5 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	6 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	7 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	8 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	9 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	10
11 No U.M.Y.F.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Youth Taco Sales U.M.Y.F. at the Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	19 M.A.D. 9 AM - Noon	20 M.A.D. 9 AM - Noon	21 M.A.D. 9 AM - Noon	22 M.A.D. 9 AM - Noon	23 M.A.D. 9 AM - Noon	24
25 U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Youth Breakfast Taco Sales Resume, July 18th**

Bowing to the hungry demands of the congregation, the youth are resuming their once-a-month breakfast taco sales. Stop by the fellowship hall after worship to support our youth and satisfy your appetite with the purchase of your favorite breakfast taco (or tacos).





Congratulations to some of our  
**2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS**  
**Abigail Miller      Olivia Swift**

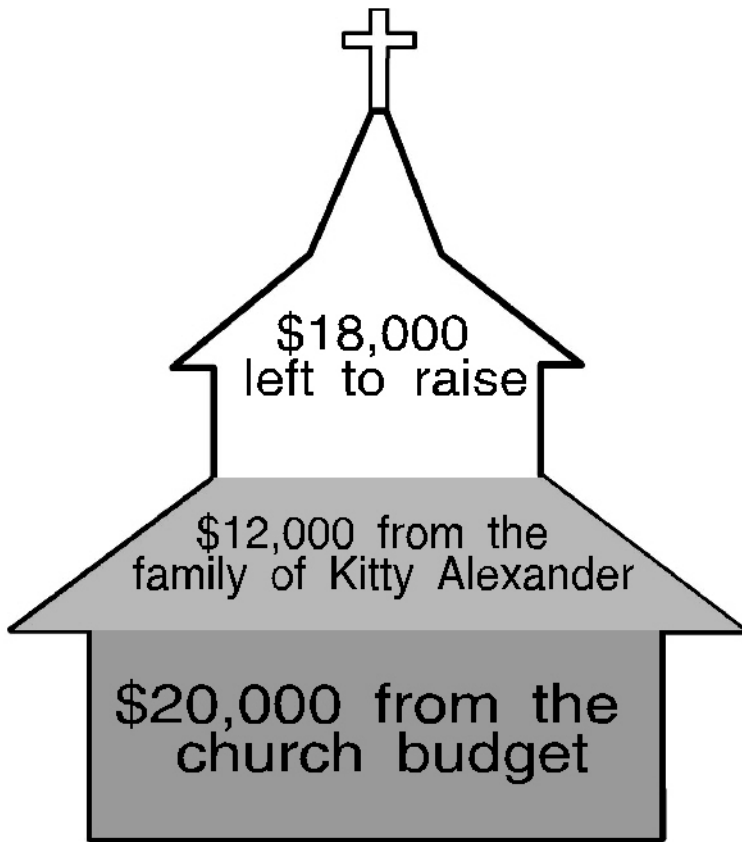
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**The Kitty Project**  
**Church Renovation**

**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



When we think of this church, we usually think of it as “**Our Church**,” which it is—but even more, it is “**The Temple of the Lord our God**.” It is heartbreaking to hear in the Bible of how many of the kings of Israel let the temple, the house of the Lord, simply fall into disrepair. You can be sure they kept their own houses in good repair, but they allowed God’s house to become “old and ruined.” But one spunky, faithful, 26-year-old king name Josiah put them all to shame. 2 Chronicles 34 tells how he successfully repaired the house of the Lord partly with funds from the treasury and partly from a free-will love offering of the people. We cannot meet our goal without you. Every gift, no matter what the amount, is very important to the success of this campaign. We will chart the pledges and donations as they come in on a graph in the church entranceway and we will celebrate the success of this campaign on Sunday, August 1st. Remember, every gift is vital to the campaign, and demonstrates to ourselves and to God that we are care about His house.

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**Kononia Community, Friday, July 9th**

The next monthly gathering of our own Koinonia Emmaus Community will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Western Heritage Cowboy church, 7146 FM 1283, Pipe Creek (just north of Lake Hills). 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](http://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.

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## Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our food pantry continues to help between 80 and 100 families twice a month. In June our regular food pantry days are July 5 and 19. 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 with your labor, your prayers and through your donations to the church.

## **Covered-dish Lunch**

### **After Worship on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Prayer Concerns

- **Jennifer Noll**—death of her mother
- **Betty Kroeger**—diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Debbie Pruett and family on death of her cousin, Nate**
- **Andrew** (friend of Amanda Morrow)—admitted to hospital
- **Don and Jeannie Taylor** (Linda Bahlmann's sister) on death of Don's father
- **Brad Boyd's Aunt Kay**—hospitalized with anemia
- **John O'Kane**—brother-in-law of Becky Escalante and Debbie Hunt. Fell down staircase and has multiple breaks.
- **Congratulations to Kelsey Garcia and William Reichel on their new babies**
- **Wanda Yoast**—on hospice care      • **Linda Bahlmann**—vertigo
- **VBS**—prayers for volunteers and that children would hear and respond to the gospel
- **Wanda Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's niece)—cancer, starting chemo
- **Kristy Salazar** (friend of Suzie Sollock)—depression
- **Kelly Orbinati** (Michelle Brown's brother)—blood clots in lungs
- **Liz Powell's father**—hip fracture and aneurysm
- **Sam Oldhausen** (Danny's brother)—multiple strokes
- **Rosemarie Smith** (Connie Norton's mother)—difficulty with cancer treatment
- **Sharon Berry's mother** (friend of Connie Norton)—cancer getting worse
- **Paul Schmidt** (friend of Debbie Pruett)—diagnosed with Parkinson's
- **Irma Bayne**—health      • **Lisa Wells**—cancer
- **Kenny Wagoner**—health
- **Lois Wanjura**—would love window visits
- **Bethel Kay Bateman**—vertigo
- **For those dealing with addiction and their families**
- **Rose Thumann** (Nan Boyd's mother)—chemo side effects
- **Kylee Barrera** (Margaret Wilson's niece)—leukemia and bladder cancer
- **Eddie Simons** (Ian's grandfather)—recurrence and spread of brain tumor
- **For all our veterans**—especially that they would find hope in Jesus (40 veterans a day commit suicide)
- **Michele Brown**—cancer      • **Our shut-ins**      • **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer
- **Our 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 Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military**

- **Ian Simons**—Air Force      • **Brandon Hunt**—Army Reserves
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle grandson)—Air Force      • **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany
- **Forrest Keith**—Kevin Keith's son, Navy      • **Kyle Pringle**—Army
- **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)

“... and blessed be our church nursery which allows certain congregation members to catch up on their sleep during my sermon.”

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

The Church is in need of rotating volunteers to work with nursery head Lisa Meyer! This is a wonderful chance for anyone looking for a way to serve within the body. It's a chance to love on the littlest and share Christ with them and their parents. The nursery is an amazing ministry opportunity! Are you feeling called to serve? Let the pastor or church office know when you're available!

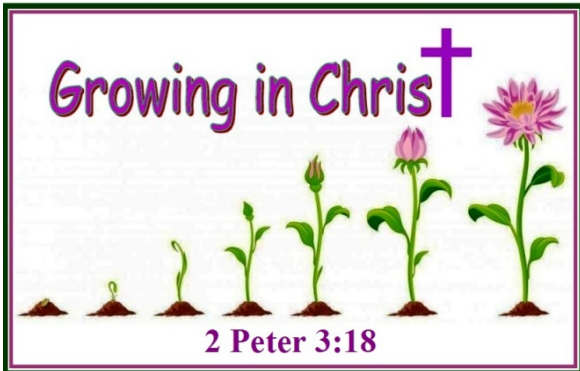
*“Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” - Luke 9.48*

*“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” - Matthew 19.14*

### **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 in the Youth Building and dinner is served. The focus is fellowship as the guys lift one another up.

**The United Methodist Women are taking their normal summer break and will meet again in September**



## 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.

## “Congregations Working to Protect Children and Youth!”

Our church, in conjunction with our Rio Texas Annual Conference, has put in place common sense practices and training to protect our children and youth from abuse: sexual, physical and emotional. This includes a church policy and free training. The training is broken down into three steps:

- Step 1 – register on [safegatherings.com](http://safegatherings.com) and provide information for background checks.
- Step 2 – a 1.5 hour slide show training you go through on your computer.
- Step 3 – a 2 hour live training class that can be easily taken on your computer as a webinar, or at a physical site (a nearby church).

Call the church office for more information, or go to [riotexas.org](http://riotexas.org)  
Thank you to all the people who have taken this training so far. What about you?

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## **A Big Thank You**

**To Jennifer Noll** - thank you to Jennifer for making various signs for the church, including the sign for the Food Pantry showing the hours of operations, and signs for the community cemetery owned and operated by the church. She also helped with the special gifts given out on Pentecost Sunday.

**To Mesquite Lawn Care** - Thank you to Kyle and Diana Jackson, owners of Mesquite Lawn Care, for taking good care of both the church and the community cemetery.

**To Suzie Sollock** - Suzie is not only the church administrator, she is also the cemetery administrator. Thank you to Suzie for her compassion as she deals with people during difficult times.

### **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](mailto: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.