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Don't forget the
Hanging of the Greens service
Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7PM.

NOVEMBER 2021



Where do We Fall on the "Gratitude Meter?"

There seems to be three standard positions on this fictional thankfulness measuring device. Most folks are like the cat in the cartoon to the left, "I want to show gratitude to God, I'm just saving it for the right moment." So along comes Thanksgiving and gratitude is served up along with the sweet potatoes. The second group of folks are in the midrange on the meter. They will show gratitude to God not just at Thanksgiving, but at any time of the year—as long as the circumstance warrant it... in their opinion. But we are called to the third position—we are called to give thanks in all circumstances: to have a Gratitude Attitude.

Why? For at least three reasons. First, because every situation warrants it. We may not understand what is going on, but God is still in charge and heaven is still there. Part of faith is knowing and acting on this profound truth. Second, we are called to give thanks in all circumstances because gratitude, like praise, pleases God, and is there anything better in this world than pleasing God? Third, having a gratitude attitude blesses us. Other people like being around us, and we like being around us.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Grace and Peace,
Scott

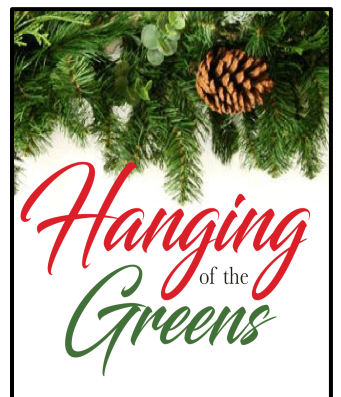


Angel Tree: Reaching Out with Love

The Angel Tree will be set up starting November 21st in the back of the church. Each angel has on it the name of a child identified as needing help through either our local school or through Prison Fellowship. Each angel will also list three gifts that child needs, including a Christian item. Please pick up an angel or two on a Sunday, or feel free to stop by the church any time after November 21st, or call the pastor and he will pick one out for you and give you the details over the phone. Because of the times there is great need, but also great difficulty in getting those in need helped. Pick up an angel and be angel this Christmas.

Hanging of the Greens, Wednesday Dec. 1th

Yes, Wednesday! The community hayride has been scheduled for our traditional first Saturday in December, so we have adapted. The Hanging of the Greens--our traditional worship service of Christmas carols, holly and mistletoe, and beautiful candlelight will begin at 7 PM. During beautiful anthems and hymns, children and adults will help decorate the sanctuary to look its very best for this blessed season. Because it is a school night, there will not be a Christmas cookie contest after the service, but there will still be refreshments: coffee, hot chocolate and punch. Please come to the Hanging of the Greens worship service and start



your season off right!

Children's Christmas Party and Covered-dish Lunch
Sunday, December 5, after Worship

Church Schedule

November 1, Monday - Regular Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

November 7 - All Saints Sunday.

- "Joint Two Church" All-church Conference at 6:30 PM at Devine UMC.

November 8, Monday - The United Methodist Women to meet at 2:30 PM at the church.

November 14, Sunday - Koinonia Emmaus community gathering at New Fountain U.M.C. near Hondo, from 4:30 to 6 PM. Yes, it's on Sunday!!!

November 15, Monday - Regular Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

November 25 - THANKSGIVING

December 1, Wednesday - **Hangin-of-the-Greens worship service at 7 PM.**

December 5, Sunday - Children's Christmas Party and covered-dish lunch after worship.

December 12, Sunday - Angel presents brought to the church.

- Christmas Caroling, and evangelistic outreach, 2 to 5 PM.

December 14, 15, Tuesday, Wednesday - Angel Tree presents delivered.



(See Psalm 100) 11-28-2002
HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?



UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>November 2021</p>							Give Thank s
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm							
Bonfire at the Powells 1:00 - 5:30 PM Meet at 12:45 PM							

Give Thanks

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm TACO SUNDAY!!!	22	23	24	25 Thanksgivi ng	26	27
28 No U.M.Y.F.	29	30				

Online Worship

Go to [Facebook.com/lytleumc](https://www.facebook.com/lytleumc) at 10 AM on Sunday mornings
 or go to church website lytleumc.org for present or past worship services
 Adult and Children's Sunday school, 11:15 to 12:15 PM

Pumpkin Party Over 120 Kids Came!

To many it seemed like another harebrained idea of the Council on Ministries. "No one will come" they thought. But 120 kids and their parents showed up to decorate pumpkins (and kid faces), to play lots of different games, to listen to Christian music, to eat hotdogs and break pinatas, and to get to know God's church: the Lytle United Methodist church. Thank you to everyone who helped with this wonderful outreach effort. Special thanks to our youth group, who worked tirelessly. We love you all!



and Ice Cream Bus



A church needs to be Attractional and Missional; We need to attract people to the church, but we also have to be missional: to go where people are to meet them and invite them. Thank you to everyone who took part in our "Ice Cream Bus" outreach as we traveled to the far reaches of Lytle, serving ice cream, meeting and greeting folks, and inviting them to come to the pumpkin party and come to meet God in His church.

The Kitty Project

It seems like this project took forever, and it seems like it happened in the blink of an eye. Bobby Sollock suggested we dedicate the Sunday School building to Kitty Alexander; Diana Jackson suggested that before we do that, we “spruce up” the space; Nan Boyd recommended that since construction would be taking place anyway, we take the opportunity to update the church entranceway, parlor and narthex. And off we went, led by God.

We know we were led by God, because everything seemed to fall into place through His will. We raised the money through the faithfulness of all of you; we found a wonderful contractor; and we all pitched in to move stuff out, and then move it back in. There are still two major things left that have been delayed by delivery backlogs (the bathroom vanities and the choir room windows) but other than that, we are done. October 31, Halloween, we dedicated the work. As Tawana Jackson, Kitty’s best friend and sister-in-law, remarked in worship, “Kitty loved Halloween, and this is the perfect day to dedicate the Kitty Project.” Thank you to everyone for their hard work and their prayers. And one last thankyou to those who donated to this need:



Jim Alexander, Kirk and Tawana Jackson, Kyle and Diana Jackson, John Yorke, Glenn and Connie Norton, “Burke” Burkhardt, Jeanice Farmer, Carol McDonald, Betty Kroeger, David and Rose Lynn, Ed and Lisa Garner, Katherine Carroll, Felix and Becky Escalante, Rex Mayhew, Ricardo Castillo, Brad and Nan Boyd, Billy and Linda Stewart, Wanda Yoast memorials, Linda Bahlmann, Sissy Joyce, Carl Ernest, Marty Bennett, Frank and Pam Wanjura, Bob and Garnett Wagner, Chuck and Irma Bayne, Scott and Linda Martin, Jim and Debbie Pruett, Brent and Ginger Meyer, Claude and Michele Brown, Jack and Bethel Kay Bateman, Bobby and Suzie Sollock, Ann VanWinkle, Jim and Karla Dominguez, Tom Tomlinson

Food Pantry Ministry
Monday, November 1st and 15th



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, November 15. 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, who separates and bags the vegetables and who does all the paperwork. Thank you!!

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Prayer Concerns

- **Family and friends of Michele Brown** who died on October 17th
- **Carol McDonald, Her Daughter and family** on death of Carol's son-in-law Nick Loftis
- **Terry Miles**—foot injury, can't bear weight
- **Robert Russell and team** (friends of Marty Bennett)—going to Burundi on mission trip to distribute and teach the Bible Nov 8-20. Prayers for safety and spread of the gospel.
- **Praise for "Kitty Project"**
- **Guy Greene** (Suzie Sollock's father)—for speedy recovery from back surgery
- **Rosemarie Smith** (Connie Norton's mother)—difficulty with side effects of cancer treatment
- **Scott DeWitt** (Alice Dillard's father-in-law)—diagnosed with skin cancer
- **David Fattig**—diagnosed with cancer • **Megan Gibbs**--Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Bethel Kay Bateman**—mild stroke healing at home
- **Adrian** (son of friend of Chris Brauchle)—brain tumor
- **Elaine** (Betty Kroeger's sister-in-law)—in assisted living, not doing well
- **Irma Bayne**—back surgery postponed
- **Wanda Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's niece)—cancer, starting chemo
- **Kristy Salazar** (friend of Suzie Sollock)—depression
- **Sharon Berry's mother** (friend of Connie Norton)—cancer getting worse
- **Lois Wanjura**—would love window visits
- **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)
- **Our homebound members** • **Mike and Cindy Williams**—starting in a new church in Illinois
- **For United Methodist Church, General Conference and delegates for 2020**—postponed to 2022
- **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)

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Seeking a New Missionary Couple



Mike and Cindy Williams have retired from the foreign mission field after serving for a combined 30 years in China and the Middle East. . While they have retired from the foreign mission field, they will continue to do the Lord's work as Mike becomes pastor of a church in rural Illinois. On Sunday, October 3, we had a chance to say goodbye, and to thank them for representing God, and us, in China and the Middle East. In the Words of Jesus Christ, "Well done good and faithful servants, well done!" The Council on Ministries is now in the process of finding and forming a relationship with another missionary couple to continue our church's call to spread the gospel here in Lytle, and to spread the Gospel around the world.

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Free Counseling for Women from a Biblical Perspective

If you are looking for scriptural guidance, have questions about Biblical counseling, or find yourself struggling, consider talking with Biblical counselor Linda Martin. Linda can be contacted by email (lindamartin9262@sbcglobal.net) or phone or text.

Those Remembered on All Saints Sunday This Year

*Kitty Alexander
Pete Bermea
Arthur Bowen
Bryan Boyd
Michele Brown
Bob Burns
Sandra Cogburn*

*Angel Escalante
Martha Foster
Carrol Gracedel
Bob Grannis
Mark Jacobi
Nick Loftis
Phyllis Mayhew*

*Laura McMillan
Don Ohlhausen
Olivia Riojas
Guy Robins
Lisa Wells
Wanda Yoast*

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New Church Sign in the Works

New folks are coming to Lytle, and we are called by God to reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ. God has blessed us by putting us on the route many folks take to get downtown, or to get their children to school. Therefore we are making a concerted effort to make the front of our church more inviting. Part of that process involved adding flowers, sprucing up the prayer garden and improve the lighting. Now we are tackling the biggest need—a new “inviting” church sign.



This new sign will be in a more visible location, and will be electronic! The top part will be a static sign proclaiming who we are, but below the static sign will be a video screen (on both sides) which we can program to advertise programs like VBS, Pumpkin Parties, or Christmas services, and which will also proclaim scriptures and the gospel message. This new sign will replace our existing sign and our semi- permanent plywood billboard. Exciting things are happening at Lytle United Methodist Church. Thanks be to God!

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United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on Monday, November 8 at 2:30 PM at the church and will be led in a meaningful program. This will be the last regular meeting for the fall. The December meeting, December 13, will be their Christmas party and they invite all the ladies of the church for a time of connecting to God, fellowship and great food. Please talk to Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783 for more information about this event and information about the United Methodist Women in general.

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Thank You

To all those who worked so hard on the highway trash pick-up last month, October 23, and for Jim Alexander who coordinates this effort.

To those who participated in our Stewardship Sunday, and to all who give so faithfully to this church.

Thank you to our youth group, and to youth ministers Maribel and Orlando. The youth made our Ice Cream Bus Outreach, and Pumpkin Party possible, and they bless us in so many other ways as well.

To all our hardworking nursery care givers, especially Lisa Meyer.

To Kellie Meyer for her faithful work as church custodian.

Thank you to who helped with “Move Back In Saturday” on the 16th

To Mesquite lawn care for digging out the alleyway, lowering the dirt level below the sheet metal wall to help prevent rusting.



Thank You

Thank you to Gilbert Moreno, Mesquite Lawn Care (Kyle Jackson), and Suzie Sollock for replacing the front hedges, that were dying, with beautiful eye-catching flowers. This required repairing and updating the sprinkler system as well. Thank you.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and gifts I received from you all on pastor Appreciation Sunday. And thank you to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for organizing it. You all are a great blessing to Linda and I. - Scott

**Koinonia Gatherings
Moved to Sunday Afternoons**



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

Everyone wants to meet, we want to sponsor more walks, and the church-to-church connections are powerful and strengthening, but Friday nights were hard and attendance was hurting. So the community made a big decision to move to Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 6 PM. The November gathering will be at New Fountain UMC, outside Hondo, On November 14th.

New Walk to Emmuas Dates Announced

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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The Pregnancy Care Gala, October 12

The annual San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center Celebrating Life Gala was a great celebration of the work of this facility supported by our church. It was the fortieth anniversary of this facility, which made it even more special as we heard from key note speaker Charlie Kirk, and from the pregnancy care center staff. But the best part of the gala is always hearing the stories of families helped and healed by our pregnancy care center. To see videos of some of these heartwarming, and life affirming stories, go to <https://www.sapregnancy.org/events/2021-celebrating-life-gala/>



Monday Night Guy's Group Meeting

The men meet every week on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM in the youth building for a time of food and fellowship. The group also participates in mission work, Bible studies and fellowship activities. Come and be part of this great group.

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Order Christmas Poinsettias

Once again our Sanctuary will be filled with poinsettias for Christmas. Purchasing a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one is a meaningful tribute. This year poinsettias are only \$10.00 per plant. Just complete the form below and place it in the offering box with your check.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____
AND/OR

In Honor of: _____

I would like to take my plant home.

I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in.

