

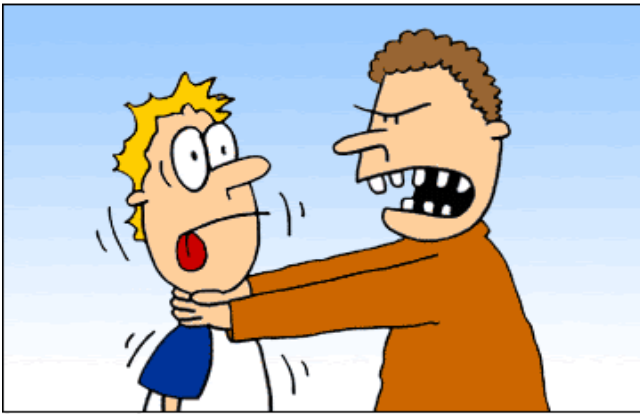
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“Moving Back Saturday” – Saturday, October 16, starting at 9 AM  
“Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-up,” – Saturday, October 23, 7:30 AM at the church  
“Kitty Project Celebration and Dedication” – During worship on October 31, Reception to follow

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OCTOBER 2021

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HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU  
TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

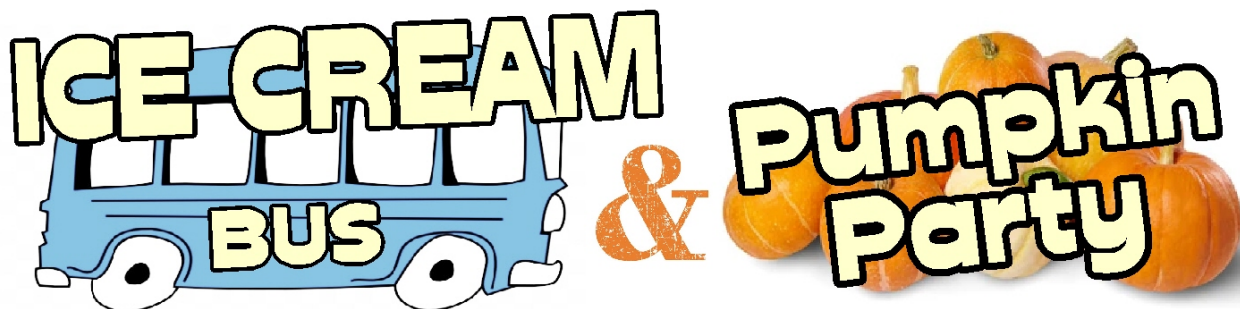
“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in

full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” – Luke 6:27-36

Jesus showed us the way. In our polarized and divided nation, it seems like there’s no way forward. In divided and polarized families, it seems there’s no way forward. Jesus shows us the way. Let’s close our mouths, tune out the TV and internet, fill ourselves with His love, and follow Him.

Grace and Peace,  
Scott

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We are continuing our “Catching the Wave” Campaign in the Fall as we seek to reach the new people moving to Lytle with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the joy of Christian Fellowship. In our “Ice Cream Bus and Pumpkin Party” project we will be going out to them, and then calling them in to us.

## Ice Cream Bus

Sunday October 10, 2 to 5 PM  
and Sunday October 17, 2 to 5 PM

On both Sundays we will be packing our church bus with ice cream, and volunteers will be traveling to three spots around the Lytle area each Sunday to hand out free ice cream.

Along with the ice cream we will make connections, share the Good News and invite people to the church parking lot for our October 24 "Pumpkin Party."

## Pumpkin Party

Sunday October 24, 2 to 5 PM

On the final Sunday we will park the ice cream bus in the church parking lot for a Pumpkin Party, featuring:

- Pumpkin Painting
- A Corn Hole Tournament for Adults
- Pumpkin Pinatas                      Face Painting
- Needle in the Haystack for Little Kids
- Music    Bounce Castle    and More
- And Hot Dogs and Lots and Lots of Ice Cream

## Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day, Saturday, October 23 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, October 23. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM to eat breakfast taco provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We should be done by around 9:30 AM.

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## "Moving Back In" Saturday – October 16, Starting at 9 AM

It's time to move all the stuff stored in the fellowship hall back to its proper place in the Sunday school rooms, closets, music library and choir room and we could really use assistance. We will start at 9 AM and finish before noon. The 16th is also a special trash day in Lytle so we could also use aid moving some of the trash to one of the pick-up locations. We are getting close to completing this ambitious project and we could really use some help to "finish the course in faith."

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## Church Schedule

October 3 - Visit by Mike and Cindy Williams, Covered-dish lunch  
- Life Chain, 2 to 3 PM

**October 4, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM**

October 5, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meeting at 7 PM

October 10 - Ice Cream Outreach Bus Project, 2 to 5 PM  
- Emmaus Gathering at our church, 4:30 to 6 PM

October 11, Monday - United Methodist Women at the church at 2:30 PM

October 12, Tuesday - "Sing! Bible Study" begins. 10:30 to noon at the church  
- Pregnancy Care Center Banquet

October 16, Saturday - "Move Back In" Saturday, starting at 9 AM

October 17 - Stewardship Sunday  
- Ice Cream Outreach Bus Project, 2 to 5 PM.

**October 18, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM**

October 23, Saturday - Highway Trash Pickup. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.

**October 24 - Pumpkin Party, 2 to 5 PM in the church parking lot**

**October 31 - Kitty Project Dedication and Celebration**

November 7 - All-Saints Sunday  
- Yearly Church Conference at Devine UMC at 6:30 PM.

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## Youth Schedule



Youth Breakfast Taco Sales on Oct. 17th

Youth are invited (we need you!!!) to help with the ice cream bus outreach program on the 10th and 17th

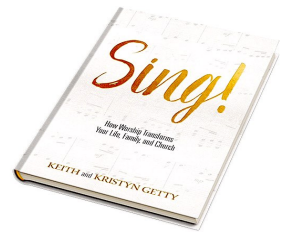
Youth are really needed to help with the Pumpkin Party on October 24th

Youth group to be held early on October 31st

### October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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<b>3</b> At The Church 4 to 6 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Help with the Ice Cream Bus, 2 to 5 pm At The Church, 5 to 6 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> TACO SALES Help with the Ice Cream Bus, 2 to 5 pm At The Church, 5 to 6 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Pumpkin Party, 2 to 5 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> At The Church, Noon to 3 pm							

**New Seven Week Bible Study Being Offered**  
**Using the Book “Sing!” by Keith and Kristyn Getty**



**Tuesday Mornings, 10:30 to noon**  
**Starts This Tuesday, October 12**

**Singing is one of the most commanded acts in scripture.** A congregation that gains a greater understanding of why they sing see singing as an opportunity to proclaim the gospel together in obedience to God. *Sing!* guides individual church members together with their congregation on a campaign to declare with one voice, "This is why we *Sing!*" Talk to Tawana Jackson for more information, or simply come on October 12 at 10:30 AM.

**The Kitty Project: A Time to Celebrate**  
**Sunday, October 31st**

There is more to be done. The big outstanding items are the new bathroom vanities and sinks, the base boards and crown molding in the entrance and parlor, the door frames in the choir room, and the window blinds. There is more to be done and we are not sure we will have it all completed by the 31st, but now is the time to celebrate before we get sucked into that storm of activity that is Thanksgiving and Christmas.

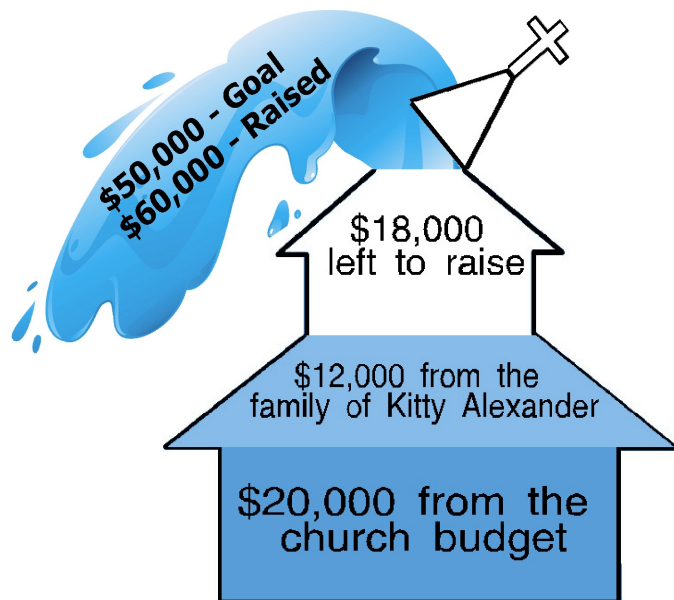
Our celebration will take place in three parts:

1. A celebration of this wonderful work God has accomplished through His people during worship on October 31<sup>st</sup>, including a time of celebration of the ministry of Kitty Alexander, for whom this project is named. We will also show photos of the dedication plaque.
2. A walk through of the project as people travel from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall. People can see the actual plaque in its rightful position in the hallway leading to the classrooms. There is also a rumor that the Council on Ministries might be setting up “Candy Stations” along the way.
3. A joyful reception in the fellowship hall, capping off this accomplishment.

A big thank you to the youth and youth leaders for removing the choir room paneling; to Ricardo Castillo and his assistance, youth leader Maribel Gomez, for all the electrical work that has been done (Ricardo is a crazy man!); to the consulting and leg work of so many, including Kirk and Kyle Jackson and pastor Scott Martin; to our building committee: Nan Boyd, Tawana Jackson, and Diana Jackson; and to the entire congregation for their encouragement, their financial support and their prayers.

Thank you one and all for your generosity. We are still accepting donations towards this project, but so far we have received gifts and pledges totally \$48,000. Adding this to the \$20,000 from the church budget gives us \$68,000 to accomplish the project. Those who have donated to this special project include:

*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*



Please let the office know if you have donated and are not on this list so we can make sure your gift is put in the right account.

We thank everyone for their prayers, and we thank God for blessing us  
with the resources and the spirit to see this work through.  
May we use these renovations to bring glory to the Lord

## Prayer Concerns

- Family and friends of Lisa Wells who died on September 17th
- Family and friends of Shelle McMillan's mom, Martha Foster who died on September 14th
- Family and friends of Bob Grannis, member of the church men's group, who died on October 3rd
- Michele Brown—cancer has spread
- Rosemarie Smith (Connie Norton's mother)—difficulty with side effects of cancer treatment
- Linda Bahlmann—vertigo
- Family of Connie Nixon who died this week
- Carver family on death of husband/father
- Paula and mother—both in hospital with pneumonia
- Bethel Kay Bateman—mild stroke healing well at home
- Megan Gibbs—Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Betty Kroeger—breast cancer, getting radiation
- 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
- 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
- Our shut-ins
- 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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## Pregnancy Care Center 2021 CELEBRATING LIFE GALA

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 6:00pm – 9:00m,  
Witte Museum; May Family Center

*"I looked for a man among them  
who would build up the wall  
and stand before me in the gap." - Ezekiel 22:30*

**If you are interested in attending, please talk to Scott or Linda Martin.**

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## Missionaries Mike and Cindy Williams Retiring from the Foreign Mission Field after 30 Years

Mike and Cindy Williams have retired from the foreign mission field after serving for a combined 30 years in China and the Middle East. This card to the right was given to us when we first met them some 25 years ago. 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.

PLEASE PRAY  
FOR THE  
WILLIAMS  
FAMILY  
IN CHINA!





"...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."  
Eph. 6:19-20

Dustin   Mike   Cindy   Wesley   Brandon

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Without Finances we can't go...  
Without Prayer,  
There's No Reason to go!

On Sunday, October 3, we had a chance to say good bye 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!"



# “Tithing is the Foundation of Trust”

## A sermon preached by my pastor at University United Methodist Church

His Biblical message was that God has great plans for our lives, but those plans require us to trust Him. Trust does not come natural for us. Most of us have been burned some time in our life because we trusted the wrong person. So how do we cultivate trust in God? Malachi 3:10 - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” In a list of top worries, money seems to always be the top dog. So that is where God says, “Put me to the test.” My pastor continued, “When you learn to trust God with your money, you will have a solid foundation that will allow you to trust Him in every aspect of your life.”



Thanks to Pam Burgess (See 2Corinthians 9) 04-02-2001  
SHE CLAIMS IT'S BECAUSE OF LAST WEEK'S "CHEERFUL GIVER" SERMON, BUT I THINK SHE JUST MISSES HIGH SCHOOL

After that sermon, I decided to begin to tithe, to give 10% of my income to God. I admit it wasn't easy. The minute I started tithing, the bills started flowing in like a flood. It all came to a point of testing. I was sorely tempted to give in, but I trusted my pastor, and I trusted God and I refused to give up. The next day, out of the blue, I received a large bonus check from my employer. Just as Malachi predicted, “God had thrown open the floodgates.” A foundation was built that day, a foundation of trust. Trust that led me into the pastorate. Trust that led me to Lytle. Trust that has kept me here 30 years. Trust that has led me on many exciting adventures.

Don't believe me. Don't believe my former pastor. Don't believe the witness of all the Christian “tithers” around the world and throughout time. TRUST GOD AND GOD'S WORD!

## **Sunday October 17 - Stewardship Celebration**

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### ALL Saints Day

On Sunday, Nov. 7, we will be celebrating the lives of church members, and other loved ones of our church family, who have died during the past year. During our annual All Saints Day, roses will be brought forward as a memorial. Please contact Rev. Scott Martin if you would like to participate in this special ceremony.

### Preparations Underway for 2022

Time moves on and 2022 is not far away, so the church committees, such as Nominations, Staff-Parish Relations, and Finance, are meeting to prepare.

#### Wednesday, October 27 at 7 PM

Administration/Finance meeting to set the 2022 budget, and to approve nominations and other reports

#### Sunday, November 7 at 6:30 PM

We will be joining with Devine UMC for a joint Church Conference in Devine

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## United Methodist Women Back in Session

The United Methodist Women are back to meeting. On October 11<sup>th</sup> they will be meeting in the church fellowship hall at 2:30 PM and will enjoy fellowship and an inspiring program. All the women of the church are welcome to join them as they learn more about the Lord and what He is leading them and us to do. Call Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783 for more information.



### 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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## Hanging of the Greens, Saturday December 4th



# If you are interested in singing in a choir during this special service, please talk to Irma Bayne

## Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our food pantry continues to help between 60 and 100 families twice a month. In October our regular food pantry days are October 4 and 18. 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.



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## Koinonia Gatherings Moved to Sunday Afternoons

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 starting in October.



## Koinonia Gatherings Here at Lytle UMC, October 10th

Be sure to be here to praise the Lord and connect to the Body of Christ. The fellowship meal will start at 4:30 PM, and worship will follow. Also reminder that due to 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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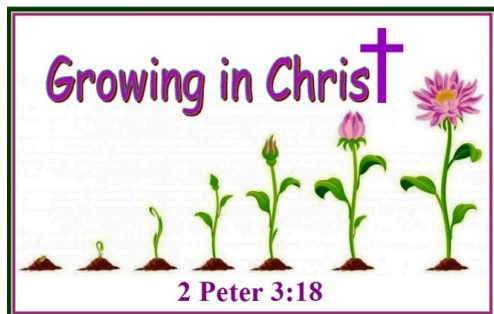
## The Life Chain



Dear Life Chain Participants,  
Thank you so much for your faithfulness. I thought I would give you a report-- maybe you can share with your fellow church members whose email I do not have. We had 24 Life Chain participants. We came from at least five different churches. May the Lord use the Life Chain today to change hearts and minds in Lytle and surrounding cities and to save lives--for now and for eternity. See you next year!!  
- In Christ, *Linda Martin*

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## Individual Spiritual Goals for 2022



*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*

Thanks to Tiffany Moreno and Amanda Morrow, we have developed a form to help us all grow deeper in our relationship with God and the Christian Community through "Spiritual Inward Action," and to "bear much fruit" through "Spiritual Outward Action." This form can be found and filled out on our website ([lytleumc.org](http://lytleumc.org)). 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 fill out a written form, call the church and we will send one to you. As Christians we are called to not be stagnant and self-satisfied. We are called to grow!