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Church Work Day
Saturday, April 22
Starting at 9 AM

APRIL 2017



MAKE SURE YOU STOP FOR A SEC., MOSES, AND REALIZE JUST HOW WILDLY COOL THIS IS

Looking at the Roses

A common saying goes, “stop and smell the roses,” the idea being to slow down and enjoy life. I would suggest that while you smell the roses, you take a look at them as well. You will marvel at their incredible beauty and complexity. Last week Linda and I took a trip to the Creation Museum, south of Cincinnati for her birthday. During part of the morning we saw a show in the planetarium and marveled at the incredible universe God created. During part of the afternoon we caught a seminar on the complexity, variety and beauty of the birds God has made. Two very different experiences but both pointing to

the same truth: “My God how great thou art.” “How Great Thou Art” is one of my favorite hymns. In the first stanza it says, “...when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.” The key word is “consider.” In our hustle and bustle it’s so easy to take God, and His creation, for granted and miss the wonder and joy. But when we take time to smell, and examine, the roses... as the song goes, “Thing sings my soul... how great Thou art, how great thou art.” – Scott

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Easter Holy Week Events

Holy Thursday - April 13

The Holy Thursday service this year will take place in the sanctuary as we celebrate communion and remember the death of Jesus through music, videos and readings. Come and be part of this powerful time as we remember when the “Lamb of God” gave up his life for us, and as we remember when we accepted His death as payment for our sins.

Good Friday - April 14

Prayer Walk-through. 4 to 8 PM

We invite people to stop by the church anytime between 4 and 8 PM for a Good Friday remembrance put together by the United Methodist Women. You will visit three prayer rooms to relive Jesus’ last hours, then journey with your cross to the sanctuary for the final prayer experience.

Easter Sunday, April 16

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.

Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt (10:15) - Our traditional Easter egg hunt will again be held during the Sunday school time, Easter morning, beginning around 10:30 AM. Have your child bring their basket, but we will have spares just in case. To give our celebration the South Texas twist, we will also have piñatas for the children.

Early Morning (9 AM) and Late Morning (11 AM) Easter Services

Christ is Risen! To make sure we have enough room, we will be having an additional service at 11 AM, in addition to our regular 9 AM service. Both services will feature beautiful music from the choir as well as beloved Easter hymns sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter. Between services we will be serving coffee and donuts. Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God’s power.



Church Schedule

April 1 & 2, Saturday & Sunday - **Food Pantry Fund Raiser.**

April 3, Monday - Food Pantry Day (food given away from 6 to 7 PM).

April 4, Tuesday - In-Reach Team meeting from 6 to 7:30 PM. Outreach Team meeting from 7:30 to 9 PM. Everyone is invited to either meeting or both.

April 5, Wednesday - Last day of M.A.D. (4 to 7 PM) and M.A.D. play performance at 7 PM.

April 7, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering at New Fountain UMC. Singing starts at 7:30 PM.

April 8, Saturday - Highway Pick-up Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.

- Last team meeting in preparation for the Men's Walk to Emmaus.
- Memorial service for A.C. Heath at 11 AM.

April 9 - **Passion/Palm Sunday.**

April 10, Monday - The United Methodist Women will have a special April meeting. Meet at 12:30 PM at the home of Linda Stewart for lunch (meat and dessert provided – bring salads).

April 13 - Holy Thursday worship service at 7 PM.

April 14 - Good Friday Prayer Walk-through, 4 to 8 PM.

April 16 - **EASTER**

April 17, Monday - Food Pantry Day (food given away from 6 to 7 PM).

April 18, Tuesday - Trustees meeting at 7 PM.

April 22, Saturday - Church Workday

May 4-7, Thursday through Sunday - **Men's Walk to Emmaus #2**

May 21, Sunday - Church Covered-dish Lunch

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April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dinner Theater
2 Dinner Theater	3	4	5	6	7	8 Trash Pick-Up
9 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter Sunday No U.M.Y.F.	17	18	19	20	21	22 Church Work Day 9:00 am -?
23 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28 "Lock-In" at the church to set up for the Bar-Be-Que Plate Sale 5:00 pm -	29 Bar-Be-Que Plate Sale
30 No U.M.Y.F.	Notes:					

April 1 & 2: Church Dinner Theater to support the Food Pantry. If you are not in the play, then you are needed to help serve dinner. For those helping on Saturday evening, please be at the church by 5:15 pm. For those helping on Sunday, please be at the church at 4:15 pm.

April 8: Highway Trash Pick-up. Breakfast tacos are provided. This is a great way to serve our community, to help make our church visible to the community and a good way to get N.H.S. service hours. We are usually done by 10:00 am.

April 16: Easter Sunday. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children during the Sunday School Hour. The youth are needed to help hide the eggs.

April 22: Church Work Day. Pastor Scott will have a list of needed projects to be done. Check in with him to see where you can help. Lunch is provided by the church.

April 23: We have a few of our youth that take piano from Mrs. Bayne. Their recital is on this day at 3:00 p.m. at our church. Come and support your friends!

April 28-29: Meet at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday to help set up for the Bar-Be-Que Plate Sale on Saturday. We will make potato salad, desserts, etc. We will spend the night at the church so that we can finish setting up early on Saturday morning. The plate sale runs from 10:30 – 2:00. We will be done by 3:00 pm on Saturday.

June 10 – 17, 2017: Mission Trip to San Augustine County, TX.

Congratulations to Orlando Jr, Alina, and Belle Guterrez on their baptism on March 12, and to their parents Orlando and Maribel Gutierrez.

Congratulations to Lucas Alexander on his baptism on March 26, and to his parents Andre and Amber Alexander (and grandparents Debbie & Jim Pruett).

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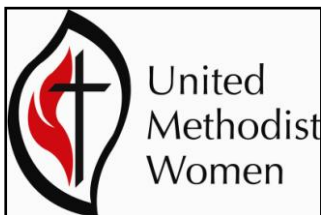
**Chicken Bar-B-Que Plate Sale
Saturday, April 29 - 10:30 AM – 2 PM**

The youth will be serving up our great chicken plates with all the fixings on Saturday, April 29 as a fundraiser for their mission trip. You can take it to go or dine in. There will also be desserts for sale. The plate sale runs from 10:30 – 2:00.

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New Children’s Sunday School Material

Our children’s Sunday school program has started an exciting new curriculum called “Dig-in.” It is designed for great flexibility as the kids experience different activity blocks including: Core Bible Discovery, Deeper Bible, Talk-about Video, Music Videos, Crafts, High and low-energy games and a Life Application Wrap-up. Our teachers are very excited about this new strong Biblically based program. This material gives us the flexibility of having a “one room” learning group or splitting into different grade levels. Be sure to bring your children to Sunday school, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday.



The United Methodist Women Spring Event

The United Methodist Women will have a special April meeting. They will meet at 12:30 PM at the home of Linda Stewart for lunch (meat and dessert provided – bring salads). After lunch they will be working on some bags for the Ladies Shelter. We encourage all ladies of the church to join them as they share Christian fellowship, worship the Lord with devotions and programs, along with doing mission work. For more information, please call Linda Bahlmann @ 1-210-837-0650.

**Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day,
Saturday, April 8 at 7 AM**



As part of the April 8th “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash Off,” our church will be doing our once a quarter trash pick-up along highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates. We will meet at the church at 7 AM for breakfast taco provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We will be done before 9 AM.

**Church Work Day
April 22**

Show you care, by helping to keep God’s church looking good!

Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, April 22. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, (or when you can come) and take a break at lunch for a meal provided by the church. This will be a very satisfying day and joyful day as we all work together.



Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Louise Peterson**—Louise died on March 31
- **Family of AC Heath**—memorial service this week
- **Nancy Burns**—pneumonia/flu
- **Jeanice Farmer**—back pain
- **Sara and Michael Cobb**—upcoming move and new church
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Betty Risberg**—congestive heart failure • **Jason Bennett**—recurring lung problems
- **Rocky Smith** (Jim Pruetts cousin)—stage 3 cancer
- **Debbie Krueger**—fell, injured • **Robert Alexander (Jim’s brother)**—liver cancer
- **Manuel and Manuela Gomez**—need prayers for good health
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez’ niece)—stage 4 brain cancer
- **Penny** (Suzie Sollock’s aunt)—stage 4 cancer in her bones
- **Laurie Valek**—endometrial cancer
- **Ronnie Coleman** (Meagan Pringle’s father)—stage 4 lung cancer
- **Gay Lynn Meining**—mother in last stages of life
- **Jamie Anderwahl**
- **Debra Williams**—upcoming back surgery, back pain
- **John Macaron** (Lisa Meyer’s son)—for an end to seizures
- **Jean Rouse**—breast cancer
- **For our missionaries around the world**
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



Our Church Family Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military

- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany • **Zachary Williamson** (Bill Bennett’s great-nephew)--Army
- **William Meyer**—Marines • **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle grandson)—Air Force
- **Chris Saindon**—friend of John Martin, Navy • **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
- **Jonathan Heiman**—Navy • **Joyce Biggs** (George Bahlmann’s great-niece)

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Miscellaneous News!

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9 to 10 AM – Join us for this weekly prayer time at the church. We use the prayer list from worship, add to it as needed, then we pray—some out loud, some in silence.

Lytle Schools Looking for Tutors – The Lytle schools have set up a tutoring program and are looking for volunteers from the community and especially from the churches. Tutors may work on a regular weekly schedule or on an “as available” basis. Call the church office for more information.

Personal Finances Seminar – The outreach team is again offering a personal finances seminar. The seminar is led by lay leader Kevin Keith. Contact Kevin or the church for more information.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4, is National Day of Prayer. Please look in next month’s newsletter for details about this event, and mark this day on your calendar.

Narcotics Anonymous - The N.A. message is “that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live.” Narcotics Anonymous is hosted by our church and meets every Tuesday evening, 6 to 7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

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Thank You Notes Received

To our church family: Thank you so much for your prayers and the love you have shown us. For those who prepared food-thank you; Those who sent cards-thank you; Irma and the choir-thank you; Scott and Bill, I thank you; For the visitors, thank you. Fred would have been pleased. – Chris Brauchle

Thank you so much for your awesome donation. We want you to know that mothers and children will be blessed by your generosity. May the Lord bless you abundantly – The Care Closet Staff and volunteers at the Pregancy Care Center



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 6

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the twenty-ninth 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. 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?"

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Methodist Food Pantry Fund Raiser A Great Success!!!

The Interactive Dinner Theater, Uncle Phil's 2, and silent auction, which took place on April 1 & 2 was a great success, with 90 in attendance on Saturday and 70 on Sunday. Approximately four thousand dollars was raised for the food pantry ministry. We would like to thank all



those who attended or publicized this event, and all those who worked to make it happen. Special thanks to Jim Pruet and Bill Bennett, who were in charge of the play; Diana Jackson and Michelle Keith, who were in charge of the meal; and Ginger Meyer and Connie Scott, who were in charge of the silent auction and decorations. Not only did we raise funds, we had a great time, met a lot of people from the community, and witnessed to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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M.A.D. Club Play Performance, April 5th at 7 PM

Our MAD Club (Music, Art and Drama) spring session ending with their musical performance on April 5th at 7 PM. The play was called "Legends at Camp Garner Creek," and had a great message about being heroes for God and the kids did great. Thank you for supporting this new community outreach program and the kids. M.A.D. Club met on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM, and all kids from 2nd through 6th grade were welcome. We have both spring and fall sessions of M.A.D. club, and M.A.D. camp will meet during the summer this year, June 12-16.

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Emmaus Gathering at New Fountain on Friday, April 7

The monthly gathering of the Koinonia Emmaus Community will be at New Fountain UMC outside of Hondo this month, on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 PM. Mark the date now and be sure to be at the gathering for lots of music, praise and testimonies, and some fun, food and fellowship. The team for Men's Walk #2 will be dedicated that evening as well. The Men's Emmaus walk is just 3 weeks away, at Mt Wesley May 4-7. There is still room for pilgrims, so talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted. The Kononia sponsored Women's walk will take place October 19 through 22. If you would like more information about Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, pick-up a brochure in the church entranceway, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.



“Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Starting the last Sunday in February and then continuing on the last Sunday of March and April and then each Sunday in May, we will be having a new fund-raiser for the Youth Summer Mission Trip. There will be a cork board with stock envelopes pinned to the board. Each envelope will have a stock (donation) amount printed on it. Amounts will range from \$1.00 to \$150.00. Stock holders can simply take an envelope or envelopes and put that dollar amount into the envelope. Place the envelope into the collection plate or give to the youth selling tacos. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you.

Food Pantry

The church Food Pantry is open on the first and third Monday evenings, from 6 to 7 PM, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. In April it will be open the 3rd and 17th. Thank you for supporting the food pantry through your donations and prayers.

Youth Breakfast Taco Sales

The youth need to raise money for their summer mission trip, and have planned several fundraising efforts. In addition to their yard sale and the chicken bar-b-cue Plate Sale, the youth also sell tacos on the last Sunday of each month. The taco’s will be sold at the beginning of the Sunday school hour, April 30. Help the youth by coming and buying some tacos.



Prayer Servants

Pray for each other... The prayers of a righteous person are effective. - James 5:16 - After each worship service, prayer servants from the churches prayer team are available in the front of the sanctuary for private prayer. Just come forward any Sunday. A faithful church family prays for one another.

Summer Children’s Music, Art and Drama Camp

The Inreach Team is making plans for this year’s MAD Camp. During MAD Camp (mornings Monday through Friday) the children (2nd grade and above) work on art projects; design, paint and construct sets; work on music; and put together a Christian drama to be performed on Friday Evening. The date set for this Music, Art and Drama Camp is June 12-16. If you might be willing to help, please talk to Scott Martin at (210) 772-3345.

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

March 5 - Sunday School - 34 Worship - 76 Offering - \$9,307.00	March 12 - Sunday School - 32 Worship - 87 Offering - \$3,982.00
March 19 - Sunday School - 32 Worship - 76 Offering - \$3,998.00	March 26 - Sunday School - 36 Worship - 102 Offering - \$2,795.00

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Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary in April

Birthdays:

Derrick Gomez	2nd	Pam Gardner	15th	Richie Cantu	27th
Matthew Ahr	3rd	Zechariah Wagner	16th	Kody Villarreal	28th
Ricardo Castillo	3rd	Connie Scott	17th	Bethel K. Bateman	29th
Trystan LaFond	3rd	Payton Pringle	17th	Brandon Johnson	29th
John Ahr	4th	Patrick Norton	17th	Justin Jackson	30th
Leala Marquez	5th	Judy Crain	18th		
Gaye Collins	5th	Amanda Scarborough	18th	Anniversaries:	
Lanna Mangold	5th	Brandon Hunt	19th	Bill & Jeanie Acton	4th
Nicole LaFond	7th	Rose Lynn	21st	George & Billie Light	8th
Kim Ruth	9th	Amanda Wagner	21st	Lloyd & Connie Scott	14th
Charles Yorke	11th	Shelly Martinez	23rd	Billy & Linda Stewart	14th
Tom Tomlinson	13th	Ashley Martinez	23rd	Jim & Karla Dominquez	16th
Brent Vogel	14th	Reed Harris	27th	Steve & Dorothy Mathis	17th

