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**Emmaus Gathering at our church
Friday, March 8 at 6:30 PM**

MARCH 2019

Get Your Tickets This Sunday!!
Methodist Food Pantry Fund Raiser

Dinner Theater and Silent Auction, March 30 & 31

Everybody knows that whatever you need, you can find it at Hurley Squonk's general store, the Hitchin' Post. But the normal, laid-back pace changes when a young couple from out of town enter. They have picked today to elope and are in a bit of a hurry. But his overbearing mother and her meek secretary have put the bumbling sheriff on their trail to stop the wedding. And if this weren't enough, three people burst in to hold up the store! Only their weapon turns out to be... well, it gets a little crazy here. This hilarious slice of life in a small Texas town will keep you in stitches.



This new dinner theater, a fund raiser for the church's food pantry, will take place on Saturday Night, March 30, at 6 PM and Sunday Night, March 31, at 5 PM, and will include dinner. **There will also be a silent auction each night – we can still use more items. Call Connie at 772-3345.**

	<p><u>Youth Yard Sale</u> <u>Saturday, April 6</u></p> <p>The youth yard sale will be held in front of the church from 8 AM to 3 PM.</p>		<p><u>Barbecue Plates</u> <u>Saturday, April 6</u></p> <p>Come enjoy some delicious food and help support the youth mission trip.</p>
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24-Hour Prayer Vigil, March 3rd to 4th

As part of our Break-through Prayer initiative, we are having a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning this Sunday, March 3rd at noon, and ending Monday, March 4th at noon. The 24 hours is broken up into 15-minute increments, and people can sign up for as many 15-minute increments as they want. A prayer guide is available with scriptures and suggestions of prayer topics. This 24-hour prayer vigil is a supplement to the regular 6:10 AM or 6:10 PM prayers to ask God to guide us as a church, individuals, and families. When God answers the prayer, either during the 6:10 prayers or during the prayer vigil, please let us know through our Sunday prayer forms, through a call or by email.

6:10 PRAYER
Lord Break Through

Matthew 6:10 (The Lord's Prayer)
"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven"



Pray each day at 6:10 AM or 6:10 PM

Pray for your home, work, country and church

Lord, break through the fog of our future
Lord, break through our fixation on the past
Lord, break through our fear of change

Lord, give us the courage to walk into your future

Ash Wednesday and Lent, A Time of Preparation

The Ash Wednesday service, celebrated on March 6, 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, includes literally nailing our sins on the cross, and concludes as palm ash (from the palms used for Palm Sunday last year) are used to draw a cross on each person's forehead as a sign of confession, repentance, and dedication to God.





A New Lenten Worship Series,

February 24 – April 21

“The Life of Jesus”

From John the Baptist to the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, come each Sunday through Lent and remember and celebrate each important episode in the life that changed the world.

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

- March 3-4, Sunday to Monday - **24 Hour Break-Through Prayer Vigil.**
- March 4, Monday - Food Pantry day, 6 to 7 PM.
- March 5, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meeting at 7 PM.
- March 6, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 PM.
- March 8, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering here at Lytle UMC.
Fellowship and food at 6:30 PM, music and worship at 7 PM.
- March 10 - Lenten Worship series begins: “The Life of Jesus”
- March 11, Monday - United Methodist Women meet at 2:30 PM at Linda Stewart’s home.
- March 13, Wednesday - No M.A.D. because of Spring Break.
- March 18, Monday - Food Pantry day, 6 to 7 PM.
- March 19, Tuesday - Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Administrative Council meeting at 7 PM.
- March 23, Saturday - “Stop Human Trafficking” Gala at Prevailing Word Church at 6 PM.
- March 30 & 31, Saturday & Sunday - **Dinner Theater Food Pantry Fund Raiser.**
- April 6, Saturday - **Youth Yard Sale and Chicken Bar-b-cue Plate Sale.**

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United Methodist Youth Fellowship Schedule



- March 3: Trip to the movies, 4:30 to 9 PM.
- March 10: Spring Break. No UMYF.
- March 17 & 24: Regular UMYF - 4 to 6 PM at the church.
- March 30 & 3: Help with the Dinner Theater Fundraiser.
- April 5 - 6: Yard Sale and Bar-B-Que Fund Raiser for the youth mission trip.

June 15 - 23: Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico.

(see the church website—Lytleumc.com—or talk to Diana Jackson for more information)

“Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Starting the last Sunday in March (March 31) and then continuing on the last Sunday of April and then each Sunday in May, the “wall of stock” will be set up in the church entrance to help raise funds 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 it to Diana Jackson. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you.

Break-Through Happenings

Break-Through Prayer Campaign, November 2018 – April 2019

#1 – A New Addition to our Music Ministry

A big welcome to Joseph Morrow, who is joining our staff to help with our music ministry. Joseph plays and teaches guitar, has helped lead other church music groups, and is an expert at sound boards, like our new one. He will join Annette in accompanying the choir, help lead some of the music on Sundays, and lead all of the music on Saturday nights.

Joseph, son of Joe and Sherry Morrow, grew up in this church and knows us well. He is a committed Christian and we are so blessed to have him working with us. We prayed for God to help us move forward and God answered our prayers.



#2 - New Weekly Worship Planning Meeting

Our weekly worship planning group has been a true blessing as we work to be more intentional in creating worship experiences that bring glory to God, and help us to connect with the Almighty. Please join us!

Call Scott Martin at (830) 772-3345 for more information.

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Cross Dedication, March 10

Right after the worship service on March 10, we will be dedicating our new cross in front of the food pantry with a short ceremony. The cross was constructed and installed by Malcolm Brown, and we have decided to dedicate the cross to the memory of Molly Melton, Malcolm's daughter. Please come and join us for this brief ceremony.



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M.A.D. Club Going Again February 6 – April 24



MAD Club (Music, Art and Drama) meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM for kids in 2nd grade through 6th grade. We will meet from February 6 through April 24, with a musical performance on April 24th at 7 PM. Please get the word out to all the families you know, and we can always

use more volunteers. We need people to provide snacks at 4 PM, publicity, people willing to help with art, a video/computer operator and people willing to help with music and drama. Help us reach the children and families of our community with the Good News of Christ through M.A.D. Club.

Church Helps the San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center Care Closet



During the month of February church members filled up a crib full of supplies for mothers in unintended pregnancies and for their newborn babies. The Pregnancy Care Center offers parenting classes and rewards those who attend with credit to be used in the care closet.

The supplies collected, plus the crib will be delivered to the Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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Lytle United Methodist Church
Prayer Garden
Personalized Paver Order Form

Please order a paver engraved as follows:

Note: 3rd row will cost an additional \$5.00.

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Cost of each paver is \$50.00, which includes two lines with up to 14 characters on each line. A third line may be used, but will cost an additional \$5.00.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Date Paid: _____

Prayer Garden Celebration on March 24

One of our projects for the May 11 workday will be to whip the prayer garden back into shape. During the worship service on March 24 a list of the garden's brick paver dedications will be included in the bulletin, as well as an order form for those who would like to purchase and dedicate a new paver. If you missed that Sunday, new dedicated pavers can still be ordered through the month of April (forms are available from Connie Scott).

Prayer Concerns

- **Ruble Farmer**—hospitalized
- **Debbie Hunt**—had back surgery
- **Karla Dominguez**—recovering from knee surgery and a minor stroke.
- **Mark Pringle** (Bethel Kay's son)—severe stroke, improving
- **Jeannie Simmons**—severe health problems
- **Mary Snyder**—fell
- **Dorothy White**
- **Linda Bahlmann**
- **Michael Wells**
- **Trystan LaFond**—improving
- **Merry Merz**—cancer
- **Dan and Jan Garza**—Dan with advanced cancer, Jan with early stage cancer
- **Nathan Golan** (Debbie Pruett's cousin)—bone cancer, in hospital
- **Rob Hinnant**—serious accident, multiple broken bones
- **Kim Davis**—to see neurosurgeon for possible surgery on neck
- **Rose Lynn**—home on hospice
- **Mark Downing**—prayers for diagnosis of leg/back problems
- **Phillip Escalante** (Felix's brother)—bladder cancer
- **Kathryn Davison**—awaiting liver transplant
- **Elaine Douglas** (Michelle Keith's mother)—for continued healing
- **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette's sister) dementia, poor health, prayers for Annette as well
- **Norma Jones** (friend of Linda Martin)—recovering from accident and severe back injury
- **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Robert Hunt**—health
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia. Prayers for her father as well.
- **Felix Escalante**—health
- **Nancy Burns**—health
- **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith's aunt)—breast cancer
- **Pastor Scott Martin and all of our church staff, and their families**
- **Our military and their families and our president and government**
- **Our missionaries around the world**
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



Our Church Family Military

- **Ian Simons**—Air Force • **Brandon Hunt**—Army Reserves
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle's 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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School Backpack Food Ministry

Many children will have little food at home over the weekend in our area. Our church is providing a backpack of food for 15 children to take home on Friday afternoons to help feed themselves and their family. On Mondays, the backpacks are returned and our church fills them again for the next weekend. Nan Boyd is coordinating this effort and we can always use more volunteers. Talk to Nan and she will assign you to a team that will handle this ministry one week each month. They usually meet Thursday mornings at 10 AM to fill the backpacks.



Church Work Day May 11

Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 11. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, 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.

“Blessed Is She” Women’s Event, February 16th

Thank you to Tiffany Moreno and Suzie Sollock for putting together this free “Blessed Is She” women’s event to reach women in our community. The event featured booths from many businesses in the area, as well as a booth from our church. The food was great and the event was well attended. Thank you everyone who came and all those who volunteered their time to make this event happen.



5 Things to Pray for Our Church

Our Tuesday Morning Prayer group is using a small book by Rachel Jones to help us pray effectively for our church. Topics include “praying that my church would be a body growing in maturity,” “Praying that we would persevere when we grow weary,” “praying for children in our church.” This prayer guide joins our weekly prayer list as the focus of our prayer time together. We meet from 9 to 10 AM on Tuesday. Please join us. Some of us pray out loud, some pray silently, but all of us are helping to build up our church and God’s kingdom.

“Stop Human Trafficking” Gala Prevailing Word Church, March 23 at 6 PM.

Our church is one of the official sponsors of this gala to raise awareness and funds to bring an end to modern day slavery, which takes place in an alarming degree even here in south Texas. Tickets are \$25 and there will be a silent auction as well. The money raised will support the A21 campaign and Ransomed Life, non-profit entities that not only bring awareness to our communities, but also provide



mentoring and education to survivors. Register online at TOPTIER.ONLINE or call (210) 718-5112.

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Walk to Emmaus Gathering at Our Church, March 8th!

The Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering for March will take place at our church on Friday, February 8. Fellowship and food start at 6:30 PM, and music and worship starts at 7 PM. Mark the date now and be sure to be there to praise the Lord and connect to the Body of Christ.

Our spring men’s walk will be May 23-26, and the applications for being a “pilgrim” on these walks, or any walk, are located online at swtxkoinonia.org. Talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted. The fall women’s walk, sponsored by our community, will be led by our own Michelle Keith and will take place October 17-20. Submit a team application now! 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.

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Easter Holy Week Events

Passion/Palm Sunday – April 14

Come and participate in the palm parade, listen to the story of Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem and experience the power of God.

Holy Thursday – April 18

Plans are underway for our Holy Thursday service this year. It will include a meal as well as a service 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.

Easter Sunday, April 21

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.

Regular Easter Service (9 AM) - Christ is Risen! This service will feature beautiful music, scriptures and preaching as well as beloved Easter hymns sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter. After the service we will be serving coffee and donuts. Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God’s power.

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 10:15 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.



Church Food Pantry

Our food pantry continues to help over 70 families twice a month. The next food pantry days are March 4 and 18. Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help sack or at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.

**United Methodist Women
March Meeting**

The UMW, whose purpose is to serve the Lord through missions, service, study and worship, is headed by Bethel Kay Bateman. All the women of the church are invited to the March 11th meeting, which will take place at 2:30 PM at the home of Linda Stewart, and will have a program led by Marty Bennett. Come join this wonderful fellowship of committed Christian women. Call Linda Bahlmann at (210) 837-0650 for more details.

**Monday Night
Guy's Group**

The men meet regularly on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM at the church 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.

Miscellaneous News

Time Change - Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday, March 10th.

Youth Group Taco Sales - The youth group sells your favorite breakfast taco before Sunday school on the first Sunday of every month. The next sale is on March 3rd. Come hungry!

Highway Pick-up Day - Our church has adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates, and our next pick-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.

Children's Time Coin Collection for the Pregnancy Care Center – Thank you to everyone who gave to our children as they collected for the pregnancy care center. It was guys against girls, and the total stood at guys—\$233.80 and girls--\$286.84, but a late donation tied the score, for a total offering of \$520.64. Thank you for supporting our pregnancy care center.

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Order Easter Lilies

Once again this year our Sanctuary will be filled with lilies for Easter. Purchasing a lily in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one is a meaningful tribute. This year lilies are only \$10.00 per plant. Just complete the form below and place it in the offering plate with your check. The deadline to order is April 14.



Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

AND/OR

In Honor of: _____