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Don't forget the
 Hanging of the Greens service
 Saturday, Dec.2 at 7PM.

NOVEMBER 2017

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. – Psalm 28:7

It is very appropriate that Thanksgiving comes a month before Christmas. Just as Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, I believe Thanksgiving can be a helpful preparation for Christmas. Christmas is a time of joy, but also a time of stress and frantic rushing. If we truly take time on Thanksgiving to thank God for walking with us in the past, we might remember during the stress and chaos that He is still walking with us. God is with us; We are not alone; thanks be to God! - Grace and Peace, Scott



All Saints Day – November 5

This Sunday, November 5, 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. Contact the pastor if you have someone to include on our list.

New Contemporary Worship Service

The first month of our new Saturday night contemporary service has been a blessing. Saturday nights are a great time for folks who work on Sundays and for the younger crowd. The service features uplifting and encouraging praise songs, prayer, and preaching from Pastor Scott Martin. Please get the word out to anyone who might be attracted to a contemporary Saturday night worship service.

Youth “Homemade Lasagna” Fund Raiser
Sunday, November 12, 10 AM to 2 PM

The youth Group will be hosting a Lasagna Dinner Fund Raiser on November 12, from 10 AM – 2 PM. The money raised will go toward the 2018 Summer Mission Trip. Plates will consist of homemade Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and tea. Desserts will also be available. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall and you may choose to eat it there or take it to go. Tickets are being sold ahead—but you can get the meals “at the door” as well. For more information, talk to Nan Boyd or Diana Jackson.



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Project Hope: Reaching Out with Love

Lytle U.M.C. will again take part in Project Hope this Christmas season. Project Hope brings the light of hope to the children of the neediest families in our area by bringing them Christmas presents and the Good News of Jesus Christ. The children who the church will be helping will either be identified through the Angel Tree, a project of Prison Fellowship Ministry, or they will be identified as needy through the local school system. The Project Hope Angel Tree will be set up in the church parlor starting Sunday, November 19. Please take an angel and be an angel.



Church Schedule

November 5 - All Saints Sunday.

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

November 7, Tuesday - Finance/Administrative Council meeting at 7 PM to set the 2018 church budget.

November 10, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus community gathering at New Fountain U.M.C. in Hondo.
Singing begins at 7:30 PM.

November 12, Sunday - Youth Lasagna Dinner Fund Raiser, from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Charge Conference at 5 PM at Devine UMC.

November 13, Monday - The United Methodist Women to meet at 2:30 PM at Ann VanWinkle's house.

November 20, Monday - Regular Food Pantry day, 6 to 7 PM.

November 23 - THANKSGIVING

November 26 - Youth Breakfast Taco Sales to raise funds for their summer mission trip.

December 2, Saturday - **Hanging-of-the-Greens worship service at 7 PM**; refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall afterwards, along with our annual Christmas cookie contest.

December 6, Wednesday - MAD Club play performance at 7 PM.

December 10 - Covered-dish brunch and children's Christmas Party.

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 U.M.Y.F. 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm See Note
12 Lasagna Dinner after church No U.M.Y.F.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 No U.M.Y.F.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 No U.M.Y.F.	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

November 5: We will be making the sauce for the Lasagna Dinner.

November 11: We will meet at the church at 4 pm to assemble the lasagnas for the Lasagna Dinner the following day. From 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, we will go to Jace and Jocelyn's House for an Outdoor Movie Night. You can be picked up from there (They live next to the Lytle Nursing Home.)

November 12: Lasagna Dinner to be served following the worship service til 2 pm. This is a fund raiser for the mission trip next summer. If you plan on going on the mission trip, then your help is needed! No Youth Group that afternoon

Other Important Dates

February 9-11, 2018: Spiritual Retreat at H.E.B. Foundation Camp
June 9 – 17, 2018: Mission Trip to San Augustine County, TX.



M. A. D. CLUB UNDERWAY MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA

Our ministry program for children, M.A.D. Club, is going great. Children from 2nd grade through 5th grade gather every Wednesday from 4 to 6 PM to do art projects, play games, eat snacks, and work on a wonderful Christmas musical called “Counting Down to Christmas.” Through this program they are learning about the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ. The musical is all about a children’s Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Marlin, the kid’s math teacher. During the course of the evening, she shares the Christmas story as only a math teacher could. Come on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 PM to see this musical and to help support our children’s ministry.

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Emmaus News: Community Gathering Nov. 10th!!!!

Thank you to all the team members of Walk to Emmaus #3, which took place October 19 through 22. Congratulations to pilgrims from our church: Gloria Johnson and Pam Wanjura (Nancy Burns was scheduled to go but couldn’t because of medical issues). It was the best walk ever, of course. The next Kononia sponsored walk is men's walk #4 at Mt Wesley, May 3-6, 2017. They are still looking for team members, so get your applications in. The first team meeting for this walk will be in January. If you’re interested in serving on the team for the fall 2018 woman’s walk, it’s not too early to apply. In other Emmaus news, the next community gathering will be at New Fountain UMC on November 10th. The Koinonia community is made up of people, from many denominations, who join together on the second Friday of each month (7:30 PM) for a praise-filled community gathering. For information about Walk to Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.



Lytle/Devine Joint Charge Conference **Sunday, November 12, Starting at 5 PM**

Our church is part of the Camino Real Cluster Group, which runs from Lytle down to Laredo, but because we have a new district Superintendent this year, we decided to break up into smaller groups for our fall gathering/church conferences. On Sunday, November 12, we are getting together as a “northern group” at Devine UMC. This will fulfill our charge conference requirements, but we will also get to worship and share a time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Devine. Meet at Devine UMC (212 W. Benton Av., (830) 663-3185) at 5 PM.

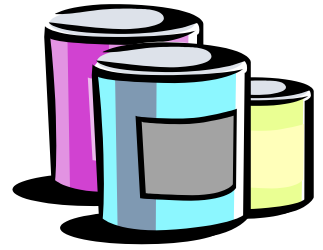


United Methodist Women



The UMW will be meeting on Monday, November 13 at 2:30 PM at the home of Ann VanWinkle. Linda Bahlmann will lead the program and Marty Bennett will give the devotion. This is the last regular meeting for the fall (Christmas party in December), and they invite all the ladies of the church for a time of connecting to God, fellowship and great food. Please talk to Linda Bahlmann at (210) 837-0650 for more information about this event and information about the United Methodist Women in general.

Food Pantry Ministry



The two Food Pantry days in October saw lots of families helped. Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help bag or at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush on the first and third Mondays in November (November 6 and 20). We will again be handing out canned goods, as well as frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.

A reminder that we also need volunteers to help pick up the food from the San Antonio Food Bank, and Spanish speakers to help with registrations. If you can help in either of these ways, please talk to Diana Jackson or Linda Stewart.

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Prayer Requests for the Lytle United Methodist Church Family

- **Family and friends of Ernie Kroeger** who died of heart attack this week
- **Jack Bateman**—Jack is recovering from pneumonia
- **Christian Trejo**—student at LISD, brain tumor and leukemia
- **Penny** (Suzie Sollock's aunt)—cancer, not responding to chemotherapy
- **Dale Edwards** (chemo buddy of Lisa Wells)—on hospice
- **Rose Thumann** (Nan Boyd's mother)—health
- **Ronnie Coleman** (Megan Pringle's father)—stage 4 lung cancer
- **Ralph Weaver**—heart problems
- **Linda Bahlmann**—surgery rescheduled for December
- **Tammy Yorke**—mass in lung
- **Phyllis Mayhew**—fell and fractured leg in 4 places
- **Lee Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's brother)—COPD, now home
- **Melfred Fey**—health
- **Felix Bazan**—health, for halfway house he is entering
- **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith's aunt)—breast cancer
- **Marta Becerra** (Lollie's sister)—cancer
- **Felix and Becky Escalante**—health
- **Lisa Wells**—on chemo again, good scan results
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack's son)—mouth cancer
- **John Macaron** (Lisa Meyer's son)—for an end to seizures
- **Jean Rouse**—breast cancer, hip surgery
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Dana Dominguez** (health) and her mother Brenda Dominguez (stress and worry)
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez' niece)—stage 4 brain 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 Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military

- **Ian Simons**—Air Force
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany
- **William Meyer**—Marines
- **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
- **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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Prayer Walk and Volunteer Tutoring at Our Lytle Schools

PRAYER WALKS: Once a month interested people are invited, with the blessing of the school, to do a prayer walk around the Lytle schools. They pray for protection, blessings and courage for the school faculty and students. The next community prayer date is Thursday 16 at 6 PM.

VOLUNTEER TUTORING: The Lytle schools have begun a tutoring program and more information can be obtained from the church office. They need people both during school hours and after school. Right now they are working with the primary and elementary schools but plan to expand. Please pray about this wonderful way of helping our community.

THE 5TH QUARTER CHRISTIAN EVENT: Because of conflicts and lack of preparation time, the planned 5th Quarter event has been delayed until next year. Keep the planning team in your prayers.

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christian, Nov. 5

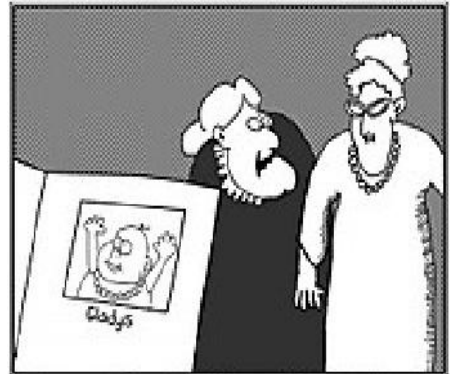
Voice of the Martyrs Conference, Nov. 11

VOM is holding a local conference on Nov. 11, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Calvary Temple Assembly of God, 14335 O'Conner Rd., San Antonio. Talk to Trisha Broach for more information. **The Voice of the Martyrs** is a nonprofit, interdenominational Christian missions organization dedicated to serving our persecuted family worldwide through practical and spiritual assistance and leading other members of the body of Christ into fellowship with them.

November 15th Deadline for New Directory Pictures and Information

The directory is being assembled and it is not too late to get in new pictures and updated information. We are looking for the following:

- 1. Your Directory Information**
- 2. Pictures of Those Who Were "Unavailable"**
- 3. High Quality Ministry Pictures**



"Gladys, you really need to update your picture for the directory"

Personal pictures should be vertical, of good quality, not copyrighted, and preferably taken outdoors (though this is not required). Ministry pictures can be vertical or horizontal. Just send picture and info to the pastor at scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net, or place it on his desk.

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A Great Church Picnic! – Sunday, October 8

This year's Annual Church Picnic was great fun. We had delicious food and good conversation. Some folks played board games, others tossed washers, still others watched the Dallas Cowboys game, and some brave youth and children went swimming. It was a beautiful afternoon and we all enjoyed God's beautiful sunset. Thank you Brad and Nan Boyd for again hosting this fun annual event.



Thank You Kyle, for the Tree Surgery

The oak tree gracing our playground and entrance is a beautiful part of our church. It had gotten overgrown and Kyle Jackson and company trimmed it two weeks ago as a service to the church. The parking lot was full of cut branches!

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Tuesday Morning Prayer Group at the Church, 9 to 10 AM

Please come and join the weekly one-hour prayer group, led by the pastor, on Tuesday mornings. The group meets from 9 to 10 AM to pray for those on the church prayer list, for the families of the church, and for the city, the country and the world.



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Thank You

Thank you for all your hard work on the Dinner Theater to provide support for our mission. Because of your help, many military couples will find hope and healing for their marriages, and trainees at Lackland AFB and Fort Sam Houston will hear the transforming news of the Gospel. – Thank you & God Bless, Stephen Dorner



To all those who worked so hard on the quarterly highway trash pick-up day on October 7. Our next trash pick-up day will be in January.

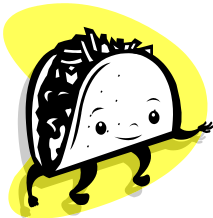
To the United Methodist Women for providing family meals for funerals and at other times of need.

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

To Ginger & Kellie Meyer for their faithful work as church custodians.

School Backpack Food Ministry Has Begun

Our church backpack ministry is providing 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.



Youth Breakfast Taco Sales

Bowing to hungry demands, the youth group has instituted Last Sunday breakfast taco sales as a regular monthly activity. They will be selling your favorite breakfast taco before Sunday school on the last Sunday of every month. The next sale is on November 26th.

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Hanging of the Greens, Saturday Dec. 2nd

The Hanging of the Greens--our traditional service of Christmas carols, holly and mistletoe, and beautiful candlelight--will be held Saturday, December 2nd, at 7 PM. The Chancel Choir will be singing Christmas hymns, and the congregation will join in for some traditional Christmas carols. Children and adults will help decorate the sanctuary to look its very best for this blessed season. Following the Hanging of the Greens worship service, refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. During this time of refreshments we will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Contest!! Cookies will be judged in six categories: Children, youth and adult - best tasting and best looking. Please come to the Hanging of the Greens worship service, and the refreshment time afterwards, and start your season off in the right direction!

Order Christmas Poinsettias

Once again this year 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 plate 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.