

# APRIL 2026 WITNESS

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METHODIST CHURCH

There is a path we walk together each year that is unlike any other – not a casual stroll, but a pilgrimage through the deepest range of human emotion and divine mystery. It begins at a table, passes through darkness, and arrives, breathless, at an empty tomb.

**Maundy Thursday** invites us to that table. On the night before his death, Jesus knelt on the floor and washed the feet of the very people who would betray him, deny him, and flee from him. Then he broke bread and poured wine and said, *remember me*. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum* – commandment – because on this night he gave us the heart of everything: love one another as I have loved you. When we gather for our fellowship potluck this Thursday at 6 PM, we do more than share a meal. We echo that upper room, reminded that the table has always been where Jesus meets us.

**Good Friday** asks something harder of us. It asks us to stay. The Tenebrae service – whose name means *shadows* or *darkness* – on Friday at 6 PM walks us through the final hours of Christ's passion as candles are extinguished one by one until we are left in silence and in shadow. The world often wants to rush past this day, to skip from the palm branches to the Easter lilies. But there is something holy in refusing to look away. Good Friday tells us that God did not remain at a safe distance from human suffering – he entered it fully, completely, and without reservation. The darkness of Tenebrae is not despair. It is honesty. And it makes the light of what comes next all the more brilliant.

**Easter Sunday** is the pivot point of all of history. The tomb is empty. The grave could not hold him. Every fear, every sorrow, every moment of brokenness you have carried into this season is met with a love that is stronger than death. We will gather at 9 AM for Traditional Worship and at 11 AM for Contemporary Worship – but however you come, come expectant. We are not simply commemorating something that happened long ago. We are celebrating a living Lord who walks out of tombs, calls us by name, and makes all things new.

Do not skip the journey. Walk to the table. Sit in the darkness. And then – run to the empty tomb to find out the greatest news that has ever been told.



Grounding  
ourselves in  
the good news  
this Lent

# HOLY WEEK



the good news is...

even Judas gets  
his feet washed

Maundy Thursday

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April 2 | 6 PM



the good news is...

revealed through  
nonviolence

Good Friday

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April 3 | 6 PM

# HOLY WEEK



the good news is...

alive in the world

Easter Sunday

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April 5 | 9 & 11 AM



## EASTER BAKE SALE

APRIL 5 | 10 AM



Help us raise funds  
for Rise Against  
Hunger with an  
Easter Bake Sale!



Drop off baked good  
donations on Thursday,  
April 2! Buy other  
treats on April 5!

# APRIL

## WYLIE UMC BLOOD DRIVE

“  
Step Up and  
Save Lives!  
”



SUNDAY  
04.12.26

8:30 AM -  
11:30 AM

CARTER BUS  
WYLIE UMC LOT

Give the gift of life—donate blood today! Every donation can save up to three lives and make a real difference in our community. Whether you're a first-time donor or a seasoned hero, your generosity is needed now more than ever. Join us and be a life-saving champion!

[Click here to  
reserve a time!](#)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PAIGE PARKER  
PAIGE.PARKER@WYLIEUMC.ORG

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*You are invited to*

## Package meals with Wylie UMC - Wylie

Sunday, April 12  
9 AM - 12 PM

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER  
EXPERIENCE

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[REGISTER NOW](#)

Help us fight hunger in our communities! Wylie UMC is partnering with Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, April 12, to package meals as a church family. Scan the QR code to sign up and join us!



# APRIL

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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

*Confirmation  
Sunday*

**April 26**



Thank you to everyone who came out for the WUMC cleanup on Sunday, March 22 — it was wonderful to see so many people working together! From mowing and deep cleaning the kitchen, to replacing ceiling tiles and dusting hallways, so much was accomplished thanks to this incredible community.





# APRIL



LAP welcomed our families back from Spring Break - yes, parents were excited to get back to a normal schedule. Teachers enjoyed listening to students talk about fun family activities they shared while out of school.



It's time to do all things spring and Easter, which includes telling the Easter story with Resurrection Eggs. Fun fact: LAP children learn 9 Bible verses during the school year. March's was "You will love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9), and April's is "Christ is risen as He said!" (Matthew 28:6).



On April 9 at 6:30 PM, LAP kids will perform their Spring music program—everyone is welcome. Afterwards, visit the children's art fest in the children's hallway. You will not be disappointed.



Thank you, WUMC, for supporting the LAP shortbread fundraiser. We raised \$600 as a team towards our playground account.



# April 2026

## YOUTH CALENDAR

### APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY  
NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

### APRIL 12

9am - 12pm All Church Event  
RISE AGAINST HUNGER  
6-7:30pm Youth

### APRIL 19

10am Sunday School  
6-7:30pm Youth

### APRIL 27

10am Sunday School  
6-7:30pm Youth

Contact: Jenn Smith  
972-978-8330  
[youth@wylieumc.org](mailto:youth@wylieumc.org)

## UMARMY YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### WHEN:

Sunday, July 12 - Friday, June 17

### WHO:

Incoming 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults

### QUESTIONS?

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 REGISTER NOW

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# APRIL WOMEN IN FAITH

**THURS., APRIL 2**

COCO SHRIMP  
3040 W FM 544, SUITE 400  
WYLIE, TX

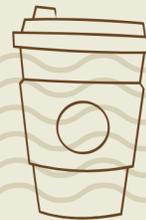
**11 AM**

**APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30**

COFFEE AT THE HUB  
304 N BALLARD AVE  
WYLIE, TX 75098

**10 AM**

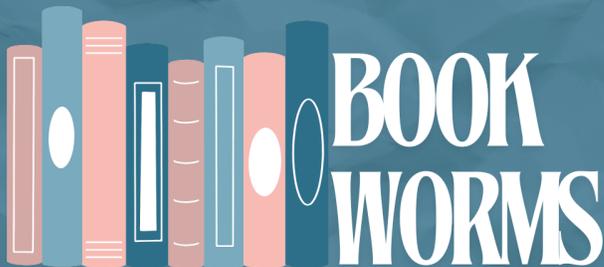
**LAUGHING  
LATTE LADIES**



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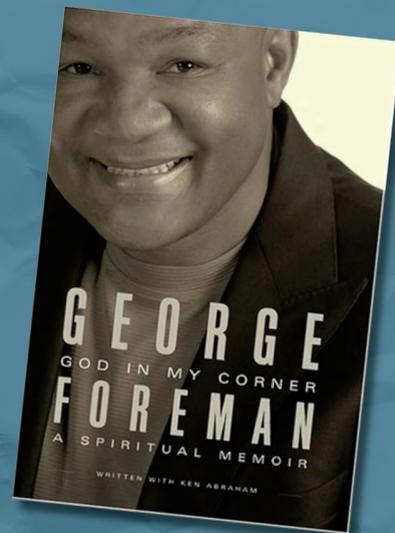
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**BOOK  
WORMS**

**April 14  
11:30 AM**





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We hope you get *showered* with love!

**April 1**

Leslie Finta  
Joyce Cox

**April 11**

Marsha Crow  
Melissa Candelaria

**April 17**

Russ Trask

**April 2**

Micah Morrison

**April 13**

Carson Samuel

**April 23**

Gabby Winslow

**April 3**

Bethel Akwukwah

**April 14**

Jan Beamer

**April 28**

Michael Wiseman

**April 4**

Pat Fritze

**April 15**

Jeana Crews

**April 29**

Shanna Blitz  
Delaney Joynt

**April 5**

Cynthia Morrison

**April 16**

Meredith Morgan  
Natalie Morgan

**April 7**

Trey West

As of 02/2026	Budgeted	Actual
YTD Budget Income	\$69,826	\$75,770
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$75,807	\$66,635
	\$(5,981)	\$9,135

## WAYS TO GIVE

You make ministry at Wylie UMC possible through your financial gifts!

See all the ways to give at [www.wylieumc.org/ways-to-give](http://www.wylieumc.org/ways-to-give).

Thank you for making a difference in the kingdom of God here at Wylie UMC! If you have questions, contact Mary Brown in the church office.

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