

## Weekly News, Events and Announcements

### Blessing of the Community Garden

This Sunday after the 10:30 service, we will process out to the community garden, which will be blessed by Robert.

**A big thank you** to all those who came out on Saturday for our garden workday. We had a great turnout and made a lot of progress toward preparing the beds for planting. **The next garden workday will be on Saturday, March 9th, beginning at 9:30am.**



### Reconciliation Kitchen Garden

As part of our revitalization of the community gardens located behind Brown Hall, we are going to start a kitchen garden! This garden will consist of herbs and salad fixings, and will serve the breakfast ministry, our neighbors who are homebound, and others. We have dedicated 4 beds to this ministry, and 4 teams will maintain them. Each team has a month they will be assigned to do watering and light maintenance of the beds, based on a rotation, so the commitment of time is minimal.



*"A community garden is the perfect endeavor to be engaged in as its benefits far exceed that which comes from the soil. As the adviser for the garden club, I can personally attest to the camaraderie, the sense of purpose, and the feeling of satisfaction one gains from being involved in a community garden. Imagine the sense of satisfaction one receives in witnessing firsthand how much the produce grown can benefit those for whom it is intended. As the adviser for the garden club, one of my objectives is to have our students engaged in community service projects and given the club's purpose, this is exactly the kind of project they need and will be involved in." - Robert Vaughn*

**We would love to have your help, as either part of one of the above teams, or possibly adding a 5th team and bed.** If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Robin Strating.

### SOFTBALL

**The first practice game for the Episcopal Softball League is on Sunday, February 24.** All are welcome to play. So far, there are four teams on the schedule: Reconciliation, TMI, Mt. Calvary Lutheran and Temple Beth-El. The season will last from 2/24/19 to 5/5/18 with no games on Easter and will be played on the campus of TMI between 2:00pm-4:00pm. This season REC-ing Crew will have a team of coaches leading the way. Please welcome Coach Sister Super Stretch Maureen Leach to the coaching staff.



## VBS Informational Meeting - THANK YOU

A special thank you to all of you who showed up for our VBS Volunteer Informational Meeting! No matter what task you choose, or what days and times you choose to help, please know that we are forever grateful for your willingness to serve in this way! There is no way that we can do this, without all of you!! **If you were not able to make it to the meeting, but you are interested in getting more information on how you might help, please pick up a Volunteer Brochure in Brown Hall!!** Any questions? Call, text, or email Jennifer at 210-725-3080 or [jennifer@cor-satx.org](mailto:jennifer@cor-satx.org).



With a grateful ROAR,  
Jennifer and Jessica

## Upcoming Events

### 50th Anniversary Book

Our deadline for contributions is **March 1**. Please contribute your thoughts about this amazing parish. Submit your story, memories of REC, poetry or prayer to the church office by **March 1**. We hope to publish our Keepsake Book on June 1, 2019.



### Coming Soon!! Shrove Tuesday (a.k.a. Pancake Tuesday!!)

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00pm** for our Annual "Feast" before Lent begins!! In addition to LOTS of pancakes, this year, we will be adding Pancake Games and Activities! Fun for our whole church family!! Also, "Lent in a Bag" will be handed out at this event! Don't know what "Lent in a Bag" is?!?! Then come on Tuesday, March 5 to find out!!



### Life Line Screening Event

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. **We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 3/15/2019 at Church of Reconciliation.** Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.



In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or

visit <https://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle/> or text the word "circle" to 797979. Contact Bill Swann with questions.



**14TH ANNUAL DIALOGUE & FRIENDSHIP DINNER**

**"FREE PRESS AND DEMOCRACY:  
AN EXILED EDITOR'S VIEW"**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**ABDULHAMIT BILICI**  
Former editor-in-chief of  
Turkish newspaper  
Zaman

**TIME: 6:00PM**  
**DATE: MARCH 4TH, 2019**  
UIW Rosenberg Skyroom  
847 E. Hildebrand, San Antonio, TX 78212

**REGISTER NOW AT**  
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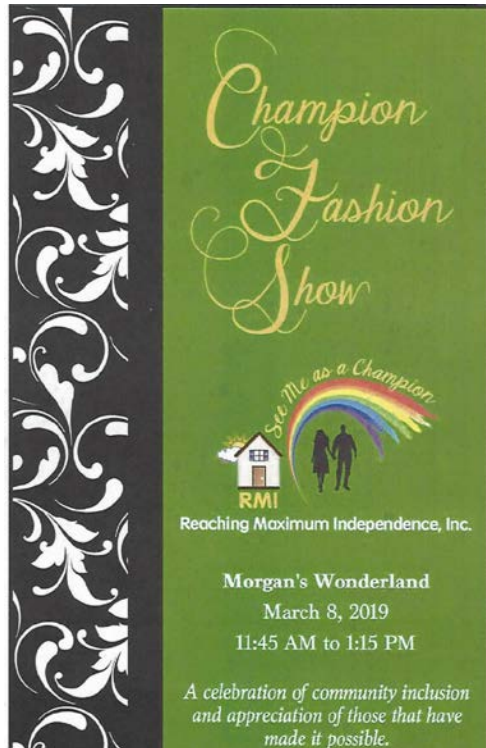
### Helping Hands

Ron and Betty Graham will once again help provide the Interfaith Welcome Coalition with lunches for immigrants boarding buses to go to other cities on **Saturday, March 16th**. Here are ways Reconcilers can help:



- Assembling lunches on Saturday, March 16th in Brown Hall at 9:00am
- Donating monetarily to assist with the cost of the lunches
- Shopping for food items a few days before Saturday, March 16th
- Making sandwiches at home and bringing them to Brown Hall on Saturday, March 16th

If you would like to be on the email list to receive updates or more information, contact Ron and Betty Graham.



Join us for our Champion Fashion Show and luncheon on March 8, 2019. Tickets are \$50. Contact Bill Swann.

## Opportunities and Announcements

### Ultreya

The next Ultreya potluck will be on March 7th at 6:00pm. Kathy Todt will be the facilitator. All are welcome.



### Prayer Flags Exhibit

In Brown Hall, there will be a prayer flag exhibit in honor of Kelly Allen to benefit the Interfaith Welcoming Coalition. The prayer flags were made by a group of eight women who worked for the last year sewing by hand and machine in honor and memory of Rev. Kelly Allen, minister at University Presbyterian Church.



Donations will be accepted for each flag with proceeds benefiting the Interfaith Welcoming Coalition founded by Kelly before her untimely death in June 2016. **Suggested donation \$25** that goes toward purchasing and filling a backpack for bus and airport ministry. Make your check to University Presbyterian Church with IWC in the memo line.

These prayer flags are based on the ancient tradition of Tibetan prayer flags that are printed on rectangular pieces of paper then strung across mountains of Tibet. The belief is that printed prayers for peace, compassion and wisdom would be released into the universe. In that Tibetan tradition, the makers of these flags offer prayers for the hundreds of refugee women and children served by the Interfaith Welcoming Coalition.

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### **The Good Book Club**

Presiding Bishop Curry has asked Episcopalians to read Romans during Epiphany in 2019. The readings will run for 50 days, until the day before Ash Wednesday.

#### **Classes will be held on:**

**Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Library**

**Sundays at 9:15am in the Library**

Choose the class time that is convenient to you. The same readings will be discussed at each class every week. Bring your Bible. Handouts will be provided. Readings can be found at [goodbookclub.org](http://goodbookclub.org). Copies are also available in the church office. Pick your own time for readings at home and we will discuss at class. Everyone is invited. Contact Ron Graham with any questions.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

5539 N LOOP 1604 W  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249  
6PM-8PM

**REGISTER @  
WWW.DWTX.ORG/EVENTS**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO  
TOWARDS WORLD  
MISSION INITIATIVES**



Questions? Contact [tatiana.hoecker@dwtx.org](mailto:tatiana.hoecker@dwtx.org)

**Adult Formation**

## Spend Time in God's Presence



Psalm 46:10 tells us to "Be still and know that I am God." Join the continuing study from Sarah Young's Bible Study Series, "Jesus Calling." Ted Gibbs will host in the Alban classroom. Explore experiencing God's Presence at 9:15-10:15am

(January 6th-February 24)

### "A Goal for your Soul"

**Session 8, Feb. 24th:** God's Presence Empowers You! Matt 28:16-20

## Ongoing and Outside Events



### Monday afternoon Bible Study

This Bible study is held each Monday at 2 pm in the library, and is led by Greg Richards.



### Outside Events & Opportunities

Click [HERE](#) to read about events sponsored by the diocese, or other churches and organizations, including great offerings at Oblate or the SoL Center, that may be of interest.

### Centering Prayer

Our Centering Prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, September through May.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Monday at 2:00pm** - Bible Study

**Tuesday at 12:30 pm** - Mid-Week Eucharist

**Wednesday at 10:00am** - Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday at 7:00pm** - Choir Practice

**1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm** - Centering Prayer

**3rd Wednesday at 6:00pm** - Healing Eucharist

**1st Thursday at 12:30pm** - Healing Service



### Healing Eucharist

**The 3rd Wednesday of each month**

The service includes prayers for healing, the laying on of hands, anointing, and Holy Eucharist. The next service will be **February 20th** at 6 pm.

## Notices

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## SERMONS ONLINE

Did you miss last Sunday's service? Or the week before? Don't worry. You can listen to our sermons

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#### FROM THE DIOCESE

Check out what's going on around the diocese - the [Diocesan Weekly e-News](#).



[Read the latest Reflections.](#)

Want to get involved? Click [here](#) to view a full list of Rec's ministries. E-mail [info@cor-satx.org](mailto:info@cor-satx.org) with any questions.

**Thank you for remembering to wear your nametag each Sunday. This really helps visitors, newcomers and everyone to get to know each other.**

#### Weekly Episcopal Environmental Tips

This week's earth-friendly living tip: Give up single-use plastic for Lent! Lent is just around the corner, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. [Read more here.](#)

#### Creation and the Effective Word: Holy Storytelling, Creation, and God's Mission

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, gave [this](#) address at "This Fragile Earth: the Church Responds to Climate Change," a conference held at CDSP on October 22.

#### Reconciliation Youth & Children Ministry

##### Rec Children's Ministry:

##### Sundays in February:

**Nursery Ministry:** Ages: 6 weeks old through 3 years old

9:15-Noon: Please join us in the Children's Building!

**Elementary Ministry:** Ages: 4 years through Rising 4th Grade

9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building

**Godly Play:** Please arrive promptly at 9:15am! You don't want to miss a second!

**Our next Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel will be on March 3 (Please meet in the sanctuary and pick up in the Children's Building!)**

##### 10:30 a.m.

On all other Sundays, please join us at the 10:30 service, where we will hear a Children's Sermon based on the Gospel Reading. After the Children's Sermon, we will be dismissed for a short time to participate in activities that correlate with our

monthly theme!!

Dates to Remember:

February 24: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15

February 24: Children's Sermon and Lesson during 10:30 service

March 3: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15

March 3: Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel during 10:30 service

March 5: **Shrove Tuesday with Pancake Activities**

Contact Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or email [jennifer@cor-satx.org](mailto:jennifer@cor-satx.org)

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## Rec Youth Ministry:

### Sunday School

#### Middle School (MS):

Ages: 5th Grade through 8th Grade

9:15-10:15 in the MS Room in the Children's Building

#### High School (HS):

Ages: 9th Grade through 12th Grade

12:00-1:00 in the Rec Room

### Youth Group

#### Middle School (MS):

Ages 5th Grade through 8th Grade

Join us for MS Youth Group Gatherings with lots of fun, food and friends!! Our next MS Youth Group Gathering is **March 8** from 7:00 p.m. until midnight!! This Middle School Spring Break "Mini" Lock-In is our **FIRST ONE EVER!!** Help me brainstorm some locations that you would like to go and don't forget to invite your MS friends!! Cost will be \$10 per person!! More details coming soon!!

#### High School (HS):

Ages: 9th Grade through 12th Grade

Wednesday Nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (in the Rec Room.)

### Dates to Remember:

February 20: HS Youth Group from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room

February 20: **Team Coco Puffs Leadership Emails are due!!**

February 24: Confirmation Class from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room

February 24: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 (with Confirmation Class)

February 24: NO HS Sunday School from 12-1 in the Rec Room (Jennifer out of town)

February 27: HS Youth Group from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room

Contact Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or [jennifer@cor-satx.org](mailto:jennifer@cor-satx.org)

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**Family Events for 2019 (ALL are welcome!!!):**  
(More details will follow as each event gets closer)

- **March 29:** Parents Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **April 13:** Family Holy Week Event
- **May 17:** Parents Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **June 21:** Family Night with Board Games and a Movie from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **July 22-26:** Vacation Bible School (closing celebration on Sunday, July 28)
- **August 24:** Back to School Pool Party and BBQ
- **September 27:** Parents Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **October 26:** Trunk or Treat
- **November 8:** Parents Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **December 7:** Family Christmas Event

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**Camp Sunday and S'mores Fundraiser**

This year we will be celebrating **Camp Sunday on March 31** at the 8:00 and 10:30 services! This is a great opportunity to find out more information about our Diocesan Camps Program and to hear fun stories from those kiddos, Youth and Families who attend! **NEW THIS YEAR: We will be having a S'mores Fundraiser after the 10:30 service!!!** We hope you will join us as we roast some marshmallows by "the campfire" and make some yummy smores!! All donations will go towards Rec's Camp Scholarships, for those families who need extra help with camp expenses! **In addition, if you have any pics from your kiddos summer camps this past year at Camp Capers, Mustang Island or Duncan Park, we would LOVE to see them!!** Please email them to Jennifer or Erica and we will make sure that they make it into our Camp Sunday slideshow!!



**When:** Friday, March 29      **Time:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (notice time change!!)

**Where:** Brown Hall

**Cost:** \$5 per child to cover food and activities

**Ages:** Kiddos 4 years old through 5th Grade

**Hosted by:** Rec's Children and Families Ministry

Please bring your kids to join us for movies, games, food, crafts, and fun while you enjoy a night off! [Sign up online here.](#)

Contact Jennifer Murphy with questions at 210-725-3080 or [jennifer@cor-satx.org](mailto:jennifer@cor-satx.org).

## Legacy Project

*Reflection by Rev. Mary C. Earle*

When I was on staff at Reconciliation in the 1990s, we were fortunate to have a cadre of very strong leaders, many of whom had a military background. They were striving to offer themselves as living members of the Body of Christ, desiring to serve others, and to help Reconciliation become a place of inclusive diversity. I'm thinking of Abbie McLennan, Bob and Barbara Pinkerton, Herb and Mary Alice Macia, Gil and Lois Gillespie, Bud and Betty Storrs, Paul and Sunny Conly. These were people who were already formed as leaders, and who brought those gifts and talents to the parish.

## Prayer

*For a Church Convention or Meeting*

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Diocesan Council 2019, for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** -BCP

## Mark Your Calendars

- Feb. 21 - Romeo and Juliet
- Feb. 24 - First Softball Game
- Feb. 28-Mar. 3 - Big Bend Adventure
- Mar. 5 - Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday at 6:00pm
- Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday; Services at Rec at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
- Mar. 9 - Community Garden Workday
- Mar. 24 - Bishop's visit
- Mar. 29 - Parents' Night Out
- Mar. 31 - Camp Sunday and S'mores Fundraiser
- Apr. 21 - Easter

## Serving This Sunday

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Genesis 45:3-11,15

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42