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Weekly News, Events and Announcements

PARISH PROFILE WORKSHOP

Suzanne Scott, Senior Steward has provided an update on the Clergy Transition Process and on behalf of the Vestry invites everyone to attend a **Parish Profile Workshop on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brown Hall** where staff from the Diocese of West Texas will lead us through the development of the Parish Profile to be used as the primary resource to invite clergy to consider becoming a candidate for rector. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Child care will be available. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Please confirm your attendance by June 25th** by calling the church office at 210-655-2731 or email Erica at erica@cor-satx.org.

In advance of the workshop, Reverend Judy, Priscilla Coppock, Search Committee Chair, and Carol Westerkom, Junior Steward will hold an informal **Question and Answer session on the Search Process during the coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 23, 2019.** If you have any questions throughout the search process, you are also welcome to email Suzanne.

50th Anniversary Keepsake Book

Order a copy of the "Celebrating the Blessings of 50 Years 1968-2018." A proof copy is available for review at Coffee Hour on Sunday along with order forms. See Steve Gilliam or place your order with the Church Office by simply emailing Erica at erica@cor-satx.org. We are collecting \$20 per copy to cover the costs of the publication. You may pay in advance or wait until the books are here. Questions? Contact Steve Gilliam.



SERNA SUMMER ENRICHMENT

The annual Serna Summer Enrichment Program, sponsored by Barrington Neighbors, will be held June 17-July 19. We will be tutoring about 50 Serna Elementary kids and will be also be giving them breakfast, lunch, and snacks. **We are in need of financial support for snacks!** Checks may be made out to Barrington Neighbors. If you are able to assist us, please call Bill Swann at the church office at (210) 655-2731. Many thanks!



Mission Trip Prayers

The High School Youth will be heading out on their summer Mission Trip on **Sunday, June 23** for Houston, Texas!

Please be praying for:

- Jennifer, Pez, Josh, Calvin, Justin, Matt, Ian and Kennedy
- Travel safety to and from Houston (and during the week)
- Good health
- Serve the Houston community with joyful spirits
- Strength and energy



The Mental Health and Wellness Ministry would like to collect old technology for recycling to raise money for our ministry. We can accept whole computers, mother boards, whole hard drives, power supplies, ceramic processors, tin, aluminum, and copper. **Please bring your old technology on Sunday, June 16. There will be a truck outside Brown Hall during both services.** Contact Melisa Riley with any questions.



Upcoming Events

Help Wanted - Lunch Bunch

Our next opportunities to provide lunches for asylum seekers coming through San Antonio, will be **Saturday, June 22!** We still need help with sandwiches, cookies and fruit. If you can help, please email Ron and Betty Graham.



50 Years of Hope: A Pride Interfaith Service

Remembering the past, Celebrating the present, Inspiring hope for the future

Sunday June 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Madison Square Presbyterian Church 319 Camden St. San Antonio, Texas
Sponsored by PRO SA (Progressive Religious Organizations San Antonio)
Reception to Follow the Service

The background of the flyer is a photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise, with a person standing on a peak in the distance.

Join Rev. Judy and other Reconcilers at the Interfaith Worship Service on June 23rd at Madison Square Presbyterian Church, 4:00pm, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Hope to see you there!





In Just 2 Weeks:
A Morning with Frank Ostaseski
9:15-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25
Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie St., San Antonio
\$45 individual ticket
Books will be available for purchase; book signing follows.

Use [this link](#) to register - select Keynote Presentation ONLY.

Whether you work in the field of death and dying or you're curious to learn more, don't miss this special opportunity to hear Frank Ostaseski, author, *The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living*.

Frank is our keynote speaker at our Omega Home Network National Conference. We'd be delighted to have you at his keynote - or plan to join us for all or part of our June 24-26 conference (see below for details).

A pioneer in end-of-life care, Frank offers us mindful and compassionate approaches that address the practical, emotional, psychological and universal needs inherent in the time of dying.

Frank co-founded the Zen Hospice Project - the first Buddhist hospice in America. Oprah Winfrey has featured him and Bill Moyers included his work in his PBS series "On Our Own Terms." In 2001 the Dalai Lama honored him for his years of compassionate service.

Please plan to arrive by 9:15 a.m. so that we can escort you to your seat in a timely manner.

REGISTER NOW
JUNE 24-26

THE FIVE INVITATIONS

Frank Ostaseski, Michele Woodard and Dr. Rocky Robbins, keynote speakers

Can You Hear the Flowers?
PLANTING THE SEEDS OF AWARENESS

ABODE CONTEMPLATIVE CARE FOR THE DYING

Omega Home Network

**Interested in attending all or part of our Omega Home Network National Conference, June 24-26?
Omega Home Network Members**

\$250 per person
Executive Directors Boot Camp
Associate and Home Members: \$25
Non-Members
\$275 per person

Our conference begins with an optional Executive Directors Bootcamp on June 24, followed by two days (June 25-26) of expert speakers covering topics such as mindfulness, risk management, crisis communication, the art of challenging conversations and storytelling for marketing and fundraising.

Speakers include San Antonio's own Martha Jo Atkins, Ed Alderette, Cyra Dumitru, Peg Armstrong, Suzette O'Calliham, **Patsy and Edwin Sasek**, Rich Ferguson, Waheeda Kara, Kathy Phoenix, Tracie Shelton and Robert Soza.

We invite you to join us as we consider best practices, learn from each other, re-energize and celebrate our sacred work.

The conference is open to everyone.

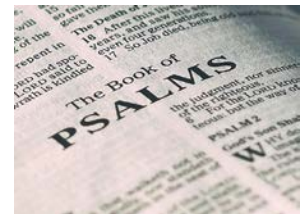
Questions: Please email [Adriana](#) or call her at (210) 967-9891.

Rec's Mental Health and Wellness Ministry will have its monthly meeting on **Sunday, June 23rd at noon** in the Library. Approximately 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. are affected by mental illness in a given year. Our ministry meets to share, promote, educate and advocate for Mental Health and Wellness. This meeting is open to ALL.



Cynthia Tobola Art Exhibit in Brown Hall

The Psalms have offered me frequent refuge on my faith journey. The Psalms have inspired, comforted, moved and often challenged me. I had wanted for sometime to translate what I received from the Psalms into watercolor but the task seemed too daunting! But by the grace of God, the illustrations, together with reflections, were finished in 2016 and put together in a booklet to give to family. With this exhibit I would like to share them with my new Church family here at Reconciliation. Psalm 46, verse 1: "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble."



Prints of the originals are for sale for \$7.00, but not the originals. Proceeds from the sale benefit the church. Use the sign-up sheet in Brown Hall to purchase a print.

CINDY FUQUA



ROMEO & JULIET

Thursday, JUNE 20, 2019
11:30 am -- 1:00 pm

BROWN BAG Lunch
Meet in the LIBRARY
Church of Reconciliation

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mark your calendars for our next brown bag gathering in the Library on June 20 at 11:30. Our featured parishioner will be Cindy Fuqua. All are welcome.

CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT AND MOVIE!!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 21** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Brown Hall for pizza, ice cream, popcorn, board games, and a family friendly movie! Have a favorite game you love to play with your family? Want to learn a new one? Let's come together and have some good old-fashioned fun!! All you need to bring is your favorite game (if you have one), otherwise everything else will be taken care of! What a great way to catch up with old friends and even meet some new ones!! Any questions....call, text or email Jennifer Murphy. The cost is free, but please [register here](#) so we know how much food we need!! Hope to see everyone there!!



NAMI will be holding a 12 week Family to Family class at Reconciliation. This is a free class for individuals who have family members with a mental illness and would like to understand their relatives better. It runs from **June 26-September 11 on Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00pm in Brown Hall. The teachers will be Ed and Jackie Dickey.** To register, call Melisa.

4th of July Celebration - Sunday, July 7

Plan to stay after the 10:30 am service to celebration our country's independence!

Wear your red, white, and blue! Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Kids, bring your bikes, trikes, wagons, and scooters (with decorations!) and we will have a little parade around the courtyard.



From Rev Judy:

Dear Friends,

What a beautiful relief this day has been, overcast and not humid! A little dusky, perhaps, a sort of day that beckons you to slow down. Well, Tuesdays at Reconciliation are anything but days to slow down. From staff meetings, phone calls, pastoral inquiries following on Sunday, preparations for Wednesday email and Well, you get the picture, the day can all but get away from you.

Yet, the greatest gift to me continues to be the midweek celebration of Holy Eucharist. This liturgy beckons each one of us to slow down, breathe deeply, and notice... notice the gift of this one precious moment, notice the gift of nourishment for our bodies as well as our souls, notice how the Divine shows up for us even in the moments when we don't notice. Imagine, such loving-kindness, such compassion, such faithfulness of the Divine who seeks us out no matter where we are. Who finds us even as we lose ourselves. Who loves us even when we think ourselves to be unlovable.

Even as I begin this full-time ministry among you, I pray for the gift of patience. I pray for the gift of intentional noticing. And I pray for the gift of gratitude and joy rising in my spirit. With you, I enter this interim time, aware of the grace of the Spirit and the invitation to show up and trust... that the Divine is "doing more than I can ask for or imagine possible!" In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Give me only your love and your grace; for that is enough for me." May it be so. May it be so.

Blessings,

Judy+

A Poem by Marie Howe: *What the Silence Says*

I know that you think you already know but -----

Wait

Longer than that.

Even longer than that.

Also... Please do not forget to place your order for the 50th Anniversary Book of Remembrance. It is a compilation of meditations, reflections, pictures, poetry, and prayers over 50 years in the making. It is a treasure to savor. See Steve Gilliam or call the office to order. A \$20 donation is suggested.

Opportunities and Announcements

Registration Open!!

Just a reminder that registration is open for Camp Capers, Duncan Park and Mustang Island for this summer. If you are in need of a scholarship, please see Jennifer Murphy, who can get you the forms to fill out. Also, Jennifer would LOVE to know what dates your camper is signed up for so that she can collect pictures (for next year's Camp Sunday slideshow) and send fun little "care cards" to the campers. Don't miss out on all the fun!! Register for camp at dwtx.org (under Departments, under Camps and Conferences).



Duncan
Park



Mustang Island
Conference Center



Camp
Capers

Greeting: An Easy, but Important Ministry

Are you looking for an easy way to minister/serve? You are just the person the Greeter Team needs. The team performs the important job of welcoming newcomers to Rec. We arrive about 10:10, set up a greeting table at each narthex and greet Reconcilers and newcomers until about 10:35! You would "greet" about once every 8 weeks!! We'd love you to join our team, especially if you are already in Brown Hall or on campus. Contact Jann Steed and she will make you an official Rec. Greeter!!



Vacation Bible School (VBS): ROAR at REC 2019

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us July 22-26 for ROAR! VBS is open to all kiddos, ages 4 years old through rising Fifth Grade. Breakfast and snacks will be served. It won't be the same without you, but space is limited! Sign up now! Cost is \$5 per child (payment will be accepted at the door on the first day of VBS). To register, [click here](#).



Adult Formation

Gathering in a Circle: Poetry and Contemplative Practice Sunday, June 16, 9:15-10:15

Rev. Judy invites you to join her in a circle as we practice "sacred listening" in one another's presence. Let us listen for the very voice of the Divine as we contemplate the poetry of Mary Oliver, David Whyte, RJ Thomas, Rilke, Marie Howe. What is the Divine speaking into our hearts in the language of the poets? How are we called to befriend our inner poet and respond to this gentle and tender invitation to the Presence of the Divine.

If you have a most favorite poem to share, please bring it for a contemplative reading and sacred listening. See you on Sunday!!!

Blessings on the way!
Judy+

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.

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



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.

Legacy Project

"When Craig MacColl submitted his resignation, Bishop Folts recommended there be no change in the makeup of the Vestry during the search process for a new Rector. That action caused all of us as Vestry members to commit ourselves to four-year service terms, not the traditional three-year terms. Next came our search process, led by Liz Newhouse. Again, the hard work, prayer and dedicated spirit of the Search Team resulted in the "best fit", bringing Robert, Julie, Seth and Sam Woody to our Church of Reconciliation. In the interim, David Wendel led us in our own healing and Reconciliation. It has been a truly uplifting period where all of us have demonstrated our love for each other, our own Church of Reconciliation, and for our larger Church institution." - Bruce Flohr, Senior Warden 2002-2003

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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 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 Corner

WATERSHED

We know its power:
to penetrate,
to flood,
to dilute

to obliterate.

We know its necessity:

to slake
to permeate
to potentiate
to cleanse.

How can we NOT know that
ALL WATER IS HOLY?

How can we gorge on it and deplete it and saturate it with all manner of poisons and impurities, knowing that
ALL WATER IS HOLY?

How many deaths will it take
before we can hear
children too weak and dry to cry?

Is this what is meant:
from dust you were made
and to dust you shall return?

How can we NOT know that
an infinity of wells CANNOT replace
a finite supply sold and despoiled?

How can we NOT know that
they and we CANNOT recreate
what is needed most
by us and ALL CREATION:
glaciers and floes; the aquifers beneath;
oceans, lakes, and rivers;
gone forever?

O CRY ME A RIVER!

How can we not know that
the LIFE-CYCLE of water
knows no national bounds
and our usurpation takes life:
our unseen neighbors?

All things come from You, Creator of All;
in what state and quantity
shall we return it,
knowing that ALL WATER IS HOLY?

Baptize us again in water and spirit;
Fill us with clarity and resolve!
AND LET THE WATERS REJOICE!

Carolyn Atkins, Texas Chapter

*Lament written at the SCHC conference
This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home
at Adelynrood; revised in 2018.*

Rec Children's Ministry:

Sundays in June:

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

Summer Sunday School: We will begin our Summer Sunday School on Sunday, June 23 from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building! Hope you can join us!!

(There will be NO Summer Sunday School on June 16. Please plan accordingly!!)

Our Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel will be taking a break for the summer. Please mark your calendars and plan on re-joining us on **Sunday, September 15** at the 10:30 service! During the summer months, 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!! We hope you will join us!!

Dates to Remember:

June 16: **NO** Summer Sunday School from 9:15-10:15

June 16: Children's Sermon and Lesson during the 10:30 service

June 21: **Family Board Games and Movie Night from 6-9 p.m. in Brown Hall**

Rec Youth Ministry:

Sunday School:

Middle School (MS) and High School (HS):

Ages: 5th Grade through 12th Grade 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room

During the summer, MS/HS Sunday School will not be meeting! We will resume on Sunday, September 8. Happy Summer!!

Youth Group:

Middle School (MS): Ages 5th Grade through 8th Grade

High School (HS): Ages 9th Grade through 12th Grade

MS/HS "Summer Pool Youth Group" begins on Wednesday, June 5 from 7-9 p.m. at Jennifer's House!! Need a ride? Text Jennifer!!

Dates to Remember:

June 16: NO MS/HS Sunday School (for the summer!)

June 18: **HS Mission Trip Family Meeting at 6p.m. in the Rec Room (option #1)**

June 19: MS/HS Pool Youth Group from 7:00-9:00 at Jennifer's House

June 20: **HS Mission Trip Family Meeting at 6p.m. in the Rec Room (option #2)**

June 21: **Family Board Games & Movie Night from 6:00-9:00pm in Brown Hall**



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

- **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

Prayer

Now it is our time to go.

To go into the world to share the Good News of God and Jesus Christ.

To go into the world and help; to be agents and instruments of reconciliation,

To go into the world, to let the world know that there is a God who loves us,

a God who will not let us go, and that love can set us all free.

~ Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Mark Your Calendars

- Jun. 17 - Serna Summer Enrichment Program begins
- Jun. 20 - Vestry Meeting
- Jun. 21 - Church Family Game Night and Movie
- Jul. 7 - Fourth of July celebration
- Jul. 22 - Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins
- Sep. 15 - Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel resumes

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

John 16:12-15

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