



church of reconciliation



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Weekly News, Events and Announcements

“The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in ...” Ps 121:8



1968

Join us for a ROMEO & JULIET
BROWN BAG Lunch

Bring your lunch for an informal gathering and a special program featuring:

ED REISCHLING



Delivering the LINVAC 9200 in 1969



Working for Swedish Telecom, 1989



Representing Telecom
at the 1991 Geneva,
Switzerland Computer
Exhibition

Meet in the LIBRARY
Church of Reconciliation Thursday, August 15
11:30 am -- 1:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for another presentation of stories from the lives of our parishioners on Thursday August 15 at 11:30 in the Library. This brown bag event will feature Ed Reischling.

Lunch Bunch

Our next opportunities to provide lunches for asylum seekers coming through San Antonio, will be **Saturday, August 17th**. Ways to help include assembling lunches, bringing sandwiches, fruit, and other items for the lunches, or assisting monetarily. For more information, please email Ron and Betty Graham.



Matthew 25 Team

The Matthew 25 Team will next serve meals on **Sunday, August 18** at 6:30am at Haven for Hope, located at 1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, TX 78207. We serve an average of 400 meals each time we go. Need a ride? Contact Bill Schiller.



"What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

Rec's Mental Health and Wellness Ministry will have its monthly meeting on **Sunday, August 18** 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. For more info, call the church office at (210) 655-2731. Confidentiality will be maintained.



Upcoming Events

Adult Bible Study

The Reconciliation Adult Bible Study group moves to a new meeting day & time: Commencing on **Tuesday September 3** and every Tuesday thereafter, the REC Adult Bible Study group will meet in the **Library from 1:30pm to 2:30pm**. We are also happy to announce that our new leader will be **Ted Ressler**. Ted has a rich background in scripture studies and has helped many Reconcilers become confirmed Episcopalians, Lay Ministers and Vergers. Come join us as we take up the study of our weekly Liturgy and get a head start on the messages that Rev. Judy will deliver each week.



Centering Prayer

After our summer break, the Centering Prayer group will start meeting again, beginning on **Wednesday, September 4**. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in this practice, or just curious about it, to come to a meeting. We meet from September through May on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church library.



Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer practice that consists of sitting in silence, quieting your mind, and being open to the presence and action of God within you. At our gatherings we begin with a conversation around a book that we have chosen on centering prayer or other contemplative practices. The gathering concludes with a group centering prayer session.

Centering Prayer is a beautiful, simple practice that can enrich one's life in many unexpected ways. Come and see if this prayer practice might be for you! All are welcome to join or visit the group at any time.

For questions or more information contact:
Margaret Lewis.

Taco Breakfast and Messy Games with Rev. Judy
ATTENTION Children, Youth, Families and (those who are young at heart)!!!! EVERYONE is welcome to join us **Saturday, August 24, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, in Brown Hall, for breakfast and messy games with Rev. Judy!!! Have you ever had the "temptation" to toss a water balloon at a priest? How about "dousing" her with some paint? Who knows what will happen when we hang out with Rev. Judy and see her "silly" side?!?! Any questions?!?! You could always chat with Jennifer Murphy OR you could live dangerously and just show up!!



Bless Your Backpack....Bring a Backpack!!

Please join us on **Sunday, August 25**, at the 10:30 service for the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Everyone is invited to bring their backpacks (bags, briefcases, etc.) and Rev. Judy will pray over them, as we begin a new school year! We will add a prayer tag to everyone's backpack, as a daily reminder that you are not alone as you walk through this new year. God is always with you and so is your church family! In addition to blessing the backpacks, we will be collecting new school supplies and backpacks to be delivered to our neighborhood elementary school; Serna Elementary! Any questions?!? Chat with Jennifer Murphy.



Back to School Party and BBQ

We are going to try something new this year....A Back to School Party and BBQ!!! After the 10:30 service on **August 25**, we will be celebrating the last days of summer with a BBQ (hot dogs), popsicles and a "pool" party. No pool at Rec....no problem!! We will have a water slide instead!! Bring your suits and plan on spending a little extra time after church, hanging out with your church family! Should be wild and crazy!! Any questions?!?! Chat with Jennifer Murphy.



Ice Cream Fundraiser!!!

Our "kick-off" fundraiser for the school year will be **Sunday, September 1** after the 10:30 service. Our Middle School and High School Youth will be serving up ice cream, with all the toppings, for our church family!! All gifts/donations will go towards our Summer 2020 Mission Trips. Thank you in advance for all of your love and support of our Rec Youth!!



Season of Creation

Please mark your calendars! This year, our Season of Creation will take place September 8 through October 6. Stay tuned for more details!



Choir Practice Resumes Soon!

Choir practice starts again on **Wednesday September 4th from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary...just in time to prepare for the Season of Creation! We have been planning and scheming and have concocted a stunning program of anthems and service music to compliment this very special time in our church year. We are very excited, and have missed our Wednesday evenings together. It is a special time of fellowship and skill sharpening, one which all of us enjoy very much.



We would like you to join us! There is no audition required, and although most of our choir members are very faithful in attendance, we realize that many of you are busy, so there is not a lot of pressure to be present at every event. Look, we know you're out there - we can hear your fabulous and fervent singing every Sunday. Please consider adding to our ranks, so that we might further inspire our Sunday worship. Choir is a special ministry. One of joy and passion. Find out for yourself!

- Cindy Sanchez

Call the church office at (210) 655-2731 for more information.

Promotion Weekend

On Sunday, **September 8** our **Fall Programming** for Elementary, Middle School and High School **kicks-off!! "Promotion Weekend"** as I like to call it!!

All children and youth will "promote" into their new groups ("new" fifth graders will "promote" into Middle School and "new" ninth graders will "promote" into high school). Our Elementary Sunday School program "Godly Play" will also resume on September 8, in addition to our Middle School Sunday School program. (More details to follow). Any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080.

"...MY COMPLETED COLLAGE REVEALED A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON WHERE I WAS AND WHAT I WANTED FROM THIS NEW PLACE. THE MATERIALS THAT TINA PROVIDED WERE SO BEAUTIFULLY AMAZING FOR CREATING THE VISION OF MY LIFE. TINA MAKES IT SAFE TO DIVE IN AND SEE WHAT WANTS TO BE REVEALED. IF YOU ARE READY, TRANSFORMATION THEN COME TO ONE OF TINA'S COLLAGE WORKSHOPS." – SUSAN P.

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Art and Prayer: Collage and Visio Divina
8-week class, Thursdays beginning
September 12 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$100 (fee includes cost for entire 8-week series).
[Click here to register.](#)

Led by Reconciler Tina Karagulian.

During times of life transition and spiritual transformation, we may seek opportunities to pause and nourish our souls. This 8-week, experiential, ecumenical women's retreat offers various forms of collage to put our inner process on paper. Through Visio Divina or divine seeing, we will have opportunities to see the movement and pattern of the Holy Spirit through this season of our lives.

No artistic experience required; all creative materials provided. Each week, Tina Karagulian offers a heart space of music, creativity, and reflection. As part of the class, we will explore excerpts from *The Book of Awakening* by Mark Nepo, which you may wish to check out from your library system or purchase separately. Limited number of slots available.

Opportunities and Announcements



Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (Kairos) is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from the 4th Day movements such as Cursillo, National Episcopal Cursillo, Presbyterian Cursillo, Lutheran Via de Cristo, The Upper Room's Walk To Emmaus, and independently ecumenical Tres Dias as well as volunteers from independent and non-denominational churches. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36.

For more information or to take part in this ministry, contact Jim Chandler.
Click [here](#) to visit the Kairos website.

Adult Formation

Finding Our Sacred Rhythms
July 14-August 18, 9:15am in Alban Classroom
The Examen - A Prayer for Noticing

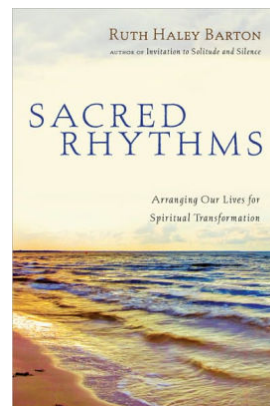
Do you want to see the holy in the "ordinary" moments of each day?

Do you want to deepen your intimacy with God?

Do you want to share the nitty-gritty of your daily life with God, including the joys and the hurts?

Do you want to trust God's faithful love for you in the face of tomorrow's challenges?

Come learn the simple steps of the "Examen," a very short



(quarter of an hour) daily or twice-daily prayer. Rewind the video of your day, reflect, and see where God was even if you did not notice at the time. Give thanks, ask forgiveness, and learn to anticipate the challenges of tomorrow with trust.

Facilitated by Judith Patton, Spiritual Director

M.A. Christian Spirituality and Graduate Certificate in Ignatian Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats, Creighton University
(and most of all, friend of Rec.)

Warning: Daily practice of the Examen is guaranteed to increase gratitude and deepen faith, hope and love.

From Rev. Judy:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER...
(An invitation from Rev. Judy)

The Tuesday celebration of Holy Eucharist has become such a precious time together over the past two years! As I have been contemplating the ways in which we are being called to deepen relationships during this time of transition, I want to invite our Reconciliation family to participate in two ways to do just that.

Every First Tuesday of the Month: Following the 12:30pm Holy Eucharist, let's have a "Lunch Bunch" with Rev. Judy! Bring a brown bag lunch and gather with fellow Reconcilers and Rev. Judy+ for conversation and sharing. No agenda, just being together around another table to celebrate holy friendship. If you are reading an especially fascinating book, tell us about it! If you have ideas for community fellowship and ministry, share them! Let's take a breath, slow down, and enjoy the blessings of friendship and faith. *Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd.*

Every Third Tuesday of the Month: We will celebrate a *Holy Eucharist with Laying on Hands for Healing*. This will be our monthly service replacing the Wednesday evening service. If you have a friend or neighbor who is seeking healing prayer, please invite them to our Eucharistic circle. *Beginning Tuesday, September 17th*

Blessings,

Judy+

Ongoing and Outside Events



**Monday afternoon Bible Study:
SUMMER HIATUS**

This Bible study is on hiatus for the summer and will return on September 3rd.

REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday at 12:30 pm - Mid-Week Eucharist
Wednesday at 10:00am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Centering Prayer

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



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.

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SERMONS ONLINE

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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 Tips

This week's earth-friendly living tip: Reduce Junk Mail. How much unwanted mail do you receive each month? All that junk mail can add up to a lot of trees -- and a lot of fuel for the mail truck. [Read more here.](#)

Reconciliation Nursery, Elementary, Middle School & High School Ministries:

Rec Nursery and Elementary Ministry:

Sundays in August:

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

Summer Sunday School: Our Summer Sunday School is underway and we are meeting from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building! Each week, we will be reading about a different Bible Hero and creating art projects to represent what we learned. Relaxed and lots of fun! Hope you will join us!!

Godly Play will resume on Sunday, September 8 from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building.

Our **Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel** will resume on **Sunday, September 15** at the 10:30 service! During the summer months, please join us at the 10:30 service, where we will be dismissed for a short time, to participate in activities that correlate with the Gospel Reading!! We hope you will join us!!

Dates to Remember:

August 18: Summer Sunday School from 9:15-10:15
August 18: Children's Sermon and Lesson during the 10:30 service
August 24: Taco Breakfast and Messy Games with Rev. Judy
August 25: Summer Sunday School from 9:15-10:15
August 25: Children's Sermon and Lesson during the 10:30 service
August 25: Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service
August 25: Back to School Party and BBQ after the 10:30 service

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Middle School (MS) Ministry: Ages: 5th Grade (as of 9/8/19) through 8th Grade

MS Sunday School:

During the summer, MS Sunday School will **not** be meeting! We will resume on **Sunday, September 8**, from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room! Happy Summer!!

MS Youth Group:

MS "Summer Pool Youth Group" will meet on:

August 21

August 28

from 7-9 p.m. at Jennifer's House!! Need a ride? Text Jennifer!!

Dates to Remember:

August 14: NO MS Summer Pool Youth Group
August 21: MS Summer Pool Youth Group from 7:00-9:00 at Jennifer's House
August 24: Taco Breakfast and Messy Games with Rev. Judy
August 25: Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service

August 25: Back to School Party and BBQ after the 10:30 service
August 28: LAST MS Summer Pool Youth Group 7:00-9:00 at Jennifer's House
September 1: Ice Cream Fundraiser!!

Rec High School Ministry:

High School (HS) Ministry: Ages: 9th Grade (as of 9/8/19) through 12th Grade

HS Sunday School:

During the summer, HS Sunday School will **not** be meeting! Plans are currently underway to "re-vamp" HS Sunday School.....stay tuned!!

HS Youth Group:

HS "Summer Pool Youth Group" will meet on:

August 21

August 28

from 7-9 p.m. at Jennifer's House!! Need a ride? Text Jennifer!!

Dates to Remember:

August 14: NO HS Summer Pool Youth Group

August 21: HS Summer Pool Youth Group from 7:00-9:00 at Jennifer's House

August 24: Taco Breakfast and Messy Games with Rev. Judy

August 25: Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service

August 25: Back to School Party and BBQ after the 10:30 service

August 28: LAST HS Summer Pool Youth Group 7:00-9:00 at Jennifer's House

September 1: Ice Cream Fundraiser!!



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

- **August 25:** Back to School Party and BBQ after the 10:30 service
- **October 26:** Trunk or Treat
- **November 8:** Parents Night Out from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **December 7:** Family Christmas Event



Community Conversation: *Teens and Remaking LGBTQ Identity*

Thursday, August 15, 6:30-7:30 PM

McNay Art Museum, 6000 N New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio, TX 78209

Based on interviews conducted at an LGBTQ youth drop-in center, Sociologist Mary Robertson wrote ***Growing up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity***. Aimed at youth and their families, this program, moderated by Robertson, recognizes the changing ways youth are identifying their genders and sexualities and the importance of support from family, friends, and schools.

Free for everyone during H-E-B Thursdays.

Books signed by the author will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

Prayer

Prayer for Calling a New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer, p. 818*

Mark Your Calendars

- Aug. 15 - Vestry Meeting
- Aug. 15 - Romeo and Juliet (Ed Reischling)
- Aug. 18 - Matthew 25 Team
- Aug. 18 - Mental Health and Wellness Ministry Meeting
- Aug. 24 - Taco Breakfast and Messy Games with Rev. Judy
- Aug. 25 - Blessing of the Backpacks; Back to School Party and BBQ
- Sep. 1 - Ice Cream Fundraiser
- Sep. 3 - Lunch Bunch with Rev. Judy after Tuesday Eucharist
- Sep. 8 - Season of Creation begins
- Sep. 8 - Promotion Weekend for Elementary, Middle School, and High School
- Sep. 15 - Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel resumes
- Sep. 17 - Holy Eucharist with Laying on Hands for Healing