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Weekly News, Events and Announcements

Bible Study on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays! Beginning TODAY in Brown Hall

Starting in October, you will have a weekly opportunity to gather for a brown bag supper and then go off to your various rehearsals, meetings, as we offer the following additional opportunities for Christian education:



6:00pm-6:45pm Gather around the tables in Brown Hall for a brown bag supper

6:45pm-8:00pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles facilitated by Jennifer Murphy

8:00pm-8:20pm Compline, Evening Prayer

Sign up in Brown Hall. If you would like to get a head start on the readings, you may begin with Acts 1-3. We will be using the book *Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups* by N.T. Wright. The book is not mandatory, but if you would like to purchase it, you may find it online.

If you need child care, contact Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080 24 hours in advance.

Centering Prayer

Our next Centering Prayer will be TODAY, October 2nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church library. We meet on first and third Wednesdays. 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.



Season of Creation 2019 Final Sunday of Creation

On Sunday, October 6, we will focus on "All Creatures Great and Small" as we celebrate the gift of the great diversity of animals, plants, and mysterious creations of the Divine that share this universe with us. Sr. Maureen Leach will preach and facilitate our Adult Formation "In the Spirit of St. Francis."



The Blessing of the Animals

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place Sunday, October 6th at 3:00pm. All are invited to bring pets to be blessed outdoors in the courtyard. Please be sure that pets are properly restrained on leashes or in cages for the occasion. **You are also invited to scatter your pet's ashes in the courtyard.** Each pet will receive a St. Francis medal. Questions? Call the church office at (210) 655-2731.



Lunch Bunch

We will next provide lunches for asylum seekers coming through San Antonio on **Sunday, October 6th and Saturday, October 26.** We will meet in Brown Hall by 9:45am. 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.



IGNORANCE → VIOLENCE → HATED → BURNING
How to end violence against the LGBTQ+ community
Solidarity Sunday
Interfaith Service

**WE ARE ALL
FAMILY**

Rev Ann Helmke
Key Speaker

5:00 pm
October 6, 2019
St Paul's Episcopal
Church
1018 East Grayson Street
Potluck to Follow

Let's work together to
break the chain of violence!

Anti-Violence Project of Dignity USA
Established in 1995

GLEF and Solidarity Sunday

On **Sunday October 6, 2019** GLEF (LGBTQ+ Episcopalians and Friends) will be joining Dignity San Antonio for Solidarity Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Solidarity Sunday is an Interfaith service to take a stand against anti-LGBTQ+ violence and to remember the lives that have been lost for being who they are. Solidarity Sunday Service begins at 5:00 pm and is followed by a Potluck supper. Dignity will be providing the meat and ask that we bring sides and desserts for the potluck. As always our gatherings are open to everyone that would like to attend, membership is not required.

Upcoming Events

**"Growing Closer, Diving Deeper!!"
Adult Formation Discussion Group
on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Beginning on October 9 in Brown Hall**



I have listened to the voices longing for additional Adult Formation opportunities at Reconciliation. Starting in October, you will have a weekly opportunity to gather for a brown bag supper and then go off to your various rehearsals, meetings, as we offer the following additional opportunities for Christian education:

6:00pm-6:45pm Gather around the tables in Brown Hall for a brown bag supper

6:45pm-8:00pm Adult Formation discussion on topics listed below

8:00pm-8:20pm Compline, Evening Prayer

October 9: Conflict through the lens of Holy Scripture, facilitated by Evan Hierholzer

October 23: Racial Reconciliation and the Christian (The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry) facilitated by Rev. Judy+

November 13: A Christian Response to Gun Violence facilitated by Margaret Lewis

These programs are produced by Churchnext, a fabulous new resource of the Episcopal Church.

Sign up in Brown Hall.

If you need child care, contact Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080 24 hours in advance.

Red Hats

On Saturday, October 12th, we will meet at 11:00am at Ruben's Backyard, located at 13838 Jones Maltsberger Rd, 78247. All are welcome! RSVP to Marilyn Graham.



Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 Team will next serve meals on **Sunday, October 20th** 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. Need a ride? Contact Bill Schiller.



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

Opportunities and Announcements

Council 2020 - Offices to Be Filled

In preparation for Diocesan Council, the Nominating Committee will develop a roster of nominees, called to serve the Church through the elected offices of the Diocese, as defined in the Constitution and Canons.



[Click here](#) to read the **Nominations Request Letter** sent to clergy and wardens on September 6, 2019, which includes a list of the [Offices to Be Filled by Election at Diocesan Council 2020](#) and the [Biographical Form](#) for submitting nominees. Once completed, nomination forms should be signed and submitted to Leigh Saunders, **with a photograph of the nominee**, via email (leigh.saunders@dwtx.org) or fax (210-824-2164). Nominations forms are due by November 1, 2019.

San Antonio Food Bank

The San Antonio Food Bank is in urgent need of volunteers. Multiple volunteer shifts are available to meet your schedule. Our volunteer projects are great for family or team-building experiences.



Locations are at the main facility on the Westside of San Antonio (kitchen, warehouse, and urban garden) along with the Food Bank kitchen at Haven for Hope in downtown San Antonio, and our farm at Mission San Juan.

[Click here to sign up to volunteer today.](#)

Parents in Prayer

Let's face it, parents, it takes a village to raise up our sweet babies, tweens, and teens (and I bet adult children too)!! We all need each other...to cheer each other on...to lift each other up...during the victories and the challenges! What if we had time to just sit and share life, to seek words of wisdom from one another, to laugh, to cry, to even vent. And when it's all over....what if we had time to pray!!! **Our first Parents in Prayer meeting will be on**

Sunday, October 20 from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room! Bring your coffee and your breakfast and come join us!!



Katheryn Cox
"Old Librarians Never Die,
They Just Check Out"



ROMEO & JULIET
BROWN BAG Lunch
Meet in the LIBRARY
Church of Reconciliation

Thursday, OCT 17, 2019
11:30 am -- 1:00 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for our next Romeo & Juliet brown bag gathering on October 17 at 11:30 in the Library. Our featured parishioner is Katheryn Cox. Her presentation is titled: "Old Librarians Never Die, They Just Check Out." All are welcome.

Military Matters

Hello Reconcilers! If you are active duty military or a Veteran, Please email a picture of yourself in uniform to Joanne Murphy. Also, Military Matters will be placing containers in Brown Hall during October to collect donations for veterans living at the GI Forum in San Antonio. This is much needed transitional housing/apartments that veterans stay in while working to transition to more permanent housing.



Donations needed will be: Both Male and Female: Sheets, Towels, socks, slippers, blankets, underwear, pillows, soaps, toiletries, hair brushes, etc. We will be separating the donations into separate gift bags to deliver to the GI Forum in November. Any questions? Please feel free to contact Joanne Murphy or Martha Hughes.

Eucharist with Laying on Hands for Healing

Tuesday, October 15

Every Third Tuesday of the Month



Every Third Tuesday of the Month **during the Tuesday Eucharist at 12:30pm**, 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.

Camps and Conferences

Camp Capers, Mustang Island and Duncan Park are offering plenty of ways for families to continue to connect!! Please check out the Diocesan website for more details or chat with Jennifer Murphy.



Coming soon:

114th Spiritual Retreat in Recovery

Mustang Island Conference Center, October 4 - 6

Led by the Rev. Philip May, join us as we explore "family systems" and how people form groups. These systems can help us understand the sources of addiction and give us new tools to change patterns of the past and find healing. The cost is \$195 per person (includes lodging and 5 delicious meals). A \$75 day rate is available for commuters. Our mission is to provide a safe place to deepen one's spiritual journey. We offer this to anyone recovering from alcoholism or addictions to other substances, and to the families and friends who have been affected by the disease.

Art and Soul Retreat

Camp Capers

October 11 - 13

The new Art and Soul Retreat will focus on feeding the soul through art! Together, create a space for creativity and for spiritual formation in community with other artists from across the diocese. Bring your own supplies to work on ongoing projects, or sign up for an artist-led workshop to try a new skill. The cost is \$260 for Double Occupancy Lodge Room, \$310 for Single Occupancy Lodge Room, or \$160 for the Cabins, per person. For more information, contact Camp Capers at camp.capers@dwtx.org or (830) 995-3966.



When: Saturday, October 26

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Church of Reconciliation (back parking lot by the Barracks)

Cost: Free

Ages: All are welcome!!

Hosted by: Reconciliation's Children, Youth and Families Ministry

We hope you will join us for an afternoon of costumes, trunk or treating, games, yummy food and friends!! We are also looking for people who would like to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to the kids. Questions? Please chat with Jennifer Murphy!

From Rev. Judy:

Dear Reconcilers,

One of the books I have been reading and praying with lately is titled, *Ain't Gonna Let NOBODY Turn Me Around: Stories of Contemplation and Justice*, edited by Therese Taylor-Stinson. I decided to read stories that describe experiences of African American Spiritual directors whereby contemplation and justice meet in the day to day lives of ordinary folks like me. No, I was not up for the stories of the "saints" one more time. I wanted, and yes, I needed to hear the struggles of those, who like me are struggling to live more open-hearted, truthful, compassionate, and justice-seeking lives.

Well, it didn't take long for the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., quoted in the introduction to confront me with an absolute truth. King wrote:

Violence never really deals with the basic evil of the situation.

Violence may murder the murderer, but it doesn't murder murder.

Violence may murder the liar, but it doesn't murder lies; it doesn't

establish truth... Violence may go to the point of murdering the hater, but it doesn't murder hate.

It may increase hate. It is always a descending spiral leading nowhere.

This is the ultimate weakness of violence: It multiplies evil and violence in the universe. It doesn't solve any problems.

(From:

Where do we go from here? Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 1967)

Even as I sat re-awakened to the hard truth of his words, truth is, we are swimming if not some days, drowning in violence of one sort or another every day. And, so often, the characteristics we deny in ourselves we move to "project" on "the other." In last Sunday's sermon, I quoted the Rev. Anna Blaedel from her blog where she talks about the myth of separateness. "*You and me, inseparable. We and they, inseparable. Creator, creature, and all creation, in separable. Then and now, inseparable. Divine truths and plants, and rocks and flowers, inseparable. Grief over all being lost and gratitude for all we love, inseparable, too.*"

At the heart of this truth is our deep human need for connection. Connection with the Divine. Connection with ourselves. Connection with creation. Connection with our neighbors near and far. Connection and relationship which always opens the door for vulnerability, for

hurt along the way, for feelings of inadequacy, anger, betrayal, doubt, and yes, even revenge and violence. So what is it that Jesus would have us do? It would seem to me that we are given multiple examples from Jesus' own life and ministry. He goes apart, not separate but connected deeply to those he has been called to serve. He seeks time apart from the overwhelming voices of threat and violence to listen and be present to his "Abba" - the Source of all life and love. Only then he returns to the intimate connections and friendships that ground his very human life. Only then can he take up his own mission to be Savior and Redeemer.

Cornell West was preaching at Howard University in April, 2011 and said: "*Justice is what love looks like in public, just like tenderness is what love feels like in private.*" Justice and love, inseparable. Contemplation and action, inseparable. May you and I commit ourselves to the nurture of each of these movements and disciplines in our lives so that we bear the hands and heart of Jesus the Christ to a violent and disturbing world trusting that the we are builders of the Kin-dom of God, together with, and connected to the Divine, one another, and all creation.

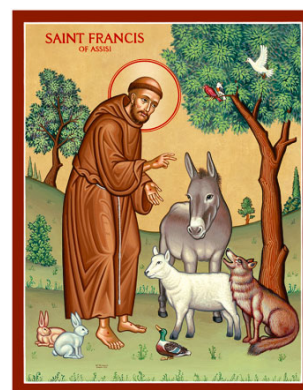
Blessings and peace,

Judy+

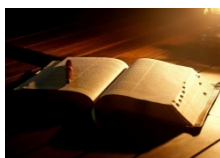
Adult Formation

In The Spirit of St. Francis Alban Classroom 9:15am-1:15am

In her book, *Care of Creation, A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth*, Franciscan theologian, Ilia Delio says, "Love is the bond that impelled Francis to see every creature as brother and sister." This week's class will explore the life of Saint Francis and how the spirit of Francis and Clare is relevant to us today as we seek to blend our contemplative spirit with the call to care for the Earth. Maureen Leach, OSF, will facilitate the class.



Ongoing and Outside Events



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study:
1:30pm-2:30pm in the Library
Led by Ted Ressler

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

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Tuesdays at 12:30pm** - Mid-Week Eucharist
- **Tuesdays at 1:30pm** - Bible Study
- **1st Tuesdays** - Lunch Bunch w/Rev. Judy
- **3rd Tuesdays** - Mid-Week Eucharist with Laying on of Hands for Healing
- **Wednesdays at 10am** - Prayer Shawl Ministry
- **Wednesdays at 7pm** - Choir Practice **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm** - Centering Prayer
- **1st Thursdays** - Ultreya
- **2nd Saturdays** - Red Hats
- **3rd Sunday** - Matthew 25 Team

diocese, or other churches and organizations, including great offerings at Oblate or the SoL Center, that may be of interest.

- **3rd Sunday** - Mental Health and Wellness Ministry meeting

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Did you miss last Sunday's service? Or the week before? Don't worry. You can listen to our sermons online. Click [HERE](#) to listen.

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: It's the Season of Creation! From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world unite to pray and care for God's earth. Thought for September 3: Use what you buy. Try using a meal planner to help avoid wasting food you don't eat.

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

Rec Nursery and Elementary Ministry:

Sundays in October:

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 4th Grade

Sunday School: Godly Play is from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building.

During the 10:30 Service:

- Children's Chapel (short)(20 minutes)
 - Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays
- Children's Chapel (long)(entire 10:30 service)

- First and Third Sundays
- called Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel

Dates to Remember:

October 6: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building
 October 6: Children's Chapel (long)(Instructional/Traditional) during 10:30 service
 October 13: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building
 October 13: Children's Chapel (short) during 10:30 service
 October 20: **Parents in Prayer from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room**

Rec Middle School Ministry:

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

MS Sunday School:

Meets every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room!

MS Youth Group:

Middle School Youth Group Gatherings:

- Our October Middle School Youth Group Gatherings will be: **Sunday, October 20 from 12:00-1:30 at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers (255 E Basse Rd., 78209) and Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Jennifer's House for our Annual Halloween Party.** Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!!

Dates to Remember:

October 6: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room
 October 13: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room
 October 20: **Parents in Prayer from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room**

Rec High School Ministry:

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

OUR HS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP IS BECOMING A HYBRID!!!

HS Sunday School:

Fall HS Sunday School Plans:

- * For October and November, we will be starting a Bible Study of the book of Acts. We will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 6:00-8:30.
- * For the month of December, we will not have an "official" Sunday School.

HS Youth Group:

- **October Youth Group:**
- No HS Youth Group on October 2 and 16 because we will be having HS Sunday School.
- "Normal" HS Youth Group on October 9 and 23 from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room. Snacks will be provided.
- HS Youth Group on October 30 will be our MS/HS Halloween Party from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Jennifer's House. I will be giving rides to and from my house. The "bus" will leave Rec at 6:00 p.m. (for those who need rides) and will return to Rec between 9:15-9:30

p.m.!!! (YOU MUST TEXT ME THOUGH IF YOU NEED A RIDE!! NO TEXT....NO RIDE!!)

Dates to Remember:

October 2: "Sunday School/Youth Group Hybrid" (Bible Study of Acts) Kick-Off from 6:00-8:30

October 6: Join us at the 8:00 or 10:30 service!! You need church!!

October 9: HS Youth Group from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room

October 11-13: **HS Camp Capers Retreat**

October 13: Join us at the 8:00 or 10:30 service!! You need Jesus!!

Minute To Win It Competition

November 17, 2019

Let's test your skills with a friendly **Minute To Win It Competition** after the 10:30 service, in Brown Hall!! We will have yummy snacks and lots of Minute To Win It style games. Adults vs. Kiddos!! Come and help lead your team to victory!!

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

- Oct. 2 - Acts Bible Study begins
 - Oct. 6 - Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel
 - Oct. 9 - "Growing Closer, Diving Deeper!!" Adult Formation Discussion Group
 - Oct. 15 - Holy Eucharist with Laying on Hands for Healing
 - Oct. 20 - Parents in Prayer meeting
 - Oct. 20 - Matthew 25 Team
 - Oct. 20 - Mental Health and Wellness Ministry meeting
 - Oct. 26 - Trunk or Treat
 - Nov. 17 - Minute to Win It Competition
 - Dec. 8 - Gingerbread House Making
-