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Weekly News, Events and Announcements

2020 Council Delegates

Diocesan Council 2020 will be held February 20-22, 2020, in Corpus Christi. As a result of our election on Sunday, the following people will be serving as Diocesan Council 2020 delegates: **Sam Gilliam, Margaret Lewis, Jennifer Murphy, Bruce Flohr, and Carol Westerkom.**

Alternates will be **Sheila Korte and Marilyn Graham.**

Thank you to all who voted, and thank you to our delegates and alternates.



Come study the Book of Acts!!
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Brown Hall
Our next meeting will be TONIGHT!
6:00-8:20 p.m.

Please join us as we study the Book of Acts! It is never too late to jump in to this exciting intergenerational event. Let's walk alongside our High School Youth and adults, as we learn about the early church, during their time of transition! **Our next**

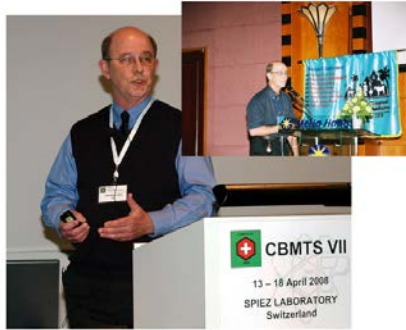
meeting will be Wednesday, January 15 and we will be discussing Acts Chapters 14-16. All you need to bring is a Bible and your dinner!

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (2:42)

Childcare is available upon request and must be reserved with Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or 210-725-3080 at least 24 hours in advance. Thank you!



John Kiel
 "Globe Trotting for the USAF &
 Department of Defense: Pathogen Hunter"



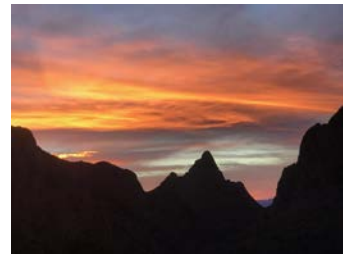
BROWN BAG Lunch
 Meet in the LIBRARY
 Church of Reconciliation

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Thursday, Jan 16, 2020
 11:30 am -- 1:00 pm
 ALL ARE WELCOME

LAST CALL - BIG BEND ADVENTURE

If you are interested in going on our annual Big Bend trip on February 27-March 1, 2020, please call Bill Swann at the church office at (210) 655-2731 ASAP. We have FOUR rooms still available. **The deadline to contact the church office is Tuesday, January 21st by 4:00pm.**



Rec's Mental Health & Wellness Ministry

REC's Mental Health & Wellness Ministry will meet after the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 19th** to discuss the future of this ministry. Statistics indicate that 1 of every 4 people are impacted with mental health concerns. Come join us as we redefine our mission and how best to move forward. All are welcome.



Matthew 25 Team

The Matthew 25 Team will next serve meals on **Sunday, January 19th** 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.



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 need each other...to cheer each other on...to lift each other up...during the victories and the challenges! What if we had 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 NEXT Parents in Prayer meeting will be on Sunday, January 19, from 9:15-10:15 in the Library!** Bring your coffee and your breakfast and come join us!



Martin Luther King, Jr. March

St. Philip's Episcopal Church in San Antonio will host a light fellowship breakfast before the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. March on **Monday, January 20th, starting at 7:00 a.m.** Church members will provide rides to and from the march area for anyone who would like to park at the church. The march will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the MLK Academy. Route and event information can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Events



Study The Gospel of John Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Church Library

We are having class on Tuesday night for 7 weeks. Bishop Curry has sent out email requesting all congregations to participate in the Bible study. We will be studying the gospel of John as laid out by the Forward Movement publication. Class is open to everyone! **We began on January 14th at 7:00pm in the library.** If anyone interested, please contact Ron or Betty Graham and we will get books and a schedule for everyone. We can explore the contemplative writing of the Bible together.

Lunch Bunch

Our next opportunity to prepare lunches is **Sunday, January 26th.** We will pack lunches in Brown Hall at 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.





St. Brigit Tea and Book Signing

MARY C. EARLE

Celebrating her new book
Did You Sing Your Song?

Saturday February 1, 2020 at 1 PM
Library at Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation
8900 Starcrest, San Antonio TX 78217



**Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner and Sweetheart Dance
Fundraiser is SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 from 6:00-8:30
in Brown Hall!**



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 8 from 6:00-8:30 p.m., in Brown Hall, for dinner, desserts and lots of dancing! **Tickets will go on sale Sunday, January 12** during breakfast and coffee hour and will continue every Sunday until the dance. Cash or checks are accepted. Adults are \$10 and Teens/Kiddos are \$5. This has been a BLAST the past few years and it won't be the same without you!! Show some LOVE for your church family by joining us!!

Will You Please Donate?!?!

As many of you already know, we have added a "fundraiser portion" to our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. We have added Sweetheart Baskets that our Youth will be raffling off. All proceeds will go directly to the MS/HS Mission Trips. We will have a **Guys Basket, a Ladies Basket, and a Children's Basket**. We are looking for **donations of items that you yourself might like to receive for Valentine's Day: candy, gift cards, wine, cheese and crackers, coloring books, stuffed animals, etc.** The sky is the limit!! Raffle tickets will be \$2 each and there is no limit as to how many tickets you can purchase. The winners will be announced that evening! These baskets would be a great gift for those who do not know what to purchase for their sweetie pie!! Please consider helping us!! Any questions? Please contact Jennifer Murphy.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, APRIL 19, 2020

PLEASE mark your calendars for a church wide picnic celebration at Mac Arthur Park!!! Come one, come all! We want you there!

Details coming soon! Any questions? Contact Cindy Fuqua.



Opportunities and Announcements

A Note About Our Sextons

Dear Reconcilers,

Several weeks ago, our sexton, **Aaron Hernandez**, was struck by a truck and suffered serious injury to his leg. Recently, he underwent surgery and will continue with significant rehabilitation and recovery. Please hold Aaron in your prayers as he heals.

Given this situation and an unknown future, we have hired a new sexton team, **Richard and Idalia Davila**. In true Reconciliation spirit, please welcome them to our staff as they care for our facilities. Welcome, Richard and Idalia, to our Reconciliation family!

Judy+



Parish Directory 2020

It's time to put together our parish directory for 2020! If you want to be added to our directory, or if you are a current member and have a new address, phone, e-mail, or photograph to share, please e-mail it to info@cor-satx.org or call the church office at (210) 655-2731.



Middle School and High School Fundraiser "Hire-A-Youth!"

Need a little help around the house?!? Have a project you've meaning to get to, but you haven't had time?!? Why not hire Youth?!?!



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Dates are going fast and you don't want to miss out on this opportunity to have super cool Youth help you with your project!!

**Our next available dates with open time slots are March 13 and May 9, 2020!
Please sign up TODAY in Brown Hall!! Spaces go FAST!!**

Project Ideas: wash dishes, clean pantries, organize cabinets, clean your garage, rake leaves, wrap gifts, polish your silver, poop scoop, take down Christmas decorations, bake/cook, scrub toilets and bathtubs, shred papers, file papers, "you name it," etc. All projects will be fully supervised by Jennifer Murphy and must be approved, prior to our arrival. Nothing that is considered "dangerous" in any way will be scheduled. Hopefully just some good old-fashioned hard work!!!

Cost: \$40 per 2 hour shift and all proceeds will go towards the Rec Youth 2020 Mission Trips

Questions?!? Please chat with Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or at 210-725-3080. Thank you for your support of our Rec Youth!



Duncan
Park



Mustang Island
Conference Center



Camp
Capers

Camps and Conferences

Registration is already OPEN for summer camps at Camp Capers, Mustang Island and Duncan Park!! Please check out the diocesan website!!!

Please register today to reserve your camper's spot for an exciting fun and faith filled Mid-Winter camp weekend. We will be reuniting with old friends, making new friends and exploring our faith through fun and exciting activities all weekend.

Mid-Winter III: January 17-19, 2020 (Primary)

Please register online at <https://www.dwtx.org/departments/camps/capers/mid-winter-camp/> or call 830-995-3966 for assistance.

Coming Soon!!

- **Souper Sunday Fundraiser - Sunday, February 16 (along with the Annual Meeting):** The Souper Sunday Fundraiser is a HUGE Fundraiser for our Youth, with all money raised going towards our summer Mission Trips! Would you prayerfully consider donating one crock-pot of soup for the event?!? Please bring your labeled crock-pots to Brown Hall, prior to the 10:30 service and the Youth will handle the rest! Thank you SO much for supporting our Youth in this way. Any questions? Call, text, or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Rec Family Talent Show - February 25:** What is Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday is a celebration (or a feast) that happens the day before Ash Wednesday (which marks the beginning of Lent and fasting.) In the past, Rec has always celebrated by feasting on a Pancake Supper. This year, we will continue this much loved tradition, AND we will try to add a new one with a "Rec Family Talent Show!!" EVERYONE is welcome to join us!! Start brushing up now on your special talent and meet us on the stage in Brown Hall!! Shrove Tuesday will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 25. More details will follow as the date gets closer!!



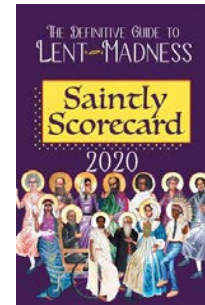
- **Vacation Bible School!! "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through"**

Plans are already underway for our 2020 Vacation Bible School!! VBS will begin on Monday, July 27 and run through Friday, July 31 with a closing celebration on Sunday, August 2 during the 10:30 service. VBS is open to all kiddos, who have completed kindergarten through rising Fifth Grade. This is always a FABULOUS event, and we are looking forward to doing it again, but it takes a village and WE NEED YOU!! Want to learn more about ways that you might be able to help?



Plan on attending our VBS Volunteer/Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 8, after the 10:30 service, in the Library!! Any questions?!?! Call, text, or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org.

- **Lent March Madness:** Keep your eyes open for details to be revealed SOON!!! This is a new Rec Family Event that I am SO SUPER JAZZED about! Who needs basketball, when we have Saints?!?



Adult Formation

**Sundays after Epiphany:
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9
in Alban Classroom, 9:15am-10:15am**



Rev. Judy invites all Reconcilers, especially those who are new to Reconciliation and those who would like to reflect upon the question: **"Why is the Episcopal Church my spiritual home?"** to an Adult Formation series on 5 consecutive Sundays. This will be a **"Foundations"** course for those who are contemplating Reception or Confirmation by the Bishop Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. David Reed, at his annual **Episcopal visitation on March 15, 2020**. If you have any questions about being received or confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church through Church of Reconciliation, please contact Rev. Judy directly. This series is always a joyful and Spirit-filled experience!

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.

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Tuesdays at 12:30pm** - Mid-Week Eucharist
- **Tuesdays at 1:30pm** - Bible Study
- **3rd Tuesdays** - Mid-Week Eucharist includes 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
- **3rd Sunday** - Mental Health and Wellness Ministry meeting

For more information on any of these events, call the church office at (210) 655-2731.

Notices

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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.

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

Rec Nursery and Elementary Ministry:

Sundays in January:

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:

January 19: Parents in Prayer from 9:15-10:15 in the Library

January 19: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building

January 19: Children's Chapel (long)(Instructional/Traditional) during 10:30 service

January 26: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building

January 26: Children's Chapel (short) during the 10:30 service

January 26: Lent March Madness Reveal!! Shrove Tuesday Talent Show Sign-Ups Begin!!

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:

- **Our Middle School Youth Group Gatherings for January:** We will continue meeting two times a month throughout the school year. These twice a month gatherings, will not always consistently fall on a set Sunday, but you will have all the dates well in advance, in order to plan. **Our January Middle School Youth Group Gathering will be: Sunday, January 26 from 12-1 at Rec (lunch will be provided.)**

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!!

- **Our Middle School Youth Group Gatherings for February:** We will continue meeting two times a month throughout the school year. These twice a month gatherings, will not always consistently fall on a set Sunday, but you will have all the dates well in advance, in order to plan. **Our February Middle School Youth Group Gatherings will be: Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 for our MS/HS Valentine's Day Party AND**

Sunday, February 23 from 12-1 at Rec (lunch will be provided.) Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!!

Dates to Remember:

January 19: **Parents in Prayer from 9:15-10:15 in the Library**

January 19: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15

January 26: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15

January 26: **Lent March Madness Reveal!! Shrove Tuesday Talent Show Sign-Ups Begin!!**

January 26: **MS Youth Group Gathering at Rec from 12-1**

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:

Winter HS Sunday School Plans:

- For **January**, we will resume our Bible Study of the book of Acts. We will be meeting on:
 - **January 15** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in Brown Hall. **Auden will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing Acts 14-16.
- For **February**, we will **continue** our **Bible Study** of the book of **Acts. We will be meeting on:**
 - **February 5** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in Brown Hall. **Matt will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing **Acts 17-19.**
 - **February 19** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in Brown Hall. **??? will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing **Acts 20-22.**

HS Youth Group:

- **February Youth Group:**
 - NO HS Youth Group on February 5 and 19 because we will be having HS Sunday School. (see above for more details)
 - HS Youth Group on February 12 will be our MS/HS Valentine's Day Party from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - HS Youth Group on February 26 will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dates to Remember:

January 15: **Hybrid Sunday School/Youth Group Bible Study "Acts" 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

January 19: **Parents in Prayer from 9:15-10:15 in the Library**

January 19: Join us at the 8:00 or 10:30 service!! (Help sell Dance Tickets)

January 22: HS Youth Group from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room

January 26: Join us at the 8:00 or 10:30 service!! (Help sell Dance Tickets)
January 26: **Lent March Madness Reveal!! Shrove Tuesday Talent Show Sign-Ups Begin!!**

Prayer

For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -BCP

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 8 - Valentine's Day Spaghetti and Sweetheart Dance
Feb. 16 - Annual Meeting and Souper Sunday
Feb. 20-22 - Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi
Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27-Mar. 1 - Big Bend Trip
Mar. 15 - Bishop's Annual Episcopal Visitation to Reconciliation
Apr. 12 - Easter Sunday

Serving This Sunday

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Psalm 40

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