

**WAY FORWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The short-term adult Sunday school class, *Why Now, and What We Do Now: Human Sexuality and the*

United Methodist Church, continues at 11:15 a.m. today in The Labyrinth Room.

John Patterson leads today's class in a discussion today about chapter two of Bishop Karen Oliveto's *Our Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out into God's Call* (2018). Rev. Oliveto is the first openly lesbian bishop in the UMC. John will show video clips of Bishop Oliveto that will lead to a class discussion. Reading the text will not be necessary for participation. If anyone would like a copy of the reading, however, they may reach out to Rachel Jennings at rachel.sigismund@yahoo.com.

The class is designed to help us, as a congregation, better understand the landmark decisions to be made at the Called General Conference February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri regarding changes to the Book of Discipline and its current policies regarding LGBT persons. The class will meet weekly until March 3. As an LGBT-inclusive Reconciling Congregation, we are committed to equality for all. The class is designed to help prepare us for the General Conference so that we can discern how best to respond to whatever decisions are reached.

**CMI JANUARY FUND-RAISER**

The Corazón Ministries, Inc. (CMI) January fundraiser is

almost a wrap, but there is still time to get involved. All you need to do is eat pizza at Trilogy Pizza. Present the event flyer every time you dine at Trilogy Pizza, and 20% of your full-priced items will be donated to CMI. The flyer is available at the foyer's Information Desk, from the Church Office, and as a download at cmi-loveandjustice.org. Trilogy will accept an image of the flyer from a phone. Forward the flyer to all your friends and family and help support CMI. Trilogy Pizza is located at 19141 Stone Oak Parkway. For information, contact Carol Gamble, cmidirector@travispark.org.

**SIGN UP FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY TODAY**

One of the new features of our website is an online directory for members, friends of Travis Park, staff and clergy. If you wish to have your contact information available in this manner, visit the Information Desk in the Foyer today. You will see a section heading called Members. Under members, you will see a Register link, and a Login link. Once your account is setup and approved, you can create a profile, and also add your picture which becomes part of an online directory. The directory is only visible to the people who participate in the directory. Staff and clergy contact information is visible to anyone. For more information, contact info@travispark.org.

**Commission on a Way Forward**
Council of Bishops**CHURCH COUNCIL ADOPTS THE SIMPLE PLAN**

The Church Council of Travis Park United Methodist Church (TPUMC) met Monday evening, Jan. 21, 2019. The Council discussed and prayed on a response to "The Way Forward," and approved the following statement:

The people of Travis Park United Methodist Church continue seeking to make the world a better place through transformation of self and community. We serve and learn as siblings from all walks of life: rich and poor, housed and homeless, gay and straight, black and brown, and white, secular and sacred, PhD and GED. The people of Travis Park Church seek to live and love as God does: passionately and unconditionally. God calls us on a journey forward, to break down the walls of prejudice, and to embrace all our siblings.

We are committed to unconditional love and justice in action. This commitment to justice means that we support full inclusion for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. This inclusion means the right to be married in our church by an ordained Methodist minister. It also includes the right to be an ordained minister with all the rights and responsibilities regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Travis Park's commitment to justice means our congregation strives to remove political, cultural, and societal barriers both in the church and community that prevent people from being who God created them to be. This commitment is not based on anybody's idea of political correctness, but in the actions and teaching of Jesus. The closer our lives mirror his life, the more available we are to experience and become God's new creation.

As a Reconciling Ministries church committed to unconditional love and justice in action, Travis Park United Methodist Church supports "The Simple Plan." - adopted by the TPUMC Church Council, Jan. 21, 2019

DEBORAH'S HOUSE NEWS

The grand re-opening of Deborah's House is coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information!

**PUB THEOLOGY WELCOMES SARAH LYONS**

Join us at Pub Theology: San Antonio on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. as we welcome Sarah Brooks Lyons.

Brooks is a San Antonio photographer who shares "...the voices of communities during... travels to Brazil, West Africa, China, and Haiti by documenting daily life from urban cities to favales." Pub Theology meets at San Antonio's The Friendly Spot, at 943 South Alamo St. For information contact Rev. Gavin Rogers, gavin@travispark.org.

**RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP FEB. 2**

On Feb. 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. to noon,

there will be a Racial Justice Workshop sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Jacobs Chapel UMC. Contact Rachel Jennings, rachel.sigismund@yahoo.com.

**CONNECTIONS COFFEE RETURNS FEB. 3**

Are you new to Travis Park United Methodist Church?

Would you like to learn more about our ministries and small groups? Are you wondering about membership? Please join us at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sunday Feb. 3 for coffee and light refreshments. You'll have an opportunity to meet the pastors and to hear more about our church. For more information, contact Pastor Valerie, vvogt@travispark.org.

**CORAZÓN MINISTRIES CLASS**

Corazón Ministries has coordinated with the Food Bank of San Antonio

to provide a Safe Food Handling Class on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Food Bank for only \$10. The class is open to anyone that would like to obtain a Food Handlers certification and is particularly helpful for those that would like to volunteer and serve meals to our guests through Corazón Ministries. Contact John Chadwell at kitchen@cmi-loveandjustice.org for more information and to sign up. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 10. Scholarships are available.

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT**

The youth group will be going on a retreat from Feb. 15 to 17 in

Bandera, TX. Come join us for a weekend of fun, adventure, and learning more about what it means to follow Christ! For questions or sign up contact youth director, Alex Cato: alex@travispark.org.

**RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE WEBINAR FEB. 20**

Do you want to know

more about what will be happening as delegates gather for General Conference 2019 in February? Join members of your Rio Texas delegation to General Conference 2019 as they review the plans presented by The Commission on a Way Forward. Each plan will be presented by a member of the delegation with time for question and answer. Registration is required. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants. Click here to register for the Feb. 20 webinar. https://riotexas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RTltP4dJRFOAgV6K8MlnJA

**CMI VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER FEB. 28**

Corazón Ministries, Inc. (CMI) will host an appreciation dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 8

p.m. in Fellowship Hall for its volunteers. Volunteers regularly serve in the kitchen, clothing closet, showers, medical clinic, dermatology clinic, ID recovery, serve as hosts and much more. Volunteers are asked to RSVP to Carol Gamble, Executive Director, cmidirector@travispark.org.



CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE STARTS MARCH 4

Travis Park Explorers is organizing a softball team to play in the USA Softball of The San Antonio Church League. Starting March 4, the league plays at Alva Joe fields on Monday nights. Ages are 16+. The cost is \$40 per person. We need 10-15 people. This is a great opportunity for fellowship on the field, and it is a lot of fun. No experience needed, but you will need your own glove. Plenty of bats and balls are available. For information, contact Cydni Bravenec, cbravenec@travispark.org, or visit the USA Softball of San Antonio website.



THE NEW STORY FESTIVAL MAR. 29-31

The New Story Festival returns to Austin March 29-31, at Huston-Tillotson University. The event is a "...bold experiment for a better world, embodying imagination, spirituality, social action, and playful connection - defined above all by the practice of love." For tickets, visit this link: <https://www.newstoryfestival.com/festivaltickets>. For more information, contact Rev. Eric Vogt, evogt@travispark.org.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

Throughout the winter season we will be using Illustrated Children's Ministry bulletins on Sunday mornings for anyone who is interested. These bulletins follow the lectionary, a list of Old and New Testament readings chosen to be read in church on a given Sunday, and provide ample space for creative and thoughtful contemplation on the theme each Sunday. You will find colored pencils in your pew racks, please return them to use next week. Pick up your children's bulletin with the traditional bulletin in the McNeese Hall or Narthex.

EMMAUS CHOIR TOUR

This summer, the youth choir will go to St. Louis for Choir Tour. We will be on the trip from June 17 to 22. Youth (grades 6-12) who are interested in going on the trip must participate consistently in the Emmaus youth choir as well as participate in the Emmaus choir tour fundraisers. **There will be a parent meeting this evening (Jan. 27) at 4:15 p.m. in the choir room on the 2nd floor to discuss details.** Youth are invited to attend the meeting. For information, contact Caroline, caroline@travispark.org.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

The Travis Park Youth will go on a mission trip to Oklahoma's native American reservation, Osage Nation. The trip is June 30 to July 5, 2019. If you are in grades 6-12, know someone that age who would like to join us for the trip, or are interested in more information, contact our Youth Minister, Alex Cato. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to grow closer to God! You can reach Alex by email at alex@travispark.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

If you are interested in being a part of the Sanctuary Choir, please join us for rehearsal on Sunday evenings. We meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the second floor in the choir room. Contact Caroline at caroline@travispark.org for more information.

EMMAUS YOUTH CHOIR

Emmaus sings monthly during worship and each summer we go on a week-long choir tour. We sing as well as play instruments such as the ukulele. (You must bring your own instrument). Emmaus (grades 6-12) rehearses from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings on the second floor in the choir room. After Emmaus concludes, two TRUSTed adults walk with youth to youth group on the third floor. For information, contact Caroline at caroline@travispark.org.

JOYFUL NOISE! CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come make a Joyful Noise! with the Children's Choir (K-5). Rehearsal is during part of the Sunday School hour. Two TRUSTed adults pick children up from the nursery to take them to the Children's Choir room on the second floor, room 206. Children are then taken back to nursery for pick-up at noon. For more information, contact Caroline at caroline@travispark.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Children — Meets in Nursery on first floor. Stories and crafts. (Age 2 to 2nd grade) Contact Cydni, cbravenec@travispark.org.

Upper Elementary—Room 307. Learn how to use your Bible. (grades 3-5) Led by Ms. Susan Snow, and Ms. Analisa Vitola. Utilizes various curriculum that use Bible stories, games, puzzles, and activities to grow in our spirituality and how we can develop a relationship with Jesus.

Youth—Room 315 (until further notice), 11:15 a.m. Energetic Junior and Senior High school kids exploring their faith, working on mission projects and snacking. Contact alex@travispark.org.

Café Bible Study—Room 220, 9 a.m. Questions and discussion using the Sunday lectionary (the pre-selected readings from the Bible for each specific Sunday in the Christian year)

Seekers—Room 219, 11:15 a.m. Study the sermon scripture lesson. Come and join in seeking a deeper study and understanding of the worship message. Contact Phil Watkins, phil@philwatkins.com.

Sine Nomine—Room 217, 11:15 a.m. The class continues discussion of the book, The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity by Cynthia Bourgeault. This Sunday we start chapter 7. Contact Alan Crowther, apcrowther@hotmail.com.

Way Forward—Labyrinth Room, 11:15am. For information email: sigismund.jennings@yahoo.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, Jan. 27

Women's Retreat		
Café Corazón	8am	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	9:45am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	11:15am	
Joyful Noise! rehearsal	11:35am	
Emmaus Parent Meeting	4:15pm	Choir Room
Emmaus Singers	5pm	2nd Floor
Travis Park Ringers	5pm	2nd Floor
Sanctuary Choir	6pm	2nd Floor
Youth Gathering	6pm	Room 315

MONDAY, Jan. 28

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TUESDAY, Jan. 29

AA	12pm	Room 210
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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30

AA	12pm	Room 210
Prayer Circle	6pm	Fellowship Hall
Pub Theology	7pm	The Friendly Spot

THURSDAY, Jan. 31

Bible Study	11:45am	Fellowship Hall
AA	12pm	Room 210

FRIDAY, Feb. 1

Bible Study	11:45am	Fellowship Hall
AA	12pm	Room 210

SUNDAY, Feb. 3

Café Corazón	8am	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	9:45am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	11:15am	
Joyful Noise! Rehearsal	11:35am	

No SNL (Super Bowl)

STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Eric Vogt, Senior Pastor
Rev. Valerie Vogt, Associate Pastor
Rev. Billie Watts, Associate Pastor (on renewal leave)
Rev. Gavin Rogers, Associate Pastor
Lana Potts, Director of Worship, Music & Arts
Lou Caroline Collins, Choir Director
Andrew Hubbard, Celebration Band & Singers Director

Erika Stiner, Director of Children's Ministry
Alex Cato, Youth Minister
Jennifer Middleton, Interim Director, Deborah's House
Shirley Watkins, Membership
Cydni Bravenec, Director of Operations
Megan Paterson, Wedding & Event Coordinator
Carol Gamble, Corazon Ministries Executive Director

Janette Grant, Receptionist
Leonard Hartfield, Building Supervisor
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Analisa Vitola, Children's Music
John Chadwell, Kitchen Manager
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