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CONNECTIONS COFFEE RETURNS TODAY



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. today in the Conference Room 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.

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.

We begin today with three short video clips of talks by Bishops Sally Dyck and Karen Oliveto. 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. 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 likely to be voted on 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.

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.



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



PUB THEOLOGY

Join us at Pub Theology: San Antonio on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. as we welcome Rev. John Garland, and Councilman Roberto Treviño. We meet at The Friendly Spot, 943 S. Alamo St. For details contact Rev. Gavin Rogers, gavin@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.

Also, this summer our 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.

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

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. RSVP to Carol Gamble.

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."

The festival features talks by Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian McLaren, Rev. Angel Kyoto Williams, Charles Eisenstein, and performing artists including Carrie Rodriguez, Riders Against the Storm, Amparo Garcia-Crow, and Over the Rhine, to name a few.

The standard registration for a weekend pass is \$249 per person, but there are passes available as low as \$99. 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 JUNE 17-22

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. Youth are invited to attend the meeting. For information, contact Caroline, caroline@travispark.org.

PRRI REPORTS MAJORITY OF TEXANS SUPPORT LGBTQ PROTECTIONS



Equality Texas, the largest statewide organization working to secure full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Texans, released new data that shows most Texans now favor laws to protect LGBTQ Texans from discrimination. Texas turned the corner. The majority of Texans of every region, religion and major ethnic group, including white evangelical Protestants, support legal protections against discrimination of the LGBTQ community of people. The new, in-depth analysis comes from nationally recognized polling firm PRRI, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts independent research at the intersection of religion, culture, and public policy. Austin, Round Rock, El Paso, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington, Houston, Woodlands, Sugar Land, San Antonio and New Braunfels had the highest numbers. Link to this study: <https://www.prrri.org/spotlight/spotlight-on-texas-broad-support-for-lgbt-issues/>

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, 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 — 11 a.m.

This class has joined the short-term class, *The Way Forward*, that meets in the Labyrinth Room. For details 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 cover chapters 8 and 9. Contact Alan Crowther, apcrowther@hotmail.com.

Way Forward—Labyrinth Room, 11:15am.

For information email: rachel.sigismund@yahoo.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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)		

MONDAY, Feb. 4

AA	12pm	Room 210
Deborah's House Board Meeting	6pm	La Madeleine Restaurant

TUESDAY, Feb. 5

AA	12pm	Room 210
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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6

AA	12pm	Room 210
Dermatology Clinic	4pm	Fellowship Hall
Prayer Circle	6pm	Fellowship Hall
Spiritual Life Committee	6:30 pm	Contact Johanna Daily
Pub Theology	7pm	The Friendly Spot

THURSDAY, Feb. 7

Bible Study	11:45am	Fellowship Hall
AA	12pm	Room 210
Building Committee Meeting	6 pm	Conference Room

FRIDAY, Feb. 8

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

SUNDAY, Feb. 10

Café Corazón	8am	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	9:45am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	11:15am	
Joyful Noise! rehearsal	11:35am	
Communications Committee	11:15pm	Pastor's Meeting Room
MFSA/RMN Committee	12:15pm	Conference Room
Emmaus Singers	5pm	2nd Floor
Travis Park Ringers	5pm	2nd Floor
Sanctuary Choir	6pm	2nd Floor
Youth Gathering	6pm	Room 315

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
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 Cydni Bravenec, Director of Operations
 Megan Paterson, Wedding & Event Coordinator
 Carol Gamble, Corazon Ministries Executive Director

Janette Grant, Receptionist
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 Ernest Moore, Maintenance
 Analisa Vitola, Children's Music
 John Chadwell, Kitchen Manager
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