



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS TODAY

Today is the start of Daylight Savings Time. As you know by now, we lost an hour this morning as clocks were set forward by one hour. Daylight Savings will end November 3.



THE LENTEN SEASON BEGAN MARCH 6

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent began earlier this week on Wednesday, March 6, with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



BREAKING THE CHAINS: LENT AT HOME

Lent is a journey from captivity into freedom. From Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (not including Sundays, "mini Easters" anticipating the big day!), the 40 days of Lent are set aside to help us increase the freedom in our lives. To tell the truth about ourselves and our world, to change our hearts and our ways, and to participate in God's work of breaking chains of injustice, apathy, violence, despair—even the chains of death itself! Take home a packet and create a paper chain with your family. Set aside time in your day to break one link in the chain each day between Ash Wednesday and Easter and do the chain breaking work prompted by that link. For information, contact Erika Stiner, Children's Ministry Director at estiner@travispark.org.



NEW PRAY-GROUND

Children are an important part of our church community 'welcomed as part of the worshipping throng'. Children are invited to participate in worship however works best for their families. As a church we provide some resources to give families options. The children's "Quiet Corner" has moved to the area under the

ALL-CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Plan to attend an all-church meeting Sunday, March 17, immediately after the worship service.

The topic of the all-church meeting is our church's response to the General Conference decisions about the continuation of discriminatory policies against LGBTQIA people, the refusal to approve same-sex marriages in the church, and punitive measures against clergy who perform same-sex marriages.

Travis Park leadership council issued the following statement after the UMC Special General Conference vote for the Traditional Plan on February 25, 2019:

"An all-church meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, 2017 for all members of the congregation to participate in the discernment. Travis Park is a place where God's love is for all, and ALL Means ALL."

Please make yourself familiar with the 2019 General Conference decisions before the Conference. You can Google <https://bit.ly/2H6lVUa>. The Church Council will publish and distribute an agenda to the congregation before March 17.

Your presence is Important. Your voice is important. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

balcony (east side). This area is for children and their caregivers only to use during worship. If you have any suggestions for or donations of quiet toys please let Erika know, estiner@travispark.org.

Hospitality USHERS & GREETERS TASK FORCE WORKSHOP ON MARCH 10

Today, Rev. Gavin Rogers will conduct a workshop on Greeting and Ushering in room 218 at 11:15 a.m.

The workshop is for everyone...current ushers, new ushers, former ushers and anyone interested in hospitality. You do not have to make a commitment to serve yet. These are skills helpful for everyone, because hospitality is a duty and privilege for all of us. Participants will be trained in new ways to greet members and visitors at our doors on Sunday and to recruit new greeters.

Kathleen led an amazing Sunday School class this past fall on the book, Making Room. The workshop will take what was learned from that class and put it into practice by re-imagining how we greet and usher. The workshop will meet one time. For more information, contact Gavin, gavin@travispark.org, or Kathleen Laborde, Kathleen.laborde15@gmail.com.



BROADWAY LIGHTS IS APRIL 13

Mark your calendar, Broadway Lights will be on Saturday April 13 at 6:30pm! This one night only Broadway review benefits the Emmaus Youth summer choir tour. This year we are headed to St. Louis! There will be performances by the Emmaus Singers, the Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Noise children's choir, congregation members, San Antonio music educators, and other community members. Tickets are now on sale! You may purchase from any youth out in McNees Hall at the information table or online at <https://broadway-lights-2019.eventbrite.com>. Tickets are \$10. Please come and support our youth!

We will have a silent auction during Broadway Lights. If you have any items that you would like to donate to our silent auction, we would greatly appreciate it! We will accept items big and small, from tickets to sporting events and weekends away, to jewelry and gift baskets. Donated items can be given to Paula Stallcup or Caroline Collins.



NEW STORY FESTIVAL IS MARCH 29-31 AT HUSTON-TILLOTSON

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."

Noted headliners at the festival include Nadia Bolz-Weber, Charles Eisenstein, Rev. Angel Kyodo Williams, Carrie Rodriguez, Kaitlin Curtice, Brian McLaren, Amparo Garcia-Crow, *Riders Against the Storm*, and the music group *Over the Rhine*.

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://register.newstoryfestival.com/event/The-New-Story-Festival/code/NSF1059>. When used, Rev. Gavin Rogers receives money back and he is giving it all to Corazón Ministries, Inc. For information, contact Pastor Gavin at gavin@travispark.org.

WESLEYAN CHRISTIANITY 101: A LENTEN STUDY



What does it mean to be a part of the Wesleyan tradition? How did John and Charles Wesley influence a movement of people called Methodists? How is our church organized? What does it mean to be a reconciling congregation? What do Methodists believe? If you would like to learn more about Methodism, its history,

its essential tenants, and how we at Travis Park practice our faith, join us for this four-week Lenten Study March 24, 31, April 7 and 14 in the Labyrinth Room. Questions? Contact Pastor Valerie vvogt@travispark.org.

3RD ANNUAL LOVE & JUSTICE IN ACTION DINNER IS MAY 16

Save the date: May 16, 2019, and join us for the third annual Love and Justice in Action Dinner at the San Francisco Steakhouse. This year, Corazón Ministries, Inc. celebrates 20 years of service to the homeless and marginalized people of San Antonio. Keynote speaker is Charlie Gonzalez, who represented Texas's 20th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1999 to 2013. Also, he served as Chairman of Latinos for Obama, and was the National Co-Chair of President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign. For information on tickets, contact Carol Gamble, cmidirector@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 McNees Hall or Narthex.

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 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

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 — 11:15 a.m. During Lent the class will study Max Lucado's book and DVD about Jesus and the journey to Jerusalem, *He Chose the Nails*. 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 by reviewing chapters 9 and 10. Contact Alan Crowther, apcrowther@hotmail.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, March 10

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME > *Spring Forward*

Café Corazón	8am	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	9:45am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	11:15am	
Ushers & Greeters Workshop	11:15am	Room 2181
Joyful Noise! rehearsal	11:35am	
MFSA/RMN Meeting	12:15pm	Conference Room
Travis Park Ringers	5pm	2nd Floor
Sanctuary Choir	6pm	2nd Floor

MONDAY, March 11

AA	12pm	Room 210
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TUESDAY, March 12

AA	12pm	Room 210
Church Council Meeting	6 pm	Labyrinth Room

WEDNESDAY, March 13

AA	12pm	Room 210
Parenting Class	3:30pm	Labyrinth Room
Prayer Circle	6pm	Fellowship Hall
TCADP Meeting	6:30pm	Oblate Renewal Center

THURSDAY, March 14

Interfaith Welcome Coalition	10am	First Presbyterian Church
Bible Study	11:45am	Fellowship Hall
AA	12pm	Room 210

FRIDAY, March 15

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

SUNDAY, March 17

Café Corazón	8am	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	9:45am	Sanctuary
All-Church Conference	11:15am	Sanctuary
Joyful Noise! rehearsal	11:35am	
Emmaus Singers	5pm	2nd Floor
Travis Park Ringers	5pm	2nd Floor
Sanctuary Choir	6pm	2nd Floor
Youth Gathering	6pm	Room 315

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Rev. Eric Vogt, Senior Pastor
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 Rev. Billie Watts, Associate Pastor (*on renewal leave*)
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