

GROUP NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Reminder

If your class elects a new president, please inform Pastor Madison and have them reach out with their name, email address, and expected term length.



Communications

Please announce the following to your class:

Stewardship Campaign

It is time to fill out your estimated giving cards for 2025! Remember to be in prayer and fill those out.

Sabbath Service Nov. 22

Cantor Monica O'Desky is planning an interfaith Shabbat service to host at our church the evening of Friday, November 22. You won't want to miss it. Look for more information out soon.

First Steps Nov. 24

Please remind any visitors or newcomers you may know that we will have our next First Steps class at noon on Nov. 24 in the parlor. Lunch and childcare are provided with registration. This is a great opportunity for folks to learn more about our church and possibly join as members.

Pastor Kay Advent Study Beginning Nov. 26

Pastor Kay's Tuesday studies have been immensely popular this year. If you haven't made one yet, you should consider attending her Advent study over The Christmas Letters: Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First by Magrey R. DeVega. This four-week study examines the incarnation using the New Testament letters Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians.

Empty Mangers Retreat Registration

On Dec. 1, our church will be hosting a retreat for those who have been impacted - in any way or at any time - by infertility, pregnancy loss, or child loss. It is not exclusive to women, but is open to anyone grieving the loss or absence of a child this holiday season. Those interested in ways they can offer support to loved ones are also welcome to attend. We will be joined by a few other pastors from the Horizon Texas Conference, as well as workshop leaders from the organizations Gathering Hope and A Memory Grows. Please spread the word to those you know who may be interested in participating. Reach out to Pastor Madison with questions.



Curriculum /Resources

Browse Studies on [Amplify](#) - Click [here](#) to set up an account

Click [here](#) to access contact list of teachers

Post-Election Resources

Illustrated Church Resources for Leaders

If members of your class are feeling particularly anxious given the election results, this page provides post-election guidance on gathering your community. It also includes hymn suggestions, prayers, and other additional resources.

Illustrated Church Resources for Kids and Youth

Feel free to share this with anyone you know raising kids or teens. Regardless of whether children watch the news, have conversations with their grown-ups, or even know the names of the candidates who ran for President, they have experienced significant turmoil and unrest in the past few months. And despite the great efforts of those around them to maintain calm and routine, children and youth absorb fears and anxieties without even knowing it. Creating space for them to reorient, reset, and reconnect with their community will be a healing balm.

Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human by Cole Arthur Riley

For anyone asking what it means to be human in a world of both beauty and terror, Black Liturgies is a work of healing and empowerment, and a vision for what might be.



Calendar

Click [here](#) for link to full calendar

Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Monday, November 25 10:30 am - 2 pm

Join us for our next Away We Go trip to the George W. Bush Library. Invite your friends and family for a tour of the Library and lunch at Cafe 43, the restaurant on site. The cost is \$60, which includes admission, lunch, and roundtrip transportation.

Upcoming and Ongoing Studies:

[Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther and Jonah Study w/ Pastor Madison](#)

Sundays in Nov. 10 -10:45 am in the Great Hall

[The Christmas Letters Study w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154

11/26 - 12/17

*Coming
Soon*