

SPRING, 2021

GATHERINGS ALONG THE WAY

THE OFFERINGS OF DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SIERRA VISTA UMC

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We at Sierra Vista UMC invite you to join with us as we seek to know, grow, and live the Jesus Way. We offer a variety of gathering options – these gatherings will include events, programs, and classes that will meet you where you are spiritually, regardless of how long you have been on your faith journey.

These events, programs, and classes will begin sometime in February, 2021, and registration for them will be available, beginning January 23 both online and in the Church Office.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION...

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DROP-IN OPPORTUNITIES

These events are regularly scheduled classes and meetings that do not require registration or planning. Just attend when you are able! All ages and abilities are welcome.

FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR COMMUNITY...

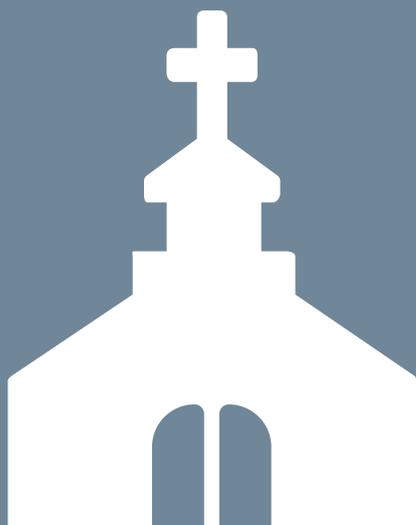
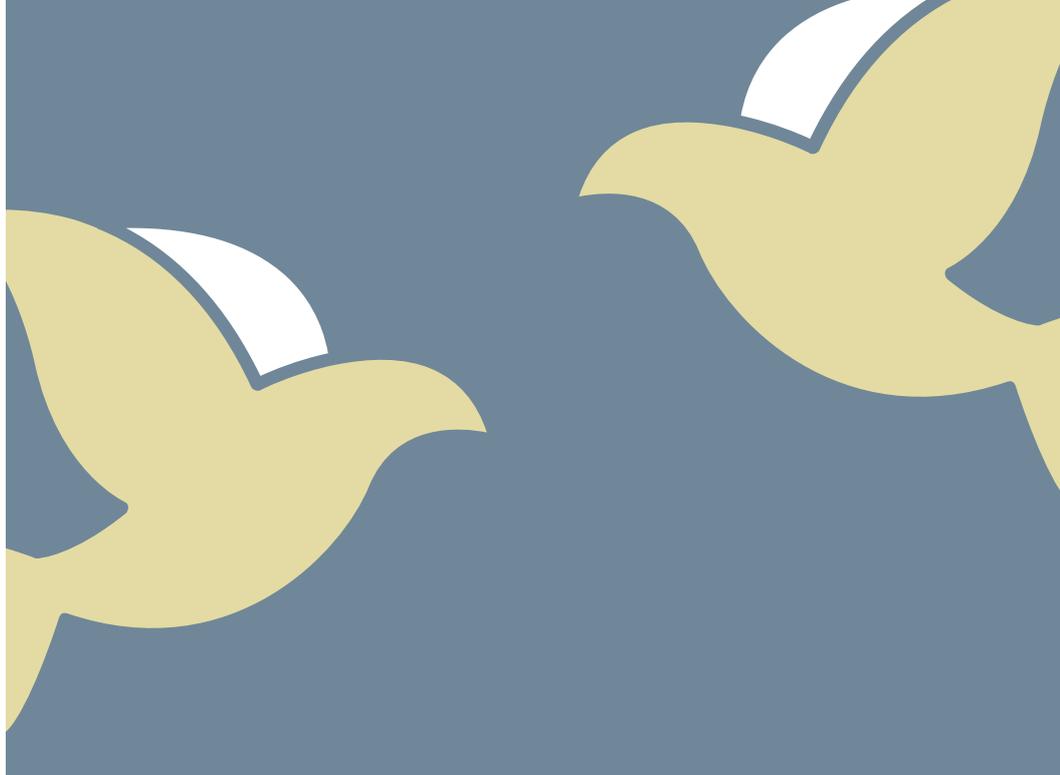
These offerings are for those who want to find fellowship and forge new relationships while also gaining knowledge on a wide array of topics. Registration is requested.

FOR THOSE WANTING TO KNOW MORE...

These events allow believers to go deeper in their faith. Through study, discussions, and reflection, these offerings will allow individuals to grow their own spirituality. Registration is requested.

FOR THOSE ABIDING IN JESUS' LOVE...

These events are for those who are ready to take their faith into the world through mission and a deeper study of what it means to be a Christian in our world. Registration is requested.



DROP-IN OPPORTUNITIES...

GROUP-CENTERING PRAYER

Participants meet for a time of centering prayer, in which they sit together in silence, opening themselves to God's presence and work within them and allowing Jesus access to the deepest parts of themselves to make himself more fully known to us.

Dates & Times: Every other Thursday, starting February 4, at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: online via Zoom

Contact: Tamara Strehli-Hubert
(tstrehli@sierravista.org or 325/944-4041)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

With the fervent belief that prayers are answered, this group meets weekly to petition God on behalf of specific individuals who are struggling, as well as for the improvement of local, national, and even global concerns.

Date & Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 -11:30 a.m.

Location: Online via Zoom

Contact: Tamara Strehli-Hubert
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FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR COMMUNITY...

PRESCHOOL MOMS

For so many reasons, motherhood can be isolating, especially when children are very young. This group is designed with that idea in mind and with the goal of helping moms find relationship with other moms while studying life-application Bible studies. This group is specifically geared toward those moms whose children attend SVUMC's KDO and preschool, but all moms are welcome! Preregistration is not required. To participate, feel free to attend any meeting.

Date: Wednesdays, starting January 20

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Room, Life Center 106 (off gym)

Contact: Mel Robertson (mrs.robertson05@gmail.com)

DEVOTIONAL TIME FOR TEACHERS

Right now, more than ever, teachers are working harder and in more unusual circumstances than ever before. As a result, we invite all who work in education for a break in the busy-ness of the week to refocus on faith, hope, and God's grace.

Date: Tuesdays when SAISD is in session

Time: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: online via Zoom

For Zoom Info, email Kelly Duke at kduke@sierravista.org.

FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR COMMUNITY...

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This gathering will provide a welcoming space for those who are not married; those who are single and aged 30+ will have the opportunity to grow their faith in a reassuring, warm, and relaxed environment. Studies will focus on topics specific to the single life, as well as other Bible-based topics.

Date: Sunday, beginning February 14

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: online via Zoom

For Zoom Info, email Kelly Duke at kduke@sierravista.org.

INTRODUCTION TO MIXED MEDIA ART

In this four-week class lead by Heather McBay, we will look at what defines mixed media art and how to use a variety of common, household items to create your own art piece. We will also introduce you to a variety of introductory art techniques and methods that you can carry forward into your own art-making at home. You will be making either a small sculpture or hanging wall piece from discarded or otherwise unusable materials, aka “trash.” We will discuss design elements and other things you need to consider, and you will be assisted in developing and implementing your very own design.

Materials you will need to supply: glue, scissors, pencil(s), and a sketchbook or white paper. For additional supplies, please do not buy anything. Just bring what you have. Heather has plenty of extra materials, and the class can share!

Age: 6-100+ (Ages 6-12 will need to have a parent in the class with them.)

Date: Tuesdays, starting February 2 for four weeks

Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Life Center, Room 106

For more information email Heather McBay at HeatherMcBay77@gmail.com.

BEYOND SINGLE GROUP

This gathering will provide a welcoming space for those who are not married; those who are single and aged 30+ will have the opportunity to grow their faith in a reassuring, warm, and relaxed environment. Studies will focus on topics specific to the single life, as well as other Bible-based topics.

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LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE: PRAYING THROUGH THE PSALMS

Participants will be challenged to read five Psalms a day: 2 in the morning, 1 at noon and 2 before bed. Participants will also be asked to write a prayer response to one Psalm a day or at least one reflection on a Psalm a week. The group will meet weekly to discuss.

Times and Dates:

- Tuesdays, noon-1:00 p.m., February 16 – March 30
- Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 a.m., February 17 – March 31

Where: Online via Zoom

Suggested Resource: *Praying the Psalms* by Nan Merrill (Available through online booksellers)

Facilitator: Rev. Tamara Strehli-Hubert,
tstrehli@sierravista.org

ANGELS: WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY HELP

This group will study book of the same name. People have long been fascinated by stories of angel sightings, yet many contemporary beliefs about angels are based on misconception and myth rather than solid, biblical truth. As he's done so brilliantly for decades, respected Bible teacher, Dr. David Jeremiah of Turning Point Ministries, uses Scripture to unveil the remarkable truth about these agents of heaven and their role in our world and our lives.

Date: Sundays, January 17 through April 19

Time: 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. (Sunday School hour)

Location: Life Center, Room 106

More Info: email Clifton Jones at
clifton.jones.99@gmail.com.

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FOR THOSE ABIDING IN JESUS' LOVE...

UNLEASHING THE BIBLE: INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD, PART 1 (GENESIS AND EXODUS)

This 12-Session Bible Study exploring Genesis and Exodus, will identify how these two books of the Bible can help us engage the world around us with God's love in practical ways. This is the first part of Disciple Fast Track II. The class time will include a video on the section of scripture we read that week and discussion. The commitment is to attend the weekly meetings, to read 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily, to complete workbook reading and reflection questions, and to engage in the spiritual disciplines for that week.

When: Wednesdays, starting February 3, 7-8:30 p.m. (We will discuss readings for Chapter 1 at first meeting.)

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$13 (Workbooks available January 22nd)

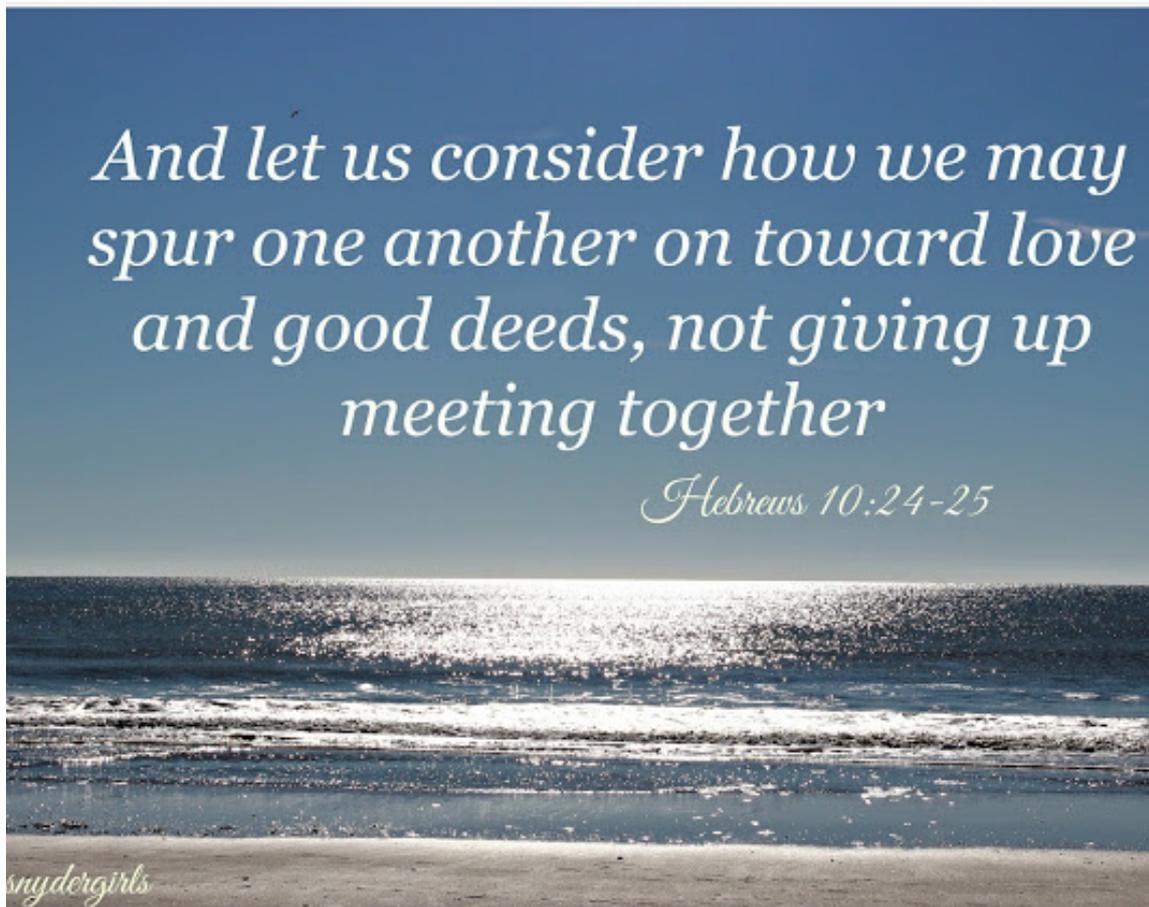
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*And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds, not giving up
meeting together*

Hebrews 10:24-25



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FOR THOSE YIELDING TO GOD'S WILL...

HOW PEOPLE GROW: WHAT THE BIBLE REVEALS ABOUT PERSONAL GROWTH

Based on the book of the same name, this study will consider how spiritual growth really happens. Participants will consider the following :

- What the essential processes are that make people grow.
- How those processes fit into a biblical understanding of spiritual growth and theology.
- How spiritual growth and real-life issues are one and the same.
- What the responsibilities are of pastors, counselors, and others who assist people in growing
- What your own responsibilities are in your personal growth.

Date: Mondays,

February 8 through April 19

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Life Center, Room 206

More Info: email Kelly Duke at kduke@sierravista.org.

SVUMC'S DIGGING DEEPER BOOK CLUB (DDBC)

This spring we will be reading books exploring racism from a Christian perspective chosen by the DDBC group. We will meet every other week starting, Thursday February 3rd 6:30-8 pm. Our first book will be *Anxious to Talk about It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism*, by Charolyn B. Helsel. Come join the conversation! We will discuss through Chapter 2 at our first meeting. The book is available through online booksellers for purchase.

Meetings: every other week starting, Thursday, February 4, at 6:30-8 p.m.

Location: online via Zoom

Facilitator: Contact Tamara Strehli-Hubert (tstrehli@sierravista.org or 325/944-4041) to participate.

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