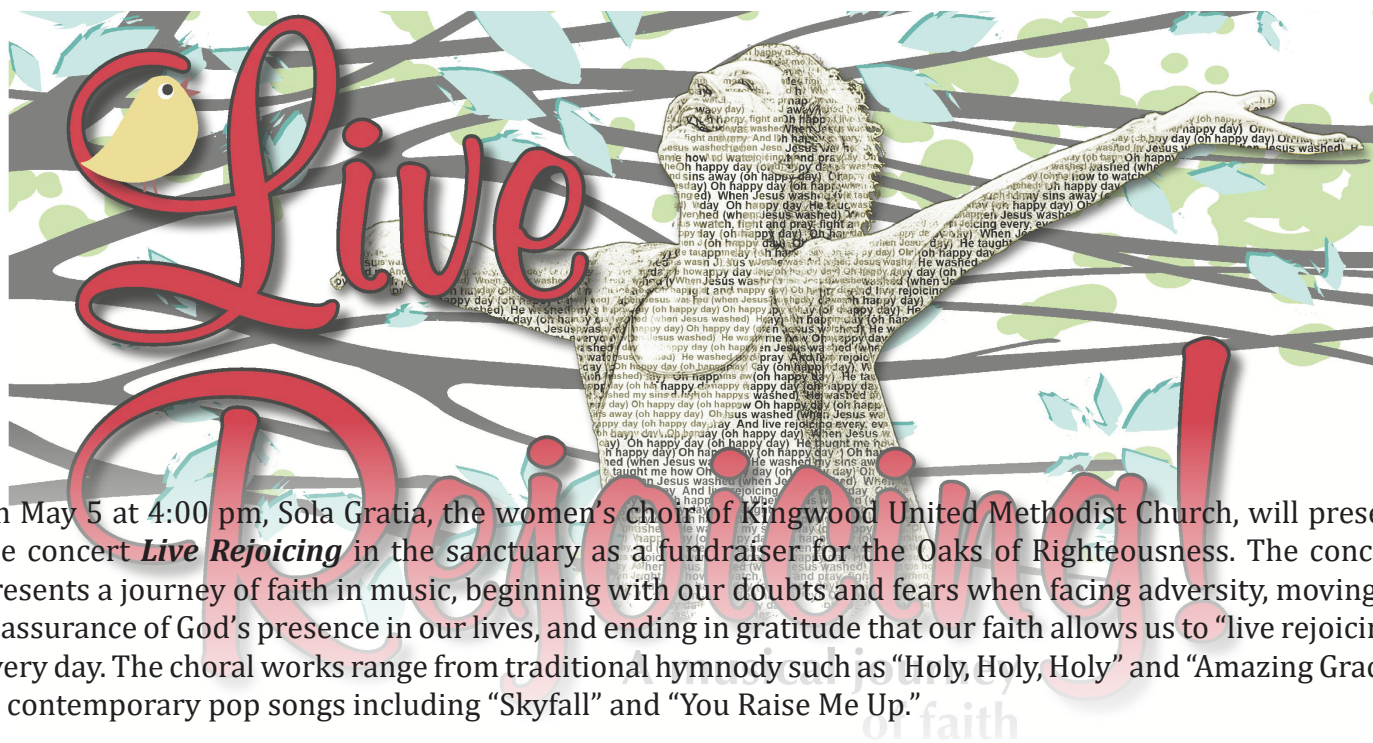




April-May 2019

A planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. Isaiah 61:3



On May 5 at 4:00 pm, Sola Gratia, the women's choir of Kingwood United Methodist Church, will present the concert **Live Rejoicing** in the sanctuary as a fundraiser for the Oaks of Righteousness. The concert presents a journey of faith in music, beginning with our doubts and fears when facing adversity, moving to reassurance of God's presence in our lives, and ending in gratitude that our faith allows us to "live rejoicing" every day. The choral works range from traditional hymnody such as "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Amazing Grace," to contemporary pop songs including "Skyfall" and "You Raise Me Up."

As a women's choir, Sola Gratia feels honored to offer fundraising concerts for the Oaks program. Directed by Meredith Koerner, Sola Gratia is a nonselect group of voices that began as a quartet twenty-seven years ago, and has grown to its current size of twenty-seven members. The choir, whose name means "by grace alone," is made up of women of all ages and musical backgrounds. In addition to singing in worship services at KUMC, the group has performed twice at the White House as well as the Texas Capitol rotunda and the 2013 Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. A suggested \$20 donation will be collected at the door in lieu of tickets, and an offering for Oaks of Righteousness will be held at the concert. Following the concert guests are invited to a dessert reception in the church commons, provided by board members of the Oaks. Kingwood United Methodist Church is located at 1799 Woodland Hills Drive. For more information call the church at 281-358-2137.

Handcrafted Cards

Volunteers and residents are handcrafting beautiful note cards. This time together gives the residents and volunteers a creative outlet as they fellowship and encourage one another. Funds raised will purchase clothing, athletic shoes and basic necessities for new residents who are entering the recovery program from prison. Packages of four *Celebrating Second Chances* cards are \$20, and will be sold at Oaks events, local specialty stores, and bazaars.



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Spring Forward

The time has come for me to 'spring forward' into the next season of life that the Lord has for me. But before leaving the Oaks, I want to give God all the glory for the privilege of serving as House Manager for the past four-and-a-half years. It has been a journey of personal growth as I interacted with each new resident to offer the support and guidance she needed.

It also has been an experience of professional growth as I connected with every board member and volunteer who has given their time, energy, donations, and most important...prayers for this ministry. I truly thank all of you for your support of me as I passionately served here at the Oaks. Thank you, Beth, for hiring me to be a part of the Oaks ministry and for the relationship we've developed as sisters in Christ and co-laborers in His kingdom building work. May the Lord expand the territory of the Oaks of Righteousness to open more transitional homes for women because, unfortunately, there is a great need for this kind of ministry. Love you all!

Rev. Janet Stevenson



Sola Gratia WOMEN'S CHOIR

Live Rejoicing!

A musical journey of faith

Sunday, May 5
4pm • KUMC Sanctuary

Suggested donation \$20
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transitional living facility

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