

August 2020

**Sunday, August 2**

Worship Service on YouTube  
Zoom Sunday School @ 10 a.m.

**Sunday, August 9**

Worship Service on YouTube  
Zoom Sunday School @ 10 a.m.

**Sunday, August 16**

Worship Service on YouTube  
Zoom Sunday School @ 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 19**

NEW! Zoom Class with Cheryl  
& Masyn begins @ 7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 23**

Worship Service on YouTube  
Zoom Sunday School @ 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 26**

Zoom Study @ 7 p.m.

**Thursday, August 27**

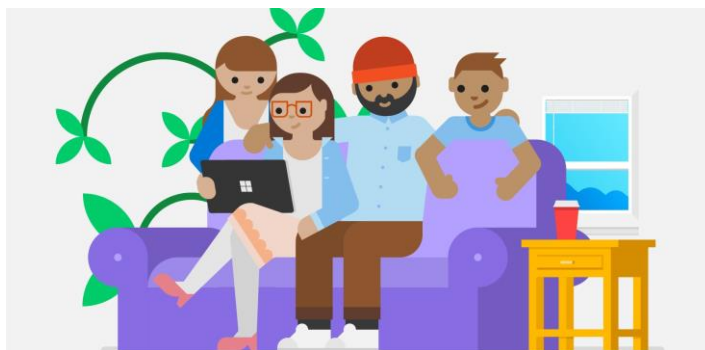
Prepare meal for Drive A Senior  
Northwest volunteers

**Sunday, August 30**

Worship Service on YouTube  
Zoom Sunday School @ 10 a.m.

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Our Sunday morning worship services will continue to be pre-recorded from homes and put together by Kay Greenhaw. [Visit our YouTube video feed](#) to see past services. Thank you to our diligent and talented staff for leading us through these times of worship, to Kay for so beautifully piecing everything together, and to all of our recent guest participants.



**Would you like to participate in our recorded services?** We would love guest participants who feel comfortable singing songs, sharing a stewardship message, or even voicing a prayer to a part of our worship services. You would record yourself at home and text or email it to a staff member who can load it on Dropbox for Kay Greenhaw to place in the service. Please be aware that the video will be loaded onto YouTube, our website, and Facebook.

If you would like to be a part of an upcoming service, please email [ckimble@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:ckimble@hpbcaustin.org).

August 4, 2020

On behalf of my family I want to thank you for the amazing outpouring of care and concern you showed our family through the last few weeks following the unexpected death of my niece Jodie. I must admit this was a very difficult time and your cards, emails, calls and prayers have been very much appreciated.

Jodie came several years during the summer to help work in our VBS. I have many fond memories of seeing her help around our church and she had such warm feeling towards our church. She often asked how the church was doing and always felt a part of us. Her leaving this earthly home is a loss for our family and her smile and energy will be missed.

I feel so blessed to be a part of such a warm and loving community and I thank God every day for each one of you. I look forward to the day, soon I hope, when we can worship face to face. Until that day know that I keep you in my prayers and pray for your health and comfort.

Peace be with you,

Cheryl



Director of Congregational Music, Rachel Davis, resigned from her position effective August 1, 2020. Enclosed is a copy of Rachel's letter to the congregation:



**July 10, 2020**

**Good afternoon,**

Today, I share with you that on June 8, 2020, I submitted my letter of resignation from the Director of Congregational Music position at the Church at Highland Park, which will go into effect on August 1, 2020. I will continue to work on my summer projects until their conclusion at the end of July, at which time I will officially be resigned from the church, both as a member of the staff and as a member of the congregation.

After many weeks of reflection and prayer, I have found that it is time for me to part ways with the Church at Highland Park and find a new church home. I wish Highland Park all the best on their journey and am excited for the new journey God has called Mike and I to take. I will cherish the time I've spent here, and will always appreciate you opening your arms to Mike and I. The memories we have made together at this church will not be soon forgotten, and I thank you for the love you have shown us over the years.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to stay in touch; I put all of my personal contact information at the top of this letter for your reference. I appreciate your friendship, fellowship, and love throughout the past two years, and hope to see you again in the future. Although my time at Highland Park should come to an end, I am always a phone call or email away. Thank you for being such a welcoming community.

Kindly,

*Rachel Davis*

Since we were not able to gather for a reception in Rachel's honor, the church sent Rachel a parting gift and the staff sent Rachel and Mike cookies and milk from Tiff's Treats. Our sincere thanks to Rachel for all of the beautiful worship experiences you've led us through for the last two years.



**New Class!**

## WHAT NOW?

A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN  
RESPONSE TO  
RACIAL INJUSTICE

**Starting Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 p.m. our ministers, Cheryl and Masyn will begin a Wednesday night Zoom study and discussion called *What Now? A Faithful Christian Response to Racial Injustice.***

Each week we will have several items for you to watch, read or listen to before class. During class we will discuss issues like: *What is racism? What is the church's role in racism? What is White Privilege? How have we rewritten history to make it easier to accept?* We will discuss protest riots, statues and the legal system. Our hope is to end the class with a response for The Church @ Highland Park. A way where we can show our desire to put an end to the injustice in our community and our world.

We ask that before our first class you watch the documentary 13TH by Ava DuVernay, available on Netflix or [on YouTube](#). The class is slated to last for 7 weeks, through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoom Sunday School with Walt Shelton**  
August 9, 23, 30 @ 10:00 a.m.  
August 16 @ 5:00 p.m.

Walt Shelton will continue leading a Sunday School class on the online video chat platform Zoom. A new unit begins on Aug 9 titled "*Living "into" or "out of" Faith/Belief?*". The scriptures for this several-week-long unit include:

- Matthew 7:21 – 27
- Matthew 25:31 – 46
- Luke 16:19 – 31
- Galatians 5:6
- Philippians 2:1 – 13
- James 1:26 – 27

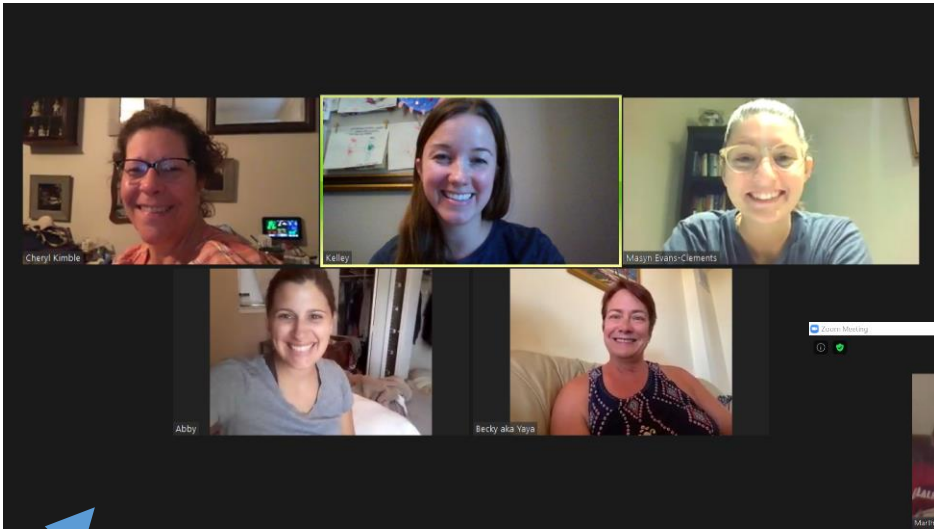
### Virtual Learning for All Ages

- Each Sunday, the youth of Highland Park meet @ 11:00 a.m. for Sunday School over Zoom with their teacher Wes Glazener and Minister for Youth & Outreach, Masyn Evans-Clements. If you have a youth aged 6-12 grade who would like to join, please contact [masyne@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:masyne@hpbcaustin.org).
- Our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Abby Byrd, sends out weekly emails to the families of Highland Park with videos and crafts for faith-based activities at home. Contact [familylife@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:familylife@hpbcaustin.org) to begin receiving these emails.

A link to the Zoom meeting for each class is emailed out each week. Participation can stay at your comfort level – if you want to listen but not speak up or if you'd rather not turn your video feed on, anything is fine. And attending a class here or there as you are able is certainly welcome, too. Please email [office@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:office@hpbcaustin.org) if you need assistance accessing the Zoom links or help getting weekly updates from the church.

# Zoom Life

In our physically-distant reality, we appreciate and cherish the virtual technology that allows us to stay socially-connected.



The youth meet over Zoom with Wes Glazener and Brandon & Masyn Evans-Clements to share a lesson and life stories.



The staff meet each Monday to plan the week's worship service, social media, and more.



Sunday School over Zoom each Sunday plus book clubs once a month!



It was a true team effort as The Church @ Highland Park provided dinner at the Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center on Sunday, July 19. Michelle Poncik's homemade iced brownies made their way to Alana Mallard's house along with Donna & Arden Reisenbigler and 2 gallons of vanilla ice cream. Donna and Arden bumped into Roxanne Shelton dropping off three pans of her homemade broccoli casserole. Next Sheila Allee Kershaw dropped off a big box of Rudy's barbeque that she and Tom provided. Zach Mallard provided the muscle to carry their generous donation.

Meanwhile, Kelley DeCleene was prepping two big salads at home with her very enthusiastic sous-chefs Mason and Juliet. Kelley hopped in her car to pick up green bean casserole provided by Cheryl and Roy Kimble and then stopped by Alana's to load up the rest, including Alana Mallard's homemade buttery mashed potatoes. Finally Kelley made her way to the back circle drive at University Baptist to hand off the meal to the drop-in center. Clients were excited to help load up this meal onto carts and get it inside. Thanks to all who helped provide this progressive meal of sorts. God's people doing God's work outside the walls of the church.



Margaret Stafford handed off reusable grocery bags, baby food, travel-size toiletries, and a case of Spam to Alana Mallard on July 30 — all things that Assistance League of Austin saves for The Church @ Highland Park. The Micah 6 food pantry visitors will use the grocery bags as they shop on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings at the food pantry and the food and personal items will go on the shelves for shoppers. Many thanks to Assistance League of Austin and especially to Margaret for seeing the reusable grocery bags are saved for Micah 6.

#### Earth Covenant Ministry:

A big thank you to LaNell Coltharp for slowly but surely taking 12 bags of Styrofoam to be recycled. The piles had accumulated outside, despite signage not to drop off at this time. Angel moved the items inside and LaNell worked her way through to get it delivered down south.



**Be doers of the word, and not hearers only...**

- James 1:22

### Catching up with

**Missions:** The new Refugee Services of Texas development director Elena Lopez reached out to the Church at Highland Park recently to let us know that, even in the pandemic and working from home, the Austin office continues to resettle refugees and plan



events. The Church@HP has supported RSTX in our Missions budget and with donations for seven years.

- Congregations and groups are currently reading *City of Thorns* by Ben Rawlence, for a **Zoom book club group on Saturday, Aug 22 at 10 a.m.** The book tells a story over four years of nine people in the world's largest refugee camp. For a story of refuge in America, check out an earlier book, *After the Last Border* by Jessica Goudeau.
- RSTX celebrated World Refugee Day in June with virtual events including language lessons, book readings, a screening of *Day One*, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, and advocacy education.
- Besides refugee resettlement, RSTX works to give survivors of trafficking the skills and resources to transition to stable and independent lives.
- Take a look at [RSTX.org](http://RSTX.org) and click on Who We Are and What We Do for more info about this important ministry of our church.

### Missions Opportunity this month

On Thursday, August 27, we have an opportunity to help the clients of Drive a Senior (DAS) Northwest. Because of COVID-19, clients won't gather at Anderson Mill Baptist but DAS volunteers will deliver 40 to-go meals that we pack up at Anderson Mill.

How you can help:

- 1) Prepare food at home.
- 2) Meet at Anderson Mill Baptist (10633 Lake Creek Pkwy) on Thursday, August 27 to fill to-go dishes while wearing gloves and masks.
- 3) Donate toward the meal.

**If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Alana Mallard.**



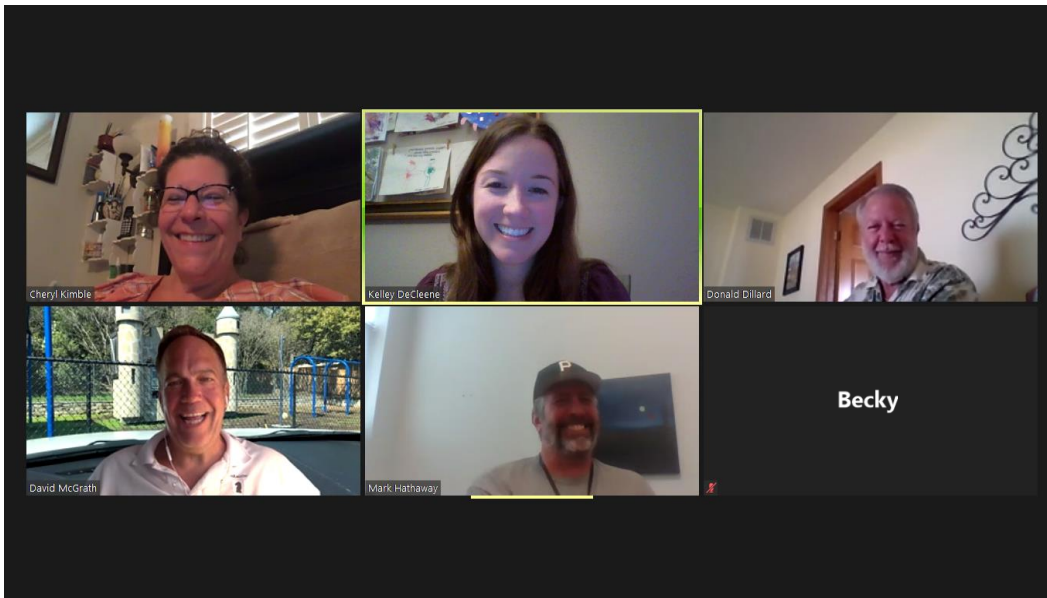
**Drive a Senior**  
Volunteers In Motion



On August 5, church member Greg Gregory turned 100 years old. His family invited the church to be a part of the celebration by sending cards, emails, and videos, and participating in a socially-distant parade outside of his senior living facility. Greg received over 200 cards, 100 emails, and enough content to make a 12-minute long birthday video! People from all over Texas lined up to drive-by, wave, and shout Happy Birthday to Greg that Wednesday morning. Rev. Kimble asked Greg how it felt to be 100 years old, and he quickly responded "Better than 99!"

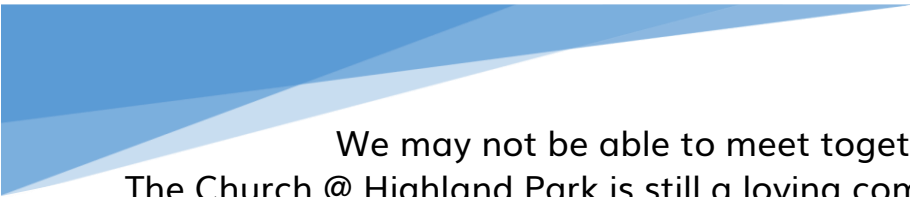


The school and church janitor Angel Perez continues to make his way around the entire building deep cleaning floors and furniture. The past month, the Underground classrooms and Choir Room were the main focus. Angel also cleaned and disinfected the Atrium following the July 14 election.



Representatives of Highland Park and Paragon Prep School have been meeting virtually to discuss how the school will reopen this Fall. Paragon will begin virtually on Aug. 17 with the possibility that some in-person schooling will begin in September.

Kelley DeCleene has been in contact with the many groups that meet in our building to gauge which are interested in returning to the building. There will be a vast coordinated effort to keep groups as separate and safe as possible. No date has been set for the re-open as the church has decided to give Paragon time to settle back first.



We may not be able to meet together in our building, but The Church @ Highland Park is still a loving community. Do you have a prayer request, update on yourself, or celebration from your family that you'd like to share? Photos are welcome, too! Please [email the church office](#) and we can share with everyone by email, in hopes to keep us socially-connected in this socially-distant world. Please be sure to mention if you are okay with it being shared over the church-wide email, or if you prefer for it to only be shared & prayed over during the Monday staff Zoom meeting.

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Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor  
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Dr. C. Ray Burchette, Pastor Emeritus  
Abby Byrd, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
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