



Mar 2 Share Your Table Food
Donations for Micah 6

Mar 5 Roundtable Ministry
Meetings 5:30pm Sapp Hall,
Ash Wednesday Service
6:30pm Sanctuary

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Volunteer to
serve God's Family Dinner at
UBC to 200 needy people

Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 Men's Prayer
Breakfast 7 am Sapp Hall

Mar 8-12 Spring Break Mission-
Austin in Dove Springs Flood
Area

Mar 9 Taize 7:30pm Atrium

Mar 10 S.I.S. 7pm Barbara
Worley's Home

Mar 16 Ministry Council Meet-
ing 12:30pm Sapp Hall

Mar 22 Women's Book Club
discusses "North Toward
Home" 10am Parlor, Church-
wide Cleanup Day 8:30-4pm

Mar 23 CROP Walk 1:45pm
Camp Mabry

Mar 30 Youth Mission Fund-
raiser Luncheon and Variety
Show 12:30 pm Sapp Hall

HPBC Barnabas People



Kelley DeCleene
Celebrating three years of ser-
vice to HPBC congregation

From Our Pastor

I realized while talking to the Ministry Council last month that there are many things that go on each week in the office that no one knows about. We assume that word trickles down but really so many things happen that no one knows about so I wanted to take this opportunity to share just a few things with you.

It's been so wonderful getting to know and work with Catherine Bartoli and Dustin Struhall. Over the last few months we've met together about once a month to look at and plan our worship services. Last month we met one Saturday afternoon along with Kay Greenhaw to look at the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter. We managed to go through an entire box of Thin Mints, a package of candy, popcorn, and a few other snack items. But before we left, we had a good handle on the season, and we were excited about our work.

One of the things you may not know is that when the Pastor Search Committee talked to Kevin and me almost exactly two years ago, they wanted to make sure one of Kevin's responsibilities would be to preach once a month when possible. It was understood that there would be months in the summer that it would be difficult, but when possible they wanted to make sure he had that opportunity. So it's been wonderful for me to be able to sit and listen some Sundays and especially wonderful for me to know that when I need to be away, Kevin is there. I'm so grateful to work with a minister who has such a spiritual heart and who puts so much of himself into his ministry.

Ever since her first day here Kelley has done so much more than her job description could ever list. To watch her organizational mind work is fascinating. For those of us who pile rather than file, she is a breath of fresh air. For so long I've depended on her to help me figure out plans and processes in addition to all the other work she has happening. This year the Personnel Ministry decided to change her title to one that fits what she does and to better compensate her for that work. While it took them a while to come up with a name, and we're still working on that job description, Kelley is now the Director of Church Operations. How lucky we are to have her.

I'll be at Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor on March 24, attending the 2014 Women in Ministry Conference: *Embracing Leadership*, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. I'll participate in a panel discussion on "Living in Leadership," host a networking luncheon on "Pastoral Ministry," and lead a breakout session called "Leading With A Wide Open Heart." Please keep me and everyone at the conference in your prayers as we all learn more about leadership and seeking God in our lives.

Life at Highland Park always has lots going on, and I hope you will never hesitate to call and check in with any of us in the office whenever you wonder about the life of our church.

Your pastor,
Cheryl

Making a Difference We Are Called Serving Jesus in our church and in our community



Kevin Mitchell and parents of youth plan a new semester of missions and activities for our middle school and high school students, including Mission Austin during spring break

The women of WMU S.I.S. — Sisters in Service — support Fred and Barbara Worley in their Engineering Ministries International service in Central America and South America. And S.I.S. recently collected hygiene items and cash donations for Austin's SafePlace



Faith Class supports the work of Michele Byrom Bailey — daughter of Tom and Jeanie Petrie — as she teaches, loves, and serves at an orphanage in Haiti for five months

Highland Park joins other faith communities at University Baptist for two hours on Thursdays to serve 150-250 hungry people at God's Family Dinner, part of Micah 6



Staff of Highland Park Baptist Church

Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor

Rev. Kevin Mitchell, Associate Pastor

Catherine Bartoli, Director of Music

Dustin Struhall, Organist and Pianist

Kelley DeCleene, Director of Church Operations

Susan Hammack, Church Bookkeeper

Hayley Kimble, Children & Young Families Coordinator

John Guerra, Church Custodian

Alan Werner, Sunday Assistant Custodian

Worship of the Lord as we take our Lenten Walk to the Cross

March 2 Eighth Sunday After the Epiphany Celebration of Holy Communion, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., gathering of food for Share Your Table

March 5 Ash Wednesday Imposition of ashes

March 9 First Sunday of Lent Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "At One with Christ on the Journey."

March 16 Second Sunday of Lent Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "Invitation to Rebirth."

March 23 Third Sunday of Lent Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.

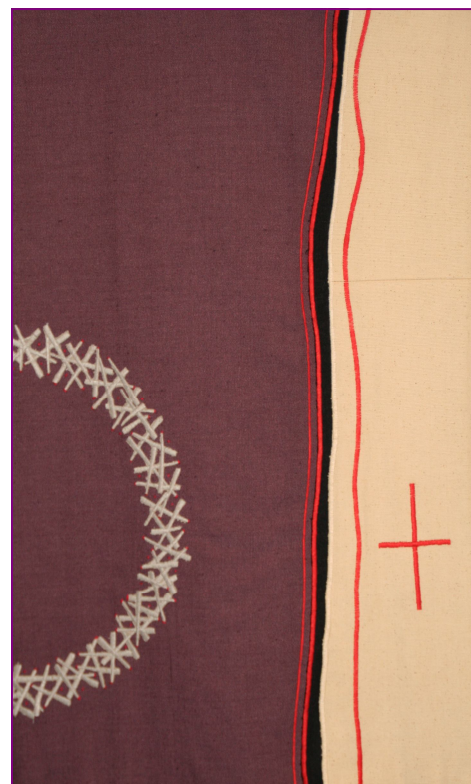
March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "Right Before Our Eyes."

*Remember that thou art dust,
and to dust thou shalt return.*

Genesis 3:19

Repent, and believe the Gospel.

Mark 1:15



Wednesday Weavings: Fellowship Dinner and Programs

Join us for supper on Wednesday evenings when we share a meal prepared by one of our four cooking teams. We begin our meal at 5:30 p.m. in Sapp Hall, and everyone is welcome. If it is your first time to eat with us, please be our guest — you can pay next time. Adult plates are \$6; kid's plates and half plates are \$4; family max is \$18. After dinner and a time of prayer and announcements, we have programs for adults, kids and teens to learn more about loving one another, doing justice, and walking humbly with God.

March 5 Ash Wednesday Services Meet with your ministry around the dinner table beginning at 5:30 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. we'll gather in the Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship.

March 12 Spring Break We won't have fellowship dinner during spring break, but we will be out in the Onion Creek and Dove Springs areas doing Mission-Austin in the flooded areas.

March 19 Lenten Study of Stations of the Cross Rev. Cheryl Kimble talks about "Prophecy Revealed," as she begins a four-week study of Jesus' walk to the cross and the passion of Christ through traditional and modern Stations of the Cross.

March 26 Lenten study of Stations of the Cross Rev. Cheryl Kimble continues her study of the Stations of the Cross with "Mocking and Suffering," featuring art through the ages and modern quotations.

April 2 and 9 Lenten Study of Stations of the Cross Rev. Cheryl Kimble concludes her four-week study with "Road to the Cross" and "Prophecy Fulfilled."

We heard Jud Edwards talk last month during Wednesday Weavings about his most recent book, "Quiet Faith."



Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

Angels in my life

Whenever I have been in big trouble, in a scary experience, in a jam, there has been an angel to help me.

Like the man who appeared at my car door after I had been broadsided by a fast-moving car I never saw – my necklace and earrings knocked off. I was in shock and couldn't think. He gently asked me if I was OK and stayed with me until EMS arrived. I was not hurt.

The tattooed young man who ran to my rescue when I tripped on the sidewalk and landed face down. He helped me to my feet, bent my glasses back in shape and dabbed the blood on my forehead.

The two young men who changed a flat tire for me in a scary neighborhood in Fort Worth.

The defrocked pastor and his girlfriend who moved me from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City, a move necessary so I could get away from a bad relationship and a dead-end job.

The lady who welcomed me into her beautiful home and rented me a bedroom so I could have a place to stay while I moved to Austin. I had only \$200 left in my bank account and had been ill and unemployed for months.

I never saw any of these people after they helped me – except for the lady who rented me a room. But she died four months after I moved out of her house.

I thought of all these lovely people one night recently when I couldn't sleep. It was as if God tapped me on the shoulder to remind me that he had sent his angels to help when I needed it. I really needed to be reminded of these people and the love they showed – it's been a rough few months.

I would not for a moment discount the love and support of my friends and family – who are always there for me.

But sometimes, God sends an angel in the midst of trouble to help us along. I hope I have been and can be an angel to someone someday.



Saturday, March 22, is HPBC
Clean-up and Spruce-up Day
8:30 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Sign up or show up
Come for breakfast and lunch

Let's do a little spring cleaning
around our building and grounds

Mary Ellen Sullivan for questions and assignments

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**



JOIN THE CROP HUNGER WALK!

Your CROP Hunger Walk impact: here, a young girl enjoys clean water close to her house for the first time. CWS helped her community build clean water facilities in Malino Village, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

**Austin Crop Walk sponsored by Church World Service
March 23 Camp Mabry 1:45 p.m.**

“We walk because they walk”

Meditations on Traditional Stations of the Cross

Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

I Jesus Is Condemned to Death Betrayed. Deserted. Alone. Jesus stands before an unjust judge. Dry palm branches crackle under the feet of the crowd. Soldiers rain down punches and crown him with thorns. Jesus is condemned to die.

II Jesus Takes up His Cross Splinters. Heavy, rough wood. The scent of the hill country. A single beam laid across the back of a carpenter. The crowd jeers. The procession to the place of the skull begins.

III Jesus Falls the First Time Stumble. Waver. Collapse. Jesus' sweat mingles with dust as he falls to the earth. The weight of the sins of the world on his shoulders. Barely able to stand. He cannot carry the cross without falling.

IV Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother Mother and child. Madonna. Joseph has died. There is no angelic choir. No shepherds. No wise men. Gone are the gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary sees her battered son through a veil of tears.

V The Cross Is Laid on Simon of Cyrene Stranger. Neighbor. Friend. Simon takes up your cross. In so doing takes up his own. Another innocent man joins the procession to Calvary.

VI A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus Cloth. Sweat. Blood. Icon. Legend tells of a woman wiping Jesus' face and gaining an image of Christ painted in his blood on her cloth. In relieving the suffering of others we, too, find the face of Jesus.

VII Jesus Falls a Second Time Oppressed. Afflicted. Silently suffering. Simon carries the cross, yet Jesus cannot continue. He bears our infirmities and carries our sorrows. Crushed under their weight, Jesus falls once more.

VIII Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem Tears. Wailing. Daughters. Mothers. Grief. Women beat their breasts and mourn openly, for the Son of Man, but his concern is for them and their children in the days of woe yet to come.

IX Jesus Falls a Third Time Brutalized. Dazed. Beyond strength. Now nearly on Calvary's broad summit, Jesus collapses. Poles long set into the ground are silhouetted against gray clouds. Impatiently, Jesus is pulled up and shoved angrily toward his death.

X Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments King of Glory. King of Peace. Stripped bare. The crown of thorns is all that remains. One possession remains—his life. Holding nothing back, Jesus offers that last gift.

XI Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross Cold steel. Warm flesh. Nails rip through tendon and muscle. Blood soaks into splintered wood. Jesus responds. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

XII Jesus Dies on the cross Despised. Rejected. Eloi, Eloi, Lama sabachthani? My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me? Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. From top to bottom the veil in the Temple is torn in two.

XIII The Body of Jesus Is Placed in the Arms of his Mother Mourning mother. Broken child. A sword of grief pierces her soul. Women surround her, but none can comfort her. Her name is bitterness.

XIV Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb Cold stone. A shroud. Darkness. Sabbath rest at last. The disciples gather in fear. A grain of wheat waits for spring.

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On Call Ministry Luncheon May 4

The Servant Ministry will host a luncheon on May 4 for HPBC members interested in learning more about volunteering for the On Call Ministry.

This Ministry is active 52 weeks a year, with two volunteers signing up for a week at a time to pray for and contact members who are in the hospital, or who are homebound, or who may be on our Touch or Open Door lists. Contacts might include visits, phone calls, notes, Touch cards with the goal of providing support and encouragement to members and friends who are ill or no longer able to attend services or who may be facing other difficult challenges. The two volunteers for the week are asked to meet with the ministerial staff for prayer at 10:40 a.m. on the Sunday of their week of service. On Call volunteers might be asked to assist our pastors with a funeral by welcoming family members prior to a service and making the family comfortable in the parlor or other designated place.

This is an important and rewarding ministry open to any member — it just takes compassion and a desire to serve. Fran Hattin and Nancy Lamb will visit Sunday school classes to answer questions and sign up those interested in attending the On Call luncheon on May 4. Or you may call Fran Hattin at 512-345-7207.

Worship and Sunday School at HPBC

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts. My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Psalm 84:1-2





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Mirror Newsletter
March 2014

Life of the Church

S.I.S. Sisters in Service met at the home of Barbara Worley on March 10, to hear about Barbara and Fred's recent mission trip. We'll meet again April 14, location TBA, but you know it will be a great time together, wherever we meet — missions, fellowship, life of the church.

God's Family Dinner at University Baptist, Thursdays 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. HPBC is specifically signed up to help on second and third Thursdays, March 13 and 20 and then April 10, but help is always needed. UBC's deacons will serve on April 17. About 200 needy people each week get a hot meal at God's Family Dinner, cooked by Mac McKaskle and served by volunteers of Micah 6 Austin member congregations. At least six kitchen helpers and dining room helpers are needed each Thursday.

Taize Our second Sunday Taize-style worship service is March 9 and April 13, in the candlelit Atrium at 7:30 p.m. — quiet music, silent prayer, prayers of the people, a meditation from Rev. Melissa Russell, celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Men's Prayer Breakfast All men of the church and their friends are invited each Friday morning for a time of prayer and fellowship and food — 7 a.m., Sapp Hall, come enjoy breakfast with your friends.

Youth Fundraiser and Variety Show You won't want to miss Sunday, March 30, one of the most anticipated and entertaining events held at Highland Park. It's our annual Youth Fundraiser Luncheon and Variety Show. Great food, great entertainment, great cause. Donations from this year's luncheon will help our youth group travel to Colorado this summer where they will be the hands and feet of Jesus as they work on homes affected by last year's devastating floods.

*I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here,
and stay awake with me. Matthew 26:38*



Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, March 9 and April 13, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us for music, prayer, meditation, and communion. All are welcome