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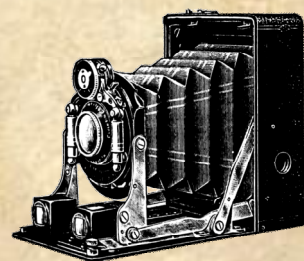
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WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29



OCTOBER

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. — GALATIANS 6:9

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1 Share Your Table Communion Drop-In Center	2 First Monday Night Book Club: <i>The March of Folly</i> by Barbara W. Tuchman	3	4 Dinner & Bible Study with Walt Choir Rehearsal	5 God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast	7 Micah 6 Food Pantry
8 Ministry Council Drop-In Center Taizé Service	9	10	11 Dinner & Speaker from SAFE Choir Rehearsal	12 God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast	14 Micah 6 Food Pantry
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Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Stewardship. Can it really be that time again? Can 2017 really be coming to a close? Nancy Lamb always says, "beware...items on the calendar are closer than they appear", Well it's true! Here we are, working on the 2018 budget, thinking about giving and where we will be in our ministries next year.

Recently I've been bombarded with emails for all these different companies wanting us to purchase their tried and true stewardship plans so our church can grow next year. I was reading one of those, which sent a list of "10 Things Pastors Mess Up During Stewardship." One of those things is pretending stewardship isn't about money. It said we were afraid to use the word "money" when talking about stewardship.



I don't think I fear the word, but I do sometimes worry that once money is mentioned people stop reading or listening. If that's the case, you haven't even gotten this far in my article. If you are still following along, they may be right. I don't want stewardship to just be about money, but it does have to be a *little* bit about money. When we get the utility bill each month I can pray very hard about it, but the bottom line is that the utility company wants a check in the mail! When we have an air conditioner go out or a window break or any of the hundreds of things that can go wrong with a building our size and age, we can (and do) pray about it, but the bottom line is that it takes money to fix it. The missions we support, the activities we do each month, the youth and children's activities all depend upon the budget of this church.

Each Sunday this month you will hear from the chairs of our various ministries. They will share with you how the budget allows them to do the ministries they're charged with leading. The first week of the month you'll receive your pledge cards to think about and pray about. There will be a time each Sunday where you can turn your cards in and be a financial part of the amazing ministries of this church. Finally, on Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate with a church-wide potluck lunch and fall carnival in Sapp Hall after worship.

Stewardship is a very serious subject, and one we need to face openly and honestly. We need people in this church to give of their time and talents, but we also need them to give financially. It's the only way we can continue the ministries of this congregation.

Please spend some time this month thinking about the ways God has given you all that you have, and allow God to speak to you during this time to see how you can return to God a portion of His goodness.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble



Weaving
with the Spirit

Wednesday Weavings this Month

Dinner @ 6 p.m. | Prayer @ 6:15 p.m. | Program @ 6:30 p.m.

October 4: Yesterday and Today: Amos and Social Justice, Part 2

Walt Shelton continues his Bible study on the strong message and important historical context of Amos. Bring a Bible.

October 11: SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone)

A representative from SAFE will come to talk to us about the organization, which is the recent merger of SafePlace and Austin Children's Shelter.

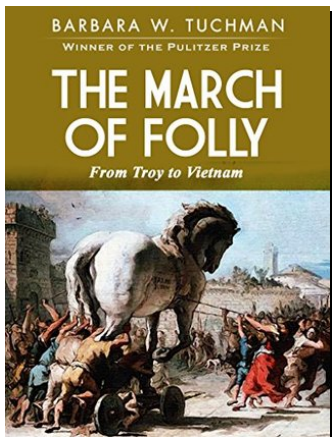
October 18 & 25: Listening to Our Stories

When we are able to quiet our minds and voices, we often hear God's voice in our everyday conversations. Feel free to bring your Bible and a pen (we'll have extras) to use a few simple yet often challenging practices to still our minds to hear God's voice in our stories.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble serves on the board of the newly-formed Center for Congregational Ethics, a resource for Christian ethics education in local churches. This organization offers daily writings on their Facebook page, and Cheryl will be contributing every few weeks.

You can find all their posts on their page at

fb.com/CenterforCongregationalEthics



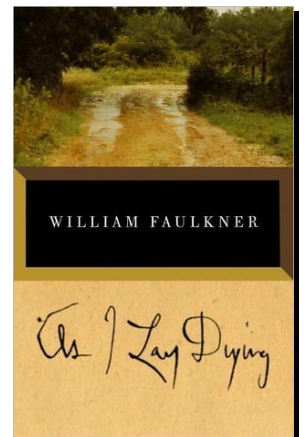
Book Clubs in October

First Monday Night Book Club

Monday, October 2
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Library

HPBC Women's Book Club

Sat., October 28
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parlor



MISSIONS *at* WORK

Martha Burns accepted Highland Park's award as **top Baptist congregation fundraiser for CROP Walk in 2017**. She was so glad to see old Church Work Service friends, including local director Kevin Murphy, at the celebration on September 10. Martha and Ned got HPBC started in CROP walk in 1979.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Team Highland Park raised **\$2,285** for NAMI Austin at the NAMI Walk on Saturday, September 23. You can still help us reach our team goal of \$2,500! Donate online at hpbcaustin.org/NAMI.



MISSIONS *this* MONTH

Sisters in Service will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Our guest will be Brook Ostrom, the Marketing Director for Meals on Wheels and More.

On Wednesday, October 11, we will hear a presentation from a representative from **SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone)** at Wednesday Weavings. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., followed by prayer at 6:15 p.m. and the program at 6:30 p.m.

SMOITCELTER REFLECTIONS

Being God's Creation by Sheila Allee Kershaw

in the Mirror

For many years, I thought that surrendering to God meant giving up who I was and everything I held dear. As a teenager, I feared that God might even want me to give up such pleasures as going to movies.

There was always the anxiety that if I really sold out to God's will, He would send me to Africa as a jungle missionary. Surely, I reasoned, I would die of either cholera or loneliness if I had to do that!

But as I've progressed along my spiritual journey through life, I've moved beyond my belief that God is some kind of ogre who wants me to suffer.

I now firmly believe that God wants me to become – to the fullest extent – the person He created me to be. What a loving thought!

So what does that mean – to become who I was created to be? First, I firmly believe I was created to be a writer, and thankfully, that is what I have done.

And now, after many years of experience as a writer, I also firmly believe my purpose is to not only continue writing but to help others learn to express themselves through the written word.

There are other cues in my God-given nature that give me direction. I have a deep tenderness toward older folks, to people with disabilities and to animals. As a result, I have volunteered for Special Olympics, been a friend to people no longer able to leave their homes, and have taken in homeless dogs and cats.

When I was a young Christian, I was taught that God had a very specific plan for my life. "God's will" was that I would work at a certain place (or places); I would marry a certain person; I would live in a certain place. The broad outlines of my life were scripted by the Almighty.

"God wants me to become – to the fullest extent – the person He created me to be."

Now, I'm not so sure about that. Perhaps that's true, perhaps not. I've decided that what's most important is

how I live. "God's will" is not that I eschew movies or deny my inner guidance to write.

God's will is for me to live in humility and compassion toward others and to use my gifts for the greater good.

When I pray the Lord's Prayer and say "Thy will be done," I'm asking for help to live out the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. These are the attributes that I think make up a large part of "God's will."

That and becoming the person I was created to be. Thanks be to God.

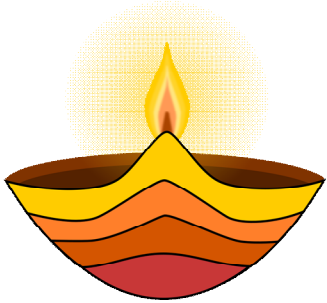


Womanifest

NOVEMBER 10 - 12

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This Little Light of Mine



The total cost of the weekend is based on the number of people per room:

- **3-4 people: \$150/person**
- **2 people: \$210/person**
- **1 person: \$345/person**

Cost includes lodging/facility fees for two nights, two breakfasts, and Saturday dinner.

The registration and refund deadline is October 25. Limited scholarships are available. Please contact the church office for more information or visit:

www.hpbcaustin.org/womanifest

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Kade Keith



Amy Avery



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 1	Kim Baker Boo Ruiz Wong	Oct. 14	Donald Stafford Katherine Sylvester	Oct. 23	Bryan Case, Jr.
Oct. 2	Chad Morton	Oct. 15	Jim Nuckols Philip Prasek	Oct. 25	Fran Hattin
Oct. 3	Annie Cranford Roxanne Shelton	Oct. 16	Olivia Eades Cheryl Kimble	Oct. 28	Eamon Neas
Oct. 5	Roy Kimble	Oct. 21	Kari Dodge Jim Nicholson	Oct. 30	Simon Phillips
Oct. 9	Luke Shelton	Oct. 22	Melissa Phillips		
Oct. 10	Mike Ingerly				
Oct. 11	Brady Phillips				



Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.
Taizé Service: 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month

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