



A group represented Highland Park at the 2019 NAMIWalks on September 28. They walked 5K from the Long Center around the Capitol and back. Team members worked hard and exceeded the team goal of \$1,500.00, raising \$1,745.00 for the missions of NAMI!

All funds raised directly support the mission of NAMI to provide support, education, and advocacy to individuals and families right here in our community. Thank you to those who walked and those who donated. We're all working together to fight the stigma around mental illness and connect folks with any help they need.



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From the Pastor's desk...

I'm rereading a book called "The Soul of Money" this month. This book talks about how in America virtually everything in our lives and every choice we make – the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, the schools we attend, the work we do, dreams about our future, decisions about marriage and children, even matters of love – is influenced by this thing called money.



Is it any wonder that thinking about money for the church is so hard? When our whole lives are driven by money, we'd really like one place we don't have to think about it, and wouldn't church be a great place?

Oh, if only it were that easy! This book is really making me think about how money influences my decision and what I do with my time. I'm also really looking at the power that money holds over me, the anxiety that money can cause me, and how can I put money in its proper place.

When I first read "The Soul of Money" I thought, wow, I need to share this with others, and then I became a little embarrassed because it really hit me right where I am. Deep down in my heart I want money to not be a big thing, but it is. If we can't pay our house payment or electric bills, or even be able to buy our necessities, then what do we do? I watch people on the edge of my neighborhood pitching tents, literally living under the highway. Couldn't that happen to any of us? Couldn't we lose our source of income and quickly become people desperately in need of simple shelter, food and clothing?

How do we take what we know about money and how we know God wants us to think about money, and reconcile the two? How do we give to God what is God's and continue to live in this world that is so dominated by money?

This month in my sermons, I'll be working through a few of my thoughts on money, where our souls lie, and what scripture says about money, as together, we work our way towards our Consecration Service and Harvest Festival on November 3rd. I pray that you'll join me on this journey each & every Sunday.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

9:30 a.m. Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice | 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

October 6

- **World Communion Sunday**
- **Worship on the 17th Sunday after Pentecost** including the celebration of Our Lord's Supper with communion by intinction
- **Share Your Table** donations taken for the Micah 6 Food Pantry
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Guard Your Soul"*

October 13

- ♦ **Worship on the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
- ♦ Rev. Kimble preaches *"The Soul of our Thanks"*
- ♦ Ministry Council meets in the Library after worship

October 20

- **Worship on the 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Kimble preaches *"The Soul of Law"*

October 27

- **Worship on the 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Soul of the Race"*



Staff Anniversaries this Month

We are so grateful for these employees and everything they do here at Highland Park Baptist Church.

Cheryl Kimble

October 1, 2000

Rachel Davis

October 14, 2018

**Would you like to honor a loved one
or special memory with flowers
on the church altar?**

Visit hpbcaustin.org/altar-flowers
to enter your request online or
call the church office at 512-453-6603
to reserve over the phone.



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

October 1 Kim Baker
Boo Ruiz Wong

October 2 Chad Morton
Erik Lane
Sharon Shoemake

October 3 Roxanne Shelton
Annie Crawford

October 5 Roy Kimble

October 9 Luke Shelton

October 10 Mike Ingerly

October 11 Brady Phillips

October 14 Don Stafford
Katherine Sylvester

October 15 Jim Nuckols
Philip Prasek

October 16 Cheryl Kimble
Olivia Eades

October 21 Kari Dodge
Jim Nicholson

October 22 Melissa Phillips

October 23 Bryan Case
Declan Prasek

October 25 Fran Hattin
Scott Davis

October 26 Lily Wilson

October 28 Eamon Neas

October 30 Simon Phillips



SUNDAYS WE EAT AND ENJOY TIME TOGETHER

Children's Ministry activities on the first Sunday (or Saturday!) of the month



OCTOBER 6TH
PUMPKIN FUN

Multi-purpose Room
Ages 2 and Up
Potluck Lunch



NOVEMBER 3RD
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sapp Hall after worship
Inter-generational
Potluck Lunch



DECEMBER 7TH
TRIP TO TREE FARM

Kids' Day Out
(Parents' Day to get stuff done!)
Ages 4 and Up
\$10/child

Sunday, November 3

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Bringing the fruits of our hearts & homes

Join us for a wonderful day of celebration and centering at HPBC at the annual Harvest Festival. Throughout the month of October, we will hear messages regarding stewardship, and on November 3, our Ministry Council asks that you, in response to God's love and as a concrete expression of your faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, make a pledge of giving to Highland Park Baptist Church in 2020. Pledge cards will be mailed out in mid-October and will be available to fill out at the church or online at hpbcaustin.org/pledge.



Following the worship service, we will gather in Sapp Hall for a church-wide potluck lunch and activities for all ages as we celebrate what God has done, and is doing, through HPBC. The church will provide fried chicken, please bring a side or salad to share. There will be many games, face-painting, candy, and lots of desserts. Costumes are welcome. Come celebrate with us.

Want to help make the Harvest Festival an incredible event for our kids and neighborhood?

Here are a few ways you can help!

- Run an activity booth or a game for the children
- Bake a tasty dessert that can be won at the cake walk
- Bring a bag of candy or two for our guests to enjoy
- Dress up in a costume to help spread the spirit!

Contact Abby Byrd to get involved.



Womanfest 2019

November 8-10

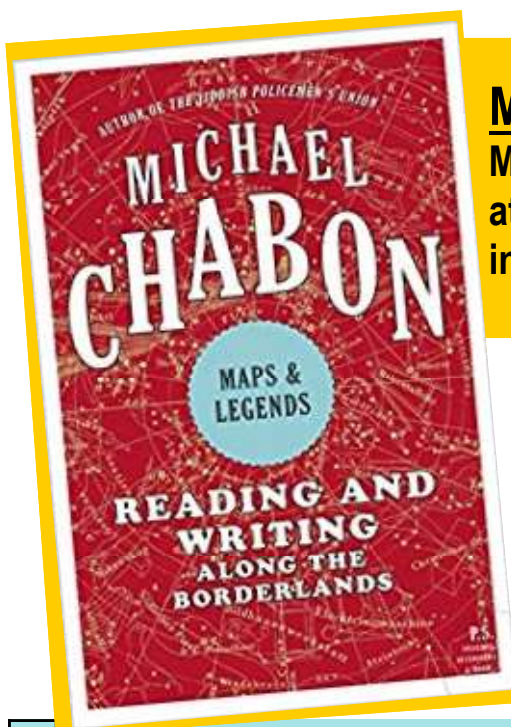


Sign up in the Atrium or online by October 6

Bliss: the Joy, Grace and Power of Women's Spirituality

Women of all ages are invited to Womanfest, our annual women's retreat in Fredericksburg, TX. We are delighted to have Rev. Sonja Phillips as our guest speaker on Saturday. Sonja is the Co-Pastor of Friedens United Church of Christ in Geronimo, Texas, along with her husband, Rev. Dave Phillips. The cost of the weekend includes lodging/facility fees for two nights (rooms have two queen beds), two breakfasts, & Saturday dinner. Prices vary on number of people in a room. Please visit www.hpbcaustin.org/womanfest for more information, and sign up online or at the church by October 6.

All interested readers are welcome at either or both of our book clubs:

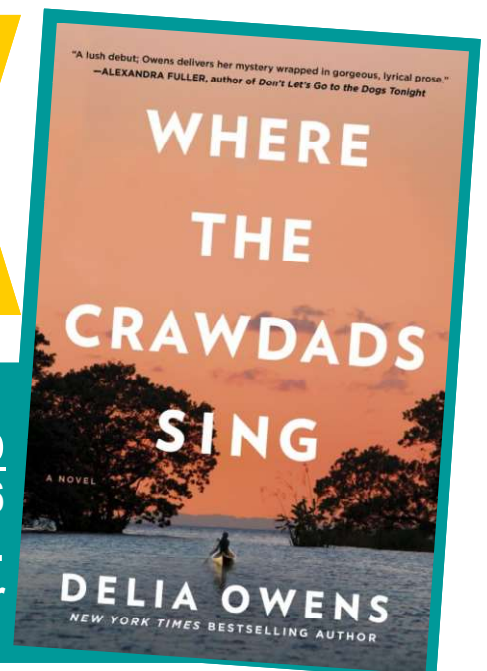


Monday Night Book Club

Monday, October 7
at 6:00 p.m.
in the downstairs Library

Saturday Book Club

Saturday, October 26
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Upstairs Parlor





FROM EARTH COVENANT MINISTRY

Yikes! Ohmygoodness!

Did we ever bite off more than we can chew. Well, not really, but. . .

The sign out front is doing its job, folks — our Styrofoam collection bin runneth over. Over the last month, LaNell made four or five trips to the City of Austin Recycle & Reuse Center on Todd Lane. And I made a full-car trip on Oct. 1.

We might need some help, y'all, and I'm hoping that a couple of you would be willing to check the collection box on Sundays and make a trip to Todd Lane that next week if the box is full. Please let me know if you can do that a time or two.

And I'll also ask my neighbor who writes a recycling column for our neighborhood newsletter (Lettuce Recycle, get it?) if maybe she can put the word out in the neighborhood that we need some drop-off help.

Truth, though? I'm thrilled that so much Styrofoam is being diverted from the landfill. Keep dropping it off. - Alana Mallard, Missions Ministry Chair



GO GO, GAGA!

Thanks to the folks at Paragon Prep the Gaga Ball Pit has a new look and a new home! The Gaga Pit used to be in the old youth room downstairs but it is now sealed and set-up in the Castle playground out back for all to enjoy. *Now who wants to play?!*

MEMO

To: Friends of Highland Park
From: Personnel Ministry
Re: Changes to the Staff

Thank you for your time here...

John Guerra left Highland Park on August 30 after almost eleven years as Church Custodian at HPBC. John will continue to work closer to his home in Del Valle. John is looking forward to having Sundays and Mondays off to spend time with his family and watch NFL games.

Susan Hammack left Highland Park on September 29 after 8 1/2 years as Church Bookkeeper. Susan will continue bookkeeping at two other places, but also intends to work through her travel bucket list.

Welcome to the HPBC Staff...



Abby Byrd has served as Nursery Coordinator since Juliana's departure in June. In August, her responsibilities expanded to include the Children's Ministry of HPBC. In this role, Abby oversees special events for children, the children's Sunday School program, the Resource Room and supplies.



Carolyn Doolittle is our new Church Bookkeeper. She is a CPA with over 16 years of experience in church & non-profit accounting. She has a passion for animals and nature and in her spare time, volunteers with organizations in the Austin area as a Texas Master Naturalist. She also enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities. Carolyn is excited to be a part of HPBC.



Angel Perez has been hired as janitor during the week. Angel is the janitor for the school in our building, Paragon Prep, and has been with them for 17 years. He is very happy and honored to be a part of this place, doing his duty to care for the campus and this house of God.

Marci Melendez will be covering janitorial duties on Sunday mornings, including making coffee, checking that rooms are set and stocked, and preparing the rooms for the next day.

Got Dreams? Let's hear 'em!

Do you have dreams for the ministry that HPBC delivers? Let's design a budget for 2020 to allow for them. With continued congregational giving and our increased rental income, we'll have opportunity.

How can we best trade our new rental income for other resources that will help us gain relevance to our neighbors, allow us and others to grow in Christian spirituality? How do we wish to support our staff or augment our staff? Should we pay down our loan? Does the building need improvement? Is it time to hire professionals for a financial audit or to create a property maintenance plan? What programs do we as members need? Do we tithe out our rental income?

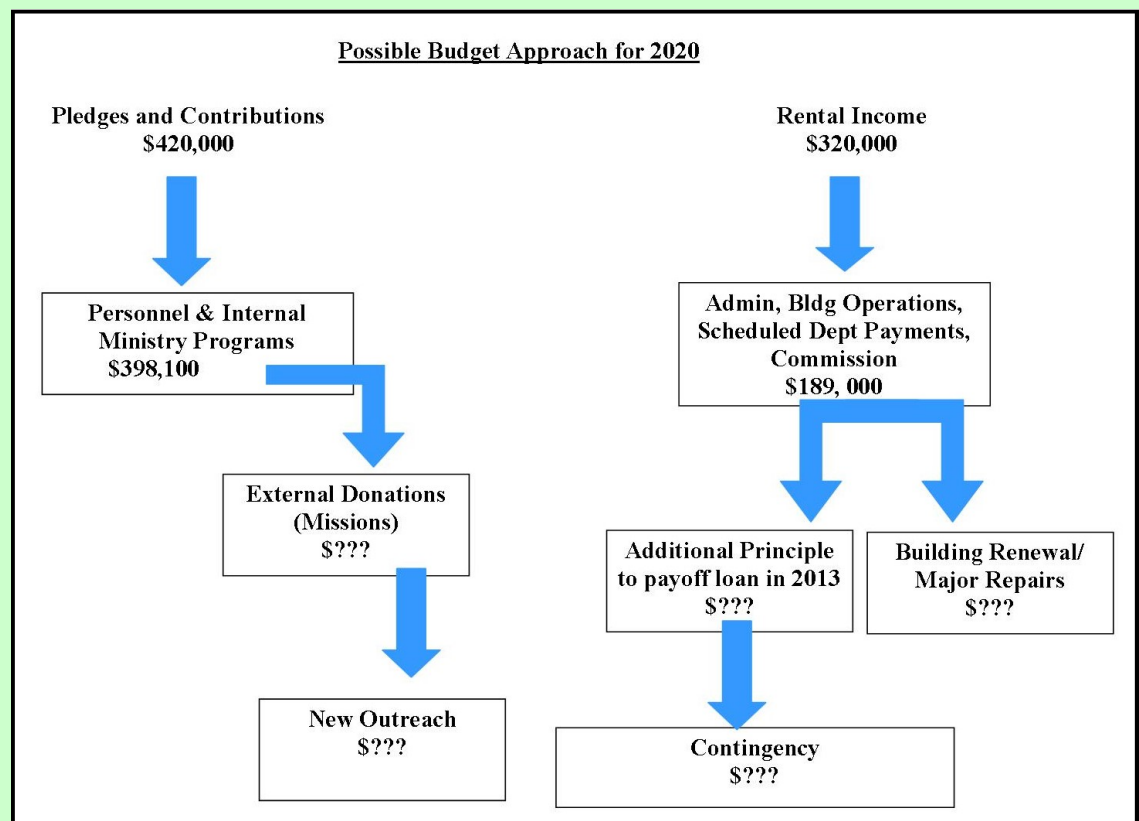
We're preparing the 2020 budget now for your approval in mid November.

Contact a Ministry Chair or a Finance Ministry member to let them know your priorities.

From the Finance Ministry -

Cathy Glazener, Margaret Stafford, Sharon Duboise, Justin Gamble, Jim Eskew

Highland Park Baptist Church		
General Fund Review & Expenses		
	Actual thru 8/31/19	2019 Annual Budget
Revenues		
Contribution General Giving	\$ 250,306	\$ 415,000
Rental Income	122,977	134,500
Misc Income	786	5,000
Total Revenues	374,069	\$ 554,500
Expenditures		
SubTotal General & Administrative	20,874	55,000
SubTotal Labor & Personnel Expenses	248,160	375,000
SubTotal Land & Property	64,753	80,000
Ministry Programs		
SubTotal Christian Education	853	2,500
SubTotal Communication & Outreach	2,354	4,000
Subtotal Family Life & Fellowship & Food	9,038	10,000
SubTotal Music	469	2,500
SubTotal Servants	58	600
SubTotal Worship	574	2,500
SubTotal Missions	26,427	35,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 373,560	\$ 567,100
Net Income	\$ 509	\$ (12,600)
Note: All programs & administration are also supported by Designated Funds		





MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast & conversation,
offerings taken for global missions.
All men welcome - Fridays at 7 a.m.
@ Austin Diner, 5222 Burnet Rd



VOLUNTEER AT MICAH 6

Highland Park has signed up to serve dinner at the Micah 6 Drop-In Center on Sundays, October 6 and December 1. Can you contribute to the dinner or volunteer to serve? For October 6, we need chopped raw broccoli & cauliflower, chopped bacon, fresh mandarin oranges, rolls, or brownies and a few more folks to serve. Contact Cathy at cglazener@austin.rr.com to volunteer. Volunteers are present to model adult behavior, help serve a meal at 4:00, pass out toiletry or clothing supplies, and converse as you are comfortable. Volunteers who serve the meal are needed only for the time needed to set up the meal, serve, and clean up, usually 3:30 - 5:00. Come once to check it out, come again if you like it. Thank you!



Women of all ages are invited to

Sisters in Service

A missions-focused meeting on
the 3rd Tuesday of the month

October 15 in the Church Library

- ♦ Presentation from Drive A Senior

November 19 at LaNell Coltharp's home

- ♦ Decorating stockings for the BBCM

December 17 at Nancy Osgood's home

- ♦ Cookie exchange for Open Door Ministry





Our friends at Paragon Prep are trying to take some earth-friendly steps in their day-to-day behaviors. Each classroom has a recycling bin, the students bring reusable, refillable water bottles each day, and the school even hosted a clothing swap so students could clear out what might not fit them any longer and their fellow students could shop for their favorite brands. But a big change this year started with art teacher, Emily Bolt.

Each year, Emily transforms her art studio into an art installation. Last year at their previous campus, Emily's studio was set to become the ocean. The students, ever aware of current news stories and the world around them, led Emily to include ocean plastic as part of the installation. As the students did research and collected recyclables for the installation, they found great inspiration and began asking what they could do both as individuals and as a school to fight this global problem. Some students made informational videos, wrote poetry for English class, and began encouraging their parents to make changes, too. But they wanted to do more. Paragon Prep decided as a school that they would no longer use single-use plastics during lunch.

The final art installation was beautiful and moving, but still sad. Students are still talking about it and wanting to do more. They understand that we are all connected in this world and feel deeply for our natural world. Keep an eye out for more from Emily and the Paragon Prep students.... they plan to do an art installation inspired by the Amazon Rainforest in February and would LOVE for the HPBC community to come experience it.





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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.

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Rachel Davis, *Director of Congregational Music*
Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*
Carolyn Doolittle, *Church Bookkeeper*
Marci Melendez, *Sunday janitor*
Angel Perez, *Weekday janitor*

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OCTOBER		1	2	3	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Austin Diner	5
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		16 7pm Sisters in Service Meeting	17	18 7am MPB at Austin Diner	19 Paragon Prep Open House 1:00-3:00pm	20
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