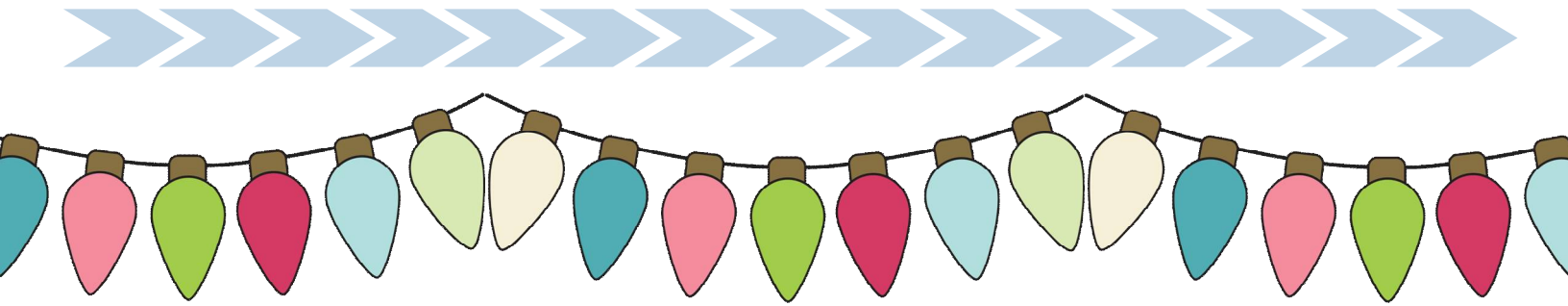




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# Plum Pudding

(and other decadent desserts)

## FESTIVAL

Christmas songs! Entertaining acts! Decadent desserts!  
Cheryl on roller skates! It's a night you don't want to miss!

Mark your calendar for **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 6 P.M.**  
and let the office know if you have an act to share.



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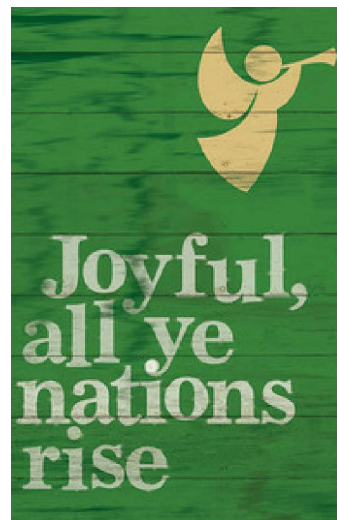
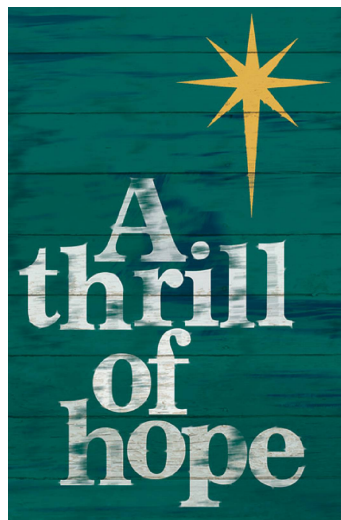
# DECEMBER

*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.*

—ISAIAH 9:2

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Drop-In Center	Deadline for next issue of the Mirror	Sisters in Service Cookie Exchange at Nancy Osgood's	Choir Rehearsal	Friendship Int'l. God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Christmas Eve Service (6:30 p.m.)
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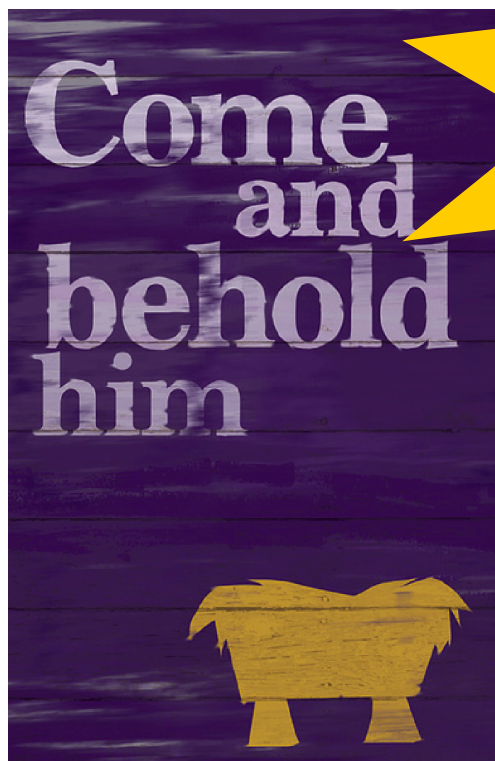
## Advent at Highland Park

Sunday, November 27 — Sunday, December 18

Hope. Peace. Love. Joy. Each Sunday we'll explore the theme of "What to Expect When We're Expecting". Each Sunday's bulletin will also serve as a devotional booklet for the coming week, featuring devotionals written by our members.

## Christmas Services

December 24 and December 25



### Christmas Eve

On Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. we'll gather in the Sanctuary for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service. Bring a bell to ring!

### Christmas Day

On Sunday, December 25, we will not have Sunday School, but you are invited to join as church family in worship of the Christ child at 10:55 a.m.



# WOMANIFEST

NOVEMBER 4-6, 2016



Fun, games, and shopping in Fredericksburg



Praying over the God-Box



Using a skein of yarn to symbolize our connectedness



Dinner at Mamacita's



Thyra and Luke at Woman-Babyfest!



# Harvest Festival

Bringing our first fruits to God as we celebrate  
Highland Park's past, present, and future





## 2016 Ministry Council:

Becky Dillard, Chair

Herb Wilson, Administration

Melissa Butler, Stewardship

Nancy Lamb, Personnel

Jim Nuckols, Property

Larry Ingerly, Finance

Kay Greenhaw, Worship

Alana Mallard, Missions

Roy Kimble, Servant

Roxanne Shelton, Christian Education

Nancy Osgood, Family Life & Fellowship

Kristin Werner, Outreach & Communications

# MINISTRY COUNCIL

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 9

NEXT MINISTRY MEETINGS: OCTOBER 19

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

## Notes from the November Ministry Council Meeting

Most of the meeting was given over to discussion of the 2017 budget, including pledges and rental space, and the Texas Baptists meeting in Waco the next day. Ministry Reports were printed and not discussed.

Cheryl Kimble reported that 2017 pledges so far are about \$37,000 below last year's pledges. In the last six months, 187 members have attended at least once, and we have about 35 members away or homebound – those numbers are about 20 fewer than last year at this time. The Council discussed rental space, including the possibility of renting the back building at market value, and rental space that we currently provide at no cost to anonymous groups.

Cheryl and Roy Kimble will attend the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Waco on Nov. 14, and expect that First Baptist Austin and Wilshire Baptist Dallas will not be seated because of their acceptance of LGBTQ members in full church membership. Cheryl sought support from the Council to speak on behalf of full church membership for LGBTQ members. The Texas Baptists vote is expected to focus on same-sex marriage in the church and autonomy of the local church.

Family Life and Fellowship Ministry is focusing on the Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner, Deck the Halls Christmas Fair and Bazaar, and Plum Pudding and Other Decadent Desserts Festival.

Worship Ministry is working on Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Services have been planned through Christmas Day, and devotionals have been written with the theme "What to Expect when We're Expecting." Music plans include a harpist for Christmas Eve. Kristin Werner is planning a Holiday Healing Service, and is discussing the possibility of a once-monthly contemporary worship service.

Christian Education Ministry reports that all Wednesday Night Weavings are filled for the fall semester and spring plans are starting soon. Kevin is working with the third graders who are new to staying in the service to help them understand the importance of taking communion, a new concept for them.

The Missions Ministry is working on our first Adopt a Street cleanup day, stockings and fall food drive for the BCCM, CBF's Offering for Global Missions in December and January (including the 5th Sunday offering), a Giving Tree at Deck the Halls for presents for a refugee family of nine, and ongoing missions projects.

Communications and Outreach Ministry is editing and revising a one-page flyer about HPBC and discussing how to utilize the new library/coffee area for outreach purposes. Administration Ministry has put plans for an LED sign out front on hold until we have a final 2017 budget.

Servant Ministry continues with plans for a Deacon workshop, Deacon support groups for pastors, and a Servant of the Month.

# THE BOLICK REPORT

From our missionaries in Temuco, Chile



The other day I was working with Raul, my colleague in the installation of rainwater harvesting systems, when we noticed a constant buzzing sound coming from areas around us. When I went to investigate I saw that it was what I should have known immediately - bees and bumblebees collecting nectar from blooming fruit trees.

The combination of the bumblebees' low steady buzz or hum with the honeybees' higher pitch buzz created a beautiful sound. It was so pleasant and captivating a sound, that I stood and then sat under a tree for as long as I could justify, soaking it in to my senses, and prayerfully into my heart.

The honey bees and bumblebees, seeking nectar and other nutrients for themselves, perform a role that benefits the tree's fruitfulness, and contributes to the well-being of us humans, who should be stewards of this goodness of God's creation.

You might say this was a "buzzing bush" experience for me. The tree and the bees became an icon for me, physically showing me something living and real beyond it.



While we work, or sleep, we are sustained by the faithful, often unseen, self-giving work of others. A refrain that runs through my mind often is what Wendell Berry wrote, that "we live by a bounty not our own." That bounty we live by is from your prayers, financial support, friendship, and interest. It is your faithfulness and excellence in your daily life and work in your families and churches.



One of the most excellent ways you share this grace, this bounty, is through the World Mission Offering. And this year you have an opportunity to make your gifts to the World Mission Offering overflow. For the first time in World Mission Offering (WMO) history, a select group of donors created a challenge fund that will match every undesignated gift to the WMO—up to \$200,000! We thank God for you and your generous partnership with us and so many more, through the bounty of this new WMO opportunity.



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**A big thank you to everyone who helped out with our free coffee booth on election day!** We have had so many people give us positive feedback—one woman told us this was the best voting experience she had ever had!



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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  
Wednesday fellowship dinner & program: 6:00 p.m.

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