

## DON'T FORGET TO ADD A LITTLE S.A.L.T.!

*A new Wednesday Gathering at HPBC*

**January 10 - February 28, 2018 from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1ish**

This winter, when the sun sets early and our days stay busy, we're trying a new format for Wednesday Weavings - - a lunch-time book study here at the church. **We're calling it S.A.L.T. - Study and Lunch Together.** You may bring a sack lunch or pick up something quick on the way to the church; we will have tea and water available. We will gather together, study, eat our lunches and then be back at work or home in a little over or under an hour. Our conversation will focus on the book *Making Sense of Scripture* written by David Lose. This study invites us to engage in a "kitchen table" conversation regarding seven major questions about the Bible. We look forward to our discussions together as we try to better understand the book we base our faith upon.

**If you would like to sign up to be a part of this lunch-time study please contact the church office before January 7, 2018: email [hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org) or call 512-453-6603. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the office at \$10.00 each.**



*Thank you, Hayley!*

Hayley Kimble is stepping down from her role as Children and Young Families Ministry

Coordinator to continue her work and pursue her passion in Social Work. The Kimbles aren't going anywhere, but Hayley will take on a simpler, volunteer role in our ministries. **Hayley's 5th Anniversary at HPBC is Sunday, January 7 and we invite you to join us in the Library following worship as we thank & congratulate Hayley (with cake!).** Our sincerest

thanks to Hayley for her amazing and creative work for our children and families.



# *Rev. Cheryl Kimble*

December 27, 2017

This has been a wonderful Advent season that just ended with a beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight service. What a great way to end the year!

As I look back over this Advent, I can't help but be so very grateful for so many people giving of their time and talents. We started off by having a lovely Wednesday night where we “decked the halls”. So many of you came and hung greenery, lights, decorated trees, set up nativities and candles and truly enjoyed making our Highland Park building beautiful for the season.

Our new “Sending Tidings of Comfort and Joy” event had a rough start - - the weather didn't cooperate so we moved it a week later and had it over lunch instead. Our second try worked very well. Several attended and we all really enjoyed writing Christmas cards to those in our Open Door Ministry. It was a special afternoon that I hope we can continue (and grow) next year.

While we took a few Wednesday nights off later in the month, we had many other activities available like the Longest Night Service and the S.I.S. Christmas cookie party. Many benefitted from the prayers and cookies shared. Every Sunday morning blessed us with beautiful music and special time together preparing ourselves for Christmas. Our devotional booklet was as good as ever. I love to read the different perspectives. Thanks to all who contributed.

Advent also found Highland Park in a very giving mood: many stockings were filled for the Baptist Community Center, supplies were gathered for Meals on Wheels recipients, we adopted a family from McCallum High School, and on Christmas Eve we collected an offering for Micah 6. Highland Park has always been a very mission-minded church, but they shined this year during Advent.

We have many things to be thankful for, and many things to look forward to. May you have a wonderful end to 2017 and may we all look forward to how God will work in our lives during 2018.



*Rev. Cheryl Kimble*

# Worship & Study this Month

January 7

- Worship on the **First Sunday after the Epiphany**
- Communion by intinction during worship
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches
- Share Your Table donations for the Micah 6 Food Pantry

January 14

- Worship on the **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches
- Ministry Council Meeting in the Library following worship
- Taizé contemplative service at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium

January 21

- Worship on the **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
- Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches

January 28

- Worship on the **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches

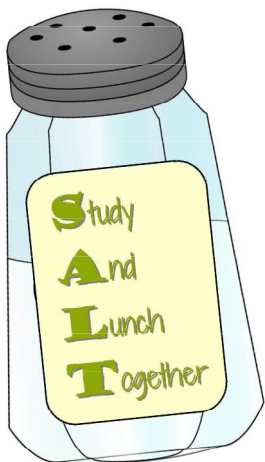
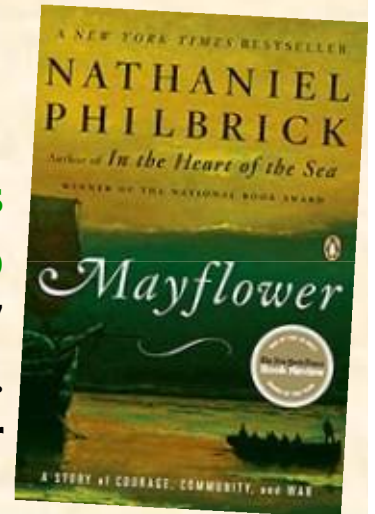
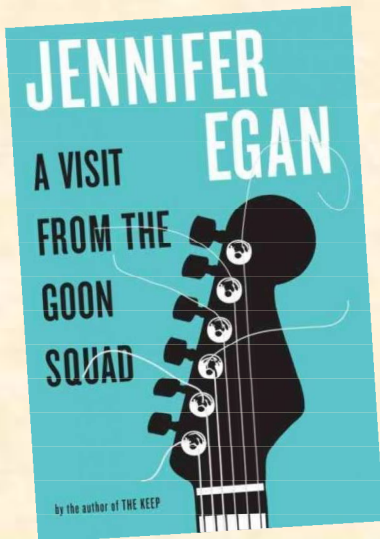
## Book Club Selections for January

### Monday Night Book Club

Monday, Jan. 8  
at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Library

### HPBC Women's Book Club

Saturday, Jan. 27  
at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Parlor



## S.A.L.T.: Wednesday Weavings this winter

Wednesday Weavings this month (and next) will be a lunch-time book study on **Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31**. We're reading *Making Sense of Scripture* by David Lose. Read along, and then bring a lunch and join us at noon each Wednesday.

Don't forget...invite your friends! What a great way to let someone know (coworker, neighbor, etc.) get just a little taste of Highland Park. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 7. Books are available for \$10 each.





# Staff Anniversaries this Month

January is a big month for our staff anniversaries. We are so grateful for these folks and for everything they do here at Highland Park Baptist Church.

**Susan Hammack**

January 3, 2011

**Hayley Kimble**

January 7, 2013

**Josh Miller**

January 13, 2016

**Kelley Decleene**

January 31, 2011



*The Faith Sunday School Class & friends held a Farewell Luncheon for longtime church member Barbara Lightsey on Dec. 6. Barbara and Louis have moved to New Braunfels to be closer to family. We wish them well and will miss them dearly.*

## H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

**Jan. 2** Kyle Nelson

**Jan. 6** Michelle Davis

**Jan. 9** Phillip Stokes

**Jan. 11** Andrew Karnes

**Jan. 13** John Hastings

**Jan. 15** Bob Norris

**Jan. 17** Katie Dodge  
Richard Sylvester

**Jan. 18** Ava Foster

Ann Karnes

**Jan. 20** Debra Longoria  
Rusty Pence

**Jan. 23** Meredith Bewley  
Alex Byrd

**Jan. 25** Kevin Mitchell

**Jan. 26** Mary Ellen Sullivan

**Jan. 29** Rosa Stafford

**Jan. 31** Derek Dillard  
Larry Lake





# Missions Opportunities THIS MONTH

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast and conversation,  
and offerings taken for global missions.  
All men are welcome - 7 a.m. on  
Fridays January 5, 12, 19, and 26  
in Highland Park's Sapp Hall.

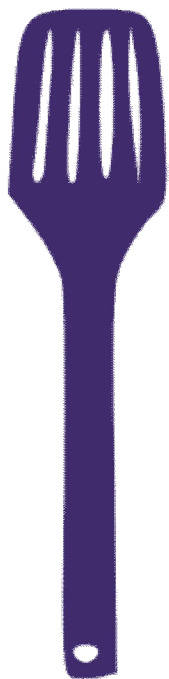
## Sisters in Service

THIRD TUESDAYS  
*All women welcome!*  
7:00 P.M.

Our next SIS meeting will be Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at Barbara Worley's home. Barbara's granddaughter, **Alayna Enos** will speak to us about her upcoming bike ride from Texas to Alaska (4000 miles!) for cancer awareness. Contact the church office if you need the address.



*P. S. In February we hope to take a daytime to visit longtime SIS member Barbara Lightsey at her new apartment in New Braunfels. Stay tuned for more info.*



## Serving at Micah 6

We will next serve dinner at the Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center on Sunday, January 28. Our last time to serve was November 19 and the kids loved the great meal of the Cabo Bob's taco bar. This time, we'll be serving enchiladas as the main course with a special request from the kids for green beans and corn. If you are available to prepare or serve food that Sunday, please contact Alana Mallard. HPBC Volunteers can meet at the church around 3:30 to carpool to the center; we'll serve food till 5:30.





# *Decorating for Advent & Christmas*



Thanks to all who came to help  
"Deck the Halls" on Nov. 29.  
The Sanctuary looked just beautiful  
this holiday season!





# Xmas Festivities

A few gathered to pen Christmas cards to many members of our Open Door Ministry and Touch List. Sending tidings of comfort & joy was a lot of fun.

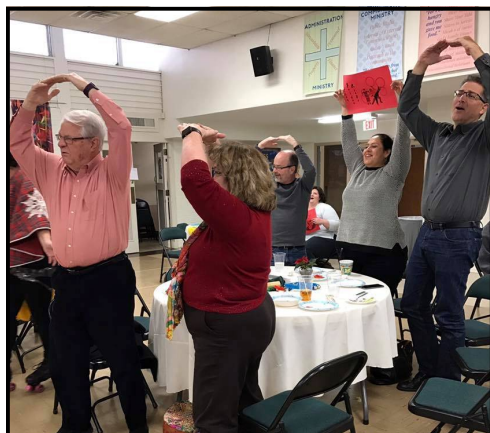


Bells! Carols!  
Fun & funny  
performances!

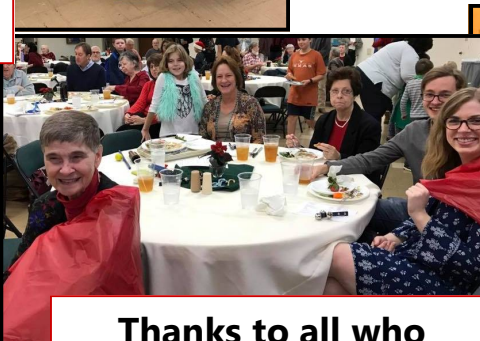
## Plum Pudding Festival



Sunday Dec. 17



## The 12 Days of Christmas...HPBC-Style!



Thanks to all who  
brought desserts and  
to Herb & Dee Dee  
for preparing lunch





# WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!  
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear  
See Amid the Winter's Snow  
Away in a Manger  
Oh Little Town of Bethlehem  
Silent Night, Holy Night*



Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.





# CHRISTMAS MISSIONS



## **What love and generosity shown by the HPBC family this holiday season!**

50 red stockings were decorated and stuffed for the Baptist Community Center's Kids Christmas Party, members of our Open Door Ministry received hand-written Christmas cards and bags of cookies, our Chancel Choir caroled in our neighborhood, a large box of donated goods went toward the Meals on Wheels special gift bags for clients, a family of five received handmade cards and many Christmas gifts and stockings through the MACares program at McCallum High School, the Casa Bethesda Orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico received groceries and donations, the Benjamin Franklin school received bilingual books, and Micah 6 Austin received over \$1,200 from our special Christmas Eve offering, as well as cleanup and kitchen items for the Drop-In Center. *Thank you for how you share God's love to those in our community and our world. Merry Everything!*



**Fred and Barb Worley delivered the items in Piedras Negras. Pastor Paulino, his wife Gilberta, & the group send thanks!**



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# INTRODUCING THE 2018 HIGHLAND PARK MINISTRY COUNCIL

LaNell Coltharp, *Council Chair*

Jody Harrison, *Christian Ed*

Rusty Shelton, *Family Life*

Cathy Glazener, *Missions*

Kristin Werner, *Outreach and Communication*

Sue Enoch, *Servant*

Sheila Kershaw, *Worship*

Nathan Thane, *Administration*

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Becky Dillard, *Personnel Chair*

Keith Cranford

Ed Serna

Holly Eades

Tom Petrie, *Finance Chair*

David Balkum

Don Dillard



Sharon Duboise

Wes Glazener

Margaret Stafford

*We have such an outstanding group of church leaders on the Ministry Council for 2018 and I am eagerly looking forward to our year of serving. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Library. As always, all church members are invited to attend and participate. Please let me know ahead of time if you have an agenda item that you'd like to discuss. Thanks to all for your service; may God continue to bless our efforts as we work together with His love in mind.*

*LaNell Coltharp  
2018 Ministry Chair*

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## 2018 Meeting dates for The Ministry Council:

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 20\*

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

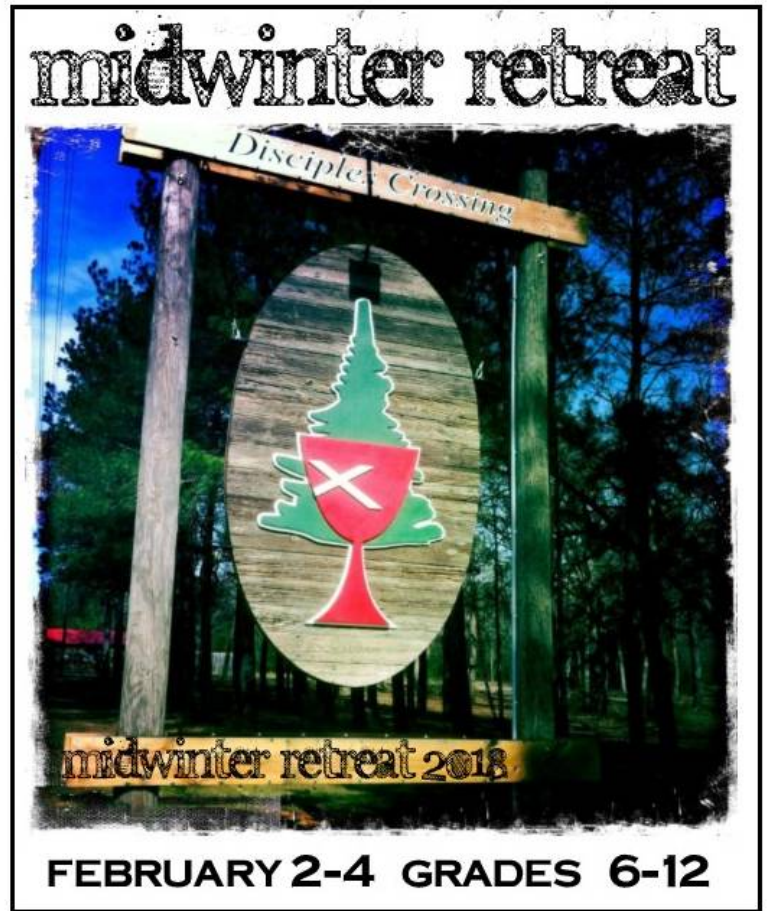


Hey HPBC Youth!

There are lots of great events coming in the new year. Our first big event will be the Midwinter Retreat in Athens, TX. 6th-12th graders are welcome to this fun weekend where we'll play, pray, worship, and dance. We'll load up on Friday evening and aim to be back for lunch Sunday. Please contact me if you'd like to come along. And keep an eye out for more fun with the HPBC Youth.

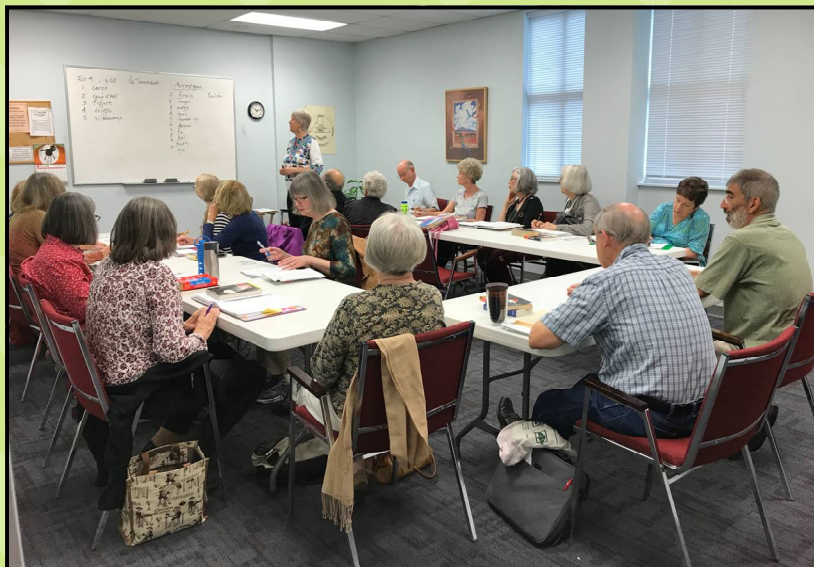
PEACE!

Rev. Kevin Mitchell  
Associate Pastor



## LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE AT HPBC

We are delighted to host numerous classes for the Lifetime Learning Institute each Spring and Fall. These classes are available to ages 50 and older, vary in topic and only cost \$25.00. Next spring, Highland Park will host 10 classes:



- Intermediate French
- Great Poets
- Writing Memoirs
- Italian for Beginners 2
- Short Stories
- Beginning French II
- Basic Bridge 1
- Basic Bridge 2
- Intermediate Kumihimo
- Spanish for Beginners 1B

Visit [www.lliaustin.org](http://www.lliaustin.org) for more information about the upcoming semester which begin the week of February 12, 2018.



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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

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Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*  
John Guerra, *Church Custodian*  
Susan Hammack, *Church Bookkeeper*

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	1 <i>new year's day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast	6 Micah 6 Food Pantry
7 Communion Hayley's 5-year Anniversary and Farewell Reception Drop-In Center	8 First Monday Night Book Club: <i>A Visit from the Goon Squad</i> by Jennifer Egan	9	10 Study and Lunch Together (S.A.L.T) begins ( <i>brown bag</i> ) Choir Rehearsal	11 God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast	13 Micah 6 Food Pantry
14 Ministry Council Drop-In Center Taizé Service	15	16 Sisters in Service	17 S.A.L.T. @ noon Choir Rehearsal	18 God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast	20 Micah 6 Food Pantry
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