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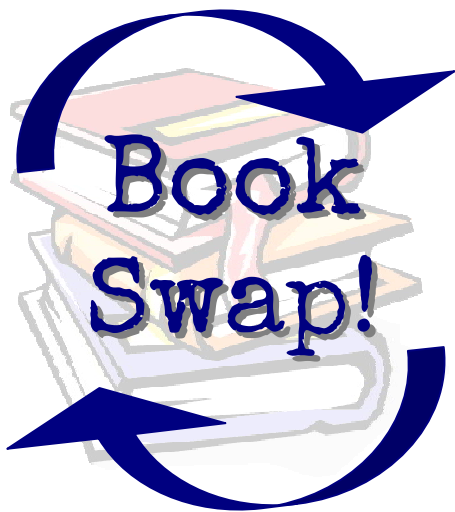
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# Ash Wednesday Service

**February 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of Lent which recalls Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert in the time before he went to be crucified. We begin our journey together to Christ's resurrection cross with the imposition of an ash cross placed on our foreheads. Please join us for a simple, yet powerful experience as we aim to live our lives in Christ's model: February 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



## GIVE A BOOK and TAKE A BOOK (or two!)

We are excited to introduce a book swap, sponsored by the Monday Night Book Club here at HPBC. The book shelves reside just beside the Oletha Sapp Library and are currently being stocked. You are invited to stop and swap! Perhaps you have a book to contribute or perhaps you just want to grab something new to read. Feel free to take a book (or two) and consider leaving a donation in exchange.

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On Feb. 1, HPBC will be live-streaming

# The Courage to Show Up

A CONVERSATION  
WITH

**BRENÉ  
BROWN**

AND

**DERAY  
McKESSON**

**FEB - 1ST - 2018**

What can a research professor and a Black Lives Matter activist teach us about how to have hard conversations? What does talking about courage, shame, and vulnerability have to do with race and privilege?

Following their viral twitter exchange, bestselling author Brené Brown and community activist DeRay McKesson come together for an in-person conversation on how we summon the courage to show up for those moments that can make a real difference in our lives and our world.

This event called the “The Courage to Show Up” is being held at The Riverside Church, NYC, and will be live-streamed for our church on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.



Rev. Cheryl Kimble  
Pastor

More than 50 years after the painful and dangerous civil rights cases we find our country once again in the midst of racial differences. It seems as though the last 10 years we've taken some very big steps backwards. How do we deal with these issues? How can we, as people of faith, make a difference in our world? Renowned author and speaker Brené Brown and Black Lives Matter activist DeRay McKesson will help us think about how we can help make a change. Join us as we live stream their discussion.





# Worship this Month



**February 4**

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

**February 11**

- Worship on the **Transfiguration Sunday and Scout Sunday**  
Members from Highland Park's Troop 410, Pack 55, and Ship 410 join us and participate in worship.
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "*Tell No One*"
- Ministry Council Meeting in the Library following worship
- Taizé contemplative service at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium

**February 14**

- Worship on **Ash Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Service features hymns and the imposition of ashes

**February 18**

- Worship on the **First Sunday of Lent**
- Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches
- **Quarterly Church Conference** following worship

**February 25**

- Worship on the **Second Sunday of Lent**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "*What Will It Profit?*"

## ***Dedicate Altar Flowers or Anthems***

Placing flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings or dedicating a choral anthem is a beautiful way to honor or memorialize a loved one or special event. Both anthems and flowers usually cost between \$50 and \$75. The HPBC staff is happy to work with you to find the perfect arrangement (*musical or floral*) for your occasion. Contact the church office at [hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org) to begin your dedication.



# Missions Opportunities

*this* **M♥NTH** *with* **HPBC**



HPBC plans to lead several mission trips to hurricane-affected areas this year. Our first will be a weekend trip to Port Aransas, TX “Port A” from February 23-25. In addition to the winds and torrential rains that Hurricane Harvey brought, a storm surge came across the ship channel, flooding the island where Port A is established. This small coastal town needs our help.

This is a multi-generational mission trip, and friends and family are certainly welcome to come along with our HPBC team. We are partnering with First Baptist Church in Port A on this trip to help clean and repair buildings on their site. Most of the work will be debris clean-up, caulking and painting.

Each missionary will pay \$100 which covers a shared motel room (room has two queen beds) for two nights with complimentary breakfast and a few shared meals. Please bring spending money for up to three meals. Scholarships are available. On Friday, February 23, there will be an early afternoon departure and an after-work departure from the church, but missionaries are certainly welcome to take their own vehicle. The estimated travel time is 4 hours one way. We expect to be back to Austin in late afternoon/early evening on Feb. 25.

Many leaders estimate it may take years for residences and businesses to rebuild. Some residents left the island and do not plan to return. Of the remaining residents, many are seniors and in great need of assistance. Some residents had insurance; others did not. Many residents are overwhelmed and reluctant to ask for help. Our coastal neighbors are in great need. Will you consider making this trip a priority?

**How  
You  
Can  
Help**

- 1) If you are interested in coming on the trip, please contact Cathy Glazener at [cglazener@austin.rr.com](mailto:cglazener@austin.rr.com). Since there is a housing shortage on the island, we must have our “head count” as soon as possible to reserve enough rooms at the motel. Please also mention when you’d like to depart on Friday.
- 2) If you are unable to attend but want to assist in the project by sponsoring one of the missionaries or contributing to the funding for supplies, meals, and travel, contact Kevin Mitchell at [kmitchell@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:kmitchell@hpbcaustin.org).

# MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast and conversation,  
and offerings taken for global missions.  
All men are welcome - - 7:00 a.m. on  
Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23  
in Highland Park's Sapp Hall.



On the first Sunday of the month, as we share the blessings of Christ's communion table, you are invited to bring the blessings of your table to donate to local food pantries. **Our February 4th donations will go to the Micah 6 Austin Food Pantry.** Their food pantry is in particular need of canned vegetables, spaghetti makings, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.



## AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### 2:30 PM. @ CAMP MABRY

On February 25, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We have been proud to send a walking team to the Austin CROP Walk for many, many years.

When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you not only are raising money to help fight hunger, but you are also walking in solidarity with all the people around the world who walk, sometimes for miles, for food, water, and/or firewood each and every day. Will you join with us in the walk to fight hunger here and throughout the world?

**Our team page:** [www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/highlandpark](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/highlandpark)

### **How YOU can help END hunger:**

- ◆ **Grab a fundraising packet** at the church and collect donations from your friends, co-workers, etc. You can also collect as a Sunday School Class.
- ◆ **Make an online donation** to the Highland Park Baptist Church team website
- ◆ **Drop a donation** in the offering plate or church office (Please note "CROP Walk")
- ◆ **Walk the Walk!** Sign up to walk with our team online or inform the church office that you'd like to come along. *Note: the organized transportation back from the Port A Mission Trip that same weekend will not return in time.*

**Questions to HPBC Missions Ministry Chair Cathy at** [cglazener@austin.rr.com](mailto:cglazener@austin.rr.com).



# Missions last month

...with continued opportunities to bless and serve...

## Sisters in Service

At our SIS meeting in January, we collected \$580 for Barb & Fred Worley's granddaughter, Alayna Enos, and her upcoming 4000-mile bicycle ride from Texas to Alaska to benefit cancer research with the Texas 4000 group. This UT-sponsored ride requires more than a year of training, planning, and fundraising by each of the 300 UT student participants. Visit [www.texas4000.org](http://www.texas4000.org) to learn more.



**Want to help Alayna Enos fix flat tires between here and Alaska?** She'll probably have more than we can even imagine. If you'd like to help cancer research, bicyclists, cancer patients along the route, make your donation out to HPBC and put "Alayna Enos" in the memo line. North to Alaska, y'all. She leaves June 2.



## Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center



Many thanks to Jen Collins, who spends her evenings every Sunday with the kids of the Micah 6 Youth Drop-in Center. Jen manages the kitchen, keeps a lineup of meal volunteers, and just generally loves the kids. Jen was overjoyed with the enchilada meal that Highland Park brought on Sunday, Jan. 28 and with the cooking and cleaning supplies that our congregation gathered for the Center.

**We can continue to bless the ministry of Micah 6 Austin with our**

**Share Your Table collection in February.** Non-perishable food donations are always needed, particularly canned vegetables, spaghetti makings, and canned beans.



# REFLECTIONS in the Mirror

## “Sleepless in Austin”

The other night, for no apparent reason, I couldn't sleep. I wasn't worried about anything or excited about something in the future. I just couldn't get to sleep.

I know better than to TRY to go to sleep. That never works. You have to let go to enter dreamland.

So I lay there wondering why I was wide awake. And then it occurred to me. Why don't I ask God? And so I did, and as usual, I got an immediate insight into an area of my life where I was seeking direction. Eventually, I fell asleep. Letting go and accepting my sleeplessness was the key.

This episode reminds me of the many times I have resisted my circumstances. Not only have I resisted sleeplessness, I've spent countless hours fretting because I was in a job I hated. I've wasted even more hours worrying and being fearful for one reason or another. I wish I had been able to surrender and ask God to show me what I needed to learn.

I'm reminded of the story that Holocaust survivor Corrie Ten Boom tells about her captivity in a Nazi concentration camp. She and her sister decided to follow I Thessalonians 5:18 and give thanks for everything, including the horrible conditions they lived in. They even gave thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding and gnawed on their skin.

Eventually, they learned that giving thanks for fleas wasn't so outlandish after all. Having fleas in their bunkhouse meant the guards wouldn't set foot in their area. They were left alone! I've never faced anything as dire or life threatening as Corrie Ten Boom. But sometimes I have felt in as much peril emotionally.

In the devotional book “Jesus Calling,” there is an exhortation from Christ to give up the illusion that I deserve a problem-free life. Part of me wants all difficulties resolved -- now. But in reality, as Jesus told his disciples, “In this world you will have trouble.”

But still, I yearn for everything to be perfect, for all issues to be settled and for there to be peace and contentment all around.

Get over it, I tell myself. Grow up!

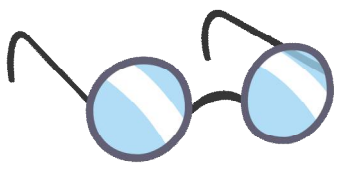
I'm still not going to be happy when I'm struggling with a problem or I can't sleep at night, but perhaps I will have the presence of mind to make peace with my problem or my sleeplessness and listen to what God has to say about it.

I recently learned that Kevin Mitchell and I share a love of the same hymn, “Be Thou My Vision.” Words from the first verse seem appropriate in this message:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

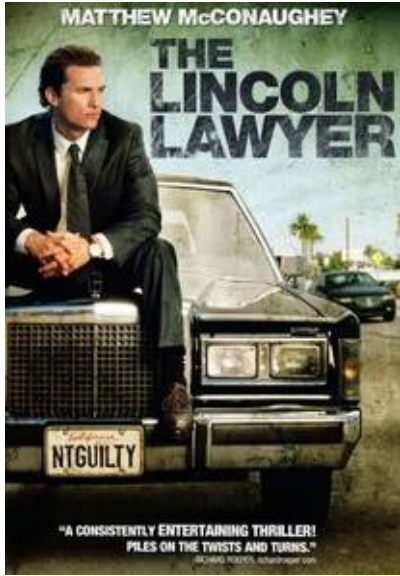


*by Sheila Allee Kershaw,  
2018 Worship Ministry  
Chair, guest writer*



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

This month with the **Monday Night Book Club: Dinner and a Movie!** Monday, Feb 5 @ 6 pm

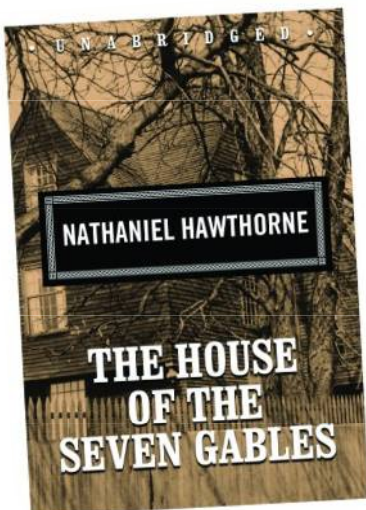


The Monday Night Book Club is offering a special evening this month with dinner and viewing of the film, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, adapted from the novel of the same name by Michael Connelly, which club members have been reading for this month. Before the film, we will have a short discussion and enjoy a *FREE!* sandwich dinner courtesy of Jane Feinstein. The gathering will start at 6 and last until around 8:30 p.m. (a little later than usual). This is a great time to come check out the Monday Night Book Club as we enjoy a fun evening and plan out our books for the rest of our year.

Sprinkle on a little extra S.A.L.T. this month

Our lunchtime study continues this month on **Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28.** We're reading and discussing *Making Sense of Scripture* by David Lose over brown bag lunches. We've had a great turn-out so far and discussions have been lively.

*Note:* Our Wednesday Weavings gatherings will take a break during the month of March and begin again with dinner and programs on the first Wednesday after Easter: Wednesday, April 4.



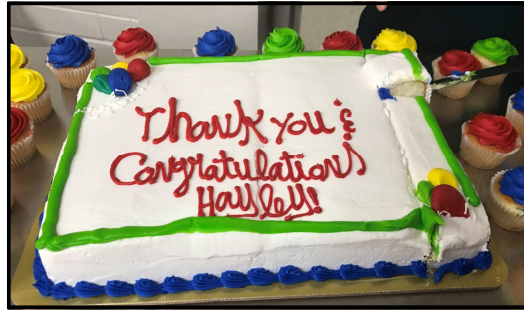
## Saturday Book Club

**Saturday, February 17 @ 10:00 a.m.**

All interested readers are welcome at our monthly Saturday morning book club. This month we're reading *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. You need not be a member of HPBC to attend. We meet in the church's upstairs parlor from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This month, we've moved our meeting up one week so we don't interfere with the Port A Mission Trip. Bring a friend, bring your book, bring your coffee.



# → FAMILY LIFE & FELLOWSHIP ←

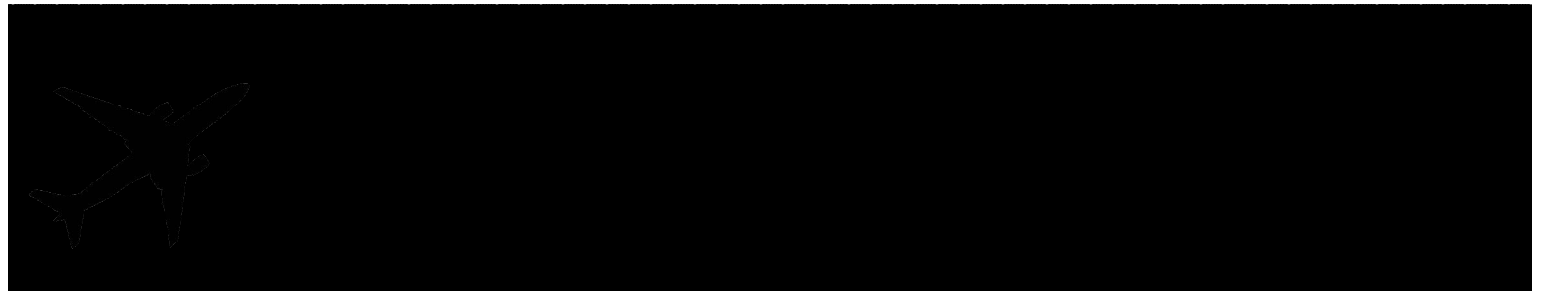


*Thank you, Hayley!*

Our sincerest thanks to Hayley Kimble for her amazing and creative work for our church as the Children and Young Families Ministry Coordinator at HPBC for the last five years. We wish you the best of luck at your new job!

## Sisters in Service ROAD TRIP!

Women of all ages are invited join Sisters in Service on a **daytime road trip to visit longtime S.I.S. member Barbara Lightsey** at her new apartment in New Braunfels. Our excursion is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20. We will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and carpool together, share lunch at noon and return to the church by 3:00 p.m. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and food with our dear friend, Barbara.



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

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Feb. 3</b>  | Gwyndolyn Jones | <b>Feb. 12</b> | Sadie Shelton    | <b>Feb. 25</b> | Alyssa Glazener                  |
| <b>Feb. 5</b>  | Warren Harrison | <b>Feb. 14</b> | Nancy Osgood     | <b>Feb. 27</b> | Dee Dee Wilson                   |
| <b>Feb. 7</b>  | Brenda Nelson   | <b>Feb. 17</b> | Mark Traeger     | <b>Feb. 28</b> | Keller Kimble<br>Bruce Robertson |
| <b>Feb. 8</b>  | Sarah Longoria  | <b>Feb. 20</b> | Francis Brookins | <b>Feb. 29</b> | Belinda Lane<br>Barb Bolick      |
| <b>Feb. 9</b>  | John Osgood     | <b>Feb. 24</b> | Lorene Denney    |                |                                  |
| <b>Feb. 11</b> | Martha Roberts  |                |                  |                |                                  |

# MINISTRY COUNCIL REPORTS

## ADMINISTRATION

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- ◆ Following year-end reports, an updated 2018 budget will be presented at the Quarterly Church Conference on February 18. Personnel is pleased to report that the 2018 Budget includes a 3% raise for the full-time employees.
- ◆ Leah Knight-Schumacher has agreed to assist with a few media responsibilities vacated by Anna Strickland. Following Hayley Kimble's departure, child-care worker Juliana Alba has expanded her hours to cover stocking supplies and staffing Nursery workers on Sunday mornings. We are delighted to have them in these expanded roles.
- ◆ The lettering from the front sign has been removed and electrical work has taken place in preparation for installation of a digital sign at Balcones Drive. The stairs going up at the back of the building have been deteriorating for many years and will be replaced in the near future. The stairs going down will also be addressed.
- ◆ Conversations are underway toward leasing the back building that the high school no longer needs use of. Nathan Thane, Kevin and Lori Mitchell are working together to find the best price, use, and tenant for the space.

## FAMILY LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP

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- ◆ A good team is in place to cover the many responsibilities of this ministry. The main tasks at hand will be filling the roles that Hayley Kimble vacated and providing hospital-ity support at HPBC's upcoming events.

## MISSIONS

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- ◆ HPBC will continue our customary service projects as led by a project champion or ministry team, while also explore our ability to support the Micah 6 Youth Drop-In program desire to help provide housing to youth. The ministry will participate and support mission trips, including opportunities in hurricane-stricken Texas.
- ◆ Cathy Glazener joined the Micah 6 Board when Alana Mallard stepped off.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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- ◆ "S.A.L.T.", our 8-week brown bag book discussion of "Making Sense of Scripture" facilitated by Rev. Cheryl Kimble is going really well.
- ◆ The spring Wednesday Weavings evening gatherings will begin after Easter and we will have a full schedule of Bible studies, a hymn sing, 3 weeks of spiritual journaling by Sheila Allee, outside and inside speakers and more.
- ◆ Plans are underway for a "Faith and Film Series" in late April/early May.
- ◆ The former 2017 and incoming 2018 Womanfest leaders have met for pre-planning this year's women's retreat in the fall.



# 2018 MINISTRY FAIR

and

# MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 4

**SAVE THE DATE** for two of our most anticipated events...the Ministry Fair and Mission Trip Fundraiser...combined this year into one wonderful Sunday! Come find your calling this year: into community, into ministry, into mission, into more.

## Our schedule for the day:

- ★ Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 a.m. as usual
- ★ Worship Service begins at 10:55 a.m. in Sapp Hall
- ★ Catered Cabo Bob's taco bar for lunch & HPBC member-prepared desserts
- ★ Church-wide talent show following the service

*All proceeds from the lunch will go to the summer mission trip which will provide hurricane recovery assistance in our state (trip is slated for late July)*



Interested in performing at the talent show?

Interested in going on the mission trip?

Contact Kevin Mitchell at [kmitchell@hpbcaustin.org](mailto:kmitchell@hpbcaustin.org)



Able to contribute a dessert for our lunch?

Contact Jody Harrison at [jodyjjharrison@gmail.com](mailto:jodyjjharrison@gmail.com)

Highland Park Baptist, we've been called: *Here, There, and Everywhere*



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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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**S M T W T F S**

				<b>1</b> "The Courage to Show Up" Live-Stream at 7p	<b>2</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>3</b> Micah 6 Food Pantry
<b>4</b> Share Your Table Communion Drop-In Center	<b>5</b> Monday Night Book Club: <i>The Lincoln Lawyer</i>		<b>7</b> S.A.L.T. @ noon Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	<b>9</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>10</b> Micah 6 Food Pantry
<b>11</b> SCOUT SUNDAY Ministry Council Drop-In Center Taizé Service			<b>14</b> S.A.L.T. @ noon Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30p	<b>15</b> God's Family Dinner & Micah 6 Food Pantry	<b>16</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>17</b> Micah 6 Food Pantry
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