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### From the Pastor's desk...

Some of my earliest memories of church are singing the hymns. From an early age, I knew and loved those classic hymns that celebrate the Christian experience. Even around the house I remember Mom singing hymns as she was cleaning or my Dad playing hymns at the piano. Almost every Sunday morning we would get in the car to head to church and one of us would say, "Dad, turn the radio on!" and he would begin to sing an



old gospel song "Turn the Radio On and Listen to the Music". I can still hear him singing it now in his deep voice. I would have to say my spiritual journey began through music and music continues to play an important part of the journey I'm on.

Every time we sit down to plan worship, I read through the words and sometimes the songs help put shape to my sermons and sometimes the words move me in ways I don't expect. I hope you are able to really hear the words you sing each Sunday, really letting the words wash over you and penetrate you heart and mind. Throughout history, the arts have taken the

scripture and brought it to life.

When Rachel and I sat down and looked at what was going on in February, we noticed we have two groups coming to offer music during our service and it just seemed like a time to emphasize music in worship. Phil and Debi Jones will be here to sing in our service on Feb. 10th and will offer a concert that evening at 5:00 and on Feb. 24th an a cappella group called Musae will be singing in our service. One of the Musae members is the niece of Kay Greenhaw and we're excited to have both groups with us this month. We will be singing some wonderful old hymns as well as a few you may not

Jan 31-Feb 8 Trip to the Hawaiian Islands with Roy

I'll bring greetings from HPBC to Diane & Dave Baker, who are living in Hawaii thru 2019. recognize, but they all have to do with lifting our voices to God. Kevin and I will also be basing our sermons on specific hymns and how they speak to us.

I'm excited for the services this month and I hope you'll be here as we we welcome these guest musicians, as we look deeper into music, and as we lift our voices in praise.

Bev. Cheryl Kimble



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

#### THEN SINGS MY SOUL: MUSIC CELEBRATION MONTH

During the month of February, Highland Park Baptist Church will focus on music throughout the worship service, from the Welcome to the Benediction and everything in between. We will have guest musicians in each service and the sermons will derive inspiration from favorite hymns. In honor of this music celebration month, Director of Congregational Music, Rachel Davis will share a "Moment for Music" during each Sunday service. Each "Moment for Music" serves to peer into the history, context, and significance of our service music for the month of February. We hope that this entire month will inspire our congregation to connect with the worship each week, both musically and spiritually. And as the old hymn says, "Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee!".

### February 3

- Worship on Fourth Sunday after Epiphany with the celebration of our Lord's Supper with communion by intinction
- Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches "Then Sings My Soul"
- The Chancel Choir sings "This is My Father's World"
- Children's Ministry SWEETT "Escape Room" after worship
- Worship on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- Sunrise Ministries sings as special guests in worship
- The Chancel Choir sings "O Be Joyful in the Lord"

### February 10

- Quarterly Church Conference in the Sanctuary and Ministry Council Meeting in the Library after worship
- Coffee House Concert from Sunrise Ministries at 5:00p.m. in the upstairs Atrium
- Taizé Worship Service at 7:30p.m. in the downstairs Atrium
- Worship on the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
- **Scout Sunday Celebration** with scouts, leaders, and guests from Troop 2019, Troop 410, Ship 410, and Pack 55
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "He Keeps Me Singing"
- Chancel Choir sings "Sing Unto the Lord"
- Worship on the **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "Redeemed"
- The Chancel Choir sings "Sanctus" from Requiem
- Musae an all-women, a cappella group sings as special guests in worship

# February 17



## SUNRISE MINISTRIES FFBRUARY 10-MORNING & FVFNING

The mission of Sunrise Ministries is to share God's loving kindness and healing power through an alive and exciting ministry of original music, personal witness, and healing prayer that engages the soul and inspires the mind. Phil and Debi met in April 1998, and married in March 2000. Two gifted and versatile singer-songwriters who love the Lord and each other with all their hearts, Phil

and Debi offer a joyful and genuine ministry of Adult Education, Music, and Comedy that ministers to heart, mind, and soul. They have released 6 projects together. Their latest album, "Fly Away," was released in August 2016. Recorded at legendary Blue Rock Studio in Wimberley, this project features 14 all-original songs. Offering folk rock fused with gospel and blues, and a little bit of country for sweetness, the music appeals to people of all ages. Children enjoy the warmhearted exuberance of the songs, and adults find deep meaning in the lyrics. Phil and Debi have appeared in more than 100 Texas churches, before congregations totaling over 50,000 people.

# MUSAE A CAPPELLA GROUP FEBRUARY 24

Musae is the leading female contemporary vocal band on the American scene. Comprising a cappella superstars from LA, Boston, San Francisco, Austin, and Houston, these women move audiences all over the world with their fresh, electro-pop sound. Musae is home to veterans of NBC's "The Sing-Off," Pop TV's "Sing It On", the popular film "Pitch Perfect 2",



ICCA champions, and skilled music instructors and audio engineers. Musae has headlined some of the most prominent music festivals both in the U.S. and abroad. With world-class performances, award-winning recordings, and industry-leading workshops, Musae seek to inspire and educate young artists and performers everywhere to create music and spread harmony.

**Dear Highland Park,** 

First of all, Happy New Year! I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and growing both as a musician & a Christian through worship at HPBC. As the choir already knows, one of my New Year resolutions was to become a more organized and productive Director of Music at Highland Park (take a look down in the choir room -- there are Post-It Notes everywhere!).

Through this resolution, I would like to organize and develop the music library at our church. The libraries we house at Highland Park are nothing short of remarkable; I have spent many hours happily browsing the stacks.

However, I have noticed that we do not house much literature on the topics of music and worship. Therefore, I decided to create the "Hymnal Corner," an initiative to develop and expand our current music-related resources in the main library downstairs.

The Hymnal Corner will serve as a comprehensive music section for visitors and members browse at their convenience. For this browsing section to take form, we must start to accumulate resources in the music genre. That is why I would like to reach out to you, Highland Park, and ask for donations for our expansion with the Hymnal Corner. Any donations in the field of music are appreciated, though we are primarily looking for hymnal donations. Donations can be representative of any genre of music and any denomination, including faiths outside of Christianity. So I'm asking you to look through those boxes in the attic or the back bookshelves in the hallway, through the farthest corners of your closet or the storage room out back! We would greatly appreciate any donations to the Highland Park Hymnal Corner, no matter how great or small, young or old.

Donations can be brought to the HPBC administrative office upstairs, or left in the Main Library itself. If you would like to be credited for the donation, or would like to dedicate your donation, please leave a note inside the item and our office will make sure to record it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Rachel.Davis@utexas.edu.

Many thanks,
Rachel Davis
Director of Congregational Music

# FROM LAST MONTH





Dr. Mitch Randall, M.Div, Executive Director of <a href="Eth-icsDaily.com">Eth-icsDaily.com</a> was our guest preacher on Baptism of our Lord Sunday, January 13, and shared a message about the juxtaposition of life and death in baptism. Rev. Mitchell underscored Dr. Randall's message by offering the sign of the cross in water on our foreheads to remember our own baptisms.



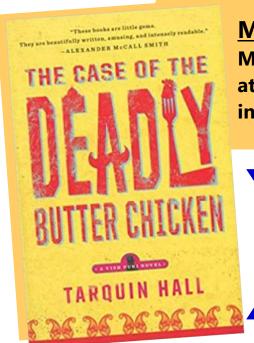




Rachel Davis
leads the Chancel
Choir, with Kent
Burress on piano;
Rev. Kevin
Mitchell reaches
"Though the Servants Knew" and
Rev. Cheryl
Kimble gives the
Children Sermon.



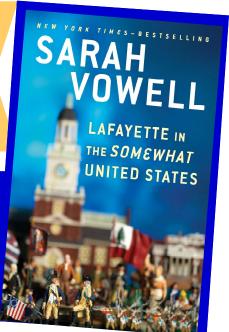
All interested readers are welcome at either or both of our book clubs:



#### **Monday Night Book Club**

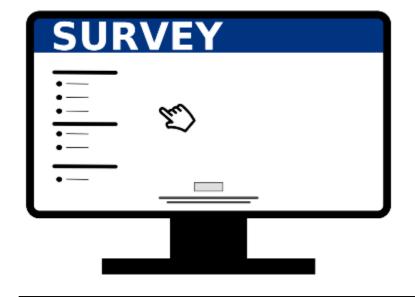
Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs Library

> **Saturday Book Club** Saturday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upstairs Parlor



### CHURCH CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 10

We will have the regularly scheduled Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, February 10 following worship. Please join us.



### We need your responses!

**The Christian Education Ministry** has put out a survey to poll all church members on their preferences for upcoming study at the church. Please take a moment to take the survey online or find a paper copy of the survey at the church on Sunday.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXMDTC3

Highland Park has always placed a high importance on missions. Our congregation's financial pledges support these local, national, and international missions and our denominational affiliations. We'd like to dedicate a little space each Mirror to tell you more about the organizations we support through the budget. This month, we'll give an overview, and in upcoming months, we'll spotlight each individual section.

HPBC also supports many of these missions and others with volunteer service, clothing and food drives, and special offering collections such as Souper Bowl of Caring, Fifth Sunday Offerings, Project Linus of Central Texas, CROP Walk for Hunger, God's Family Dinner at UBC, and others.

Small groups, such as Sunday School classes, Men's Prayer Breakfast, and Sisters in Service, also support a wide range of missions projects with special offerings: SafePlace, River Ministry, eMI, Intergenerational Mission Trip, MACares, and Heifer Project have all benefited in the past. We hope to continue this generosity in 2019.

#### **Denominational Affiliations: \$7,600**

- **\$ 600** Alliance of Baptists: progressive inquiry and action for justice and healing
- \$ 1,200 Baptist Joint Committee: national commission to defend and extend religious liberty for all, ensuring religion is neither advanced nor inhibited by government
- \$ 1,000 Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America: Baptist peacemakers working for justice and a peaceful world, ecumenical and secular partners
- **\$ 1,200 Baptist Women in Ministry:** advocacy, connection, networking for women in ministry
- **\$ 1,200 Baptist World Alliance**: worldwide defense of human rights and religious freedom
- **\$ 1,200** Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Texas: Christian network of individuals and churches working to spread the hope of Christ
- \$ 1,200 Texas Baptist Women in Ministry: conferences, retreats, gatherings to affirm, inspire, and encourage women in ministry

**HPBC Missions Projects: \$1,300** 

#### **Local Missions: \$19,200**

- **\$ 3,000 Baptist Community Center Mission**: East Austin food pantry, child care, social services
- \$ 1,200 Catholic Charities of Central Texas: helping people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds with counseling services, disaster response, financial stability, family mentoring, immigration legal services, veterans assistance
- **\$ 1,800 Children at Heart Ministries:** Texas Baptist Children's Home, other child, family, youth support and services
- \$ 1,500 Drive a Senior West Austin: car rides to appointments/visits
- \$ 1,500 Drive a Senior NW Austin: car rides to appointments & visits
- **\$ 1,500** Foundation for the Homeless: case management, family rehousing, twice-weekly hot breakfasts, utility bill assistance
- **\$ 1,500** Friendship International: fellowship and learning for women from other countries
- **\$ 1,200** Interfaith Action of Central Texas: peace through interfaith dialogue and service
- \$ 3,000 Micah 6 Austin: helping the needy in UT area, youth drop-in, pantry, meals, freeze nights
- \$ 1,500 National Alliance of Mental Illness-Austin: educational and support services
- \$ 1,500 Refugee Services of Texas-Austin: refugee resettlement, helping victims of human trafficking

#### National and International Missions: \$6,900

- **\$ 600** Alliance of Baptists Worldwide Missions: national and international missions
- **\$ 1,800 Bolick International Ministries:** Bolicks are currently on home assignment in U.S.
- **\$ 1,200 Church World Services:** refugee resettlement, water and food for the world, CROP Walk for Hunger
- \$ 1,200 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: global missions
- \$ 1,800 River Ministry, Mexico: Casa Hogar Bethesda orphanage.
- \$ 300 Tohatchi, Arizona: Christmas offering sent each December



Warm breakfast & conversation. offerings taken for global missions. All men welcome - 7 a.m. on Fridays 1st Friday of the month in Sapp Hall and all other Fridays at Austin Diner

Sisters in Service has opened up their monthly service meeting for a Church-wide Field Trip on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. (That means, men, you're invited, too). We're headed to **Catholic Charities of Central Texas to learn** more about their "kNOw Poverty" program. We'll depart the church at 9:30 a.m. for CCCTX's



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hour-long tour and plan to stop for lunch on the way back to HPBC. Space is limited on the tour, so an R.S.V.P. is required. Please call or email the church office to R.S.V.P. by Feb. 17.



The support churches of Micah 6 ministries take turns serving a meal to the visitors of the Street Youth Drop-In Center (18-30 year olds) every week. The Micah 6 staff have learned that our visitors not only need the food, but also highly value the dependability they find with Micah 6. Can your Sunday School class or small group bring a hot meal (homemade or purchased) to University Baptist Church at 22nd and Guadalupe and serve it? It'd be a Sunday afternoon from about 4-5:30pm. It only takes 2 – 3 people to serve but we can go multiple times. We bring the food or prepare it there, dish up plates, let the guests come to a serving window at the

kitchen, do a little clean-up of the kitchen afterward. Interaction with the guests is as much or as

little as you like. The purpose of the Drop-In Center is to give the guests a calm and safe place to relax with no programmed activities. The next few months are covered, but future dates are open and help is greatly needed. Please contact Cathy Glazener, 512-569-3078.



"I blush to think that every time I flush the toilet, I have used as much water as some people have for all their needs all day long. None of us can solve the problems of hunger in this world but we can all do something. Constant dripping wears away stone."

> Merritt Moseley, Team Captain Asheville/Buncombe CROP Hunger Walk





In 2019, the CROP Hunger Walk is celebrating its 50th year of walking to end world hunger. CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service.

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?

### AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 2:30 PM. @ CAMP MABRY

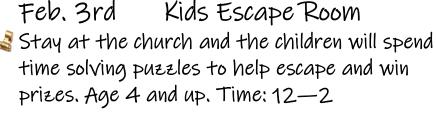
#### **How YOU can help end hunger:**

- **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 (note "CROP Walk")
- Walk the Walk! Sign up online to walk on February 24 with our team or inform the church office that you'd like to come along.

Our team page: www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/hpbcaustin

HPBC Children's Ministries is excited to introduce some SWEETT activities! On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special children's afternoon event. Activities vary each month but lunch is always included. We call this time "SWEETT": Sundays We Eat & Enjoy Time Together.

Sundays



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March 3rd Playland Skate Following Worship we will get on the bus and go eat, then proceed to Playland to skate. Age 4 and up. Time: 12—3

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and



April 7th Movie time We'll stay the church to watch a movie with lunch and popcorn. Movie title to be announced. Ages 2 and up. Time: 12-2

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May 5th Day at the Park Hoping that the weather will be beautiful in May so we can spend some time at Northwest Park just having a picnic and playing games. Ages: 2 and up. Time: 12-2:30

ogether



June 2nd Swim at Cheryl's We will all get on board the bus and head to Cheryl's house for swimming and hotdogs! Age: Swimmers and up. Time: 12—3

Please contact <a href="mailto:ckimble@hpbcaustin.org">ckimble@hpbcaustin.org</a> with questions or to volunteer.

Coffee House Concert with Phil & Debi Jones - Sunrise Ministries-Sunday, February 10 at 5:00 pm



Sunrise Ministries will be our guests in morning worship on February 10, and we're delighted to have them back that evening to give a concert of their original music and comedy. We'll serve coffee and snacks and enjoy the gifts of this husband and wife duo. Please join us in a coffee house setting in the upstairs Atrium. It's sure to be a joyful & genuine time that ministers to your heart, mind, & soul.



### 2019 Youth Ministries

The HPBC youth, along with our Southwest Baptist Youth Camping Association, will take their **Midwinter Retreat** on Feb. 8-10 at Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX.

Email kmitchell@hpbcaustin.org to join us.



























- Feb. 3 **Gywndolyn Jones**
- Feb. 5 Warren Harrison Roger Vaughan
- Feb. 7 Brenda Nelson
- Sarah Longoria Feb. 8
- Feb. 9 John Osgood
- **Marty Roberts** Feb. 11
- Feb. 12 Sadie Shelton

- Nancy Osgood Feb. 14
- Frances Brookins Feb. 20
- Feb. 24 Lorene Denney
- Alyssa Glazener Feb. 25
- Feb. 27 Dee Dee Wilson
- Feb. 28 Keller Kimble **Bruce Robertson**
- Feb. 29 Belinda Lane Barb Bolick



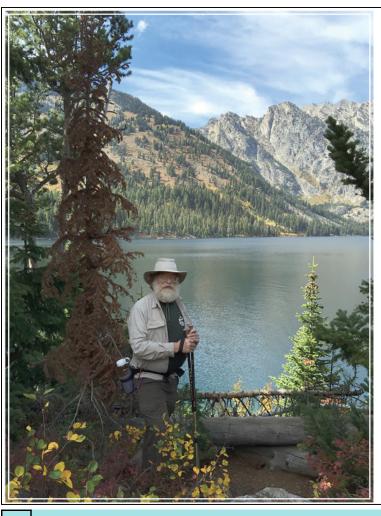
# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

We are honored to highlight the great work that HPBC members do outside of these walls.

David Balkum—choir member,
"Late Risers"
Sunday School
teacher, and 2019
Ministry Council
Chair—has begun
writing pieces
for website *Eth-icsDaily.*com of
the Baptist Center
for Ethics. His
January article is



the first in a new series titled "Behind the Bars," to be published monthly, that will focus on criminal justice. Visit the <u>Social Justice Network page</u> of EthicsDaily.com to read David's articles.



Jim Eskew—longtime Highland Park member, Deacon, president of the Choir, and member of the Finance Ministry—was named 2018 Physician of the Year by the Travis County Medical Society. Dr. Eskew lives his life and career with a spirit of caring, adventure, and volunteerism, inspired by his love of God and God's creation and nurtured by his time as a Boy Scout, in which he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to chairing many state and local committees over nearly 30 years of continuous service, Dr. Eskew served for 11 years on the TCMS Executive Board and was elected President of the Society in 2003. To read more about Dr. Eskew, visit the Travis County Medical Society website & find archived Journals under the Communications tab. Many congratulations to Dr. Eskew on this great honor.

# UPPATE FROM THE SCOUTS

**Troop 410 was honored to** award the rank of Eagle Scout to two scouts, Caleb Herpin (left) and Sam Domsch (right), on Monday, January 21. Caleb's Eagle Scout project involved constructing 18 doghouses for clients of Meals on Wheels. Sam's Eagle Scout project collected and repaired 50 bikes that were donated to Austin Shelter for Women & Children. Congratulations to Caleb & Sam, their families, and Troop 410 on this achievement.

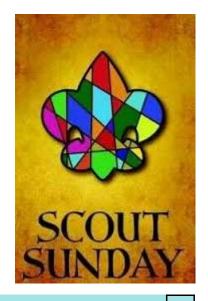




**Highland Park is excited & honored** to announce the formation of BSA **Troop 2019**, one of the first girls' troops in the new Scouts BSA Program, which launched on February 1, 2019. This group selected the number 2019 to mark the year of this historic milestone. Church member Kim Mitchell serves as Scoutmaster. The troop currently meets on Monday nights and is recruiting new members.

Learn more about our Scouting groups on SCOUT SUNDAY February 17 at 10:55 a.m.







#### 5206 Balcones Drive Austin, TX 78731

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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Rev. Cheryl Kimble, *Pastor*Rev. Kevin Mitchell, *Associate Pastor*Dr. C. Ray Burchette, *Pastor Emeritus*Rachel Davis, *Director of Congregational Music*Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*John Guerra, *Church Custodian*Susan Hammack, *Church Bookkeeper* 



Do you want to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other life event in lights? Just contact us and we will celebrate alongside you with our sign facing Balcones Drive. We must receive the re-

quest on the Friday before the event; we'll add the sign on Monday and it can stay up for the whole week. Contact us at <a href="mailto:sign@hpbcaustin.org">sign@hpbcaustin.org</a> or 512-453-6603 with your requests. We look forward to sharing your love in lights!

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3 Sunday School & Choir Reheasal Communion	4 Monday Night Book Club	5	6	7	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Austin Diner	9
10 Sunday School & Choir Reheasal Church Conference Ministry Council Sunrise Ministries Library Concert Taizé Service	11	12 Lifetime Learning classes begin ( 8-week session)	13	14	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Austin Diner	16
17 SCOUT SUNDAY Sunday School & Choir Reheasal	18	19 Church-wide SIS Field Trip to Catho- lic Charities of Cen- tral Texas	20	21	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Austin Diner	23 Children's Min. serves at Micah 6 Food Pantry Saturday Book Club
24 Sunday School & Choir Reheasal CROP Hunger Walk	25	26	27	28	LEGEND Christian Education Family Life & Fello Missions Worship Council/Church Bo	owship