

Sunday, March 4, 2018

MINISTRY FAIR &

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Bound Together

You are cordially invited to join us for a very special Sunday together as we celebrate the work of this church and all of its ministries. We will worship and share communion in Sapp Hall at 10:55 a.m. and afterwards, enjoy a church-wide variety show, auctions, and catered lunch from Cabo Bob's. All proceeds of the day will go toward the summer mission trip. As members of Christ's church and members of this church, we are all bound together. There are so many ways you can get involved here and we want all to be a part. Come join us!



Join us for special
worship during
Lent & Holy Week

See inside, page 3, for details.

From the Pastor's desk...

February 27, 2018

About four months ago I was approached by an organization called the Macedonian Ministry. They invited me to be a part of a group of pastors from the Austin and the surrounding area. I'll admit, at first I thought to myself, "I don't need another commitment to meet with ministers. I don't have enough time". But, after a brief discussion with a few other pastors from other parts of the U.S. who had been a part of this organization, I agreed to meet with them and hear what it was all about.

When I got the first packet in the mail here is what I saw:

Macedonian Ministry: Renewing Pastors, Transforming Congregations, Impacting Communities
A church for Pastors: Our mission to renew pastors, transform congregations, and impact communities is ultimately rooted in God's mission to redeem the world through Jesus Christ. Our intention is that each pastor and congregation in the Macedonian program will come to the realization that they do not exist for themselves; they exist for the world!

That was enough for me to go to the first gathering to see what this was all about. We met at Servant Church in east Austin and there were pastors from San Antonio, New Braunfels, and Austin. They represented Presbyterians, United Methodist, UCC, Baptist (of varying types), and Episcopalian. This was an invitation-only meeting, so I was very honored to be selected to attend. From this meeting of about 18 pastors, 12 committed to be a part of the program.

Our commitment consists of one 4-hour meeting every month for three years, with a 2-day retreat at the beginning and a 2-day retreat at the end of the three years. In the middle of the three years, our entire group will travel to the Holy Land for 2 weeks, something I've always wanted to do. All of this is supported by the Macedonian Ministry: they do all of the fundraising for the speakers that come to our meeting, for the retreats, for the meals, and for the trip to the Holy Land.

This last week I attended the opening retreat. With a bit of hesitation as to what was ahead of me I traveled to Gruene, TX. When I arrived I began to get to know a few of the people in the group. Surprisingly our group is heavy on women pastors (only from Austin), so it was great fun meeting other women in Austin called to ministry. We then jumped into our program. WOW!!! That's the best way to describe it! It was not a fluff, surface-only, tell-us-about-yourself-and-your-ministry weekend. The theme was "Your Baptism" and we jumped in with serious studies of what our baptism meant for us and what other types of baptism also meant. By the second day, we had moved into discussion of our church's baptism: how we as a congregation remember our baptism, how we live our baptisms, how we honor one another's baptisms.

At the end of the retreat we experienced an anointing which was a very powerful moment for us all. It was a time of remembering, and also renewing, our call to ministry and renewing our commitment to our personal relationship with Christ.

By the end of the weekend I was spiritually filled and emotionally drained, but I also had developed an relationship with this amazing group of people, who not only do the same type of things I do in the church, but with a group of people who are praying for me, encouraging me and supporting me in my call. This group of people who allowed me to be vulnerable and were vulnerable with me.

I'm thankful to you for allowing me to become a part of this organization. I pray that it will not only impact me but will impact our congregation.

If you wish to learn more about this program, their website is www.macedonianministry.org.



Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

March 4

- Worship on the **Third Sunday of Lent** with a Ministry Fair and Mission Trip Fundraiser
- Service in Sapp Hall featuring communion by intinction
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Making the Temple Great Again"*
- Share Your Table donations for the Micah 6 Food Pantry

March 11

- **Spring Forward!** Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before you head to bed on Saturday
- Worship on **the Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- Our guest preacher that morning, Rev. Roger Paynter preaches *"God's (Lesser) Rock"*
- Ministry Council Meeting in the Library following worship
- Taizé contemplative service at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium

March 18

- Worship on the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches and Rev. Melissa Russell assists

March 25

- Worship on **Palm Sunday**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches
- **Palm Sunday Picnic with Easter Egg Hunt** after worship

March 30

- Worship on **Good Friday** begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 1

- Worship on **Easter Sunday** featuring a brass quartet and the flowering of the cross during the services
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Why Are You Weeping?"*



WELCOME OUR NEWEST
HPBC MEMBER!

Morgan Mitchell

Joined February 18, 2018



Missions Opportunities

Of course, there's the **big Mission Trip Fundraiser on Sunday, March 4**, but here's a few other ways our church is serving and blessing our community this month:



6 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

AMPLIFY AUSTIN: MARCH 1 - 2

Amplify Austin is the day to celebrate and support the **non-profits in Central Texas that make this a better place for everyone to live.** PLUS, your gift made on Amplify Austin Day may be *extra*-amplified by matching dollars from generous sponsors. Go online from 6 p.m. on March 1 to 6 p.m. on March 2 to support any one of our mission partners: Micah 6 of Austin, Drive a Senior, NAMI Austin, Central Texas Food Bank, Refugee Services of Texas, Austin Habitat for Humanity, Caritas of Austin, iACT, Foundation for the Homeless, and many more.

Visit **AMPLIFYATX.ORG** and search for the non-profit.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast and conversation, and offerings taken for global missions. All men are welcome - - 7 a.m. on Fridays. For the month of March, the group will meet at Russell's Bistro at 1601 W. 38th Street.



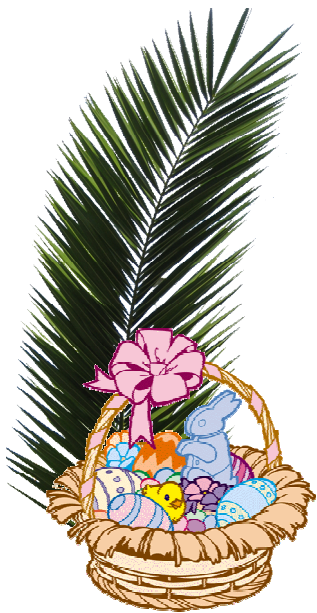
Share Your Table - Sunday, March 4

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 donations go to the Micah 6 Austin Food Pantry.

Sisters in Service

MARCH 20
Shirley Prud'homme's

Our program will be from Catholic Charities of Central Texas, a new local nonprofit in our Missions budget for 2018



Family Fellowship on Sunday, March 25~
**Palm Sunday Picnic
 & Easter Egg Hunt**

Lunch 🥚 Games 🥚 Crafts 🥚 Egg Hunt

Kids of all ages are invited to join the fun!



SPRING BREAK

March 12-16, 2018

The church office & building will be closed from Monday, March 12 thru Friday, March 16, as all of our full-time staff will be away. (The high school will also be on Spring Break.) Voicemails, emails, and snail mail will all be monitored throughout the week, but the building will be closed. Your church staff is very appreciative of the time to take a break and enjoy time with family & loved ones.

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

Mar. 4 Emily Nelson

Mar. 5 Kim Balkum

Mar. 6 Ethan Thane
Phillip Thane

Mar. 7 Kay Greenhaw

Mar. 8 Paige Shelton

Mar. 9 Anna Strickland

Mar. 10 Nadia Zamarripa

Mar. 11 Andrew Glazener

Mar. 14 Abby Osgood

Mar. 15 Carson Russell
Amy Coltharp

Mar. 18 Kelley DeCleene

Mar. 19 Margaret Stafford

Mar. 20 Annette Halsey
Don Paul

Mar. 21 Abby Byrd
Kimberly McCann

Mar. 22 Brian Walters

Mar. 24 Jane Macias

Mar. 26 Larry Ingerly

Mar. 28 Susan Bewley

Mar. 29 Cindy Brower
Edward Rapier

Mar. 30 John Lowe

Chase Osgood

Mar. 31 Sara Pence

PROGRESS IN PORT A

Weekend Mission Trip: Feb 23-25, 2018

Sixteen people from Highland Park, ages 9 to 77, gave their last weekend of February to help the people of Port Aransas, TX continue the work of recovery from Hurricane Harvey's devastating visit six months ago. Following this — our church's third wave of responding to the needs after Harvey — the work is far from being finished and neither are we. Here's a look at this latest adventure.

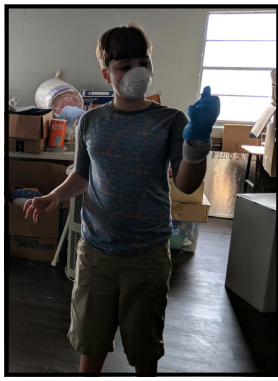
The fellowship hall at First Baptist Church Port A has been un-usable since August 26. Members of our crew spent Saturday organizing, both the kitchen and fellowship hall, sorting, moving all kinds of stuff, restocking shelves, washing countless dishes, pots and pans by hand, cleaning everything in sight, even the kitchen sink. The place looks new. Another crew removed piles upon piles of vinyl from a house hit hard by the storm. A third crew scraped up vinyl floor tiles, stuffed insulation between wall studs, hung drywall, and took down a ceiling fan in a beat-up office where much of the island repair work has been coordinated. In a short amount of time, much was accomplished by this hard-working team, who even found a bit of time to play at the beach.

Thank you to so many of YOU who gave generously to make this mission trip possible. Thanks to Cathy Glazener, Missions Ministry Leader on the Ministry Council, for so quickly leading us into this adventure. Thanks to Jody Harrison for multiple scouting trips to the coast; connecting us to the need there. Thanks also to Jim & Teresa Nuckols, Kathy Stanley & Eamon Neas, LaNell Coltharp, Jane Archer Feinstein, Edward & Alexander Rapier, Andrew Glazener & Tori Alexander and to Lori, Madison and Morgan Mitchell for your tireless, GOOD work and for Saturday night's group time.

Saturday evening, we gathered together for group time to share about the day, as we do on most of our mission trips. To tell stories. To thank God. To listen to each other. It, usually, is my favorite part of these adventures, hearing what God's been up to through us this day, sharing what we've noticed. Somehow my faith is strengthened and I feel more at home in my own life again — in a new way, more connected to the people around me and to God. That happened again this time, thanks be to God and to you in that room, hearts so wide open to Love.

I hope to hear your voice one of these days as we gather again in a circle at the end of a good days work. I hope you'll know the deep joy of sharing like this with people at different places on their journey. The intergenerational nature of these adventures is profoundly heartening, maybe even a glance at God's kingdom. Highland Park, thanks for doing church like this. PEACE, Kevin Mitchell





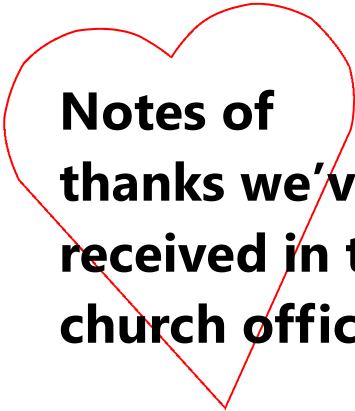


Sisters in Service had a wonderful time visiting Barbara and Louis Lightsey at their new apartment in New Braunfels. They enjoyed coffee and punch and snacks upon arrival, lunch at Buttermilk Café and then a sightseeing drive through Gruene. The ladies of SIS also gave an offering of \$212.00 in support of the Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk. Go Team Highland Park and Go SIS!



Cheryl Kimble, Brooke Ostrom and Kade Keith represented Team Highland Park at the Austin CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Feb. 25. Thanks to all who donated to Church World Service & local food agencies. HPBC raised over \$600!





Notes of thanks we've received in the church office.

January 31 2018

Dear Sisters in Service,
I almost cried when Alana brought all the gifts you so generously donated to Micah's. What a wonderful group of women you are to so over-the-top generously give as much as you did! What a dream to have you be our angels. The cleaning supplies, the goodies for the young adults, in abundance was so appreciated by us all. Thank you thank you Thank you. showers of blessings on each of you! Jen Collins & Micah's

Baptist Community Center Ministering in the Heart of Austin

January 26, 2018

RE: 2017 Fall Food Drive Participants

Dear Christian friends:

Thank you for your faithfulness in providing food to the family assistance ministry at the Baptist Community Center Mission. In addition to helping our local families in need, we were able to assist 78 families from Hurricane Harvey.

Individuals from all walks of life continue to struggle with being able to put enough food on the table for their families. Some have to choose between buying medicine or food. Your compassion made a difference.

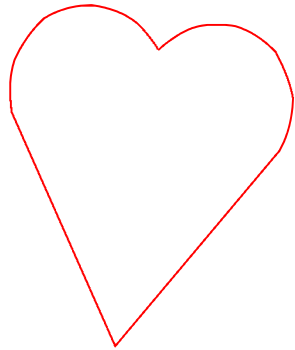
"God blesses those who are kind to the poor, He helps them out of their troubles." Psalm 41:1 (Living Bible)

Your friend in Christ,

Pat

Pat Mustoe

Executive Director



Thanks so much for your ongoing support. Jen

Thank you! we appreciate you Jenny

Thanks for helping us achieve our mission! -Jason

Thank you for everything! -RWD

Highland Park, your support and contributions to the Meals on Wheels program is so greatly appreciated. It is a tremendous help in serving individuals in Northwest Austin. Sherril Medlin Crawford

Thank you for all goods for Meals on Wheels Central Texas. Crystal

THANKS YOU FOR BEING SO KIND. We are so blessed for your partnership. Denise

Thank you so much for supporting meals on wheels! We appreciate you! -emma

Thank you so much for your contribution to Meals on Wheels Central Texas -AND FOR HELPING US TAKE CARE OF OUR SWEET CLIENTS! We are Truly Grateful! Nora

...it's the little things you do that mean so much!



The Courage to Show Up

Live-stream of conversation between Brené Brown & Deray McKesson

On Feb. 1, a group of folks gathered in our fellowship hall to listen to an open talk between author/professor Brené Brown and teacher/activist Deray McKesson. Their conversation followed their healthy Twitter exchange last August, and was hosted at Riverside Church in NYC. The conversation was both warm and thought-provoking, and the speakers were both genuinely interested in one another's thoughts. They covered topics like privilege, interacting with those unlike us, and how we might better practice listening to one another, but their time allotted to speak went too quickly. All in attendance were left wanting more.



Following the fascinating talk, the next most popular thing that night were Cheryl's "MONSTER Cookies". Maybe you can share a batch and a conversation with someone:

Combine the following in very large mixing bowl: 1 cup softened butter, 1 lb. brown sugar, 2 cups sugar, 6 eggs, 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract, 1 1/2 tsp. maple syrup, 4 tsp. baking soda, 1 1/2 cups peanut butter, 9 cups rolled oats, 1 lb. plain M&M's, 6 oz. chocolate chips

Drop by big spoonfuls onto greased or lined cookie sheets, and bake for 12 minutes at 350 degrees. Let cool slightly before removing from pan. Enjoy!

RECIPE

What did you think?

" I had no idea what to expect when I with walked into Sapp Hall. The promise of a challenging discussion about justice and equality drew me to the conversation. I thought we might get a "plan" to implement and change the societal ills we were seeing. Instead, the social worker and activist shined a light on much we didn't know about racism, inequality, being the privileged group and making our world more in Christ's image. And they didn't give us plan A or B. They left us struggling with "what do we do next?" And so we are."
- Sue Enoch

" The conversation really made me think more about how I am empathizing with people and what I'm willing to do to understand experiences outside of my own. It was encouraging that we stuck around to talk about the conversation and discuss it. I think all of our biggest "to-do's" are to listen more and find ways to take action. Maybe Highland Park could host an event for the organization Interfaith Ministries of Central Texas, or the Austin YWCA chapter. One of my biggest takeaways from the live-stream was that while we might never truly understand what someone else has gone through in life, we all know what it's like to feel a wide range of emotions. Instead of comparing experiences, we are able to relate to people on emotional levels. The more group discussions we can have like this, the better we will be at listening. I think that's why I enjoy going to the SIS meetings as well - we learn about a diverse set of causes and ways to be involved."
- Brooke Ostrom

"What a privilege to witness via livestream this dialogue between Brene Brown and DeRay McKesson! These national thought leaders are charting the way for us to engage in discourse that is thoughtful, intelligent, and effective. Now more than ever, we need to summon the courage to show up in ways that will foster true change in ourselves, our culture, and our world. I am so grateful to have been reminded of this clarion call by Dr. Brown and Mr. McKesson."
- Kristin Werner

What's Next?

We're interested in continuing these conversations and building bridges. If you have suggestions about how we can continue our efforts, contact our Outreach and Communications chair Kristin Werner at kswerner87@gmail.com or our Christian Education Chair Jody Harrison at jodyjjharrison@gmail.com.

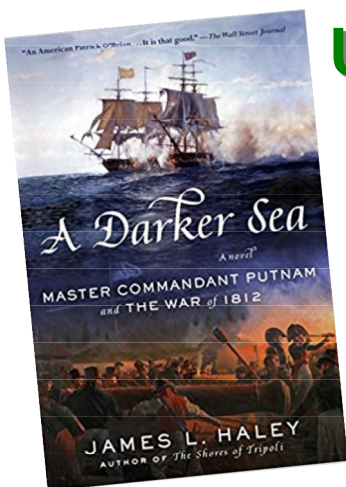
Great experiences at S.A.L.T. Lunchtime Book Study



January 10-February 28

S.A.L.T. has been a lively discussion that gathers in the Library each Wednesday. Everyone enjoyed "Making Sense of Scripture" by David Lose. This study series was so successful, the group has decided to continue with another lunchtime brown bag study. Rev. Cheryl Kimble will continue to lead the next series in the very near future. Stay tuned for upcoming Wednesday dates.

- *From Rev. Jody Harrison:* "It never ceases to amaze me how people struggle over the centuries with similar issues: family relationships, people in authority, and most importantly, the need to be reminded that Jesus keeps telling his disciples that God is with us through it all. I'm just so thankful someone wrote about it!"
- *From Kelley Thomas:* "This was my first Bible study ever and definitely NOT my last. There was always a great banter of conversation to enjoy, plus I felt new appreciation that we all can interpret the Bible differently but faith keeps us together."



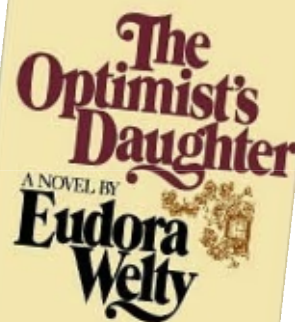
Upcoming Book Club Selections

Monday Night Book Club

Monday, Mar. 5
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Library

Saturday Book Club

Saturday, Apr. 28
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parlor



NOTE: No meeting in March

UPDATES FROM THE SCOUTS

Our three scouting groups have been busy with camp-outs, projects, fundraisers, and more. We are very proud of all they do each year. In following with recent BSA decisions, HPBC will proudly expand the Boy Scouts experience to girls in 2019.

Pack 55 held their Pinewood Derby in Sapp Hall on February 25

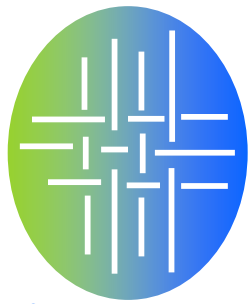


Members of Troop 410, Ship 410, and Pack 55 participated in worship on Feb. 11.



The members of Den 6 received their Arrow of Light awards and crossed over to Boy Scouts on February 22. Congratulations to the scouts and their families.

LOOKING AHEAD...



Weaving
with
the Spirit

Our **Wednesday Weavings dinners and programs will resume on Wednesday, April 4**, following Holy Week and Easter.

6:00 p.m. Dinner in Sapp Hall, followed by a time of prayer

6:30 p.m. Program in Sapp Hall

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room

We'll enjoy a number of wonderful dinners either cooked by one of our dinner teams or catered from a spot nearby (and perhaps another meal prepared by our staff!). Following dinner, we'll enjoy an array of programs. We have a full schedule of Bible studies, a hymn sing, three weeks of spiritual journaling by Sheila Allee, outside and inside speakers and more. We look forward to gathering again on Wednesday evenings.



Grow in self-understanding

Find an outlet for emotions

Care for and feed your soul

Gain guidance and help in
decision-making

Make sense of life experiences

A free workshop

JOURNALING YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, and 18 following the dinner

Deepen your spiritual life...by developing a consistent practice of writing about your experiences, prayers, dreams, Bible study and more. In this workshop, participants will learn to start a journal and develop a regular journaling practice.



Sheila Allee
Author, Teacher



COMING SOON TO HPBC

faith & film

SUNDAYS APRIL 22, 29,
& MAY 6 AT 5:30 P.M.

SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES

June 17-22: Southwest Baptist Youth Camp

July 9-13: HPBC Vacation Bible School

July 23-27: Southwest Baptist Children's Camp





5206 Balcones Drive
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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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11 Daylight Sav- ings Time Begins Ministry Council Drop-In Center Taizé Service	– CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED FOR THE WEEK OF SPRING BREAK –					16 Men's Prayer Breakfast (<i>Russell's</i>)	17 Micah 6 Food Pantry
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