



Our sincerest thanks to church member & local photographer **Eva Cranford** for taking new, beautiful photos of our building and worship spaces.

Highland Park Baptist Church is a welcoming, open community, and these photos help us share information about our spaces and our mission to Austin.



From the Pastor's desk...

After worship on Sunday, August 25th, Lorene Denney said to me, “those kids give me such hope for the future. “ What a beautiful sentiment following a beautiful service at Highland Park, led by our children. I always love watching our children in worship, but to have them up front and center, leading every portion of our worship, was beyond words.



I've always learned so much from children and this last Sunday was more of the same. I loved the energy with which they did each task before them. As we were preparing during the Sunday School hour, every time we needed anything someone would hop up and run to get it, with smiles and excitement. Every time I asked for a volunteer to do something, every hand went up. They came prepared and eager to practice and support one another. They just enjoyed every aspect of the day.

When we were planning the service and talking about the different aspects of worship I asked, “What do we want to do during the sermon time?” Brady Shelton quickly said, “I have something to share! I'll do it!” Eamon Neas was quick to agree that he would also. We talked about how important that time in worship is and both boys did a wonderful job of giving me much to think about. Thinking about my story, what it means, why it's important to share. Hearing Brady say he looked forward to sharing the stories of his summer at HPBC with his own children made my heart jump a little. Eamon helped me think about how my time with you and our children helps set the stage for God's work to be done. What a great way to think about the time we spend together.

I want to thank the parents for the time they spent helping their children prepare for this special day and their willingness to chime under the direction of Bell Morton and their great behavior during the “Parents' Sermon” that Luke Shelton beautifully gave.

I also want to say a special Thank You to the teachers in worship on Sunday. I realize that these first few weeks of school are especially hectic and exhausting, so seeing you all there Sunday was special. I hope you know how special you are to your church and we keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you being this year working with the children who will be our future.

We have a lot to look forward to at HPBC. My prayer is that you take a look around and see that we have much to be hopeful for, and with God's help and guidance we will do the work needed to make this the church our children can carry into the future.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

9:30 a.m. Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice | 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

September 1

- **Worship on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** including the celebration of Our Lord's Supper with communion by intinction
- **Share Your Table** donations taken for the Micah 6 Food Pantry
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "*Yesterday and Today and Forever*" and the Chancel Choir sings *For God So Loved the World* by Dale Grotenhuis

September 8

- ♦ **Worship on Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- ♦ Rev. Kimble preaches "*You Know Me*" and Chancel Choir sings *Sing Out A New Song* by Ruth Artman
- ♦ Ministry Council meets in the Library after worship

September 15

- **Worship on Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Kimble preaches "*Our Refuge*" and the Chancel Choir sings *The Call* by Z. Randall Stroope

September 22

- **Worship on Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Walt Shelton preaches "*Disagreements and Priorities: Love and Compassion*" and the Chancel Choir sings *And the Father Will Dance* by Mark Hayes

September 29

- **Worship on Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Kimble preaches "*You Rise Up Within Us*"
- 5th Sunday Benevolence Offering will be taken up to benefit non-profit "Explore Austin"



August 4
Candles lit in remembrance of lives lost in recent mass shootings, special solo by Kathryn Stuart (Sheila Kershaw's sister), and sharing communion.



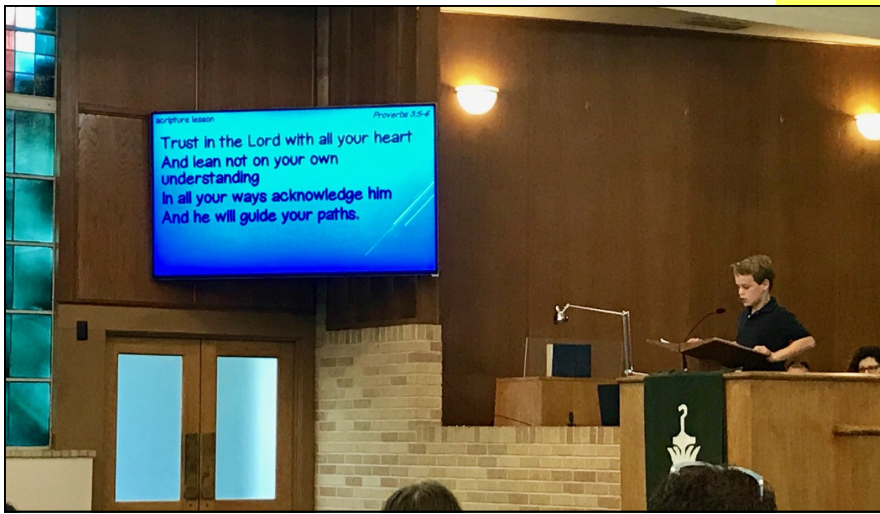
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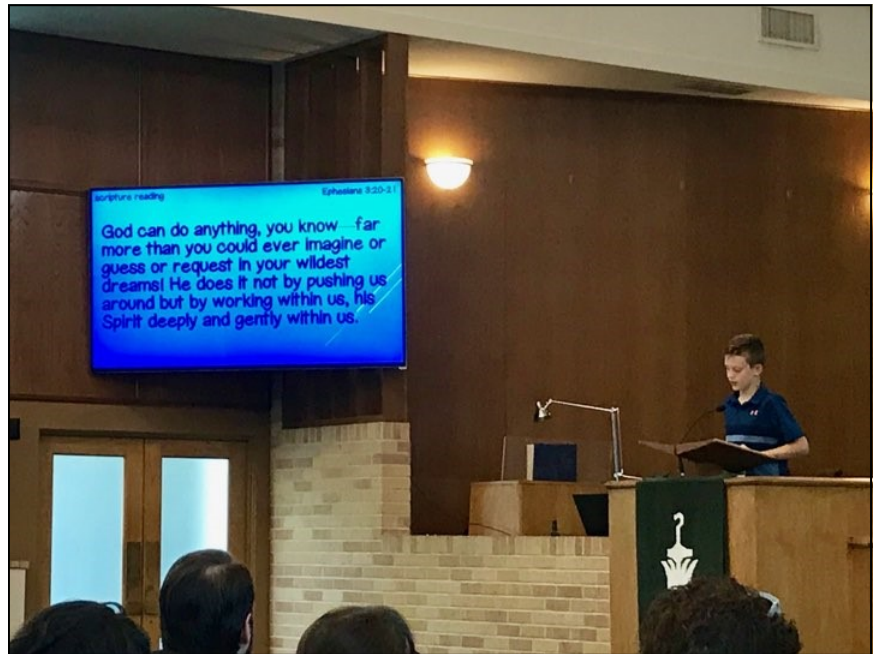
Good sports: the parents chime the hour and listen to Brady's Parent sermon.



Have a great year! The Blessing of the Backpacks & Blessing of the Teachers



Summer Share Service:
The children of the church read scripture, sang songs from Vacation Bible School and shared special stories of their experiences this summer. Thanks to all for their participation on Super Sunday.



The sharing continues: after worship, Rev. Cheryl Kimble shared about her 2-week pilgrimage to Israel earlier this summer, while we shared a good ol' fashioned church potluck.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast & conversation,
offerings taken for global missions.
All men welcome - Fridays at 7 a.m.
@ Austin Diner, 5222 Burnet Rd

Sisters in Service

SEPT 24 AT 7 PM
In the Library



SIS will return from their summer break and hold their first meeting in the Highland Park Library on Tuesday, September 24. We'll look at our calendars to set our hostess homes and mission focuses for the rest of the year. Women of all ages are always welcome at these gatherings.

2019 NAMIWalks

Saturday, September 28

www.namiwalks.org/team/hpbc



Join our enthusiastic team walking the 2018 NAMIWalks in support of the work of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This 5K walk at the Long Center will be Saturday, September 28, 2019, with check in at 7:30 a.m. and walk launch at 9:00 a.m. Through NAMIWalks' public and active display of support for people affected by mental illness, we are changing our community and ensuring that help and hope are available for individuals and families right here in the Austin area.

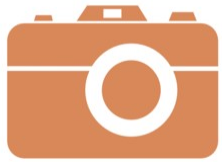
But, you don't have to only walk to make a difference, you can donate too! Visit our team webpage to sign up to walk with us, donate to NAMI, or share on your social media pages: www.namiwalks.org/team/hpbc. Contact the HPBC Team Captain Becky Dillard to learn more and get involved.

EXPLORE AUSTIN

LEADERSHIP MENTORING ADVENTURE

Our 5th Sunday Benevolence Offering on September 29 will go to "Explore Austin" which matches low-income, high potential "Explorers" with caring and committed adult mentors. Each summer, the middle school and high school explorers go on outdoor adventure trips with their mentors, and the kids learn leadership by taking on more and more responsibility for planning the trip as they get older.

In 2018, Explore Austin served 260 explorers and had 105 volunteer mentors. The long-term mentoring, social-emotional based curriculum, and leadership-based outdoor adventuring improve the well-being of all participants and aim to help the Explorers achieve their full potential. Kids eligible for free lunch at school or reduced cost lunch can apply for Explore Austin. Highland Park will collect donations for Explore Austin following worship on September 29.



SNAPS FROM LAST MONTH



On Thursday, August 22, our Sisters in Service (and 1 Brother) group served a salad and dessert lunch to 60 happy Drive a Senior NW clients & volunteers.

NEWS FROM EARTH COVENANT MINISTRY

A part of the Missions Ministry

We are so fortunate that a Troop 410 scout put in a butterfly garden for us several years ago on the north side of our building around the corner from the Burchette Room's outside door. It was part of an Eagle Scout project, and now we're about to be the beneficiaries of another Eagle Scout project – this one a 300-gallon rain barrel snuggled up against the building about in the middle of the length of the garden.

We put 14 bags of mulch in the butterfly garden recently – free mulch from City of Austin's Recycle and Re-use Center on Todd Lane. Many thanks to Don Hartman for hauling the mulch in his pickup. We were some mulch-y folks after we finished filling 14 big cottonseed bags – another re-use from a deer hunter friend. And Don's willing to help with another load of mulch later this month so we can do the entire garden.

We have lots of mulch around the salvia now and with regular watering the 18 semi-new plants are showing some dark pink flowers. The butterflies won't be far behind, and we're aimed at certifying our garden through the North American Butterfly Association with our native caterpillar food plants – inland sea oats, fall asters, oaks, Texas Mountain laurel, redbud – and native butterfly nectar plants – salvia, asters, American beautyberry, turk's cap.

Our Styrofoam recycle bin is back, and in a new place on the side of the little building in back that is to the south of the stairs into the building. Put in your Styrofoam, close the lid with a hand on each corner so this one won't break, and LaNell Coltharp will make a run every month or so to City of Austin's Recycle and Re-use Center. We've let the neighborhood know we collect Styrofoam so we may be making more frequent runs and we may need more volunteer haulers.

Our tabletop recycling center is in the back hall past the office, where we collect batteries, eyeglasses, old cell phones, used up gift cards, and magazines. Everything gets a new life or a proper disposal – Dottie Denton takes the batteries to a drop-off, eyeglasses are reused, as are parts in the old cell phones, and gift cards are recycled by Earthworks into more gift cards. A marker collection box is in the nursery – toss in any brand of used up markers and Crayola will recycle them. And you can drop your used printer cartridges into the collection box in the office copier room. Just doing our part to keep things out of the landfill.

Thank you so much for your support of HPBC's efforts to save this one fabulous planet that we have. – Alana Mallard, Missions Ministry



American beautyberry, turk's cap



Salvia, inland sea oats



Upstairs Recycling Center

HAPPY

- Sept 2** Kade Keith
- Sept 4** Holly Eades
- Sept 5** Tom Prud'homme
Don Barlow
- Sept 7** Tricia Traeger
- Sept 8** Jody Harrison
- Sept 9** Sue Fowler
- Sept 10** Alyssa Coltharp
- Sept 13** Norma Spivey
- Sept 14** Donna Reisenbigler
Carole Lake
David Malone
- Sept 15** Lynn Butler
- Sept 16** Amy Avery

BIRTHDAY

- Sept 18** Faye Davidson
Asher Knight
Ben Lindsey
- Sept 20** Lynn Crawford
Nathan Thane
- Sept 21** Brady Shelton
- Sept 25** John Osgood, Jr.
- Sept 26** Eva Cranford
- Sept 22** Rusty Shelton
- Sept 27** Leslie Lake
- Sept 28** Deborah Autry
- Sept 29** Kyndal Brower
Erna Jeffrey
Silas Prasek
Judy Wilson
- Sept 30** Saoirse Schumacher



Looking forward to Fall...

September 15

Womanfest Planning Meeting

October 6

**SWEETT Children's Activity
Serving at Micah 6 Drop-In Center**

November 3

Harvest Festival

November 8-11

Womanfest, Fredericksburg, TX

Report from August 25 Church Conference

At the August 25 Quarterly Church Conference, the congregation nominated Sheila Kershaw, Roy Kimble, Margaret Stafford, Parker Gross, and LaNell Coltharp to serve on the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. This committee will be meeting over the next few weeks to put together the slate for the 2020 Ministry Council nominations.

Mark your calendars

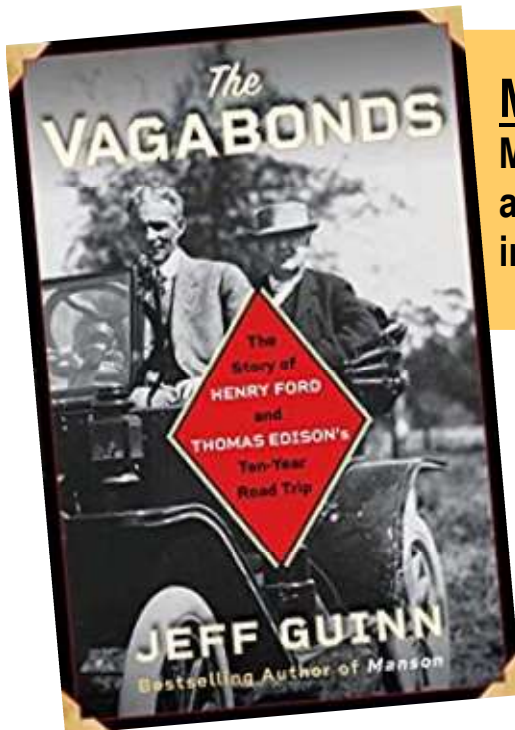


The church office and school will be closed **on Monday, September 2** for the Labor Day holiday. We wish you a restful day with family and friends.

The Ministry Council will have their monthly meeting on **Sept. 8** at 12:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome at the meetings, not just members of the Council.

There will be an organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 15** for Womanfest 2019. Womanfest will be November 8-10 in Fredericksburg. Any and all interested women are welcome to volunteer to help with Womanfest this year.

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

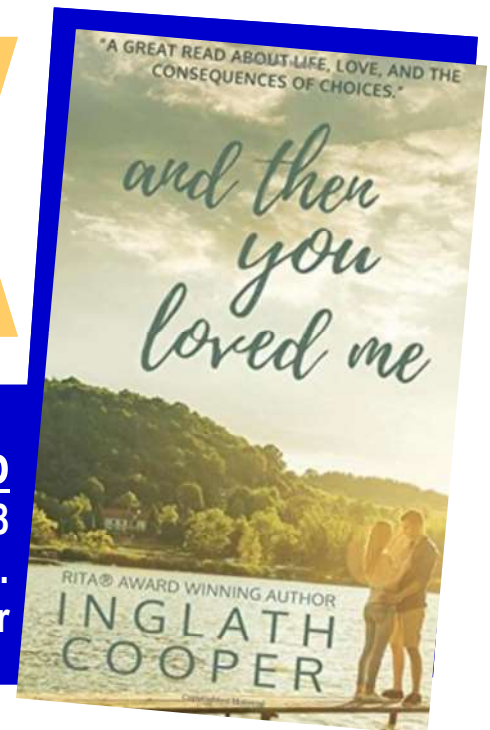


Monday Night Book Club

Monday, September 9
at 6:00 p.m.
in the downstairs Library

Saturday Book Club

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





LIFE LINE SCREENING at HPBC

Life Line Screening will be in Sapp Hall at HPBC on Saturday, September 7 offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Register online and receive a \$10 discount at lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.



On Sunday, September 8, Paragon Prep Head of School will give tours of their areas following the worship service. All interested church members are invited to come see their freshly refurbished spaces!

LIFETIME LEARNING classes for adults 50+

Visit www.liaaustin.org to see a list of classes here at HPBC and all around Austin

*Classes begin on SEPT 9
only \$30 per class!

Highland Park will be hosting ten classes this semester: Library, Intermediate French, Great Poets, Memoirs, Beginner Italian, The Short Story, French 2, Journaling Your Journey (w/Sheila Allee Kershaw), Let's Play Bridge, and Beginning Spanish.



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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.

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Dr. C. Ray Burchette, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rachel Davis, *Director of Congregational Music*
Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*
Susan Hammack, *Church Bookkeeper*

"Life and Legacy Discussions"

A local insurance agent has begun leading casual but informative talks in Sapp Hall every 2nd Tuesday where folks can learn about Medicare, health insurance, estate planning, and more. This is a FREE event. A workbook is provided as attendees learn the current health insurance options and how they work, how Medicare works and upcoming changes, how to set up Wills, Trusts, Estate planning and Medical directives, and begin a plan for accumulating, preserving and distributing assets.

The next event is Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Sapp Hall.
Sign up at www.legacydiscussions.org

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1 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship 12p SWEETT Outing	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 Paragon Parent Open House #1	5	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Austin Diner	7 Lifeline Screenings in Sapp Hall
8 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship Paragon Tours 12:30p Ministry Council Meeting	9 Lifeline Learning begins their 8-week session 6p Monday Night Book Club	10	11 Paragon Parent Open House #2	12	13 7am MPB at Austin Diner	14
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