

**April 1 Palm Sunday Wor-
ship 10:55 pm, Churchwide
Potluck and Egg Hunt**

**April 1-7 IHN families at
HPBC hosted by Foundation
for the Homeless**

**April 2-4 Ecumenical Holy
Week Services at NWHUMC
12:15 pm**

**April 5 Seder Meal and
Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion 6 pm**

**April 6 Good Friday Service
with Organ Prelude 6:30 pm**

**April 8 Easter Sunday Wor-
ship 10:55 am**

April 9 Sisters in Service 7pm

**April 11 Church Conference,
Ministry Meetings 6 pm**

**April 13-15 Alliance of Bap-
tists National Convocation
at HPBC**

**April 16 Ministry Council
Meeting 7 pm**

**April 29 60th Birthday Cele-
bration: Breakfast Meet and
Greet, Worship Celebration,
Catered Meal after Worship**



From Your Pastor

What a wonderful Sunday Palm Sunday was!

From the very beginning as we gathered in the atrium, there was such an exciting feel among you all. I always think of Palm Sunday as our Sunday of chaos, because we gather in the atrium, and it's so loud, and everyone wants to visit, but then the music starts and everyone gets quiet and the feeling is amazing.

As each person processed in and the palms were waved by most (you know who you are that didn't wave), the songs were sung and the children gathered around the front. It was just such a warm feeling.

That's what church is about right there! Joining our focus together to worship God. Lifting our voices together in praise. Processing together. Even the chaos together before the service began, and then to have all those children sitting down front — I just can't stop smiling thinking about it.

When I walked into Sapp Hall after our worship service, I almost fell over to see how many people were gathered together for our church picnic! People everywhere, eating, laughing, celebrating birthdays, and then the most perfect moment when the Easter Bunny came into the room and all the children ran up to him like he was a celebrity (Well, I guess he is, isn't he?). I still can picture the Easter Bunny holding a little baby. It was precious.

When I walked outside to watch the Easter egg hunt I realized you had to be pretty quick to even catch the egg hunt. In a matter of seconds the eggs were all found and the candy was already being consumed. A few of the children weren't quick enough, and by the time they got outside all the eggs were gone. The sweetest thing happened when one precious girl walked up to another and said, "Here you can have these eggs," and proceeded to give her a handful of eggs!

That's what this day was all about! Being church to one another. Focusing, worshiping, breaking bread, laughing, sharing . . . loving one another.

Thanks be to God!

In Jesus' love,
Cheryl Kimble



Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

Consider the Lilies

When Mom and I decided to order Easter lilies to honor and remember some special people in our lives, I started thinking about these lovely flowers. I wondered why we consider lilies a symbol of the day of resurrection.

It turns out that throughout history, white lilies have symbolized purity, hope and life. Early artists depicted the Angel Gabriel extending lilies to Mary when he told her she would give birth to the Christ child. In other paintings, saints are shown bringing lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus.

Legend has it that the disciples found white lilies blooming all over the Garden of Gethsemane on the day that Jesus walked out of his tomb. Lilies sprang up spontaneously on Calvary and at Jesus' gravesite.

The Lord Jesus gave lilies special significance. He spoke about them in Matthew 6 when he exhorted his followers not to worry about food, clothing or shelter.

"Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these."

Whenever I think of Easter flowers, I also think of hyacinths and the special meaning these fragrant blooms have for me. When my father died, some dear friends gave me a pink hyacinth plant. After it bloomed for many weeks, it dried out and shriveled back into the pot.

I assumed it was dead, so I dumped the contents of the pot over the railing of my back deck. The next spring, about Easter time, a lovely pink hyacinth bloomed on that very spot. It bloomed every spring until I moved away from that house eight years later. I always felt like that hyacinth was Dad's way of telling me he was still here with me. He has moved on to the next life, but his spirit remains in this one.

Perhaps that's what the Easter lily symbolizes, too. That even though Jesus is not physically with us, his spirit – his Holy Spirit – is here to hold us close. Anyway, that's what I'll be thinking when I see Easter lilies this year. I think I'll get a pink hyacinth and plant it in my backyard, too.



Austin Children's Choir

Several young singers joined us on Palm Sunday with prelude music

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory
Hosanna in the highest**

Ecumenical Holy Week Services

We worshipped at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church at noon-time during Holy Week with Ascension Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's Episcopal, and St. Theresa's Catholic churches

**Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord**



Sunday Worship in April

April 1 Palm Sunday Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “On Bended Knee.” Share Your Table food gathering for Micah 6 Ministry.

April 8 Easter Sunday Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Run to See.” Rev. Melissa Russell leads Taize worship at 7:30 p.m., with prayers, music, meditation.

April 13 Second Sunday of Easter Miguel De La Torre preaches at 10:55 a.m., Alliance of Baptists annual gathering.

April 20 Third Sunday of Easter Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

April 29 Fourth Sunday of Easter Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., our 60th Birthday Celebration.



Wednesday Weavings in April

Wednesdays in April we'll be in Sapp Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a fellowship dinner and at 6:30 p.m. a time of prayer and study — but, oops, not April 4. We'll have an authentic Seder meal on April 5 at 6 p.m. followed by a Maundy Thursday service with communion. But all those other Wednesdays, head on to Sapp Hall for a tasty meal and good fellowship. Dinners are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids and half-plates, \$18 max for a family. Children and teens meet after dinner at 6:15 to learn more about God's grace in this world and how we can share the love of Jesus.

April 11 Ministry Night A Called Church Conference to discuss options and make decisions on replacement of our aged heating and cooling system, followed by Ministry meetings.

April 18 Justice Part I Bee Moorhead of Texas Impact along with Suzii Paynter and Stephen reeves of Christian Life Commission discuss their work to promote justice issues in Texas.

April 25 Justice Part II A congregational discussion on what justice is, what HPBC is doing about justice, and what we can do better.

C.D. Weaver Sculpture Exhibit April 1 - 30

We are pleased to have several pieces of sculpture by Rev. Dr. C.D. Weaver on display this month. Dr. Weaver is artist in residence at Austin Presbyterian Seminary. The 19 pieces are displayed on walls and tables in the atrium outside the sanctuary and in the upstairs atrium.

“What I think we observed and heard from those who commented to us about the show is that the works really stir the Spirit or the Soul of the individual viewers in very personal ways,” said Judith Latimer, who worked with Dr. Weaver to borrow the pieces for our temporary exhibit. “Different pieces seem to resonate intensely with some of the viewers and they respond to them in a deep



way. Each piece has its own story to tell and when the viewer hears that story the work is no longer just a nice object to look at but it takes on real meaning and personality.

“It is amazing what art can do to stimulate such a response in people.”





Highland Park Baptist Church
invites you to celebrate

60 Years and Beyond: 60 Years of Caring
1952-2012

HPBC's 60th Birthday Celebration
Sunday, April 29

Breakfast Meet and Greet 9:30 a.m.
Celebration of Worship 10:55 a.m.
Catered meal in Sapp Hall after Worship

Please RSVP by April 24 for the luncheon meal, which is free
Call 453-6603 or sign up in April on Wednesdays and Sundays

Faith and Film Series

Our second Faith and Film Series focused on the holiness and wholeness of food and community. We served Communion to each other after a viewing of "Babette's Feast."
Thanks to Jamie Tyler for organizing these series.



Family Game Night & Chili Cookoff

Lots of chili, lots of cornbread, lots of games,
lots of kids, and the youth stayed all night for a Lock-In.
Susan, Cindy, and Norma won the chili cookoff.

Silent Service

Have you noticed those colorful email alerts lately?
Thank that creative Debbie Autry for her work on that and on energizing our website.
And while you're at it, thank her for teaching Sunday School to our youth.
If you are not getting the alerts, email the church office at hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org.

HPBC Barnabas People: Faithful servants who do what Jesus would do.

Experiencing South America through Missions

Barb Worley

If I had to name the best part of our mission trip to Ecuador and Chile, of all the wonderful experiences we had, it would have to be the people we met doing God's work in those countries.

In Quito, Ecuador, the first stop Fred and I made, the Pastor of the Word of Life, Daniel and his wife, Anna, spend their lives ministering to young people by providing them with a school where they study for a year to be ministers to others. They also provide for hundreds of city youth to have a camp experience of Bible study and interaction with other youths and mentors in a cloud forest encampment an hour's drive outside of the city.

The Engineering Ministries International volunteer group was able to work together to provide them with thousands of dollars worth of plans for their encampment which included a master plan for the site and drawings for a multipurpose building. The team of 12 did an amazing amount of work in a week, waking up early to take advantage of the sunshine, to working late through the evening rains. The week culminated in a formal presentation of all the work done by each of the team members.

The eMI members will continue working on the plans when they return to their homes, coordinating with the Latin American office of eMI in Costa Rica.

Fred and I were then blessed to be able to continue our journey from Ecuador to Temuco, Chile, where our missionary friends Barbara and Dwight Bolick live. We followed them through their work week with the Mapuche natives in the mountains outside the city and visited several families who shared their table with us. Fred worked with Dwight on plans to rebuild a site in that community that will incorporate a rainwater collection system with a general purpose building modeled after the Mapuche Ruka, a traditional building form used locally.

We also went to the neighborhoods in the city where they work with the ministers they mentor and the women and girl groups they have developed relationships with.

Barbara and Dwight have spent 10 years there, working to help improve the lives of all the people they meet. Dwight has taught the Mapuche men beekeeping to help in their livelihoods and worked to build the homes for people who lost theirs in the earthquake. Barbara has helped the women weavers have an outlet for their work and has made women's rights a priority in her life there.

I return to the states empowered with the knowledge that there are such good people in the world, doing the work Jesus asked us to do.



Fred Worley with eMI team in Quito, Ecuador



Barbara Worley, Barbara Bolick with Mapuche women and girls in Chile



Fred and Barbara with the Bolicks in Valdivia, Chile



Palm Sunday at Highland Park Baptist



Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne awaits His own anointed Son.



Churchwide Potluck and Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday



**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven! Mark 11:9-11**





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Life of the Church

Nametags You don't have to be a member to have a nametag, so if you want one let the church office know — 453-6603 or hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org. And if you do have a nametag, put it on every Sunday morning. It will help everyone.

Share Your Table Our food offering from April 1 goes to Micah 6 Food Pantry, and we'll collect for Baptist Community Center in May.

WMU Morning Our first Thursday 9:30 a.m. group of women — WMU Morning — will visit Harry Ransom Center at UT for their May meeting. May 3 a group will tour the center and see early King James Versions of the Bible. All are welcome, and Donna Reisenbigler has more details about the trip.

Sisters in Service Our second Monday 7 p.m. group of women — S.I.S. — meets at Mary Morgan's home on April 9. We'll learn more about iACT and Hands on Housing, as well as renovations in the Underground to make a better place for our youth and our Interfaith Hospitality Network guests.

Hands on Housing We'll work with Interfaith Action of Central Texas, iACT, on Saturday, April 14. Yes, it's the same weekend as the Alliance of Baptists annual gathering. We don't have a specific house assigned yet, but we'll be painting the outside of someone's home. iACT provides paint and brushes, we just provide the labor. There are no age restrictions so both youth and seniors are invited to participate, all day or for any part of the day they're available. We'll work from about 8 a.m. to finish, or sunset. Contact David Duncan so he knows the size of the HPBC team: 567-0492 or dduncan@spartnerships.com. David

Alliance of Baptists The Alliance annual gathering and 25th anniversary celebration will be at HPBC April 13-15. Registration is \$140, but worship services are open: Friday 7 p.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 10:55 a.m.

Please join us for worship.

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.

Taize Worship on Sunday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Our Taize Worship is the second Sunday evening of each month

All are welcome