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Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent,
Celebration of Communion,
Share Your Table

Dec 5 Ministry Meetings 6:30
pm

Dec 6 WMU Morning 9:30 am

Dec 7, 14, 21 Men's Prayer
Breakfast 7 am

Dec 9 Second Sunday of
Advent, Taize Service 7:30
pm

Dec 10 S.I.S. meets at Teresa
Nuckols' 7 pm

Dec 12 Christmas Gift Fair,
6:30 pm

Dec 13, 20 UBC God's Family
Dinner Volunteer 4:30 to 6 pm
to serve homeless

Dec 16 Third Sunday of Ad-
vent

Dec 17 Ministry Council 7pm

Dec 19 Plum Pudding Festi-
val 6:30 pm

Dec 23 Fourth Sunday of Ad-
vent

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
7 pm

Dec 25 Christmas Peace



From Your Pastor

Shalom

Paz

Heiwa

Ashtee

Peace

What is **Peace**?

Freedom from war? If it is, can we hope to achieve that?

Tranquility? Sometimes we can achieve that if we try.

Calm? Harmony? Law and order? All ways dictionaries define it.

As the staff gathered in the copy room to copy, staple, and fold the Advent books, I thought to myself, "How funny that we're all such in a hurry and frazzled trying to put together a booklet with the theme of Peace."

When we first talked about the theme of **Peace** at our Advent planning day my thought was that there is so much turmoil in the world wouldn't it be wonderful to just think about **Peace** all Advent? Then as I started reading and we started talking, my mind began to shift. What must it have been like that first Christmas? Where in the world could there have been **Peace**?

We hope for **Peace** every day. We think about a world where there is no war, no arguing, no turmoil, but do we really seek it? I think about a world where we can slow down and enjoy life, but do I really seek it? I think about being calm and in harmony with others, but do I really seek it? Is that the **Peace** of Christ?

As we enter into this Advent season, as we concentrate on **Peace**, may we seek the **Peace** of Christ. The **Peace** that came in the form of a small baby. The **Peace** that came to show us how to live. The **Peace** that allows us, in the midst of turmoil and chaos and, yes, even the craziness of Advent to find comfort and rest in the knowledge that we're not alone, we have a God who loves us and sent Jesus...the **Prince of Peace**.

Peace of Christ,
Ceryl Kimble



HPBC On Mission

Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With God



Making and decorating candles at S.I.S. for Open Door Ministry

Hosting and serving Dinner at Micah 6 Youth Drop-In on Sunday afternoons



Sorting Share Your Table food donations For Baptist Community Center Food Drive

Preparing and serving lunch at UT Baptist Student Ministries



Making and decorating stockings for Baptist Community Center



Tender Loving Care

TLC, our grief support ministry, will not meet in December, but talk to Rev. Sue Enoch, the leader of TLC, if you want to meet with the group in January. TLC will meet the second and fourth Sundays of January after church at 12:30 p.m. in the parlor upstairs, Jan. 13 and Jan. 20. TLC invites all, whether you see yourself joining only one or two meetings or if you prefer to meet with the group for a longer term.

Triple L

Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. you can find a couple of tables of cards and dominos in the multipurpose room — and a table full of goodies. No need to make a reservation — just show up. Several of our

Worship in the Season of Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent Dec. 2 Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Anticipation of the Reign of Peace.” Celebration of Communion, Hanging of the Green and Share Your Table in-gathering of food.

Second Sunday of Advent Dec. 9 Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Peace in the Midst.” Taize worship service of prayer, music, meditation, and communion at 7:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 16 Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Peace Between.”

Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 23 Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Peace Where You Least Expect It.”

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 7 p.m., “Peace Be With You.”

First Sunday of Christmas Dec. 30 Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m., “Accessible: The Word of God.”



Wednesday Weavings in December

Please join us as we eat together at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the first half of December, then we'll take off the Wednesdays that school is out. Adult dinner \$6, \$4 half-plate and kids, \$18 max for families. After supper we have a time of prayer and then programs at 6:30 p.m. for adults, kids, and teens where we all learn about the grace of God.

Dec. 5 Ministry Meetings After we eat as a community, we'll go off to our ministry meetings. No ministry? No problem. You know we can find you one. You're welcome to join in.

Dec. 12 Christmas Gift Fair Come eat supper then shop for Christmas: Alternative Market with donations of agriculture, livestock, education, goods for needy people around the world; Good News Goods fair trade market of jewelry, scarves, bags, chocolate, olive oil, coffee, tea; Bethesda Orphanage, a part of our River Ministry; Micah 6 Austin giving for our local homeless and hungry.

Dec. 19 Plum Pudding Festival Do not miss this, just saying. Eat supper with your church community then get ready for music and madness — last year we had a roller-skating “Twelve Days of Christmas” director. And our grand finale will be a parade of luscious plum puddings.

Dec. 26 No Wednesday Weavings We'll take this week off and we'll all eat Christmas leftovers. Peace.

Let the little children come to me. Matthew 10:14



A Clean-Up Work Day at HPBC — and some high-level work on the roof the week before



With thanks to Property Ministry chair Mary Ellen Sullivan and members of the property ministry



Faith in Action Caregivers — Volunteer Services for Older Adults

Highland Park Baptist Church is a sponsoring congregation of Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin and Faith in Action Caregivers-Northwest, two parts of a nine-member organization that covers Austin, Leander, Elgin, Round Rock and Georgetown. Faith in Action Caregivers provides volunteer services to older adults to help them stay in their own homes by enhancing their independence and quality of life.

These “neighbors helping neighbors” services include rides to medical appointments, shopping, and errands, as well as help with minor home repairs, a medical loan closet, and friendly visits and phone calls to keep in touch. All services are available to older people who are living in their home.

Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin is sponsored by 11 Central Austin congregations, and Faith in Action Caregivers-Northwest is sponsored by 13 congregations in Austin, Cedar Park, Leander, and Lake

Travis. In 2010, Faith in Action Caregivers in the Austin area provided 36,500 rides for seniors.

To register as a client of Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin — or to volunteer as a driver — call 512-472-6339. For Faith in Action Caregivers-Northwest call 512-250-5021 or contact nw@fiacaregivers.org.

Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin volunteers LaNell Coltharp, Barbara Paul, Rachel Flake, Barbara Lightsey, and Mary Ellen Sullivan attended a recent celebration for Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin





Facebook thanks from some of our college kids

Kevin Bishop: Just an update that I received the care package you guys sent. SO much food and candy! Thanks so much! You guys are the best.

Katie Dodge: I got mine too! Thank you guys!!

Alex Pence: Me too! Gotta love a candy filled Monday! Love you all, and miss you a bunch

Maddy Bewley: Sweet care package from my amazing church family! Even from 3 hours away y'all still make me feel so loved!

Sara Pence: Such a sweet surprise from the most amazing group of people I know! Thank you Highland Park, you all made my day a thousand times better!

And thanks to everyone who donated chips, cookies, candy, snacks, drinks, and other goodies to fill boxes to our 23 HPBC kids in college. And to Kari Dodge for heading up the project and braiding those fabulous bookmarks for each college goodie box.

Ministries of Highland Park Baptist Church

Servant

Missions

Worship

Membership and Stewardship

Christian Education

Family Life and Fellowship

Communications and Technology

Administration

Where Will You Serve?

For info see:

Melissa Russell, 2012 Servant Chair or Fran Hattin, 2013 Servant Chair

David Duncan, 2012 Missions Chair or Susan Magee, 2013 Missions Chair

Kristin Werner, 2012 and 2013 Worship Chair

Jay Evans, 2012 Membership Chair or Margaret Stafford, 2013 Membership Chair

Keith Cranford, 2012 and 2013 Christian Education Chair

Teresa Nuckols, 2012 and 2013 Family Life and Fellowship Chair

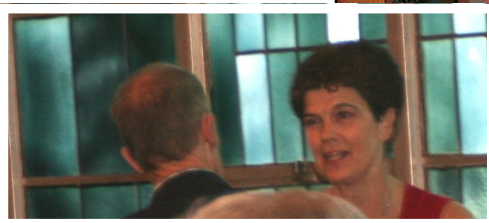
Debbie Autry, 2012 and 2013 Communications and Technology Chair

Norma Spivey, 2012 Administration Chair or Tom Petrie, 2013 Administration Chair

Joe Stafford, 2012 Ministry Council Chair or Alana Mallard, 2013 Ministry Council Chair

Welcome to Highland Park

Where
Everybody
Matters



Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor
Rev. Kevin Mitchell, Assoc. Pastor
Garrett Martin, Director of Music
Kelley DeCleene, Secretary
Susan Hammack, Bookkeeper
John Guerra Church Custodian
Alan Werner, Assistant Custodian



Consecration Sunday Nov. 4

Pledging our time, talents and treasure for the Kingdom of God





We've been called to be a
Worshipping
Learning
Practicing
Missional
Community of Faith

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Life of the Church

Men's Prayer Breakfast Men of the church and friends meet each Friday morning at 7 a.m., generally in Sapp Hall for a time of fellowship, prayer, and missions. In December, Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet Dec. 7, 14 and 21. All men are invited and welcome to attend.

Daytime WMU The ladies of our morning women's mission group are sponsoring stockings for Baptist Community Center's annual Christmas Party. Everyone is invited to take a stocking home Dec. 2 to fill with toys, candy, and hygiene items for the kids — and we'll need them back Sunday, Dec. 9. Daytime WMU meets on Thursday, Dec. 6, in the church parlor at 9:30 a.m.

Share Your Table Our Dec. 2 collection of food will go to Micah 6 Food Pantry, located at University Presbyterian Church in the UT area. Micah 6 Food Pantry is a ministry of Micah 6 Austin, a consortium of 11 churches of all denominations committed to caring for the poor and hungry in the downtown area. Highland Park Baptist is a member of Micah 6 Austin.

Sisters in Service S.I.S. is sponsoring a church-wide collection through Dec. 10 of clothing, gift items, gift cards, and toys for the women and children of SafePlace. Our donations will make it possible for mothers and their kids to shop for one another in a special Christmas shopping room at SafePlace. S.I.S. will meet on Monday, Dec. 10, at Teresa Nuckols' home for a cookie exchange, and everyone is welcome to attend for fellowship and missions. We'll make cookie plates to take to Open Door Ministry members.

Capital Area Food Bank We'll go to Capital Area Food Bank on Saturday, Jan. 12 to help sort and box food for food pantries all over Central Texas. Just you wait — there will be a sign-up somewhere, in the atrium, on line, in the office.

Who Are We? That's what our nametags are for. Please put yours on every Sunday morning to help our visitors and new members know who you are. And if you need a new one — or you've been visiting long enough that you really ought to have one — check with Lynn Crawford in the Atrium on Sunday morning or call the office.

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us. All are welcome