

Share the love this month...



Baptist Women in Ministry's Martha
Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

Music Celebration Month

Spotlight Micah 6 of Austin

Special Scout Sunday

Diaper Day!

From the Pastor's desk...

A New Day at Highland Park!

We so often start the year off with ideas of how we want our lives to change in the New Year. We want to eat better, we want to exercise more, and we want to build better habits. All because we want to be better people and we feel like the first of the year is a new start.



Sometimes we need that new beginning in church. Sometimes we need to take a good long look at ourselves and see what we might need to do to be a better version of ourselves. What do we need to do to be the church God is calling us to be?

In January, the Church Council gathered for a retreat and we spent some good time really looking at Highland Park, reviewing research about churches in 2020, looking at our ministries and asking some really hard questions about what's next for Highland Park to explore how we can become a bigger resource for our members and community.

On Feb. 23rd and March 1st we're going to bring you into the conversation. On the 23rd we're going to "Talk Turkey"! That's a phrase my family used when we were going to have an honest, no-holds-barred conversation. During worship we're going to do just that. We will talk about the research and what we see as some of the challenges facing us in the future. On March 1st the Ministry Council will share with you their ideas and plans for Highland Park. Following Morning Worship, we will gather together for lunch, divide up into Service Groups (of your choosing) and talk about how to make these ideas and changes come to life.

I hope you feel the excitement building about these ideas and I hope it is as important to you that Highland Park look into the future and find our place in this city. I pray that you will make a concerted effort to be here both of these Sundays. Each and every one of you is an important part of the life of this church and we need each one of you to be a part of this New Day. Join us Feb. 23rd and March 1st.

I look forward to it,

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

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

February 2

- **Worship on the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
- **Masyn Evans-Clements preaches** as we celebrate Baptist Women in Ministry's Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching
- Chancel Choir sings "I Sing the Greatness of Our God" by Fred Bock

February 9

- **Worship on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
- Rev. Kimble preaches "A City On A Hill Cannot Hide"
- Chancel Choir sings "Sing, My Soul" by Ned Rorem
- **Children's Choir sings "This Little Light of Mine"**

February 16

- **Worship on the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**
- **Scout Sunday celebration as we welcome scouts, leaders, and families of Troops 410 & 2019, Ship 410 & Pack 55 in worship**
- Rev. Kimble preaches "If Your Heart Turns Away"
- Chancel Choir sings "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" by Michael Burkhardt

February 23

- **Worship on the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**
- **Rev. Kimble preaches "Let's Talk Turkey"**
- **Baptism of Luke Shelton**
- Chancel Choir sings "How Can I Keep From Singing?" arr. by Burroughs & Martin

February 26

- **Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**
- The season of Lent begins as we remember our humanity with the imposition of ashes on the forehead

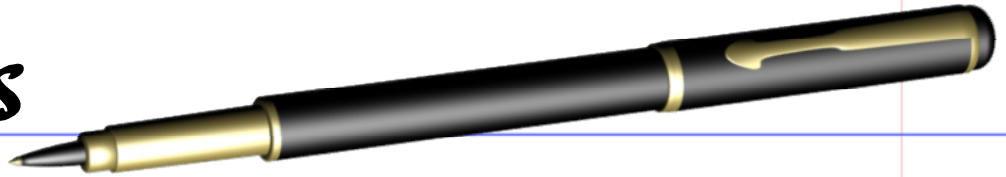


Happy February, HPBC Family!

It's that time of the year to celebrate music and its special impact on our service, our worship, and our lives. This February, we will hold a special time during the service for a **Moment for Music** to remember music and its influence on our time together. This month, I will be speaking about the history, text & prayer behind the choral anthems presented during worship. I am excited to share with you the powerful stories behind these texts and their meaning in my life. I hope you'll

join me for a month filled with beautiful music and the celebration of musicians in our lives! Kindly, Rachel Davis, Director of Congregational Music

NOTES



- ◆ The Associate Pastor Search Committee was elected at a Called Church Conference on January 12. The members are Abby Byrd, Kade Keith, Courtney Morton, Edna Nation, and Hannah Neas (chair).
- ◆ Becky Dillard was hired as permanent Admin Assistant and resigned her position as Personnel Chair. Becky has been overseeing organizational projects in the building and will be assisting the Council Chair and Ministry Chairs. Becky's email address is admin@hpbcaustin.org.
- ◆ Remodeling the new Youth Room continued in December and January, including removing a wall between two of the rooms alongside Sapp Hall, consolidating light switches, boarding up unnecessary doors, painting walls & ceilings, and laying laminate floors.
- ◆ Three new engraved brick pavers were installed in the Teague Chapel courtyard. Kelley DeCleene's father-in-law Mark, a former bricklayer, happened to come into town just in time to help us get them laid in the ground.



One thing that has been consistent across my faith journey is the impact of 'getting away' with fellow church members. I grew up doing that with Highland Park friends at children's camp, youth group and mission trips and continue that each summer at Leakey.

For the first time ever we decided to 'get away' with the 2020 Church Council to bond, worship and vision where Highland Park is headed in the next decade and beyond. The weather caused us to shift from an out-of-town ranch experience in Flatonia to the Burchette Room but we achieved so much in the two days we spent together.



We talked about:

- ◆ how to provide worship, programs, education and experiences that provide more value and help our members (and future members) live more meaningful, impactful and fulfilling lives
- ◆ what the Church of the Future looks like and how Highland Park can be a major part of that equation
- ◆ how we can more authentically and magnetically represent the 'brand' of Highland Park
- ◆ how to re-energize our congregation by giving them something to talk about at Highland Park
- ◆ how to more effectively reach our neighborhood/community to truly be THE Church at Highland Park

I feel honored to have a chance to lead the 2020 Ministry Council and I can tell you that we have a group committed to making a tremendous impact on this church and this community in the year ahead.

Thanks,
Rusty





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 February 2nd donations will go to the Micah 6 Austin Food Pantry.** Their food pantry is in particular need of peanut butter, beans, rice, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your generosity.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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



AUSTIN CROP HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, MARCH 1 2:30 P.M. @ CAMP MABRY

On March 1, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We have been proud to send a walking team to the Austin CROP Walk for decades. 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?

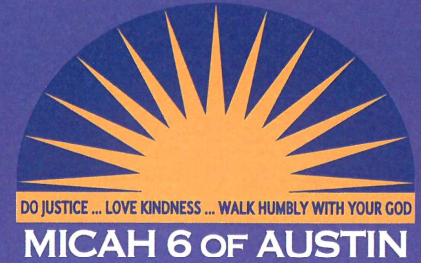
Our team page: www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/highlandpark

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 office (Please note "CROP Walk")
- ◆ **Walk the Walk!** Sign up to walk with our team online or inform the office that you'd like to come along. **Questions to HPBC Missions Ministry Chair Alana at missions@hpbcaustin.org.**

Highland Park is proud to be one of the founding congregations of the Micah 6 of Austin coalition and continues to support their ministry in the budget and give food donations to the pantry monthly. Church member Michelle Poncik has stepped up as our board member for 2020.

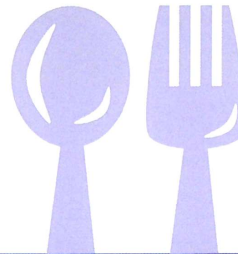
Our Impact 2019



Food Pantry

Hosted at University Presbyterian

Serving free fresh vegetables and fruits, a variety of meats, proteins and canned-goods to shoppers every Thursday evening and Saturday morning



Distributed food for
79,000 meals
this year

Primary source
of food for about **30%**
of our clients

Street Youth Drop-In Center

Hosted at University Baptist

Providing quiet, safe space – with computer-access and a home-cooked meal – for young people every Saturday and Sunday afternoon

"Micah 6 center

is great because you know you will be **respected** and have several hours of peace from the street.

No other place is like that for me."

- Taylor, former street youth and Micah 6 attendee

Home-Cooked Fridays

Hosted at All Saints Episcopal

Serving a hot meal – appetizer, salad, entrée, fruit, dessert, and coffee – for all in need every Friday



Meals provided to an average of
152 people
every week

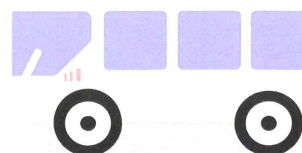
Coordinating the work of
40 volunteers every Friday

Women's Resource Group

Hosted at University United Methodist

Support group for women who are currently homeless or have previously lived on the streets; meeting for a free lunch and mentorship each Tuesday

Average of
10 women
in attendance
each week



Distributed almost
400 Capital Metro
bus passes

Children's Ministry
Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2

Trip to the Nature Center
Noon-3pm - Free
\$3/child for a pizza lunch

MARCH 1

Fun at HPBC
Lunch provided
Pick up at 2:30 p.m.

*** Sign up deadline for Children's
Camp with \$100 deposit due ***

APRIL 5

*Palm Sunday Picnic &
Easter Egg Hunt*

MAY 3

At Abby's House

JUNE 8-12

Vacation Bible School

JULY 20-24

Children's Camp

**For more information, contact
Abby Byrd at
familylife@hpbcaustin.org**

Youth Ministry
Calendar of Events

February 2

**Smash Brothers
Tournament**

February 7-9

Mid-Winter Retreat

March 1

**Service Groups Meetings
Lunch provided
* Sign up deadline for Youth
Camp with \$100 deposit due ***

April 18

Youth Lock-in

June 14-19

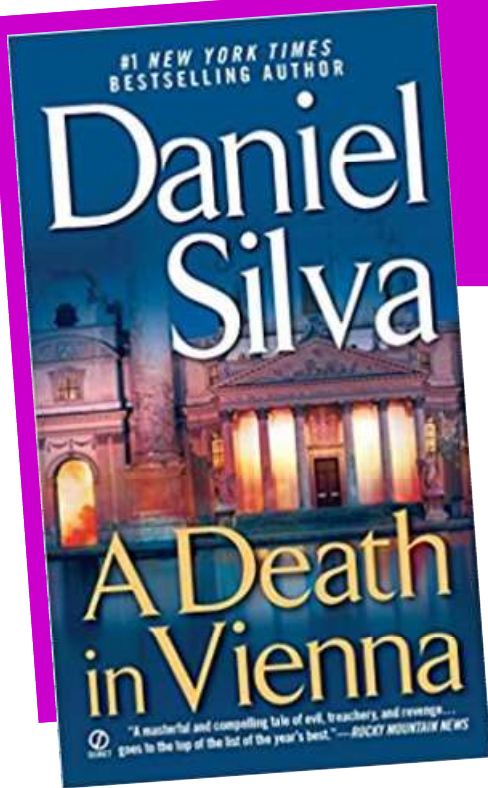
**Youth Camp
Mar 1 - \$100 deposit**

July 12-15

Youth Mission Trip
♦ **Location: Texas**
♦ **More details TBA**

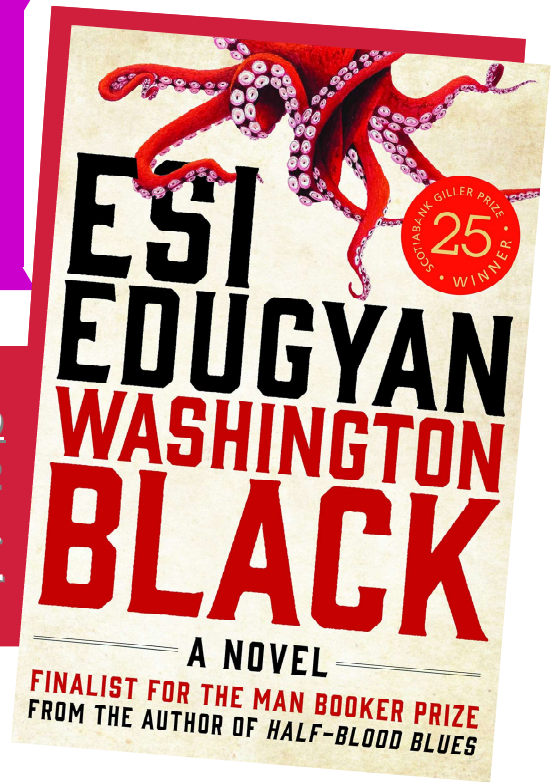
**For more information, contact
Masyn Evans-Clements at
masyneec@hpbcaustin.org**

Book Club Selections for February



Monday Night Book Club
Monday, Feb. 3
at 6:00 p.m.
in the downstairs Library

Saturday Book Club
Saturday, Feb. 22
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Upstairs Parlor



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| Feb. 3 | Gywndolyn Jones | Feb. 14 | Nancy Osgood |
| Feb. 5 | Warren Harrison
Roger Vaughan | Feb. 20 | Frances Brookins |
| Feb. 7 | Brenda Nelson | Feb. 24 | Lorene Denney |
| Feb. 8 | Sarah Longoria | Feb. 25 | Alyssa Glazener |
| Feb. 9 | John Osgood | Feb. 27 | Dee Dee Wilson |
| Feb. 11 | Marty Roberts | Feb. 28 | Keller Kimble
Bruce Robertson |
| Feb. 12 | Sadie Shelton | Feb. 29 | Belinda Lane
Barb Bolick |





Come be a part of

Diaper Day

Saturday, Feb. 8

Organized by



Families can sign up for a time to drop by and pick up a free bag of childcare items:

www.tinyurl.com/diaperday

Highland Park is looking for members to welcome visitors to our building during the event. We plan to hand out donuts and share about our ministries. Join us in this great opportunity to reach out to folks coming in our building. Volunteer by emailing outreach@hpbcaustin.org.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

at HPBC

Life Line Screening will be at HPBC on **Saturday, Feb. 8** 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.

LIFETIME LEARNING classes for adults 50+

Visit www.lliaustin.org to sign up or see the list of classes all around Austin

Classes begin on **FEB 10**
*only \$30 per class!

Classes @ HPBC:

- 3 Bridge classes
- Intermediate French
- Great Poets
- Memoirs
- Italian
- Short Story
- French Beginner 2
- Spanish Beginner



Paragon sends HPBC their appreciation for the use of our Sanctuary for their school's winter talent show and musical on Dec. 20 and for the opening ceremony of the Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools conference on Jan. 25.



Troop 2019 is selling black shredded native Texas mulch as a fundraiser. The price is \$5/bag, with a 5-bag minimum. The mulch can be kept here at the church to be picked on Sunday morning, or the Troop will deliver it to you! Email your name, address, phone number, quantity and how to deliver (i.e. by the gate or to the right of the garage door, etc) to Kim@kimmitchellrealtor.com.



Delivery day is Feb 22 (or pick up at the church on Feb 23).



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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*
Abby Byrd, *Children's Ministry Coordinator*
Rachel Davis, *Director of Congregational Music*
Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*
Becky Dillard, *Admin Assistant*
Carolyn Doolittle, *Church Bookkeeper*
Masyn Evans-Clements, *Interim Minister to Youth & Outreach*
Marcia Melendez, *Sunday janitor*
Angel Perez, *Weekday janitor*

February

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2 BWIM Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship SWEETT & Youth Activities	3 Monday Night Book Club at 6p	4 Troop 2019 Court of Honor	5	6	7 Youth Midwinter Retreat	8 Diaper Day with Catholic Charities
					7am MPB at Austin Diner	
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16 Scout Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship	17	18	19	20	21 7am MPB at Austin Diner	22 Saturday Book Club at 10a
23 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship	24	25	26	27	28 7am MPB at Austin Diner	29 Pack 55 Pinewood Derby