Highland Park
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#### **Looking Ahead**

March 3 Share Your Table, Java for Jesus Youth Fundraiser, CROP Walk Camp Mabry

March 4 WMU S.I.S. at Martha Fields'

March 6 Lenten Organ Recital 6:30 p.m.

March 10 Ministry Council Meeting after worship, all invited, Taize Worship 7:30 p.m.

March 24 Palm Sunday, Family Easter Egg fun after Worship

March 28 Seder Meal and Service

March 31 Easter Sunday

**April 3 Ministry Meetings** 

April 8 WMU S.I.S. 7 p.m.

April 14 Youth Fundraiser Lunch and Talent Show, Taize Worship 7:30 p.m.

April 15 Ministry Council Meeting 7 p.m.

April 20 Fix-up, Clean-up Work Day at Church

April 28 Happy Birthday, HPBC!

#### Welcome our Newest Members Ed and Janet Serna

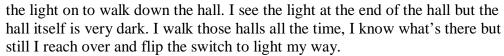


## From Our Pastor Into Your Marvelous Light

Can we ever really understand the darkness that Jesus must have felt, knowing what was to come?

I think about how many suffer from illnesses, from loss, those who live in dark places. There are so many who must strain to find the light, and we all at one time or another strain to find the light. It's part of living on this earth that at some time we experience darkness.

I sometimes find myself down in the Underground of the church, and I feel silly needing to turn



As children of God, as those who have the gift of Jesus, we have the ability to see the light at the end of the hallway, God's Marvelous Light. Sometimes we need to reach over and flip the switch, and sometimes the switch is very hard to find. Sometimes we need to be the switch for those around us who find themselves in the darkness.

It's OK to fear the darkness as long as we recognize that God's Marvelous Light is there. It's OK to want to be in a place where the light is bright and all is well, that's how we're created! It's OK to turn to those around us and say, "I'm afraid of the darkness will you walk with me?"

God's Marvelous Light surrounds us. If we walk in any direction we

can find it. Don't be afraid to step out of the darkness. This Easter may we recognize that God's light is eternal and it shines brighter than anything we can comprehend.



Thanks be to God, Cheryl



### Troop 410, Crew 410, Pack 55 Scout Sunday, Feb. 10 Honoring John C. Miller for years of working with Troop 410







And Pack 55 Pinewood Derby on Feb. 23









#### Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem

March 3 Third Sunday of Lent Celebration of Communion, Java for Jesus, Share Your Table ingathering of food for Micah 6, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "We Thirst."

March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "We Need." Taizé Worship led by Rev. Melissa Russell at 7:30 p.m., with candle-lit meditation, prayer, music, and communion.

March 17 First Sunday of Lent Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m., "A Spilled Life."

March 24 Palm Sunday Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**March 31 Easter Sunday** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.





#### Wednesday Weavings

Please join us as we eat together in Sapp Hall at 5:30 p.m. on some Wednesdays in March. All are welcome to come enjoy meals prepared by teams headed by Roy Kimble, Nancy Osgood, Dee Dee Wilson, and Barbara Lightsey. And remember that first-timers are always our guests. 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.

**Wednesday, March 6 Lenten Organ Recital** We'll have Aaron Garcia in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. after our family dinner.

**Wednesday, March 13 Spring Break** No dinner or programs at HPBC this Wednesday — go catch some SXSW.

Wednesday, March 20 The Church; Big C, Little c Come for supper, then stay for the first of a series of conversations on church and culture. Kevin Mitchell will lead this first intergenerational conversation based on findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion.

Wednesday, March 27 Holy Week No Wednesday night family support this week, but we'll have a Christian Seder meal led by Jane Feinstein on Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m.



Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

Mark 9:37

### Telling Garrett Martin Good-Bye Feb. 24









And Passing the Peace of Christ







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#### Ministries of Highland Park Baptist Church

Servant & Missions & Worship

Membership and Stewardship

Christian Education & Family Life and Fellowship

Communications and Technology & Administration

Want to be involved in outreach to the needy? Missions Ministry.

Working with our youth or children? Family Life and Fellowship Ministry.

Visiting in a hospital or a retirement home? Servant Ministry.

Telling our story of faith and salvation on social media? Communications and Technology Ministry.

Welcoming visitors and members on Sunday mornings? Membership and Stewardship Ministry.

Cooking on Wednesday nights? Family Life and Fellowship Ministry.

Reading liturgy and leading prayer? Worship Ministry.

Repairing broken hymnal holders in pews or working on cleanup day? Administration Ministry.

Leading a book study or teaching Sunday School to the kids? Christian Education Ministry.

Singing as part of the choir or occasionally playing an instrument? Worship Ministry.

#### Where Will You Serve?

#### 2013 Ministry Council

Fran Hattin, Servant Chair Susan Magee, Missions Chair
Kristin Werner, Worship Chair Margaret Stafford, Membership and Stewardship Chair
Keith Cranford, Christian Education Chair Teresa Nuckols, Family Life and Fellowship Chair
Debbie Autry, Communications and Technology Chair Tom Petrie, Administration Chair
Alana Mallard, Ministry Council Chair

### It Takes a Village, Feb. 15 A Date Night for Parents and We Watched the Kids







#### Our Lenten Journey: Into Your Marvelous Light

Our theme for Lent and Easter, "Into Your Marvelous Light," was born of many things: Hours and hours spent carefully discerning the voice of God, powerful lyrics from the Charlie Hall song, "Marvelous Light," and this passage from 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (NKJV)

Darkness. It is not a place we prefer to visit.

Wilderness. We would rather not feel lost.

Sin. Not our favorite thing to think about.

And yet, as we make our collective journey to the Cross, it is through darkness we must go. It is through the wilderness we must wander. It is our sin that we must confront. In all of these things, we see our need for God's grace, mercy, and indeed...our need for His marvelous light.

I love the lyrics to the Nichole Nordeman song "Sunrise": *You are Sunrise/God, you are blue skies/How would I know the morning if I knew not midnight?* 

May we be reminded on this Lenten journey that, even as we walk through our darkest midnight, the morning - God's marvelous light - is coming.

"I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me...will have the Light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

From Kristin Werner, Worship Ministry



#### **Goodie Box Ministry for our College Students**



Thanks so much to our youth and congregation for generously supporting the boxes of snacks candy, treats, and all sorts of things for our college students.

And special thanks to Kari Dodge for heading up this ministry to our growing-up youth.

Our Fifth Sunday Offering on March 31 will benefit Because We Care



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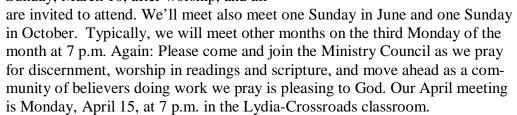
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#### Life of the Church

**Share Your Table** Our March and April collection of food staples goes again to Micah 6 Food Pantry at University Presbyterian Church just off Guadalupe and 22nd St,. Thanks again to Barbara Shearer for going to University Pres to deliver our March donations to the food pantry.

CROP Walk March 3 - Camp Mabry - We walk because they walk. An ecumenical walk to lift those living in poverty. Roy Kimble and our youth headed this annual tradition for HPBC to raise money for people living in poverty in Austin and around the world. We raised about \$700 at HPBC for Church World Services programs to help needy people.

**Ministry Council** Our council meets Sunday, March 10, after worship, and all



**Youth Missions** We'll raise money for the youth summer mission trip with a talent show and lunch on April 14. This year's mission trip will be within a day's drive of Austin, maybe Arkansas, maybe far West Texas.



### Staff of Highland Park Baptist Church

Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor

Rev. Kevin Mitchell, Associate Pastor

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