

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

It's A New Day

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Highland Park

- Special information shared during worship
 - Catered lunch following worship
- Quarterly Conference & Service Groups
- Grand Opening of the new Youth Room
 - SWEETT Children's Activities
- Participation in CROP Hunger Walk

From the Pastor's desk...



Every year as we approach Lent, people begin talking about what they're going to give up for Lent. To be honest, until I reached my older years, I didn't even think about this because I wasn't raised with it being a part of my life. I've said before that it bothers me somewhat that people make such a big deal about what they're giving up. If you're getting "rewarded" by others for what you're giving up, then it's not as much a sacrifice as it's meant to be.

At our Council retreat, Walt Shelton challenged us to think about taking something on during Lent instead of giving something up. We've talked about this before but I really like the idea, especially this year, when we're looking towards ways to really grow together as a church.

Maybe for Lent you could find one person a day that you tell about Highland Park. Maybe you make a commitment to be at every worship service during Lent...even Ash Wednesday and Good Friday! Another good idea would be to spend some time each day reading scripture or praying. Last year I had a friend send me a card during this time; he said every day of Lent he was writing to people who had encouraged him through the years. Maybe you could speak to someone new each day or invite someone new to lunch each week. Perhaps give a dollar a day to someone or something. Maybe even buy a coffee for someone in line at Starbucks.

Our theme for Lent this year is "Share The Call". You know it's not just Pastors who are called. We all are, each in our own unique and beautiful way, using our own God-given gifts. How do you share what God is and what God has called you to do?

I hope and pray for each of you that Lent is something different for you this year. May it be a new way for you to take this journey to the cross. Maybe you will become more aware of your own calling and gifts. Maybe you will become more comfortable sharing yourself with others. Maybe you will grow more committed to your calling. Hopefully we will all experience Christ deeper and more clearly this Lent as we journey with him to the cross and beyond!

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

"Share the Call"

This Lenten season, we are celebrating our responsibility to "share the call" of Christ with our friends, family, and community. Instead of just focusing on giving up something this Lent, we are encouraged to Share the Call with others so that we can all join together in worship throughout these 40 days and 40 nights.

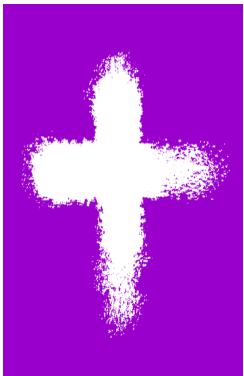
Music for Lent

Our music this season focuses not only on traditional Lenten hymns, but also powerful, inspiring hymns of service and calling. Our focus hymn this Lent is #168, "I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ" with text written by beloved R. G. Huff. This text reminds us to acknowledge the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday throughout our Lenten journey and how they symbolize our commitment to following Christ and sharing His Love with others. *"These forty days are set aside for those who share the call to take the cross, deny themselves, and give to Christ their all"* - R. G. Huff

Calling all singers!

Interested in singing praises to God with us this Easter season? Consider joining the Chancel Choir! We're a music-loving community from all backgrounds and professions who join each week to celebrate Christ through music. We meet each Sunday in the Choir Room from 9:45am to

10:45am to rehearse and fellowship together. No experience required! For more information, please contact Rachel Davis, Director of Congregational Music, at rdavis@hpbcaustin.org, or come visit us on Sunday morning in the Choir Room! All are welcome here!



"WHY I BELIEVE"

Interested in strengthening your personal faith? Please consider joining a Sunday School class, Bible Study or other small non-intimating group where you feel free to study, question, discuss, pray, and affirm each other.

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. throughout the building

Children (Birth-Pre K)

**Nursery Suite
on 1st Floor**

**Bible stories and crafts
that help building a
Christian foundation for
our children**

School-age (K-5)

Room 134 on 1st Floor

Youth (Grades 6-12)

**Youth Room
in Sapp Hall**

**A safe place for students
to ask their questions and
think critically about their
context and the Bible.**

Adult Sunday School Classes

Discovery

Room 200

**Study scripture and
discuss lessons from the
Smyth & Helwys *Formations*
Bible study booklets, which
follow the Lectionary**

Faith

Room 224

Inquiry

Room 219

Journey

Room 222

**Discussion-based
Bible Study**

Young Couples

**meets at home of David &
Kim Balkum on a weeknight**

**Book study and
conversation-based**

Books Clubs

Monday Night Book Club typically meets on the first Monday night of each month in the HPBC Library at 6 PM. Each month we read a book selected by a club member; No genre is off-limits: March 3 - *The Devil in Paradise* by James Haley; April 6 - *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee* by David Treuer

Saturday Morning Book Club meets in the church's upstairs parlor from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., usually on the 4th Saturday of the month for a lively discussion about various books: March 28 - *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline ; April 25 - *Conclave* by Robert Harris



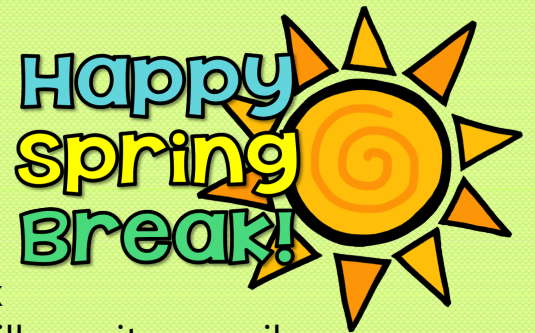
Sunday, March 1

GRAND OPENING

of the newly-remodeled
Youth Room off Sapp Hall!

A lot of work has been done to
revitalize this spot in our building
and create a cool place for our
growing youth group.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK



In order for the janitor to deep clean the floors of
the second level and other major maintenance tasks,
the **entire building will be closed during the week**

of Spring Break: March 16-20. The church staff will monitor emails
from home. If an emergency arises, please reach out to Rev. Kimble by cell phone.



ALL HANDS ON DECK! MARCH 28 - 8:30AM-4PM

As we approach Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, **the Property Ministry has planned a Church Workday for Saturday, March 28.** We will focus on the Atrium, Main Entrance, Narthex, Sanctuary/Pews, & Altar area. Donuts and coffee will be served at 8:30 and we'll break for lunch at noon. If you are able to come for any part of the day, please stop by the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate that you plan to be here. If you aren't able to come that day or serve in this way, please consider a donation toward the food for our volunteers.

CHURCH WORKDAY

March Missions: Being the hands and feet of Jesus

March is a great month to support one of our Missions projects with some of your time or treasure and prayers. Get details from Alana Mallard.



March 1 Share Your Table

All month we collect food for Micah 6 Food Pantry located at University Presbyterian, but our big emphasis is the first Sunday of the month. The 250 families a month who shop the Pantry need cereal, canned chicken, canned chili, peanut butter, canned vegetables, bags of rice and beans, spaghetti.



March 1 CROP Walk for Hunger

Walkers are collecting donations for this 2:30 p.m. walk at Camp Mabry that supports local organizations, including Central Texas Food Bank. Visit our team page www.crophungerwalk.org/austintx/highlandpark to sign up to walk or donate.

March 5-6 Amplify Austin

This is our community's annual day of giving. The 24-hour period provides an easy and fun way for our community to give together while helping local nonprofits. Amplify Austin 2020 is from 6 PM on Thursday, March 5 through 6 PM on Friday, March 6. There are hundreds of nonprofit organizations seeking donations, including seven of the organizations that HPBC gives to through our budget. If you'd like to amplify the great things happening in Austin and surrounding areas, visit www.amplifyatx.org.





use those grabbers y'all. And maybe you'll win a prize for quirkiest trash or recycle.

March 7 Balcones Adopt A Street

Our quarterly Keep Austin Beautiful clean-up on Balcones from Northland to Hancock is at 1 p.m. It's your chance to



March 14 Alzheimer's Texas Walk

Donate to Alzheimer's Texas Walk or walk with us at Camp Mabry on March 14 at 8:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Texas provides support for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and their family members, caregivers and professionals. All money raised stays in Texas.



March 29 Fifth Sunday Offering

We'll collect donations after worship for Baptist Community Center Mission to help Pat Mustoe and her volunteers continue to offer services in East Austin such as Food Pantry, after school care, clothing and housing support, and seasonal activities for kids.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

And of course Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at Austin Diner — Sister's in Service meets March 24 at 6 p.m. at Alana's.

Sisters in Service

Join us as we serve outside the walls of Highland Park, taking the love of Jesus to our neighbors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar. 4 Emily Nelson
Susan Hammack

Mar. 5 Kim Balkum
Liberty Mitchell

Mar. 6 Ethan Thane
Phillip Thane

Mar. 7 Kay Greenhaw

Mar. 8 Paige Shelton

Mar. 9 Anna Strickland

Mar. 10 Nadia Zamarripa

Mar. 11 Andrew Glazener

Mar. 14 Abby Osgood

Mar. 15 Amy Coltharp
Carson Russell

Mar. 18 Kelley DeCleene

Mar. 19 Margaret Stafford

Mar. 20 Annette Halsey
Don Paul

Mar. 21 Abby Byrd
Kimberly McCann

Mar. 22 Brian Walters

Mar. 24 Jane Macias

Mar. 26 Larry Ingerly

Mar. 28 Susan Bewley

Mar. 29 Cindy Brower
Edward Rapier

Mar. 30 John Lowe
Chase Osgood

Mar. 31 Sara Pence

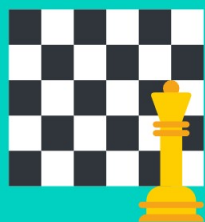
SUNDAYS WE EAT & ENJOY TIME TOGETHER

Sunday, March 1

Hang @ Highland Park

during Service Groups

includes lunch | Ages 2 & up



HIGHLAND PARK YOUTH @

JUMP STREET

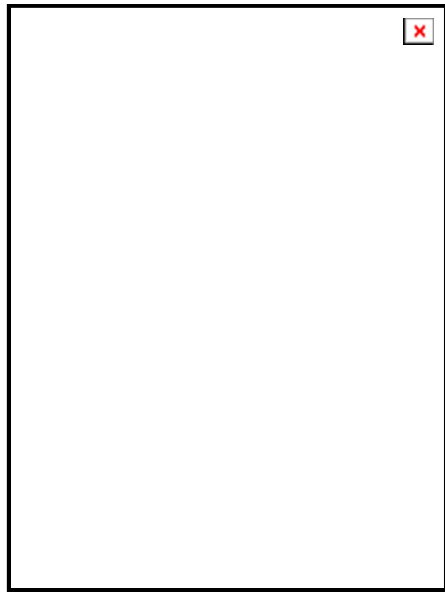
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AFTER WORSHIP.
FRIENDS WELCOME!



Palm Sunday Picnic

AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5 following worship



Last month, our children had a wonderful time exploring the outdoors at the Nature Center. The children took their shoes off and soaked their feet in the freezing river, played in the sand box for a long time, saw a variety of wild-life, and looked for fossils and other small treasures. We were all exhausted by the end of it!



FROM LAST MONTH

Our students spent a weekend in Athens, TX at Disciples Crossing. The theme was an opener for camp later this year: Focus. We asked ourselves, "What does God focus on?" We also got to play Gaga Ball, Soccer, and Football, canoed, and became obsessed with a board game in the cafeteria! We had so much fun, and can't wait for camp this summer.





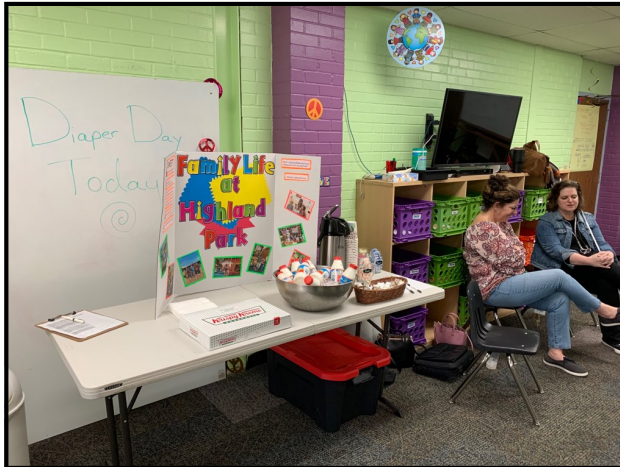
We need your responses!

The Pastoral Search Committee has put out a survey to the congregation as they begin to create a profile for the Associate Pastor of Youth & Outreach position. Please take a moment to take the survey online or find a paper copy of the survey at the church on Sunday.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99BT767>



SNAPS FROM LAST MONTH



Highland Park hosted our first Diaper Distribution Day with Catholic Charities of Austin. We were able to serve about 20 families by giving diapers and supplies and offering opportunities for parenting classes. Our team of volunteers as well as the team from Catholic Charities enjoyed meeting the sweet parents and adorable kids. We will host a free infant CPR class open to the public in March with Catholic Charities. Our first event was such a success we plan on hosting quarterly events to connect with families in need in our community.

Spend the summer with Highland Park!

June 8-12: Vacation Bible School

More information coming soon...

June 14-19: Youth Camp

For more info, contact masyne@hpbcaustin.org

July 20-24: Children's Camp

For more info, contact familylife@hpbcaustin.org

Camp deposits due March 1st!



Summer tenant at Highland Park!

Register now for iKids Camp at Highland Park. Join iKids for an exciting summer adventure with an all-inclusive curriculum encompassing

Academic Enrichment, Fine Arts, STEM, Cooking, Crafts, Recreation, and more! Each Camp is unique and theme-based.



iKids Camp is from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM for ages 4 to 8 years old.

Week 1 (June 15 - 18): Ocean Adventure

Week 2 (June 22 - 25): Dinotunes Discovery

Week 3 (July 6 - 9): Safari Expedition

Week 4 (July 13 - 16): Kid-Style Cooking

Limited spaces available. Please contact iKids at 512-265-7733 or austin@ikidsu.com for more information.



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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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Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*
Becky Dillard, *Ministry Assistant*
Carolyn Doolittle, *Church Bookkeeper*
Masyn Evans-Clements, *Interim Minister to Youth & Outreach*
Marcia Melendez, *Sunday janitor*
Angel Perez, *Weekday janitor*



Members, leaders, & family of Troop 410, Troop 2019, Ship 410, and Pack 55 joined us in worship, participated, and shared updates about their activities.



S	M	T	W			
1 Share Your Table 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship SWEETT Activity 2:00p CROP Walk	2 Monday Night Book Club at 6p	3 Primary and Travis County Elections in Atrium 7a-7p	4	5	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Austin Diner	7 Paragon Prep Open House
8 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship Youth Activity	9	10	11	12	13 7am MPB at Austin Diner	14 8:30a Texas Alzheimer's Walk
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Spring Break: Building Closed						
22 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship	23	24 Sisters in Service at 6pm	25	26	27 7am MPB at Austin Diner	28 8-4 Property Workday Saturday Book Club at 10a
29 5th Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:55a Worship	29	30	31	MARCH		