



### Vol. LXIII Issue XIII November 2019

NOVEMBER Events

Nov 2: Balcones Drive Clean Up Day

Nov 3: Harvest Festival

Nov 5: Travis County Elections in the Atrium

Nov 8-10: Womanfest

Nov 10: Fall Food Drive & Poinsetta sales begin

Nov 17: Quarterly Church Conference

Nov 19: Sisters in Service

Nov 20: Advent S.A.L.T. begins in Library

Nov 24: Fall Food Drive & Poinsettia sale conclude

Nov 25: Food Drive delivery

Nov 25-29: Paragon closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 27-29: Church office closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 28: Thanksgiving Day

We are thankful for you. May God bless you & yours this 0 holiday seasor

### From the Fastor's desk...

Thanksgiving: We celebrate it, we talk about the pilgrims and the Native Americans, we sit around tables and eat and tell people what we're thankful for. But giving thanks is something we should be doing each and every day of our lives.

I'm always hesitant to start giving thanks in this publication because inevitably I will forget someone. Each and every week we have so many different people who help us here at Highland Park that I can't begin to thank them all. But in this season of Thanksgiving, after a rough couple of months, I do need to say a few special thank you's.



First is to Kelley DeCleene: Moving Paragon into this building was a great experience, but it kept Kelley running non-stop for several months. We are finally settling in but every day there are still things we have to work on or adjust. This has made it difficult for Kelley to also get all her church things done, but in usual Kelley fashion, she has kept all the plates spinning and has done a fabulous job!

Another person who deserves major thanks is Don Dillard. For several months Don has been up at the church working with Kelley to make sure all the building repairs have been made so that the transition with Paragon has been flawless. He's moved things, cleaned areas, arranged many repairs, even just helped in the office answering phones, literally anything that needs done Don is helping with.

Because of the transition and so many things happening between now and the end of the year, Becky Dillard has agreed to work in the office part-time from now until the end of the year to help with administrative needs. She has been an amazing help to us all! I'm so thankful for her willingness to jump in during our time of need.

Abby Byrd came to me in June and said "let me help in any way". She jumped in first to help with children's activities, and now she's helping create Sunday school curriculum, leading Children's sermons, and next year she's being nominated to be Family Life chair. Abby is really making an impact on our children's lives and I can't thank her enough.

I'm thankful that Masyn Evans-Clements has joined our staff as Interim Minister for Youth and Outreach. She has already jumped in with both feet and I look forward to the work she will do with us during this interim.

I'm thankful for this congregation. I feel such a spirit of love and excitement in our midst. I laughed last Sunday because I stood back in the Narthex and only 4 people came out of the Sanctuary. I thought to myself... I just need to go inside because no one's coming out here. You all want to worship and fellowship with each other and that is a sign of a healthy congregation.

My prayer for you this Thanksgiving season is that you see around you all the ways God has provided for our every need and that you can express your gratitude in Thanksgiving every day.

Come Ye Thankful People Come,

Cheryl

Worship this Month

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



November 10

November 17

November 24

Consecration Worship on All Saints Sunday
Members of our children's Sunday School will bake bread and help serve communion as their series on the Lord's Supper concludes
Our annual Harvest Festival will be held in Sapp Hall following worship. The church will provide fried chicken; please bring a side or salad to share.

Rev. Roger Paynter preaches during the Worship of God on the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Ministry Council Meeting to discuss the 2020 Budget, 4:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches during the Worship of God on the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Quarterly Church Conference following worship

• Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches during the Worship of God on Christ the King Sunday

Sorry!

The church office will be closed on November 27 -November 29 (Wed through Fri) for Thanksgiving.

We wish you a very special holida

# reelcome to the HPBC Staff



Masyn Evans-Clements has joined Highland Park's staff as the Interim Minister for Youth and Outreach. After growing up in Midland, Texas, she graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 2018 with a Bachelor's of Behavioral Science in Ministry. She is currently in her second year of seminary at Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas, and has held youth internships at three churches, the most recent being Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. In August 2019, Masyn married her husband Brandon, who is currently in the final year of his Master's program, on

track to become a Marriage and Family Therapist. The Evans-Clements live happily with their children: a dog named Biscuit and a cat named Archibald.

Becky Dillard, a Golden Circle member of Highland Park, has joined the staff as the Interim Admin Assistant and will help with tasks in the office and building through the end of the year. Becky has been hard at work helping with numerous projects that back-logged during the summer. Becky will help manage the various workers for the Youth Room remodel project. Becky and her husband Don enjoy traveling, time with friends, and lots of time with their children and grandchildren. They are excited to have a granddaughter due in April 2020 to join their 3 grandsons.



# NOTES FROM MINISTRY COUNCIL

	<ul> <li>The Ministry Council approved a bid from Jim Nuckols Construction to convert two of the classrooms along the east side of Sapp Hall into a new space for the youth.</li> </ul>				
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	David Balkum resigned as Ministry Council Chair on Sun-				
	day, October 13, 2019. Don Dillard, vice chair of the Minis-				
	try Council, has stepped into the role of Council Chair as				
	stipulated by the church bylaws. Don will be the Acting Ministry Council Chair through the end of the year.				
	Property Ministry needs volunteers who can commit to:				
	Elevator Fire Safety Test (1x month)				
	Clearing leaves in grates before storms				
	Checking Emergency EXIT Lights				
	Drive the bus (2x a month)				
	<ul> <li>Styrofoam drop-off (1-2x month)</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>The remaining Ministry Council Meetings will be Sunday,</li> </ul>				
	November 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library and Sunday,				
	December 8 at 12:20 p.m. The Council will discuss and				
	vote on the 2020 Budget at the Nov. 10 meeting. All				
	church members are invited to	ov. to meeting. / m			
	participate in the discussion.				
		DON'T FORGET			
	<ul> <li>The agenda for the Quarterly</li> </ul>	THE CHURCH			
	Church Conference on Sunday,	THE CHUKCH			
	Nov. 17 includes voting on the	CONFERENCE IS			
$\bigcirc$	Council-approved 2020 Budget				
	and 2020 Ministry Council slate	ON NOV. 17			
	as selected by the Nominating				
	Committee.				

## Book Club Selections for November

Monday Night Book Club Monday, Nov 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs Library

> Saturday Book Club Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upstairs Parlor



Womanfest 2019 November 8,10

Bliss: the Joy, Grace and Power of Women's Spirituality

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR OF JOHN ADAMS AND 1776

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### Advent Study on Handel's *Messiah*



<u>Study Dates:</u> November 20 December 4 December 11 December 18 The "Study and Lunch Together" (S.A.L.T.) on the Kerygma Program's Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah will resume this month on the portion devoted to the Advent texts in Handel's Messiah. This study explores the scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah and offers careful examination of the

texts. Music lovers & biblical seekers will all enjoy this study. (The Lenten portion of this book was covered earlier this year.) This study will take place at noon in the Library. Feel free to bring your lunch; we'll provide water, coffee, and tea. If you would like to be a part of this study, but do not have a book from the previous study, <u>contact the</u> <u>church office</u> to reserve your \$20 copy. Scholarships are available by request.



## **Book Giveaway**



The church has an excess of books that were donated or are no longer being used. We'd love for these books to find a happy, new home. Please peruse the tables and bookshelves located in the Atrium (they will be in Sapp Hall for the Harvest Festival) and take any books home with you. After the books have been out for a little while, those remaining will be donated to Recycled Reads. **Highland Park's Earth Covenant Ministry is sponsoring a clean-up day on Balcones Drive at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2** as part of our Adopt-a-Street / Keep Austin Beautiful commitment. If you would like to walk the block from Hancock

to Northland, wearing a bright yellow vest & using a grabber to pick up trash & recycling, contact Alana Mallard to be a part of the clean-up effort.





# **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Warm breakfast & conversation each Friday morning, with offerings collected for global missions. Men of all ages are welcome. Fridays at 7 a.m. @ <u>Austin Diner</u>, 5222 Burnet Rd



#### A BIG thank you to the Men's Prayer Breakfast and SIS for preparing, delivering, and serving dinner at the Micah 6 Youth Drop-In Center in October. <u>HPBC gets to do it again on Dec 8.</u>

There's also room for an HPBC member to join the Micah 6 board in January. Talk to Cathy Glazener, Alana Mallard, or Cheryl Kimble, who have each been blessed by serving on this board. Micah 6 held it's Annual Meeting of constitu-

ent congregations on Oct 26. It continues to be a Mighty Mouse, successfully leveraging a small budget to expand its ability to provide meals, temporary shelter, a food pantry, counseling, and respect to people in need in the UT campus area.

Micah 6:8 - "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

# Sisters in Service

Women of all ages are invited to this missions-focused meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the new home of LaNell Coltharp, where the group will be decorating the stockings for the Christmas party at the Baptist Community Center next month.



### Fall Food Drive for the Baptist Community Center Mission

Each fall, we help replenish the food room at the BCCM, which is open to the public Monday-Friday. 10% of the donations from this drive go to the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock. This year we have invited Paragon Prep and Pack 55 to participate and we fully expect the Atrium to be full to the brim with donations! **The most needed items are listed at the right.** Paper grocery bags with suggested items will go out on Sunday, November 10 and are due back by Sunday, November 24. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **Dates for the Drive**

Nov 6: School begins collecting Nov 10: Paper Bags go out Nov 22: School ends their collection Nov 24: Church concludes collection & sorts items Nov 25: Delivery to the BCCM, etc.

If you are willing and able to assist with sorting on Sunday, November 24 or delivery on Monday, November 25, please make plans to be here to assist. *Extra thanks!* 



#### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

- Chili/Beef stew/Soups
- Canned chicken
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Canned Ravioli
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Cornbread mix
- Sugar in 2 lb. bags
- Mac and cheese
- Ranch style beans
- Pinto beans in 1 lb. bags
- Juice
- Instant potatoes
- Canned yams
- Rice in 1 lb bags

Please check expiration dates before donating.



Please start saving your 2020 calendars for Meals on Wheels-Central Texas. We will start collecting hygiene items, gift cards, and blankets later this month and into December as part of their Holiday Drive for their clients. Our thanks to Brooke Ostrom for heading this up at HPBC.

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November 1	Laura Meritt		November 16	Gary Farmer
November 2	Andy Manns	<b></b>		Barbara Worley
November 3	Mark Bewley	i i	November 17	Keith Cranford
	Jim Eskew		November 19	Joan Young Smith
	Teresa Nuckols		November 21	Margot Beyersdorff
	Tom Petrie			Clayton Engelke
November 4	Don Hartman			Tom Harrison
November 7	Beau Butler		November 22	Logan Kimble
	Carolyn Coleman		November 23	Don Dillard
November 9	Lan Barlow			Lochlann Neas
	Lori Mitchell		November 24	Mason DeCleene
November 13	David Longoria		November 25	Maggie Kimble
November 14	Kathy Osgood		November 27	Lynn Evans
	Debra Sylvester		November 28	Mary Hidell
November 15	Lynn Langley		November 30	Diane Post

# **UPCOMING S.W.E.E.T.T. EVENTS**

Children's Ministry activities on the first Sunday (or Saturday!) of the month





## **NOVEMBER 3RD: HARVEST FESTIVAL**

- Sapp Hall after worship with a Potluck Lunch
- Halloween games and crafts, face-painting, candy, and lots of desserts.
- Costumes are welcome!

# **DECEMBER 7TH: TRIP TO TREE FARM**

- Kids' Day Out...a.k.a. Parents' Day to get stuff done!
- Ages 4 and Up are invited to ride on church bus and help pick a tree to cut and bring back to HPBC!
   Cost is \$10/child which includes lunch
- 10 FAMILY LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP



# SNAPS FROM LAST MONTH





At the October 6 SWEETT activity, the children had an absolute blast painting pumpkins, making cotton ball ghosts, and oozing colorful slime! Thanks to Abby Byrd for coordinating and to Meredith Bewley & Amanda Haley for lending helping hands.



On Friday, October 25, a group gathered for an HPBC Youth Group reunion. This occurred on the eve of Anderson High School's 40th reunion. It was great to have in attendance Roger Paynter, the former youth minister, and Roy Kimble, our faithful sponsor. The group decided not to wait another 40 years to do this again.



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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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Poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary for the month of December as we honor the time of Advent and then celebrate Christmas. At this time, you are invited to place an order in honor or memory of a loved one or event.

Our poinsettia plants will come from Down Home Ranch in Elgin, TX. Down Home Ranch provides residency, vocational skills training, paid employment, and community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Christmas poinsettias, and the other plants they grow onsite,

help DHR's ability to provide the things that ensure a quality of life second to none for the Ranchers.

The shape of the plant's flower and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Magi to the Christ Child. The red color reminds us of Christ's Blood, shed for our salvation. Some poinsettias have white leaves, which remind us of Christ's purity. Green symbolizes life and hope. Order yours at <u>www.hpbcaustin.org/poinsettias.</u>