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### **Looking Ahead**

Oct 2 Roundtable Ministry Meetings during Dinner 5:30p

Oct 6 World Communion Sunday, Share Your Table, Java for Jesus, Deacon Ordination

Oct 11 Artist Reception for Donna Goodwin and "Faith and Fabric of our Life" 6p

Oct 13 Ministry Council Meeting after Worship Sapp Hall, Taize Worship 7:30p Atrium

Oct 25 Trunk or Treat & Family Movie Night

Oct 26 Church-wide Work Day & Clean-up

Nov 3 Consecration Sunday with Luncheon after Worship

Nov 6 Lunch at Baptist Student Ministry by WMU S.I.S. Roundtable Ministry Meetings 5:30 p

#### Many thanks to Kay Greenhaw



As our interim choir director, Kay led the Sanctuary Choir over the last six months with love, laughter, artistry, and energy. Now she rejoins the alto section. Thanks again, Kay.



# we've been called

# Nov. 3 Consecration Sunday Please be part of Worship and Luncheon

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Ministry has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction

and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Stewardship Ministry members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Please be in prayer for Highland Park Baptist Church and our Consecration Sunday worship and luncheon.



### **HPBC Missions**

### **Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions**

In October and November HPBC is participating in Mary Hill Davis Offering, a Baptist tradition that honors

the work of an early president of WMU — Women's Missionary Union — in Texas. Mary Hill Davis was born in Georgia and came to Texas in 1870 as a small child. She was president of WMU from 1906 until 1931 and stirred women to give and pray for missions, especially Texas missions. During her time as WMU president, Baptists established State Missions Week, and the offering for state missions was named for Mary Hill Davis in 1935.



We will observe Texas Missions Week of Prayer

Oct. 13-19 and collect our Mary Hill Davis Offering through the end of November with the goal of collecting \$600 for Texas missions. Mary Hill Davis Offering theme: **Everyone Can. Share. Pray. Give. Go.** 



iACT, Interfaith Action of Central Texas HPBC is a faith community member of iAct, an Austin organization that sponsors interfaith worship, learning, and missions. iAct sponsors an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, this year on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church. iAct's Red Bench events inspire interfaith conversation — Oct. 29 and Dec. 3 Red

Bench events are at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Micah 6 Austin HPBC is a congregational member of Micah 6 Austin, a consortium of about a dozen

churches that helps people in the UT area. Cheryl Kimble has served as Micah 6 Austin board chair and continues as a member of the board of directors. HPBC supports Micah 6 financially and also provides volunteers for these programs:

**Micah 6 Youth Drop In** at University Baptist, Sundays 1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., meals at 4 p.m. This weekly place of rest, fellowship, and quiet sees 20 to 30 street youth — some with their pets — who have snacks, eat a home-cooked meal prepared by Micah 6 churches, and work and play at a bank of computers. Highland Park will take a meal on Sunday, Nov. 24.

God's Family Dinner at University Baptist, Thursdays



4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., HPBC is

specifically signed up to help on second and third Thursdays, Oct. 10 and 17, Nov. 14 and 21, Dec. 12 and 19. About 200 needy people each week get a hot meal at God's Family Dinner.

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Micah 6 Food Pantry at University Presbyterian, Thursdays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Our first Sunday Share Your Table food donation helps supply staples to this food pantry that serves about 200 families each week.

### **Sunday Worship of Christ**

**Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Celebration of Communion and Deacon Ordination

Oct. 13 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Taize Worship at 7:30 p.m. led by Rev. Melissa Russell with communion, prayer, music, meditation

### Oct. 20 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pen-

**tecost** Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Oct. 27 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Nov. 3 Consecration Sunday Rev. Jackie Saxon preaches at 10:55 a.m. with luncheon following.







## Wednesday Weavings: Fellowship Dinner and Programs

Our church family eats together in Sapp Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings with meals prepared by teams led by Nancy Osgood, Dee Dee Wilson, Barbara Lightsey, and Roy Kimble. First-timers are always our guests. Adult dinner plates \$6, kids plate and adult half-plate \$4, family max \$18. After we eat together, we have programs for adults, kids and teens where we learn about the grace of God, how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, and why community is important to us all in this world.

Oct. 2 Roundtable Ministry Meetings Sit with your ministry at dinner for this monthly ministry meeting and have conversation as you eat together. This is your chance to commit — or re-commit — to a ministry.

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 The Visible and Invisible Church with Cheryl Kimble and Keith Cranford This month Cheryl Kimble and Keith Cranford will lead a series of discussion-oriented programs on The Visible and Invisible Church. This will center on examining what we do as a church and how we can better serve our members and reach out to the broader community. Your input is vital to this process, and we hope everyone will attend. Do come be part of the discussion and vision of who we are in our community and what we're doing.

# The Faith and Fabric of our Life—A Visual Doxology Paintings by Donna Waddill Goodwin Exhibited through Nov. 29



From Donna Goodwin: Whether I am interpreting a word by texture, color and form, or creating a visual image for the significant markers within my own life's journey, my work is thoughtful and filled with joy. The Faith and Fabric of Our Lives — A Visual Doxology is the creative expression of my own personal journey. To Highland Park Baptist Church and Judith Latimer, I say thank you for this opportunity to share my work.

Infinite Grace Psalms 66:33 Holy, Holy, Holy



The Space Between the Stars Isaiah 13:10 Great is Thy Faithfulness



I Can See the Goodness Within Your Heart Psalms 27:1 All Things Bright and Beautiful

> Tolerance Leviticus 19:18 Abide with Me



Starbright Isaiah 60:1-6 What Star is This With Beams so Bright



# Blessing of the Animals A Celebration of Our Fellow Creatures



















# Wednesday Evening Family Olympics Costume Relay, Pinata Fun, Hula Hoop, Bouncy Balls

















### Court of Honor — Nov. 24

Troop 410 will celebrate a Court of Honor on Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary, honoring new Eagle scouts.

Many thanks to the scouts and leaders of Troop 410 who regularly mow and edge our lawns. Pack 55 scouts and leaders will help in our Oct. 25 clean-up,

### **New Picture Directories Here**

Pick up your new picture directory in the atrium, and if you need a white binder those are available too.

Many thanks to Edward and Martha Rapier for their photography work, and thanks to Kelley DeCleene for putting it all together.





# Ministry Roundtable Meetings

Our first Wednesday Ministry Meetings had a new look in September and October when we began meeting for dinner as ministries — and then continued through the program hour for more discussion and a short report from each ministry.

Our next Roundtable Ministry Meetings are Nov. 6.

### Staff of Highland Park Baptist Church

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### Life of the Church

**WMU S.I.S.** Sisters in Service will meet Oct. 14 at Helen Hasting's home to hear Pat Mustoe, director of Baptist Community Center Mission, talk about the center's community programs and how we can be of more help and support to the programs of the Baptist Community Center Mission. Our Nov. 4 meeting is at Barbara Lightsey's home, and we'll decorate stockings for the **Baptist Community Center Mission**'s Christmas party.

**Java for Jesus** This first Sunday coffee fundraiser on Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 benefits our youth mission trips. Get your coffee before Sunday School in the Atrium — and add a little hazelnut or vanilla or raspberry flavoring to it. Help our junior high and high school kids work with needy children next summer.

**Share Your Table** We'll gather food Oct. 6 for **Micah 6 Food Pantry.** And for several weeks in November we'll collect food donations for **Baptist Community Center Mission** as part of their twice-a-year food drive. Then in December, we're back to collecting food for **Micah 6 Food Pantry**.

Womanfest 2013 We're going back to Fredericksburg Inn and Suites for our annual women's retreat for all women of the church — and their friends, sisters, daughters, and mothers. Our presenter, Jeanne Guy, will lead us in the theme of "Relax, Refresh, Renew: Finding More of You." Kudos to Lori Mitchell, Dee Dee Wilson, and Teresa Nuckols for organizing this year's version of our annual retreat.

Goodie Boxes for College Kids They've gone back to school, so it's time to show some of that HPBC love to our college students. The youth will fill boxes on Oct. 6 after worship with goodies that you bring and drop in the donation area in the Atrium. Packaged crackers and cookies, boxes of packaged granola bars, popcorn, candy, handwritten notes — anything you think our 20 or so college kids would like to have.

**Deacon Ordination** Rusty Shelton and Helen Hastings will be ordained as deacons during worship on Oct. 6. Please be part of this holy event as we celebrate and honor Rusty and Helen and their lives of Christian service.

**Fifth Sunday Offering** Our Sept. 29 after-worship, fifth Sunday offering went to Baptist Community Center Mission. The \$670 we donated will enrich programs at the Mission that help families with a range of services, including preschool, after-school care, help with bills, classes, Bible study, and a huge Thanksgiving meal at the Mission.