

Sep 2 Java for Jesus; Share Your Table

Sept 6 WMU Morning 9:30 am

Sept 7, 14, 28, 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am

Sep 9 TLC 12:30 pm

Sep 10 Sisters in Service 7 pm

Sep 13 and 20 UBC God's Family Dinner Volunteer 4:30 to 6 pm

Sep 15 Foundation for the Homeless Fundraiser at all six P.Terry's locations

Sep 16-23 Hosting IHN

Sep 17 8-week Kerygma Study Listening to Scripture begins 10 am; Ministry Council 7 pm

Sep 23 TLC 12:30 pm, Faith & Film Series Wall-E 6:30 pm

Sept 30 Faith & Film Series To Kill a Mockingbird 6:30 pm

Oct 4 Morning WMU 9:30 pm

Oct 7 Share Your Table, Java for Jesus, Faith & Film Series Norma Rae 6:30 pm

Oct 8 S.I.S. 7 pm



From Our Pastor

A part of life that is mysterious is that so often we touch people and we never know it. Maybe it's a smile to a total stranger, maybe it's a note to someone on just the right day to make them feel better, and maybe you let that person pull in front of you on the busy drive home. We touch people every day, and we don't even know it.

Many, many times we touch people in our church without even knowing it. Maybe we do it on purpose, maybe we do it just by being there and it happens, but often we never know the impact we make on others. I received this letter by e-mail, and you each need to read it. Maybe you were one of the ones who helped Sue Enoch when she was out of work for nearly a year, or maybe you are the one who helps out the next person, but we help. We give of ourselves, and you need to know that.

In giving love,
Cheryl Kimble

From Sue Enoch to Highland Park Baptist Church

Hilary Clinton popularized the statement, "It takes a village to raise a child." After the last year I would say, "Sometimes it takes a village to care for an adult, too." That has certainly proven true for this adult, and the last three years at Highland Park. As this new chapter of life begins, with thanks to God, I want to share some things I've experienced in this family of faith.

Faith is not a word taken lightly. No matter how sad, weak, or faithless I felt, you didn't. Someone, more likely several some ones, sent some words, said some words, hugged me tight, or said a prayer. When I left I felt that faith, and carried it with me with new hope.

When people say, "You are in my prayers," they aren't joking. There are not words to explain the comfort and strength of that wall of prayer around me during this time. That security caused me to know that I would be okay, whatever the outcome.

The most powerful paper on earth is a 3"x 5" plain beige card. These Touch cards always seem to arrive just when they are most needed. The language was often a brief, "I love you. I'm praying for you." But they are reminders of not walking through the awful darkness alone.

And finally there were the surprises, a check, an offering, an anonymous gift card. They sometimes had names and sometimes didn't, but they made it possible to get through another day, another week. They even meant the cats didn't have to go on a diet!

The love, support, and care of my village have made it possible to get through these days and still be able to walk forward and start this new chapter. It's much more fun to celebrate with my village than to cry. But it is empowering to know that this village called Highland Park stands alongside to do either one. Thanks be to God.

Our Stained Glass Windows By John C. Miller

By my count, there are six sets of stained glass windows within our church. This is a story about only one set.

A few weeks ago, Jay Evans and I were sitting in the narthex during a funeral. To our older readers, the narthex is the foyer; for all the rest of you it's the room with the pretty stained glass windows between the sanctuary and the atrium. Our talk turned to the stained glass panels with the "in honor of" and "in memory of" brass plaques beneath each of them. Jay asked if they were original. No, I answered, explaining that they were replacements a number of years back. As to when, I guessed in the 1970s or 1980s. I told Jay that I would check on the date and let him know. Thus began my quest for information about the narthex stained glass windows. And, to quote Paul Harvey, "Now for the rest of the story."

The first clue came from the 50 Year Memory Book Time Line: May 18, 1986: "Foyer stained glass windows expected to be in place by May 25." Now I had a point of reference. I got the bound History Book for 1986 out of the church library and worked back through the deacon meeting minutes and the quarterly business meetings for that year. The Stained Glass mystery began to unfold.

In the March 1986 Deacon Minutes, the Building and Grounds Committee moved that the deacons recommend to the church for its approval the placement of stained glass windows with a twelve apostle theme in the area between the foyer and the sanctuary. The cost would be funded by individual donors and a committee of people from Building and Grounds Committee and Fine Arts Committee, along with the pastor, would oversee the project. Seconded and approved. A question was raised previously about the cost to replace the frosted glass between sanctuary and foyer. \$1,000 was the estimate, with windows designed simply.

On March 19 at a Quarterly Business Meeting, the proposal was approved by the congregation, and the April 9 Mirror reported that Rev. Ray Burchette said 11 of the 12 windows had been spoken for immediately after the business meeting vote.

The June 4, 1986, Mirror reported that the windows would be dedicated on Sunday, June 8, 1986.

Some of the windows were dedicated to the glory of God, and here is a listing of people named in 1986 in honor and in memory on both the large windows and smaller upper windows: Margaret Kerley, Issac Bedsoe Clark, Willis C. Davis, Venita D. Worthington, Alice Barrow Holmes, Lorena Ruecker Card, Faye Draper, Dr. Merrell T. Jones, Katheryn and Stanley Casner, Juel and John McGee, Zoe Ann Derden Shafer, Albert L. Derden Sr., Lisa Lynne Lamb, Ray and Mona and Matt Burchette, Frank Avery Mitchell, Caradine Dipprey, Mary Jane Smith, Kathryn and Stephanie and Michael Burns, A.L. Burns, Ward Fortasne, William and Beatrice Becker, Hawthorne Phillips family, John Amonette family, Jimmy and Jason and Samantha Schwertner, Ray and Eleanor Hurst, Max Walton, Charles W. Croslin Sr., Thurman I. Rosser, Renley Morris, Norma and Homer Morris, Lena and Renee Morris, Watt Scheffer, Sister Kathryn Thomason, Winifred McClure, Ora Jean Endsley.

Apostle stained glass windows left of the center doors into the sanctuary

Peter Crossed keys refer to Jesus' words to Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Philip Wheat reminds us that Philip was present when Jesus fed the 5,000; the cross reminds us that Philip was the first disciple to whom Jesus said, "Follow me," and Philip took up his cross and followed.

Matthias An ax and a Bible refer to a belief that Matthias was beheaded for preaching the Gospel.

Andrew The shield decorated with an X refers to tradition he was crucified on an X-shaped cross, lingering for three days and preaching to bystanders until he died.

James brother of John Scallop shells refer to James' missionary journeys, and possibly to baptism.

Simon A fish on a hook refers to Simon as a fisher of men.



Sunday Worship in September

Sept. 2 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of the Lord's supper, Share Your Table food collection, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Sept. 9 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Taize Worship led by Rev. Melissa Russell at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Sept. 23 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Austin Children's Choir sings.

Sept. 30 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.



Wednesday Weavings in September

Join us for family supper at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in September, \$6 adult dinner, \$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.

Sept. 5 Ministry Meetings Our monthly ministry meetings at 6:30 p.m., so come on along and we'll find a place for you to serve.

Sept. 12, 19, and 26 Study of Psalms Rev. Cheryl Kimble will lead us as we study some of these ancient prayers, poems, and songs in the Old Testament.

**Thank you to Kristin Autry Foster, Jeanie Petrie,
Donna Reisenbigler, Joan Smith, Don Dillard,
Tom Morrow, and Roy Kimble for serving on the
Nominating Committee for our 2013 Ministry Council.
They were elected during our Church Conference on Aug. 29.**

Apostle stained glass windows right of the center doors into the sanctuary

Jude A ship symbolizes his many missionary journeys.

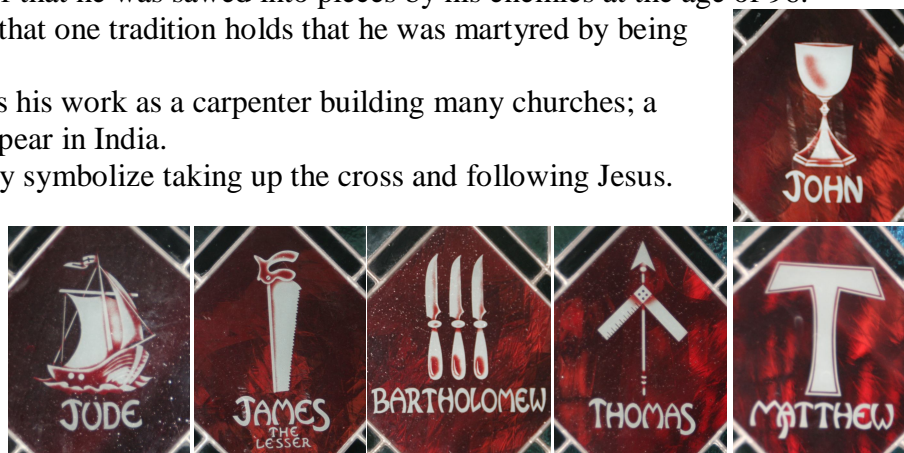
James the Lesser A saw refers to a belief that he was sawed into pieces by his enemies at the age of 96.

Bartholomew Flaying knives remind us that one tradition holds that he was martyred by being skinned alive.

Thomas A carpenter's square symbolizes his work as a carpenter building many churches; a vertical spear refers to his martyrdom by spear in India.

Matthew The Tau cross for Matthew may symbolize taking up the cross and following Jesus. Purses are the traditional symbol for him to remind us that he had been a tax collector.

John A chalice symbolizes a legend that John made the sign of the cross over poisoned wine and escaped a martyr's death.



No Excuse Sunday and Church Lunch



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Congratulations to our kids
who have moved into
new Sunday School classes for
sixth graders, first graders
and kindergarteners

Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

The Art of Listening

I just returned to Austin from an extended stay in Santa Fe, where I was introduced to two dynamic and courageous women – Georgia O’Keeffe and Mary Cabot Wheelwright.

I was “introduced” – both of them have been deceased for decades – when I visited museums dedicated to their life work. Georgia O’Keeffe, as you probably know, was a painter, and Mary Cabot Wheelwright was a Boston heiress who worked to preserve the Navajo tribal heritage.

After touring their respective museums and appreciating the legacies they left behind, I came away inspired and uplifted – not just because of what I saw, but because of who these women were. Both defied conventional expectations and lived life on their own terms.

Both women felt a strong connection to New Mexico and at some personal sacrifice spent a good part of their lives in the “Land of Enchantment.” O’Keeffe painted many famous landscapes in the area around Santa Fe. Wheelwright established a second home in New Mexico and built a museum dedicated to preserving Navajo traditions.

I am drawn to these women not just because they listened to and followed their own inner voices. I’m betting that each of them met great resistance from family and friends when they announced they were going to New Mexico.

I find both of them compelling because as a result of their courage and determination, they accomplished great things that will live on well into the future. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to Wheelwright for the historical preservation she made possible in her exquisite hilltop museum overlooking Santa Fe. There, she recorded the endangered oral traditions of the Navajos and had tempura paintings made of perishable sand-paintings used in healing rituals.

As for Georgia O’Keeffe, I am likewise grateful that she followed her intuition when she felt so drawn to the landscapes around Santa Fe. After two hours of drinking in her paintings, I felt renewed spiritually and emotionally. What a legacy to leave behind for future generations.

“Meeting” these women in Santa Fe reminded me how important it is to listen to that still, quiet Voice guiding us through life – even when that Voice seems to be providing unexpected direction. As Georgia O’Keeffe and Marion Cabot Wheelwright demonstrated, listening to our inner promptings benefits not only us in our own lifetimes, but others in lifetimes to come.



Our Ministries at Work



Library Ministry work day — new books, new window display



Chancel Choir retreat — new fall music, new members

O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Youth-Led Worship, Aug. 12

Stories of Camp and Mission Trip

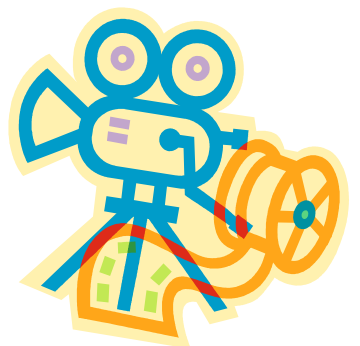


Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
 Pure and holy, tried and true;
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
 Sanctuary for You.

Faith and Film Series

Returning this month is our Faith and Film Series. We will continue a theme of Justice with films on Sept. 23, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7. Meet in Sapp Hall at 6:30 p.m. with discussion to follow the film and refreshments provided.

Wall-E Sept. 23
 To Kill a Mockingbird Sept. 30
 Norma Rae Oct. 7





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Life of the Church

S.I.S. Our nighttime women's mission group begins meeting again this month — on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at Jeanie Petrie's house. We'll hear how we can help a local nonprofit, Refugee Services of Texas, with their mission to help vulnerable people. Kari Dodge will show us how to make braided bookmarks. Please come for friendship, missions, and tasty treats. All women of the church — and all their friends — are invited to attend.

WMU Morning Our daytime women's mission group meets now on Thursday mornings, and all women of the church are invited to attend. Sept. 6 is the first meeting of the year, and we'll organize for the year — select officers, discuss programs, volunteer to bring goodies. Please join us in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. Donna Reisenbigler for details.

Triple L Our weekly game morning — tables of bridge and 42 — is every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the first floor multipurpose room by the side door. We invite neighbors and friends and members of our congregation to come join the fun — and a little competition. Dottie Denton for details.

Share Your Table We'll bring food for Leander Middle School Pantry on Sept. 2. Kristin Foster volunteers here and requests small sizes of specific, kid-friendly foods not in glass for backpacks going home with needy kids on Friday to make sure they eat over the weekend. Leander Middle School is the second poorest school in the district, and many students depend on backpacks of food to eat over the weekend. Our Oct. 7 food ingathering will be for Hospice Austin, where Melissa Russell serves as chaplain.

Womanfest HERstory on Oct. 26-28 in Fredericksburg led by Jennifer Wagner. Women of all ages are invited, friends, neighbors, family. And don't forget to think about our silent auction to raise money for scholarships. Check with Kathy Stanley or Kristin Werner if you'd like to use one of those scholarships or if you need more info about Womanfest.

Help Wanted Our ministries could use help with some specific tasks, including Sunday School classes to clean, vacuum, and dust classrooms; painters to sign up with Norma Spivey; Don Hartman needs help with mowing and edging; help replacing broken faucets in bathrooms; help replacing floor tile in the choir room. Let Mary Ellen Sullivan know where you can help. Alana Mallard could use your reusable gift bags and tissue paper to make up gift bags for visitors.

Styrofoam Recycling TDS-Buda will take clean, no-printing, any-color, no-residue Styrofoam, so we're back in business as a drop-off site. The big container is in the first storage room in Sapp Hall. An outside container is on its way.

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us. All are welcome