

THE CHURCH @ HIGHLAND PARK

The Mirror

| NOVEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022 |

From the Pastor's Desk

I really can't believe that we are about to celebrate our 70 birthday at Highland Park. I had not been here long when we celebrated our 50 birthday at the Jewish Community Center, and it was quite a celebration. Here we are 20 years later ready to celebrate again. Maybe not as big a celebration, but an important milestone in our journey.

Platinum is the gift associated with the 70 anniversary. In its role as a 70th anniversary gift, the metal symbolizes the strength, rarity, endurance, and purity of true love. I see this year as being a platinum year for Highland Park. We maintain a strength that many churches are not able to claim during this pandemic, but we've remained strong. We are definitely rare! There isn't another church that I'm aware of that is more loving, more accepting, and more dedicated to missions. Endurance goes without saying, we've stayed through really difficult times, but we've also grown as individuals and as a healthy congregation through our growing. Our people are loving, gracious, accepting, and hard working. I'm proud to be your pastor.

As we continue this journey, and as we celebrate this important year, may we continue to see ways that we can reconnect with each other. May we find ways that we can encourage one another. May we recognize all that God has given us, and may we open ourselves up to all that God still has in store for us.

Highland Park...the Platinum Church!

- Rev. Cheryl Kimble



Sunday Schedule

9:00AM	Adult Sunday School
9:00AM	Young Adult Sunday School
9:30AM	Youth & Children Sunday School
9:45AM	Choir Rehearsal
11:00AM	Worship Service

Coming Soon...

Feb 18	Staff Leave for Staff Retreat
March 2 6:30PM	Ash Wednesday Service
March 6	Jude & Millie Baby Dedication
March 9	Lenten SALT Study Begins

Food Bank Delivery

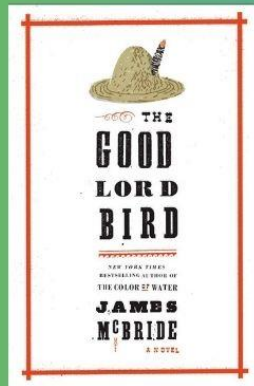
This past November, Highland Park donated all the goods from our Fall Foods Drive to the Baptist Community Center Mission.

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped sort and load, and deliver!



February & March Book Clubs

"Good Lord Bird"
by James McBride
On Zoom with Don Hartman
6:00 PM



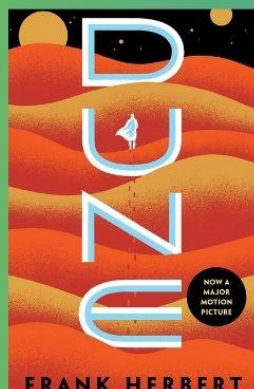
Monday, February 7



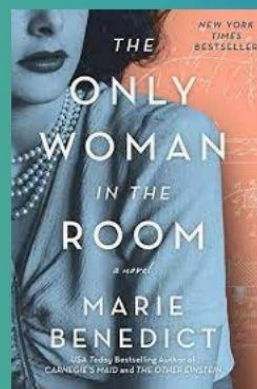
"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte
Masked on the back patio @ HP

Saturday, February 19

"Dune" by Frank Herbert
On Zoom with Don Hartman
6:00 PM



Monday, March 7



"The Only Woman in the Room"
by Marie Benedict
Masked on the back patio @ HP

Saturday, March 19

Congratulations, Rev. Masyn!

Friends,

Thank you so much for the love and support you offered me throughout my ordination process and during my ordination service. It was such a blessing to get to hear from each person who came up to speak kind words into my ear.

I'd also like to thank Cheryl for helping and guiding me throughout the process, Kathy, Becky, Abby, and the countless others who helped execute my service and the reception, and everyone who has been praying for me throughout the process.

I am so excited for the future as an ordained minister, living into my calling! You are the best, Highland Park!

Rev. Masyn



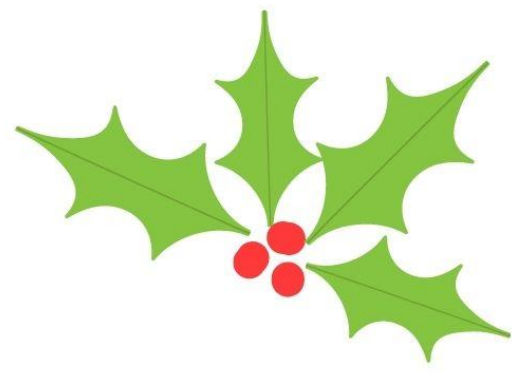
On December 5, our Minister for Youth and Outreach, Masyn Evans-Clements, was ordained to the gospel ministry. We are so excited for her!

Staff Christmas Party

In December, the staff celebrated Christmas together at Rev. Cheryl's house. They had so much fun talking and eating together as friends!



Plum Pudding Festival



Our Annual Plum Pudding Festival was such a blast! We had several entries into our variety shows (including some singers and ringers). We enjoyed delicious food, singing carols, each other's company, and Cheryl skating around like a maniac for the 12 Days of Christmas! Put it on your calendar for next year!



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

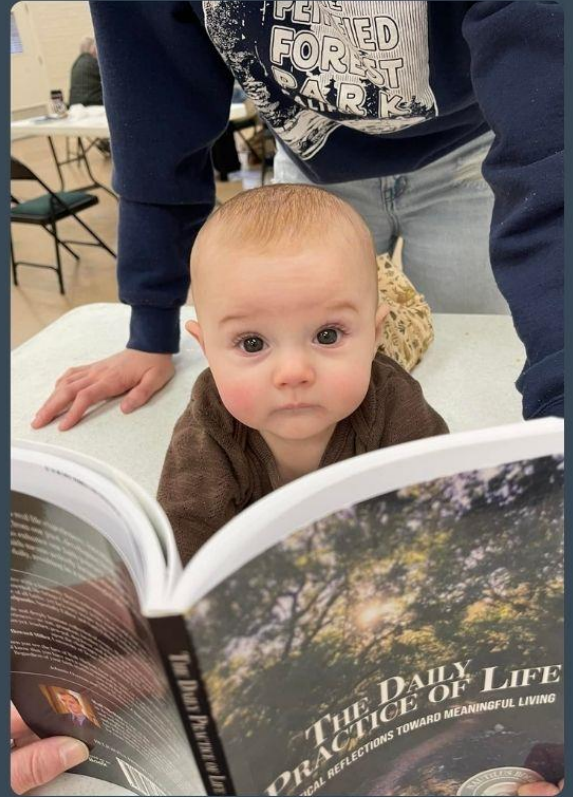


YOUTH MINI GOLF

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Sapp Lecture Series



The Sapp Lecture Series from January 21-23 was a hit! About 40 people attended either in person or over Zoom.

Our own Walt Shelton led discussion as we considered the role of justice in following Christ.

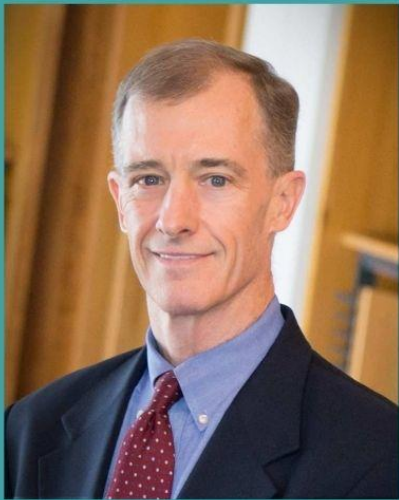
You can listen to Walt's Sunday Sermon on our website.



Sunday School

The young adult class began January 30. The class meets at 9:30AM in the parlor. This is a class where young adults ask big questions, and think about their faith in tandem with current news from the week prior.

It is taught by Holly St John and Sarah Gamble, and welcomes anyone who considers themselves a young adult.



The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:00a.m. on Sunday mornings. This is a hybrid class--Zoom is still an option but you are welcome to meet in person. This class will now be meeting in room 225 upstairs by the office, and it should be well heated.

Grab some coffee on your way in and don't forget your mask. If you are joining the class by Zoom, please log in by 8:55AM.

Just a reminder that Children's Sunday School for 4 year olds through 5th grade is happening in the multi purpose room every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30. Don't worry if you roll in a little late, you can drop off your children any time! For anyone younger than 4, you can drop them off in the nursery for their own little lesson and activity time and we will join the older class for a snack around 10:20. Hope to see everyone there!

-Abby Byrd, Children's Ministry Coordinator



Our Members...

Our Young Athletes

We have so many young athletes in our congregation! Here are some pictures of them enjoying their sport.



Luke and Brady Shelton
hunting with Rusty



Jaedyn Walters playing soccer



Ava Byrd playing soccer



Brady Shelton fishing



Chuck Morton playing baseball



Bell Morton poses
one of her gym meets



Eamon Neas holding
his weightlifting medal

Our Members...

The Touch List

Please keep these members and friends of Highland Park in your prayers, and feel free to offer support in other ways.

Prayer Concerns:

- Morgan Fritz has been released from the hospital, has returned to work, and is steadily improving from the flu and mononucleosis. 2000 FM 1460, Apt 5205, Georgetown 78626
- Ron Hattin cancer surgery 12/10/21. 9306 Great Hills Trl. #58, 78759
- Tiffany Chandler has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has begun the second part of chemotherapy. Please pray for Tiffany and her family. 11003 Callanish Park Dr., 78750
- Lynn Crawford went home on 11/9 and will continue her therapy as she continues to recover from her stroke. Lynn reports she is having vision and balance issues but she is making good progress but a slow process. 7902 Lawndale Dr. 78759 512-633-1292
- Barbara Lightsey is continuing to experience some health issues so please remember her in your prayers. 2294 Common St #205, New Braunfels 78130.
- Kim McCann reports that the 4th grade teacher at Katie's school, who has been hospitalized for Covid since last September is still in the hospital but is improving. 1301 Machado Rd, Cedar Park, 78613 (01/07/22)
- Pat Mustoe, director of the Baptist Community Center Mission, has returned to her home in Austin to continue recovering from her stroke. 6503 Dorchester Dr. 78723 (12/28/21)
- Brandon Evans-Clements and Brock and Annalicia Clements are recovering from COVID-19. Please pray for a smooth recovery. 405 Olmos Dr, Leander, 78641.
- Cheryl and Roy Kimble are recovering from COVID-19. Please pray for a smooth recovery. 11510 Chancellroy Dr., 78759.

Lovingly Remembered:

- Jan Cauley Franks Langley Mallet (Minckley), Lynn Langley's mother passed away 1/9/22. A service was held at Highland Park on 1/29/22. 2410 Kathy Cv., 78704.
- Lucy Rhames, Justin Gamble's grandmother passed away 1/5/22. 1409 Brixham Cove, 78753
- Carlos Montemayor, Martha Rapier's brother, passed away unexpectedly 12/16/21. His service was held at the Church at Highland Park on 12/27/21. 12713 Belcara Place, 78732.



February

2/5	Roger Vaughan
2/7	Brenda Nelson
2/9	John Osgood
2/11	Marty Roberts
2/12	Sadie Shelton
2/14	Nancy Osgood
2/24	Lorene Denney
2/26	Michelle Poncik
2/28	Keller Kimble

March

3/7	Kay Greenhaw
3/8	Paige Shelton
3/19	Margaret Stafford
3/20	Annette Halsey
3/20	Don Paul
3/21	Abby Byrd
3/21	Kim McCann
3/22	Brian Walters
3/24	Jane Macias
3/29	Edward Rapier
3/30	John Lowe

**Birthdays
@ HP**



Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Pastor

Masyn Evans-Clements
Minister for Youth & Outreach

Abby Byrd
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Chris Vineis
Director of Music

Kathy Stanley
Director of Operations

Becky Dillard
Administrative Assistant

Chase Petersen
Church Organist/Accompanist

Carolyn Doolittle
Church Bookkeeper

Maddy Bewley
Childcare Workers

"How do I get involved @ HP?"

1

Participate in one of our Sunday School Classes each Sunday! Children, Youth, Young Adults, and Adults all have a place!

2

We are in need of a paid nursery worker. If you are interested or know someone, send them our way!

3

You can always donate non-perishable foods to Share Your Table in the Atrium.