

THE CHURCH @ HIGHLAND PARK

# The Mirror

| MAY 2022 - JULY 2022 |

## From the Pastor's Desk

I'm really having trouble believing that summer has come and gone. I've probably said that so many times but it's true! It seems like I've been getting ready for summer all this time and it's come and gone.

Our children and youth have gone to camp, we've had Vacation Bible School, we've had some of our Summer Suppers, many vacations and now we're getting ready to have the Blessing of the Backpacks and our Teacher appreciation Sunday. Be careful not to blink because life is flying by.

It's amazing to me to watch our children, one day I'm holding them and walking them down the aisle for their dedication and the next they're graduating from High School and heading off to college. I see them growing up but I don't feel like I've aged any!

With the end of summer, I'm hoping many of you have already committed yourselves to be at our 4 week series "The Good News of Broadway". For the four weeks we will concentrate on one musical and spotlight the music, the story, and the lesson we can learn from it. This is an opportunity for you to invite friends, family, and co-workers to church. I realize there is a holiday in there but it will be worth it for you to be here...trust me!

Thanks for all you did to make this a great summer for Highland Park. I look forward to the Fall and all that we have planned. Hope to see you all soon!

Peace be with you,  
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble



## Sunday Schedule

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

## Coming Soon...

Aug 10 6 PM	Summer Supper
Aug 14	Blessing of the Backpacks
Aug 14	Back to School Bash
Aug 21	The Good News of Broadway Begins
Sep 7 6PM	Summer Supper



# Staff Happy Hour

On May 11, our staff got together for some fun!

We believe our staff work together so well because they are friends as well as co-workers. They had a blast!



On May 29, Alexander Rapier's graduation from Vandergrift High School was celebrated during worship. Alex has been coming to Highland Park since he was a baby, and we love him dearly!

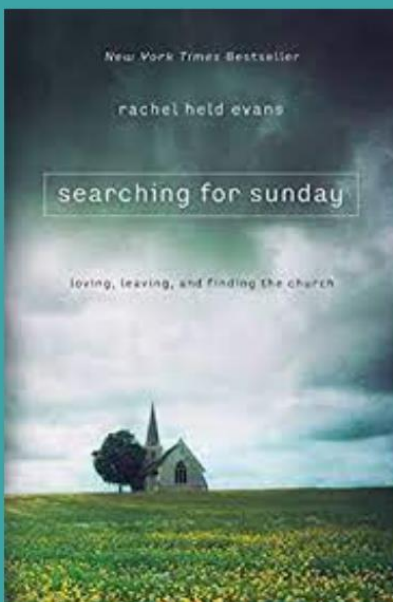
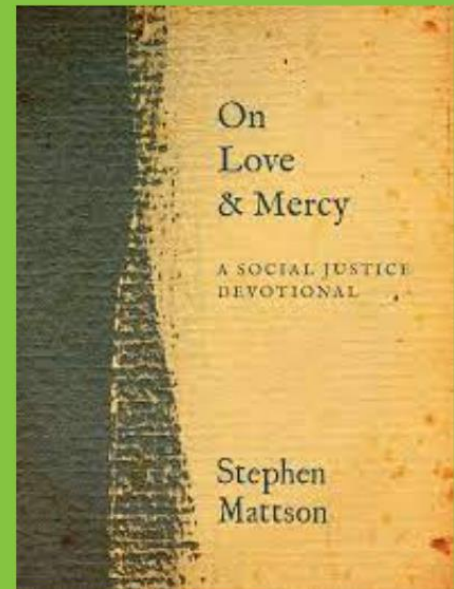
He is headed off to The University of Arkansas to pursue a degree in Engineering. We love you and will miss you, Alex! But we will welcome you with open arms when you make it back through our doors again.

## Senior Sunday

# Staff Book Recommendations for Your Summer Reading List:

Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements recommends *On Love & Mercy: A Social Justice Devotional* by Stephen Mattson. She writes:

"If you have the same trouble as I do with finding devotionals you connect with, this might be the one for you. Mattson does a great job of tackling hard issues with grace and a fresh interpretation of the Bible."



Rev. Cheryl Kimble recommends *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans. She writes:

"This book is an honest look at spirituality and our relationship with the church. Rachel opens her heart and life with an authentic voice."



# HP's 70th Birthday Party



Thank you Brian Walters and Edward Rapier for the pictures of our 70th Birthday Party in Sapp Hall! We ate together and, listened to one another's stories. What a blast!



# Induction of Golden Circle Members



**At our 70th birthday party, 10 HP members were inducted to the Golden Circle, after 50+ years of membership.**



# Summer Supper

June-September



Once a month this summer, from June through September, we're having "Summer Supper!"

This is a time for us to get together for a meal, fun, and fellowship! We hope you'll join us at our next one on August 10.

It's time for HP's Annual

## School Supply Drive!

Now through August 14

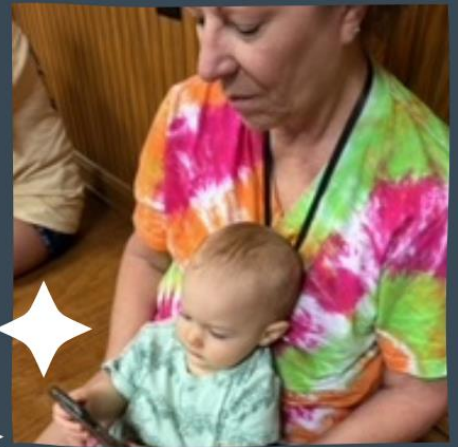
### Great Items to Donate:

- Pencils
- Ruled Paper
- Expo Markers
- Erasers
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Gift Cards



# Youth Camp 2022

Schreiner University  
Kerrville, TX



Our students had an absolute blast at camp in Kerrville, Texas. The theme centered about "Seasons" and how each of us is in our own season, and other are in theirs. How can we support others in their seasons? How do we connect with God in each season?



# VBS 2022





# Baby Dedication

Father's Day, June 20, 2022



**Rev. Cheryl walks August Leon Clements down the center aisle during his dedication. He was brought forward by his parents, Brock and Annalicia Clements. August was born on March 23, 2022.**



**In this picture, Rev. Cheryl walks Ambrose Gabriel Neas down the center aisle during his dedication. He was brought forward by his parents, Hannah and Gabe Neas, and was joined by his four brothers and sisters: Eamon (14), Katalina (12), Lochlann (8), and Thyra (6). Ambrose was born on March 28, 2022.**

Our congregation spoke this over these children and their families:

***"With God's help we pray that these parents shall be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that their children may be nurtured through a faith and strength that leads to life."***



# Children's Camp

DISCIPLES CROSSING, ATHENS, TX





# Staff Shenanigans

*While we do get a lot of work done, sometimes we have a bit of fun, too!*



Abby pulls around her littles on a scooter with a pool noodle. A normal day at the office!



It might have taken a bit of coercion on the youth's part, but Revs Cheryl and Masyn did slide down the dam at youth camp!

Ok, these three aren't technically staff, but they're here 4 days a week, so they might as well be! They bring so much laughter, and even more mischief to TC@HP staff!



Mrs. Kathy loves to play with Millie, and Millie loves Mrs. Kathy! Sometimes everyone needs some tummy time.



# 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:

- Continue to remember our community and friends in Uvalde along with the Highland Park, Illinois community. Remember the many communities around our country that are grieving over lives lost due to gun violence.
- Annette Halsey is recovering from the surgery she had on July 13th. Annette.halsey2773@gmail.com
- Fran Hattin's hip replacement surgery was successful and she is now home. Fran reports that she is feeling good. (7/15/22) Fran.hatttin@gmail.com
- Gavin Marshall, Cheryl Kimble's cousin, has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia. (7/5/22)
- Prayers are requested for Tom Kershaw, who is experiencing multiple health issues in addition to a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's. 4508 Duval Rd. Apt. 201 78727
- Betty Reynolds has been diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer and would appreciate prayers. Betty is receiving hospice care. 202 Woodbridge Blvd, Apt 148, Temple, TX 76504. (6/22/22)
- Tiffany Chandler is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. 11003 Callanish Park Dr., 78750 tiffchandler@sbcglobal.net (5/12/22)
- Karen Bergen, Kelli Lightsey's sister, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has finished her chemotherapy and is now having radiation. 11510 Timberly Park Lane, Cypress, TX 77433. (6/23/22)
- Lesley Richards, Jim and JoAnn Nicholson's daughter, had colon surgery on July 21. Surgery went well. Lesley will be in the hospital for 2-4 days. Cards can be sent to 2531 Crossvine Dr., Katy, TX 77494
- Kathy Stanley has been diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery on July 26. Further treatment will be determined after surgery path. KathyCStanley@gmail.com
- Bobby Cleveland, Kathy Stanley's father, was admitted to the hospital again July 21. Prayers for successful treatment.
- Nate Gabrysch, 14-year-old son of Kristin Werner's friends, Jeremy and Christina Garbrysch, has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor (osteosarcoma) surrounding his left pelvis. He will be facing 36 weeks of intensive chemotherapy plus surgery. Please pray for this family and please send cards to them at 108 Honey Locus Court, Driftwood, TX 78619. (7/21/22)
- Barbara Lightsey is in Christus Santa Rosa Hospital in New Braunfels. (7/22/22)

### Celebrations:

- Russ and Brenda Nelson have a new grandbaby. Edwin Sutton was born on July 5th. Proud parents are Sarah and Dave. ae5nn@arrl.net B.nelson@utexas.edu

### Lovingly Remembered:

- Bettina Johnson passed away March 11, 2022.



# Sunday School

The young adult class meets at 9:30AM in the parlor on the second floor by the church offices. 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 they welcome anyone who considers themselves a young adult.



The Adult Sunday School class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30a.m. during the summer, and 9:00am in all other seasons. This is a hybrid class--Zoom is still an option but you are welcome to meet in person. This class meets in room 225 upstairs in the hallway by the office and restrooms. Grab some coffee on your way in and don't forget your mask. If you are joining the class by Zoom, please log in five minutes before.

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







# Birthdays @ HP

## August

8/1	Suzanne Lowe
8/3	Barbara Lightsey
8/7	Kristin Werner
8/9	Herb Wilson, Jr.
8/9	Mary Katherine Macias
8/9	Millie Evans-Clements
8/13	Susan Magee
8/14	Dottie Denton
8/17	Madeleine Bewley
8/17	Ella Byrd
8/18	Scott Davis
8/19	Cindy Thane
8/22	Rusty Shelton
8/23	Kathryn Ingerly
8/25	Chuck Roberts
8/31	Kathy Stanley
8/31	Luke Chandler

## September

9/2	Kade Keith
9/4	Holly St John
9/14	Donna Reisenbigler
9/14	Carole Lake
9/16	Amy Avery
9/20	Lynn Crawford
9/20	Nathan Thane
9/21	Brady Shelton
9/28	Deborah Autry
9/29	Ema Jeffrey
9/29	Judy Wilson

## October

10/1	Boo Ruiz Wong
10/2	Chad Morton
10/3	Roxanne Shelton
10/5	Roy Kimble
10/9	Luke Shelton
10/14	Donald Stafford
10/15	Jim Nuckols
10/16	Cheryl Kimble
10/16	Olivia Eades
10/25	Fran Hattin
10/28	Eamon Neas
10/30	Brock Clements



# Coming Up...

THE CHURCH @ HP PRESENTS:

## The Good News of Broadway!

Join us for this 4-week series on how we can connect our faith and Broadway musicals. Along with our own members, we will bring in guest performers to perform numbers from these well-known musicals. We hope to see you there!

**Aug 21: Wicked | Aug 28: West Side Story**  
**Sep 4: Fiddler on the Roof | Sep 11: Disney Sunday**

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### TEACHERS

1

Each year, all our Highland Park teachers come to the front for a blessing as they head into the new school year.

Along with the blessing of the teachers, we also bless the backpacks of the students that will begin their new year. This is also the Sunday that incoming 6th graders will move up to the youth group.

2

### STUDENTS' BACKPACKS

# BLESSING THE



# OF BACKPACKS

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

3

Our teachers are in great need of school supplies! Please bring what you can to this service so we can gift these teachers with supplies for their classrooms.

4

### AUGUST 14, 2022

Join us for worship at  
10:55am!

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**HighlandPark**





**Rev. Cheryl Kimble**  
Pastor

**Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements**  
Associate Pastor

**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

We need a nursery worker! If you know anyone or are willing to participate, contact Abby Byrd.

2

Join us for church activities! Summer Supper, Sunday School, Share Your Table, The Good News of Broadway, etc.

3

Donate School Supplies to our Annual School Supply Drive which will go to HP's teachers for the new school year.