HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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Monthly Update

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REV. SPEER OUT OF THE OFFICE
JULY 29-31, 2019

Tuesday, July 30, 2019
9:00 a Quilters

Sunday, August 4, 2019
9:00 a Ladies Ensemble rehearsal
9:30 a Fellowship 15
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Worship Service
12:10 p Men's Ensemble
1:00 p Brookdale

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
9:00 a Quilters

Saturday, August 10, 2019
4:30 p Crusader Class
Summer Bingo Party

Sunday, August 11, 2019
9:30 a Fellowship 15
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Worship Service

CHURCH OFFICE

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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER: REV. GARY SPEER	214-842-9682
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BOARD CHAIR: RENEE BOWEN	214-240-2291
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CLAIRE SCHMITT	

~ SERVING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

Elders at Table and Shut-Ins:	Gray and Renee Bowen
Offering Counter:	Kim Brashear
Lead Deacon:	Tonia Smith
Lock-up:	Terry Pair
Prepare Communion:	Sue Bowen & Diamond Green
Worship Leader:	Kevin Payne
Children's Moment:	Pat Pittman
Children's Ministry:	Meredith Brashear
Flower Ministry:	LaDonna Durham

With school starting in the coming weeks, HCC is once again providing and filling new backpacks for local schoolchildren.

Please note that Supply Lists for schools are up in Walmart, CVS, Kroger, Walgreens, etc., but the basic items are always needed.

Items are needed by Sunday, Aug. 11, so bring them to worship on **Aug. 4 and Aug. 11**.

New backpacks, pencils, paper, notebooks, tablets, crayons, and Kleenex are needed items for the supplies.

"SPEER-ITUAL MOMENTS"

Short and sweet this week. Excited about our efforts over these next two Sundays to collect school supplies and backpacks for a local school with children in need.

I know we will be generous.

Excited about Sunday, August 11, when we plan to "Bless Children, Teachers (and any involved with education at any level) and Bless the Backpacks, Too."

Excited about the Crusaders Class throwing a party on Saturday, August 10... begins at 4:30 p.m. Food (looks like quite a few signed up on Sunday and there will be another chance this Sunday); Bingo; and White Elephant Gifts. All are invited... come join in the fellowship!

I am excited as we look toward summer's end and get ready for the new fall season that will be here very soon...and the work and the ministry we will do together.

As for now, I am away just a few days... time with family...a little fun...but then I will be back this Sunday with a few more Country Song Sermons to go...and the joy of sharing in fellowship with you.

In Christ,

Gary

Disciples Crossing Board of Directors Invites You

To join us for the celebration of the Ground Breaking for our New Meeting Space and Building Dedication for Stone Cabin, our new Spiritual Retreat Center. The celebration will begin at 10AM on Saturday August 17th at Disciples Crossing. In addition to the ground breaking and the building dedication, we will have a cookout followed by the lake and pool being open and available from 1-3 for friends and family of Disciples Crossing. We would love for you and yours to join us for this day of celebration. Please RSVP to Karlee (karlee@disciplescrossing.org) by August 7th.

With Gratitude for your on going support
-Disciples Crossing Board of Directors

Janna Velasquez	Aug. 4
Kathy Westfall	Aug. 9
Betty Zelios	Aug. 9
Lynn Witherspoon	Aug. 12
Derek Muncy	Aug. 18
Scott Nesbitt	Aug. 19
Claire Schmitt	Aug. 20
Laurie Nesbitt	Aug. 21
Marie Hallerman	Aug. 24
Larry Hughen	Aug. 25

Church News

Sue Bowen announced that we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies during the next two weeks. We plan to have a blessing of the teachers and the school supplies on August 11 as school is starting very soon.

A Service of Installation was conducted by **Rev. Speer and Rev. Tracy** for the incoming board for the year.

The Crusader Class, with the addition of some of our friends who sing with us on Sundays, (**Tom, Elena, Mark, and Brian)** sang the Prelude, "Shall We Gather at the River" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot. Thank you to **Jackie Brummel** who was our pianist this week as **Lori McCommons is** enjoying her travels in Ireland and Scotland.

Elena Stephens has been busy all week (before she returns to the classroom), making fig preserves.

Our visitors today were **Ruth and John Foster** and **Elizabeth and Anthony** from Forney. Also visiting were longtime members **Kent and Beth Broyhill.** Kent was one of the architects of our sanctuary. Welcome and come back to be with us again.

Kathy Westfall will leave this week for North Carolina to visit her granddaughter and her first great-grandchild, **Clare Diane,** who was born July 7 to **Meredith and Chris Kelley.**

The striking flower arrangement was given by **Jackie Brummel** in memory of the birth of **Bonnie Elizabeth Brummel.**

The Crusader Class Bingo party will be **August 10** beginning at 4:30. We will have fried chicken and some baked pieces, too. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert **AND** a white elephant in a brown paper bag. Looking forward to seeing you for food, fellowship, and BINGO.

Marie Hallerman celebrated birthdays with family on Sunday at the home of her son Bret. Several family members from Oklahoma drove down for the celebration.

Fellowship 15

** Balaam's Donkeys serving as host for the month of August **

August 4: TBD
August 11: Brian Miller
August 18: Tom and Elena Stephens
August 25: Kevin and Cindy Payne

~Thank you to LaDonna for unlocking the doors and making the coffee.

Prayer Corner

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." —Acts 4:31

Let us not forget those who are Homebound: "Share with the Lord's people who are in need." -Romans 12:13—Betty Zelios, and John Kennedy (Lake Highlands Brookdale)

Health Concerns: "For, I was sick, and you took care of me." - Matthew 25:36 - Gabby Iezzi (granddaughter of the Lester's), Denise Acra, Larry Patton, Kris Tinsman, Larry Hughen, Andy & Burr Cain, Carl, George Trauth, Jim Campbell, David Whisennand, Sheila Marable, Bill Davidson (now in Rehab at CC Young, 3rd floor - Room 301) , Krystal (sister of Kim Brashear), Dan Patz, Deborah Lindsay, Lydia (friend of Meredith Brashear), Trevor Smith (extended family of Noble and Jane Cross), Donna and Don Bohlcke, Pam McShane, Stacie Warner, Jan McCommons, Joe West, Mike Parsons (son-in-law of Pat Pittman), Tina Hansen, Larry Lester, Carol Collins (friend of Whisennands), Cadet Master Lake Little (Whisennands), Pam McShane (surgery on July 10), Janessa Brewer, and LaDonna Durham.

Non-Health Prayers: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18—Craig Davidson (son of Bill Davidson), Craig Lyons (son of Irvin Lyons), and Hector V.

Military: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." -Psalm 23:4 Bill Molnar

Organizations in our property: "By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established." Proverbs 24:3 - Book Club, L-Street Neighborhood Association, Girl Scouts, & Blackland Prairie Conservatory and Atelier.

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 *Elders: Gray & Renee* *9:00 a Ladies Ensemble* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sunday School* *11a Worship* *12:10 p Men's Ensemble* *1:00 p Brookdale*	5 *10 a Bob Irby Parent Meeting*	6 *9-12p Quilters*	7	8	9	10 *4:30 p Crusader Class Summer Party in Fellowship Hall*
11 *Elders: Kathy & Brian* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sunday School* *11a Worship*	12 *6:30 p Girl Scout Troop #7802*	13 *9-12p Quilters*	14 *7:00 p Evening Prayer Group at K. Westfall's*	15 *7:00 p Elders meeting*	16	17
18 *Elders: Cindy & Kim* *8:30 a Highlands Bells* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sunday School* *11a Worship* *12:10 p Choir rehearsal* *1:00 p Brookdale*	19	20 *9-12p Quilters*	21 ***First Day of School—BPCA*** *7:00 p Evening Prayer Group at K. Westfall's*	22	23	24
25 *Elders: Noel & Pat* *8:30 a Bells rehearsal* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sunday School* *11a Worship*	26	27 *9-12p Quilters*	28 *7:00 p Evening Prayer Group at K. Westfall's*	29	30	31

Lori's Music Notes

This Sunday (August 4), **Pam Westfall** and **Rhonda Tracy** will provide special music.

Women's Ensemble—we will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 4. Men's Ensemble—we will rehearse this Sunday immediately following worship service for about 30 minutes.

Highlands Bells—we resume rehearsals on Sunday, August 18, at 8:30 a.m.

If anyone is interested in joining bells or choir this year, please feel free to start joining our rehearsals this month.

AUGUST ELDERS SCHEDULE

August 4: Gray & Renee Bowen
August 11: Kathy Westfall & Brian Miller
August 18: Cindy Whisennand & Kim Brashear
August 25: Noel & Pat Pittman

AUGUST FLOWER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4: LaDonna Durham
August 11: JoAnn Carlisle
August 18: Brian Miller
August 25: Kim Brashear

AUGUST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4: Meredith Brashear
August 11: Patsy Collier
August 18: Kathy Westfall
August 25: Betty Britt

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

August 4: Kevin Payne
August 11: Noel Pittman
August 18: Rhonda Tracy
August 25: Mark Read

AUGUST CHILDREN'S MOMENT SCHEDULE

August 4: Pat Pittman
August 11: Betty Britt
August 18: Cindy Payne
August 25: Laurie Nesbitt

AUGUST OFFERING COUNTER SCHEDULE

August 4: Kim Brashear
August 11: Mark Read
August 18: Kevin Payne
August 25: Renee Bowen

AUGUST DEACONS SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Tonia Smith, Sue Bowen, Diamond Green, & Terry Pair

August 2019

White Rock Center of Hope

Gently Used Clothes Needed

Men's Needs

Small to 3X Underwear

All kinds of clothing (shirts, pants, shorts & light jackets) in all sizes. Plus all sizes of athletic and dress shoes

Women's Needs

All sizes of underwear, especially in sizes 8 to 14 All kinds of clothing (shirts, pants, light jackets) in all sizes. Plus all sizes of athletic and dress shoes

Boys & Girls Needs

We need clothing of all kinds & sizes; school uniforms. Underwear in all sizes and all sizes of athletic and dress shoes

LINEN Needs

We always need linens (especially Queen & King sheets) pillows, blankets & comforters in King & Queen sizes.. All sizes of Towels, also.

Many Thanks

For More Information please call Ted Beechler at 214-328-2978

August 2019

White Rock Center of Hope

Pantry Items Needed

Canned meat Products, Canned Soup and Canned Veggies (other than corn & beans) Condiments & any shelf products such as Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, Jello, Ramen Noodles, etc.

Please note: We cannot use opened or expired food items.

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE.

Many Thanks

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Sunday School at Highlands (9:45 AM-10:45 AM)

Children's Class (Ages 4 years to 5th grade) meet in Room 105 to learn Bible stories through active learning. Teacher: Rev. Rhonda Tracy

Crusaders Class meets across from the kitchen. It is one of the vital small groups of our congregation. Each gathering begins with the group singing a hymn and praying together. Once a short business meeting is completed (which consists mostly of checking in on the group's members), the remaining time is reserved for a Biblical Lesson. Teacher: Noel Pittman.

New Covenant Class meets across from the Fellowship Hall. This class is one of our fastest growing, and is currently studying "Paul: Apostle to All the Nations". In addition to study and discussion, the group spends time in prayer and practicing spiritual disciplines together. Teacher: Grace Barber

Balaam's Donkeys meets in the old Quilter's Room. This class is one that is always seeking spirituality. A fun, loving group that welcomes anyone who might be at any point in their walk of life or faith. Teacher: One Another

Chancel Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am just before service. The group provide an important ministry as they lead the congregation as we all sing to God during worship. If you enjoy singing to God, the group would be blessed by you sharing your gift of music. Director: Lori McCommons

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Psalm 94:18-19

When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.