



Highlands Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Weekly Updates

White Rock Center of Hope is in need of "Holiday" food items.

WR Center is requesting any holiday items such as: Boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cans of pumpkin; and canned vegetables can always be used.

MIKE'S KIDS

It's that time of year again!

We have begun collecting for Mike's Kids. Feel free to drop off either in the Narthex of the Sanctuary on the White Table, or bring them to the Fellowship Hall to the Stage. The following items are what they need:

New Children's Underwear, New Children's Socks Small, Adult Clothing, Lamps, Light-weight Jackets, Rice & Beans, Kitchen Utensils, Pots & Pans, & Toys (New or Gently Used)

Calendar Of Events

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

9-12 a Quilters

9-11 a Kindermusik

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

4-6 p Kindermusik

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Peace Sunday

8:30 a Bells Rehearsal

9:30 a Fellowship 15

9:45 a Sunday School

11:00 a Worship Service

3:00 p Choir Rehearsal

4:00 p Caroling

7-9 p Bethel Ethiopian Service

Upcoming

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

9-12 a Quilters

9-11 a Kindermusik

6:00 p DWM

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

4-6 p Kindermusik

6-8 p Spiral Walk

Thursday, December 14, 2017

7 p Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Joy Sunday

8:30 a Bells Rehearsal

9:30 a Fellowship 15

9:45 a Sunday School

11:00 a Christmas Cantata

12:00 p Luncheon

7-9 p Bethel Ethiopian Service

Christmas is coming and we are beginning to think about gifts. Would it be fun to send a gift to an unknown child, in another country? You could study the map and decide on a place and then begin to imagine what project would be of help.

Think about it. Study the possibilities. Learn about the country you have chosen: it's customs, climate, favorite food dishes, kinds of games the children play—you decide. Parents, grandparents, and children plan the project now so you will be ready in time for Christmas. Let us in the church know what you want to do.

We are anxious to know what you decide.

The outreach committee,

Sue Bowen & Jackie Brummel

Heifer International Alternative Giving

Each year we offer alternative Christmas giving by supporting Heifer International. Heifer fights poverty by sending animals & training in their care to people in over 30 countries. Having an animal empowers nutrition, offers a better life & possibilities of sending children to school. Recipients later share offspring of their animals to other families. Buy a share of pig, goat, bees, chickens, ect. for \$10 to honor a precious grandchild or you can donate. These donations empower women, buy tree seedlings, clean water, or education. Check the table in the hall Sunday. Gift honor cards are available—OR

Make a donation to Global Ministries of the Disciples of Christ. Our denomination supports 112 mission workers serving 44 countries. This includes interns plus long & short term volunteers and as well full time mission workers. Honor special people or our young Sunday School class by donating funds for school & medical supplies.

\$25 buys yarn for a weaver in Guatemala

\$30 provides a month of education for a child in Jerusalem

\$100 buys a bicycle for a pastor serving in rural areas.

Gift cards are available, come by our table.

Celebrate Christmas with a meaningful gift giving!



Lori's Music Notes



This Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing the anthem *Grant Us Peace*. Chancel Choir- we will rehearse Sunday afternoon December 10 at 3:00pm.

All Church Caroling will be this Sunday at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to meet at church and we will be driving to several places. If anyone has a request for us to carol to someone, please let the church office know.

Highlands Bells- we rehearse at 8:30am Sunday, December 10. We will play the prelude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* this Sunday. We will also play December 17.

December 17 we will have a lunch following the service. Turkey will be provided, everyone is asked to bring a holiday side dish- either salad, vegetable or dessert.

The choir will be presenting the cantata "Love Came Down at Christmas" during the 11:00am worship service on December 17th. The inspiration for the cantata was Christina Rossetti poem, *Love Came Down at Christmas*, which was first published in 1885.

-Lori

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Monday through Thursday 9:00 a-2:00 p

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■ **Serving: Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Elders at Table and Shut-Ins:	Renee Bowen & Kevin Payne
Offering Counter:	Eric Pfeifer
Lead Deacon:	Adelle Read
Lock-up:	Patsy Collier
Prepare Communion:	Cindy Payne & LaDonna Durham
Worship Leader:	Rev. Rhonda Tracy
Children's Moment	The Children

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 Sandy Borjes, Marion Goodrich (Presbyterian Village North), Betty Zelios, and John Kennedy (Lake Highlands Brookdale)

Health Concerns: “For, I was sick, and you took care of me.” - Matthew 25:36 Sandy Borjes, Gabby Iezzi

(granddaughter of the Lester’s), Marian Walker (Mother of Renee), Buddy Pair (father of Terry Pair), Cindy Morrone (friend of Rhonda), Scott Nesbitt, Denise Acra, Gloria Clayton, Family of Christopher Trauth, Taffy Wehe (friend of Chris Baumann), Larry and Cathy Patton, Sophia Revelis and Father, Chad & Steve Kane (Extended family of Adelle Read), Pam McShane, Bill Davidson, Kris Tinsman, Pam Dobbs, Larry Huguen, Don Clark (cousin of Mark Read), Kristy Studdar (niece of Pam McShane), Terry Raskinski, & Pat Tracy.

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)

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

Bridge Club, Book Club, L-Street Neighborhood Assoc., Bethel Ethiopian Church, Kindermusik, LHAECTA, Mommy Manders, & Blackland Prairie Conservatory and Atelier.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

**Save the Date
Disciples Women - Christmas
Brunch**

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Central Christian Church
4711 Westside Dr.
Dallas, TX 75209-6021

Registration: 10:30 a.m.
R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 4th

RSVP: Shelia Huffman: [214-797-5231](tel:214-797-5231) or
shelia0806@sbcglobal.net

(Please provide name of church and how
many women attending)

October/November Service Project:
Canned Food Drive

Don't forget to bring a count of how many
items you collected to the brunch or
email your report to Frankie Williams, Vice
President/Service at
frankiewilliams01@att.net

Also, don't forget to bring your filled
stockings for the
Juliet Fowler - Pearl Nordan Care Center
to the meeting.

If you are unable to bring them to the
brunch please deliver them to
the Pearl Nordan Care Center by Sunday,
December 10.

Juliet Fowler Christmas Stockings

Items Needed:

- Purse size Kleenex
- Socks with gripper soles
- Scarves
- Trinkets - no glass or sharp items -
things like necklaces, brush, various little
items that one might be able to use
- Toothpaste - med size
- Chocolate candy without nuts - small
amount
- Cotton gloves
- Candy cane - 1 only
- Lip balm
- Puzzle book - seek and find variety
- Adult coloring book with pencils

Please put a Christmas Card in the top of
each sock signed by your group or
someone in the group - and the name of
the church.

About Our People

Our Christmas season has begun with the Hanging
of the Greens Service on Sunday morning. Our
sanctuary looks beautiful with the bank of red
poinsettias on the alter and the festive greenery on
the walls. Many attended the lovely service. Thank
you to **Kathy Westfall** and **Adelle Read** who
decorated the Chrismon tree and those who
planned and participated in the service.

Our beautiful music continued during the service
with the Highland Bells playing "*I Am So Glad Each
Christmas Eve*". Don't you love all the Christmas
carols that we sing at this time of year? The
Chancel Choir's Anthem "Love Came Down " was
especially beautiful, and it is a joy to see so many in
the choir.

Our people have been doing a number of things
from hunting to attending concerts, traveling, and
shopping for Christmas.

Recently **Jess McCord** went on a deer hunting trip
with his brother to Colorado City, TX (west of
Sweetwater) which is west of Abilene. He managed
to get two deer.

Tom and Elena Stephens have announced the
date of their daughter's wedding. **Diana** will be
married on October 13, 2018 in Abilene.

Grace Barber took her grandson to the DSO Family
Christmas Concert last week.

Lori and Jim McCommons plan to attend the Army
-Navy Game. As soon as church was over, Lori flew
to Baltimore to the Naval Academy for dinner with
her nephew. The twin nephews are turning twenty-
one, and she will help celebrate. Then on to NY for
a three-day conference, back to Philadelphia, etc. A
very busy woman! And we are so happy to have her
at HCC!

Crusader Class
Fellowship 15

Dec. 10 Marie
Dec. 17 Leon
Dec. 24 Helen
Dec. 31 Harry

*Thank you to LaDonna for opening the building and
making coffee!*

A big thanks to Patsy C., Kathy W, Anne P, Jackie
B., Bettie B, Julie F, & JoAnn C. for cleaning the
pews in the sanctuary!

Thank you!

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

Child Care is provided by a licensed child care professional.

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 this month is Mark Read.

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

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.