Highlands Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Monthly Update

Calendar Of Events

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
9:00 a Quilters
9:00 a Kindermusik
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
7:00 p Evening Prayer Group
at Kathy Westfall's
Thursday, October 4, 2018
6:00 p Girl Scout Area Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 2018
10:00 a Kindermusik
Sunday, October 7, 2018
8:30 a Highlands Bells rehearsal
9:30 a Fellowship 15
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Worship Service
12:10 p Chancel Choir rehearsal
1:00 p Brookdale

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 9, 2018
9:00 a Quilters
9:00 a Kindermusik
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
6:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:00 p Evening Prayer Group
at Kathy Westfall's
Friday, October 12, 2018
BPCA Open House

*Please note that there will **not** be a newsletter next week (October 9) due to our church administrative assistant, Claire, being out of town for a family funeral. The newsletter will resume for distribution on Tuesday, October 16.*

Church Office

214-348-2805

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Senior Minister: TBA
Assoc. Minister: Rev. Rhonda Tracy 214-649-4579
Board Chair: Cindy Payne 214-649-3100
Director of Music: Lori McCommons 214-350-8125
Administrative Assistant: Claire Schmitt

FELLOWSHIP 15

New Covenant Class

October 7—Sue Bowen & Grace Barber
October 14—Jackie Brummel & Anne Price
October 21—Betty Britt & Kathy Westfall
October 28—Julie Futral & Renee Bowen

*Thanks to LaDonna for unlocking the doors and making coffee.

Lori's Music Notes

This Sunday (October 7), the Chancel Choir will sing the anthem, "Sacred Waters". The women's ensemble will sing our offertory, "Think of Me and Remember". Both selections are very appropriate for World Communion Sunday.

Chancel Choir—we will rehearse immediately following worship at 12:10 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7. We will also rehearse Wednesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. before prayer group.

Highlands Bells— we will rehearse at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 7. Mark on the calendar when you will be gone.

Let me know if you or someone you know would like to provide special music in the next few months.

October Worship Leader Schedule

October 7 LaDonna Durham
October 14 Tom Stephens
October 21 Betty Britt
October 28 Renee Bowen

October Children's Moment Schedule

October 7 Brian Miller
October 14 Renee Bowen
October 21 Anne Price
October 28 Rhonda Tracy

October Offering Counter Schedule

October 7 Cindy Payne
October 14 Kim Brashear
October 21 Mark Read
October 28 Kevin Payne

October Elders Schedule

October 7 Noel & Pat Pittman
October 14 Mark Read & Kim Brashear
October 21 Gray and Renee Bowen
October 28 Kathy Westfall & Jackie Brummel

October Flower Ministry Schedule

October 7 Rhonda Tracy
October 14 Tom & Elena Stephens
October 21 Tonia Smith
October 28 To be determined

We learned Sunday from our Church Administrative Assistant, **Claire Schmitt**, of the unexpected death of her mother, Mary Faculjak. Claire will be out of the office beginning tomorrow and will return to the office next Wednesday. We will not send a weekly newsletter update next week. Service information for Claire's mother is as follows:

Visitation for Mary Faculjak will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 4:00-7:00 pm and Monday, October 8, from 10:00-11:00 am, with a service immediately following - both to take place at the Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral home located at 803 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin. A private burial will be held at a later date at the South East Veteran's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either the Friends of Wehr Nature Center in Franklin, Wisc., or Wisconsin Public Radio.

Please keep Claire and her family in your prayers for safe travels as well as the Lord's comfort and peace during this difficult time. If you would like to make a contribution to the Friends of Wehr Nature Center in Franklin, Wisc., or Wisconsin Public Radio in memory of Claire's mother, please make a notation on the memo line of your check/envelope and the church will send one check for all.

A special welcome to Diamond Green who placed her membership with HCC on Sunday.

Jackie Brummel went to the Moon Viewing on Tuesday night at Clyde Warren Park. She and a friend were doing an Ikebana demonstration that evening, and people were invited to participate. They also received brochures about Ikebana. It was a beautiful evening, beautiful moon, but quite warm.

Renee and Gray Bowen are taking a trip to the Ft. Davis area to the University of Texas McDonald Observatory for a few days. Their plans include a visit to Marfa where **Renee** hopes to see the "Marfa lights". I hope she does, too.

We send our prayers with **Pam McShane** as she relocates this week to West Virginia. Pam's new address is: P.O. Box 1344, Sophia, W.V. 25921.

Sunday's beautiful flowers were provided by **Erik Pfeifer.**

Adelle and Mark Read were busy this week attending a soccer game in which both granddaughters, **Christina and Elia** played. They lost in a close contest by the score of 4-2.

In September, **Kim and Bob Brashear** were remarried and have moved into a new home. We are all so happy for them.

We very much enjoyed our music on Sunday. **Travis Pfeifer** played the Prelude, "Sonatino". For our special music, **Brian Miller** played guitar and sang, "How Great Thou Art". For the Offertory, **Brian** played a beautiful song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Helen Thompson's family gave her a wonderful birthday celebration Saturday evening. **Helen and Wayne** didn't even have to drive to another house. (All four sons live some distance from the Thompsons!) They brought everything to the Thompsons', including cleaning up, and all the things that need to be done after a big party. Helen said it was the best birthday party she had ever had. Great evening!

Blackland Prairie's Conservatory & Atelier held a t-shirt design contest—there were so many amazing designs! We narrowed down the submissions to the top three. The winner will be determined by votes from our students, staff, and parents throughout the week.

Go Blackland Prairie Bisons!

Robin Friedel	Oct. 1	Grace Barber	Oct. 23
Mitchell Baumann	Oct. 2	Henry Andrew Payne	Oct. 25
Cassia Sanchez	Oct. 7	Tonia Smith	Oct. 26
Tom Stephens	Oct. 9	Cindy Whisennand	Oct. 29
Jess McCord	Oct. 11		
Pam McShane	Oct. 18		

Food and Clothing Drive for White Rock Center of Hope

The White Rock Center of Hope has now reopened after being closed a time for remodeling. They are very busy at this time and are in need of donations of food and clothing.

Special food needs include:

- Peanut butter
- Tomato products
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, Chef Boyardee, chili, macaroni & cheese)
- Canned vegetables (no green beans or corn)

Special clothing needs include:

- Gently used clothing, especially for children
- New white socks for men, children
- New underwear for women and children

A table will be provided in the church vestibule for the donations. A basket will be provided for those who prefer to donate money. Thank you.

As of July 2nd, **Rev. Rhonda Tracy** is helping HCC in various capacities to fulfill the pastoral duties. If you have any pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Tracy on her cell (214-649-4579) or email at rhonda.tracy@wylieisd.net.

Please note for the month of October, standard hours to reach our church administrative assistant, **Claire Schmitt**, are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. If you have any needs or need to contact someone through the church office (214-348-2805), please keep these hours in mind.

Serving: Sunday, October 7, 2018

Elders at Table and Shut-Ins:	Noel & Pat Pittman
Offering Counter:	Erik Pfeifer
Lead Deacon:	Patsy Collier
Lock-up:	Cindy Payne
Prepare Communion:	Adelle Read & Laurie Nesbitt
Worship Leader:	LaDonna Durham
Children's Moment	Brian Miller

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), Marian Walker (Mother of Renee), Denise Acra, Gloria Clayton, , Larry and Cathy Patton, Chad Kane (extended family of Adelle Read), Bill Davidson, Kris Tinsman, Larry Hughen, Terry Raskinski, Andy & Burr Cain, Carl, George Trauth, Jim Campbell, David Whisennand, Bob Dobbs, Sheila Marable, Bill Davidson, Krystal (sister of Kim Brashear), Kenneth Cecil, Deborah Lindsay, Lydia (friend of Meredith Brashear), Trevor Smith (extended family of Noble and Jane Cross), Donna and Don Bohlcke, Pam McShane, Valerie Stockman, and Stacie Warner.

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 - Bridge Club, Book Club, L-Street Neighborhood Association., Bethel Ethiopian Church, Kindermusik, Girl Scouts, & Blackland Prairie Conservatory and Atelier.

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

North Texas Area
Disciples Women's Ministries
General Gathering

Presenter: Eric Grasham, Potter and Sculptor
Program: "Push and Pull"

Eric Grasham's work is informed by his study of ornamental designs across history and cultures, and how those designs idealize nature. Eric Grasham graduated from Abilene Christian University in 2011 and went to work for Bridget Hauser at Sunset Canyon Pottery for three years as a production potter as well as a teacher for beginner wheel throwing and glazing. In 2013, Grasham was awarded a position as Artist-in-Residence at the Chicken Farm Art Center in San Angelo, Texas. He spent 3 years creating wheel-thrown vessels for Roger Allen and the Starkeeper Gallery while teaching workshops and developing his own work. During his residency, Grasham gave over 600 free wheel throwing lessons during open studio days. He has taught workshops in clay piping, handbuilding, and coloring clay at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, Tarrant County Community College, Wylie Art Gallery, and Rockwall Makerspace. His collaborative series with Morgan Grasham was exhibited at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts' Gallery Verde in 2016, and in 2018 their piece *The Stilling Engine* won Fourth Place at the San Angelo National Ceramic Competition.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

First Christian Church, Garland
115 S Glenbrook Dr.
Garland, TX 75040

Registration: 10 a.m. – Program Begins: 10:30 a.m.
Lunch $7.00 R.S.V.P. by Monday, October 15th

RSVP to: Judy Ross, rsjuditha@aol.com **or** 214.205.2280
(Please provide name of church and how many women attending)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	**2** *9-12p Quilters* *9:00 a Kindermusik*	**3** *7:00 p Evening Prayer group at K. Westfall's*	**4** *6:00 p Girl Scout Leader Area Meeting*	**5**	**6** *10:00 a Kindermusik*
7 *Elders: Noel & Pat* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sun School* *11a Worship* *12:10 p Choir* *1:00 p Brookdale*	**8** 	**9** *9-12p Quilters* *9:00 a Kindermusik* *6:00 p Girl Scout Troop #7802*	**10** *6:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal* *7:00 p Evening Prayer group at K. Westfall's*	**11**	**12** *BPCA Open House*	**13** *10:00 a Kindermusik*
14 *Elders: Mark & Kim* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sun School* *11a Worship*	**15**	**16** *9-12p Quilters* *9:00 a Kindermusik*	**17** *9:00 a Book Club Review* *7:00 p Evening Prayer group at K. Westfall's*	**18** *6:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal* *7:00 p Elders meeting*	**19**	**20** *10:00 a Kindermusik*
21 *Elders: Gray & Renee* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sun School* *11a Worship* *12:10 p Choir* *1:00 p Brookdale*	**22**	**23** *9-12p Quilters* *9:00 a Kindermusik* *6:00 p Girl Scout Troop #7802*	**24** *7:00 p Evening Prayer group at K. Westfall's*	**25** *7:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal*	**26**	**27** *10:00 a Kindermusik*
28 *Elders: Kathy & Jackie* *9:30 a Fellowship* *9:45a Sun School* *11a Worship*	**29**	**30** *9-12p Quilters* *9:00 a Kindermusik*	**31** *7:00 p Evening Prayer group at K. Westfall's*			

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 TBA.

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.