

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Meet New Member: Martha Gunter



My name is Martha Young Gunter. I was raised in this beautiful church when it was on the corner of Summer Avenue and Holmes. Highland Heights Presbyterian has always had a piece of my heart. I have two older brothers and a younger sister and we would wander the halls of the old church as we were growing up. My husband and I were married in this church in 1979 and rededicated our wedding vows with a complete wedding and reception for our 25th wedding anniversary with Dr. Quillin officiating the ceremony. I have two wonderful children, my oldest, Dr. Martha Danielle Gunter, and Kim Jones who have two boys Adrian and Alec who live in San Antonio Texas. My son, Richard Joseph Gunter II, and Kathryn Gunter who live outside of Ft Worth, Texas with their three children Walt Glover, Charleigh Danielle Gunter

and Rayleigh Martha Gunter, who keeps everyone hopping.

As a child I was very active with Explorer Post 35 with the Boys Scouts America. I met my husband through scouting. I have been a deacon in our church, was very active in the choir and saw us transition into this location when we outgrew our old location. I moved from Memphis when my husband joined the army taking us on many adventures. When he left the army and we were living in Selmer, Tennessee, I would bring my kids to Highland Heights for us to attend Sunday school and church. I tried attending other churches in the neighborhood but just couldn't find the warmth and comfort Highland Heights would bring my family and me. Attending church meant a lot to me but finding the right setting meant even more. In all the moves my family and I have made, I have only taken my membership from Highland Heights two times. I was very active with the youth activities growing up and was a part of the night women of the church circle.

I am a huge Memphis tiger fan. I am proud to say I have three graduates from Memphis— one when it was Memphis College, one as Memphis State and one as University of Memphis. You can see and hear me roar with the Tigers when they play. I love music and was part of the Bartlett High school concert and marching band. I am presently working in the central billing office at Baptist and work part time at Kroger at Trinity. I stay very busy and have very little free time. I love camping, sewing and sitting in front of a campfire and just relaxing when I get an opportunity. I am fortunate to be a breast cancer survivor for over 17 years and would be glad to talk to anyone who will let me tell my story. I will be celebrating my 63rd birthday in February and my 42nd wedding anniversary in June.

Martha joined HHPC by transfer of membership from Cordova Presbyterian Church on July 14, 2019.

Church Leadership

Staff

Tim Foster **Senior Pastor**
 Jason Gatlin **Youth Director**
 Patrick Holmes **Contemporary Music Leader**
 Nikki Bond
Children's Ministry Director
 Matthew Wade
Recreation Ministry Director
 Mary Smith
Financial Administrator
 Rosie Blatt
Administrative Assistant
 Chiquita Paulson **Music Director**
 Lauren Fiveash
Ensemble Director & Pianist
 Cindy Phillips **Organist**
 Russell Mann **Guitarist**
 Jason Gatlin **A/V Technician**
 Chrissy Thornton **Parents' Day Out Director**

Elders

Bob Donan - **Clerk**
Class of 2020
 Richard Armour - **Treasurer**
 Lesa Hart
 Rob McCleary

Class of 2021

Steve Allen
 Steve Deaux
 Charle Dunstan

Class of 2022

Josh Bond
 Lin Fryman
 Traci Gatlin

Deacons

Class of 2020

Barb James
 Don Rush
 Linda Rush
 David Thornton

Class of 2021

Joey Clark
 George Krug
 Debra Wright

Class of 2022

Janice Linder
 Linda Melear - **Moderator**

Pastor's Remarks



Last month the leaders of Highland Heights' Alcoholics Anonymous chapter invited my wife Rene and me to come to one of their "open" meetings where they have a meal. They also invited my administrative assistant and her husband and one of our Elders. They said they wanted to show their appreciation to the Church for giving them a

place to meet and for supporting them.

I was asked to say the blessing and to say a few words. I told them what a privilege it has been to see the chapter grow from one meeting/week in the late 1990's to five meetings/week now. The food was delicious. Before the meeting began, a number of people made a point of thanking me and saying how long they had been sober. For some it was years, and for others it was months.

Rene and I had never been to an AA meeting, and we were struck by the sincerity of those who spoke. The "Twelve Steps" were read. The guest speaker was a regular attendee who has moved away, but continues to go to AA in his new hometown; he spoke about how turning to God through AA changed his life for the better and about how he mentors men who are struggling with addictions. We got to see a young man receive his pin for being sober for one year; his minister presented the pin and spoke. The meeting ended with everyone standing in a circle, holding hands and saying the Lord's Prayer.

My heart was touched. Lives are constantly being changed for the better by our Lord at and through HHPC.

Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Holley Sullivan	3	4 11:30 Un-decorate the Church
5 The Lord's Supper 1:45 Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen	6 Cindy Phillips	7	8 5:30 Supper - Spaghetti, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	9 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper	10	11 Rachel Brown
12 Ordination and Installation of Officers 12:15 Elder Training 12:15 Deacons' Mtg	13 9:45 TOPS Mary Smith	14	15 5:30 Supper - Chicken Marsala, Noodles, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	16 10:30 Hope Circle	17	18 Randy & Sandie Brockwell
19 Shannon Foster	20 Jeannette Grant	21 7:00 Marine Corps League Aven Gatlin Bo & Toni Ware	22 5:30 Supper - Meat Loaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	23 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg Tim Foster	24 3:00 Presbytery Mtg @ 1st Pres in Starkville, MS Ally Brockwell	25 8:00 Presbytery Mtg @ 1st Pres in Starkville, MS
26	27 Peggy Pierce	28 Barbara Whitaker	29 5:30 Supper - Fried Chicken, Corn, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	30 Mary Elizabeth Hart	31	

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

Alex Grant



Alex has a new address:

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(Suit 100NTTC)
Meridian, MS 39309



January 5th is one of the Sundays that HHPC serves in the soup kitchen at 1st Presbyterian Church (downtown). We need 12-15 volunteers. See Steve Allen for details.

Preschool News

Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K



WINTER WONDERLAND

These little cuties got to go to Winter Wonderland!

There were cookies to decorate, games to play, a photo op, & gifts to pick out for their loved ones. Thank you so much to Peggy James and helpers Debby Roe, Joanne Gutierrez, Shanta Jackson and Courtney May.

Not in the Manger

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. *On coming to the **house**, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route (Matthew 2:1-12)*



Our Kindergarten Class at Berclair School Enjoys their Christmas Party!



Piggy Banks - this is what happens with the offerings the children put in the piggy banks during Children's Time each Sunday.

As **Pastor Tim** reads a story to the class, the kids all seem to be listening intently.



Decorating **cookies** and drinking **hot chocolate**.

Sue Armour and **Mitzi Goodwin** made the party a success.

YOUTH



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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years No Youth	2	3	4
5 Jason Out	6	7	8 Lesson & Activity	9	10	11
12 Engage 2020	13	14	15 Lesson & Activity	16	17	18
19 Engage 2020	20	21	22 Lesson & Activity	23	24	25
26 Engage 2020	27	28	29 Lesson & Activity	30	31	

Youth News

As we swing into this new decade, I would like to focus on living purposefully as a Christian. What is our goal each day, week and month? Do we even have one? Or do we just bump around in life and let the waves take us where they may?

Engage 2020 is going to cover not only the Christian idea for living a good life, but also a life that simply has purpose, a life that impacts those around us in a positive way. This lesson will take us into February and we will touch on it throughout the year.

January itself is hopefully a little less hurried now that we are through the holidays, but look for info shortly as I pull together a ski trip late this month or early next month.

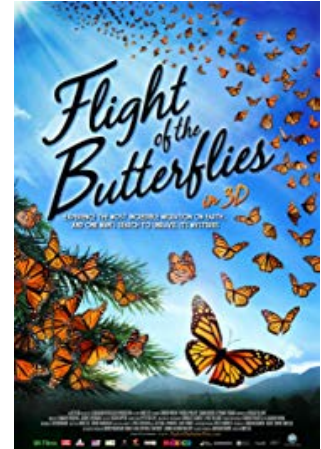
TOPS

Pink Palace, Imax 3-D, "Flight of the Butterflies," 3050 Central Ave, 9:45 am
Mortimer's Restaurant, 590 N. Perkins Rd, 11:05+/-

January 13, Monday
(HHPC van departs at 8:50 am)

In January, as we said, we will return to Pink Palace IMAX Theatre to see "The Flight of the Butterflies." This 3-D film chronicles the monarch butterfly from its leaf-crunching caterpillar stage all the way to its migration to Central America where it joins a multitudinous group of its "kinfolk."

The amazing story is told through the life of a young man who tags the butterflies and then compiles, on a huge map, the information that far-flung people send to him when they find one of his uniquely tagged butterflies. Following monarch migration patterns and discovering their final destiny becomes his life-long project, even into his waning years. Both times I have seen the amazing end of this film, I cried.



The film is only offered at 9:45 a.m., Monday through Thursday so it will be an early event, but that means we get an early lunch!! Senior adult admission is \$9 per person.

If you are 55 or older, we hope you will bring a friend and join us on our visit to the Pink Palace 3-D Imax Theatre to see this film, which Rotten Tomatoes (a very reliable movie rating organization) gave 100%, about the amazing migratory abilities of the monarch butterfly.

We will meet in the lobby of Pink Palace at the movie Ticket Counter by 9:15 so we can take care of business and get to the theatre and be seated for the 9:45 am showing; once the doors are closed, they will not be opened for late arrivals.



After the movie, we'll enjoy lunch together at one of our good old favorites, Mortimer's Restaurant on Perkins, which has something for everybody.

Please give your \$9 for the Imax film to Linda Rush by Sunday, January 12. Also, let her know (lrrush@aol.com; 901-734-1100) if you want to reserve a seat on the van, which will depart the church at 8:50.

TOPS = Trusting Obeying Praying Seniors

Elders' Notes - 12.19.19

- 1) The **wedding** of Samantha Ilsley and Brady Price will be March 14, 2020 at Hillwood. Pastor Tim will officiate.
- 2) Gratitude was expressed to Lesa Hart and her team for directing the **Children's Christmas Play**.
- 3) Gratitude was expressed to outgoing Children's Ministry Director **Marie Schroeder** for her hard work. The incoming Director **Nikki Bond** begins January 1st.
- 4) HHPC will host the Central South **Presbytery meeting** April 23-24, 2021.
- 5) **From Memphis to Kenya** - \$30/month per HHPC family helps to feed the 90+ children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya. Are you giving to this important ministry?
- 6) **67 Pledges** totaling \$344,000 have been turned in. If you have not turned in your 2020 pledge card, please put it in the offering plate or mail it in to the Church office.
- 7) Have you missed church recently and gotten behind on your giving? Consider setting up **automatic transactions** through either your bank or via HHPC's online application, www.easytithe.com/hhpc or text "give" to 901-586-1881.
- 8) The new **Burn the Mortgage Campaign** receipts through December 15th were \$2,575, which is 0.9% of the goal of \$287,000.
- 9) **General Ministry Fund** income through November 30th was \$394,353 and expenses were \$410,968 for a difference of \$16,615. The **general fund balance** on November 30th was \$30,851.



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