

## THE MESSENGER



### UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fall is finally in the air. There aren't many fall colors quite yet, but there is the *promise* of what is to come. With changing seasons in mind, there are quite a few events coming up at Emmanuel. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us for any and all of the following:

**Fall Shred Day** – Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 1pm in the church parking lot. Volunteers are needed to greet those who come, help unload cars, pass out flyers, and share some of Emmanuel's welcome and hospitality with our neighbors.

**A Service of Remembrance** – Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the sanctuary. Join us as we remember those who have gone before us through scripture and song. Bring a remembrance of your loved one – a trinket, picture, or symbol that can be displayed on the remembrance tree.

**Emmanuel's Fall Work Day** – Saturday, November 10 from 8am to 1pm. No special skills are required for inside and outside work. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Annual Harvest Meal** – Sunday, November 11 after worship. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You may sign-up to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. You can also sign-up to set-up on Saturday afternoon or clean-up following the meal. **Each person is asked to bring a donation for NEED.**

**Stewardship Dedication Sunday** – Sunday, November 18. Please plan to bring your pledge card to church. We will dedicate pledges during the worship service.

**Looking ahead to Advent:** Sunday, December 2 during church school – an intergenerational Advent Workshop. That afternoon, join us in the sanctuary as we prepare ourselves for the Advent season. Gather at 4pm for a worship service in the round. The service will include scripture, song, and an interactive craft for all ages. The worship service will be followed by a Hot Cocoa/Cider Bar in the narthex. Please plan to attend.

**Christmas Party at Presbyterian Children's Home in Itasca** – Leave the church around noon and return by 5pm. Be on the lookout for the gift tree in the narthex. More details to follow.

**Community Christmas Dinner** - Sunday, December 9 from 5pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we welcome the community for an "all the trimmings" Christmas dinner. Bring your friends, your neighbors, and anyone that might need some extra encouragement this season. This event has continued to grow over the years, so let's continue the tradition and make it one of the best evenings yet!

### November 2018

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### Fall Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School for Children, Youth and Adults

10:00am Worship

2701 Harwood Rd.  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-545-0251



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### **Ruth Fellowship**

Monday, November 19, 7:00pm  
 Anna's Mexican Restaurant  
 1009 Cheek Sparger Rd., Suite 122A  
 Colleyville, TX  
 For information contact  
 Tonia Thompson:  
 817-996-2821

### **Men's Group Dinner**

Thursday, November 15, 7:00pm  
 Niki's Italian Bistro  
 5249 Davis Blvd.  
 North Richland Hills, TX

We are going to a restaurant we have never been to before as a group. They have very good Italian food at reasonable prices. We will be using their private dining room, at no charge, located in the back of the restaurant.

To get to Niki's Italian Restaurant go west on Harwood (from the church). Harwood ends at Davis Blvd. with the restaurant on the west side of Davis.

Please call Andy Le Cocq at (817) 268-4128 or e-mail him at [andy@lecocq.org](mailto:andy@lecocq.org) by Tuesday, November 13, 2018 if you plan to attend so he can be sure the right sized table is reserved.

### **Lois Circle**

Thursday, November 1, 1:00pm  
 Lushaj's Pizza & Pasta  
 600 N. Industrial Blvd.  
 Euless, TX  
 For more information contact:  
 Cheryl Dale  
 817-576-3184

## **Board and Committee Reports**

### **Session:**

- 1. Learned that the 85 families of BCAMP have been moved out of the Emmanuel facility due to water damage in the CE building from recent rains.
- 2. Approved the establishment of a Tiger Team Committee (task force) to oversee all aspects of the CE building repairs.
- 3. Authorized spending up to \$12,000 on any areas of the CE building that need attention while the building is vacated, which includes the \$2,400 already spent on an asbestos test and for a protocol for mold remediation.
- 4. Approved requesting \$10,000 from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation – Future Program fund to be placed in the Maintenance Fund to cover the cost of CE Tiger Team projects, to be repaid in the future.
- 5. Learned that the electronic sign contract had been signed and that the building permit had been received from the City of Bedford.
- 6. Received a status report on the recent damage done to the yard cross by a Dollar General 18-wheeler.
- 7. Was informed that black-and-white photos for the new church directory will be taken during the Harvest Meal on November 11th.
- 8. Gave feedback on two proposed statements for the Emmanuel website.
- 9. Turned in committee budget requests for 2019.
- 10. Approved Mission Committee's request for permission to collect items and money for the Fort Worth Stock Show sack lunch program.
- 11. Approved Mission Committee's request to collect gifts to take to the Itasca Children's Home on December 8th.
- 12. Learned that the Worship and Music special offering raised \$1,210.
- 13. Was informed that the next Courtyard Café will likely be held outside during the 2:00-3:30pm timeframe on either March 31 or April 7, 2019.
- 14. Was reminded of the 6:8 litter stomp on October 27th, the Green Committee workday on October 27th, Fall Shred Day November 3rd, and Hanging of the Greens with soup and salad lunch on November 25th. Learned that ordination/installation of officers will take place on January 20th.

### **Deacons:**

- Our EPC Harvest meal will be Nov. 11 after worship.
- Thank you to Lisa Keyes and other Wednesday Work Crew members for help in organizing our church tablecloths! Plastic tablecloths are now stored in the closet and cabinets in Room 5.

### **Finance:**

September Income:	\$24,177.34
September Expense:	\$24,822.25
Worship & Music Special Offering:	\$1,210.00

### Church School Class Updates



- Fall Church School classes for all ages meet from 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM. All classes welcome both new participants and visitors!
- The first of two fall **Worship Workshops** for children and youth was held on **October 21st**, led by Ken Richardson and Keith Royal. Participants explored why we worship, what we do during worship, and practiced leading parts of the liturgy from the pulpit. A second **Worship Workshop will be November 11th and will include additional opportunities for participants to prepare for worship leadership.**
- Mark your calendars for an **Intergenerational Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 2nd during the Church School hour.** Adults, youth, and children will gather in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and hands-on stations that help us enter the Advent season of preparation for Christ's birth.
- Three Adult Church School classes meet:
  - **Keys to the Bible** meets in Room 5 and is studying King David.
  - **Spiritual Journeys** meets in Room 4 and is wrapping up an overview of the Bible.
  - **Thoughtful Christian** meets in Fellowship Hall. In November, they are studying the book by Will Willimon, *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*. The author invites readers to consider the Gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be "Other" or outside mainstream Christian culture and explores how God repeatedly comes to us through those who are outsiders.

# SHARE GOD'S BOUNTY

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN  
AT THIS EVENT FOR OUR  
CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

The Harvest Meal will be held in the fellowship hall following worship on Sunday, November 11 at 11:15am.

Members and Friends of EPC will celebrate the blessings they have received the past year at our Annual Harvest Meal Luncheon .

The meat, dressing, potatoes and gravy will be furnished. Those who attend are asked to sign up to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert that is traditional to their family Thanksgiving meal. Please bring a dish that serves at least 8 to 10 people. Each person is asked to bring at least one canned item of food as a donation to NEED. Please sign up on the list in the narthex to let us know how many will be attending with you, what you will be bringing and if you will help with set up on Saturday afternoon or clean up following the meal.

NOTE: Those who find themselves at the front of the line are asked to remember portion control so those at the back of the line will be able to fill their plates as well. Please hold off on those second plates full until everyone has had a chance to fill their first one. That way, everyone will be able to share in the bountiful meal EPC is known for.

The Fellowship Committee will be having an informal **soup and salad meal for the Hanging of the Greens**, which will take place after worship on Sunday, November 25. We will provide sustenance for those who help prepare our church for Advent. Soup will be provided.

You may sign up to bring some "fixins" to go with the soup, like crackers, cheese, onions, a salad, or a simple dessert. We refer to this as an informal meal because you are welcome to come and go as you please. Decorate, eat, and return to decorating as you like.



## Pine Cones Needed!

Medium to large pine cones are needed for Christmas craft for the Community Christmas Dinner. Please drop them off at the church. Thank you for your donation!!



## Here are some tips from the Green Committee for Fall and Thanksgiving:

1. **Have a 100-mile Thanksgiving:** Celebrate Thanksgiving in a sustainable way by cooking and serving food that has been grown locally.
2. **Prevent Heat Loss:** Insulate attics, weatherstrip windows, and cover windows after sundown to minimize heat loss.
3. **Volunteer and Donate:** Take up a collection to support local efforts to alleviate hunger, or have guests bring a nonperishable item to donate to a local food pantry.
4. **Advocate for Others:** Advocate for fair labor laws, adequate compensation, and trade justice. Let your voice be heard by writing a letter to a public official in your area.
5. **Give Thanks:** We receive the food we eat by the grace of God. Give thanks for farmers and the earth at all your celebrations and remember the work of all those who made your meal possible.



It's time to update the church directory!

Please stop by the table outside the church office to verify your contact information.

Thank you!





Emmanuel's Green and Evangelism Committees are sponsoring a community-wide paper shred truck in the parking lot. In addition to bringing your paper to shred and inviting your friends and neighbors, your help is needed with:

- ◇ Staffing the event. Volunteers are needed to direct cars to the shred truck and to assist people with their boxes and paper donations.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM



**JOIN US FOR A FREE CHRISTMAS  
DINNER WITH ALL THE  
TRIMMINGS.**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
5:00PM - 7:00PM



**GET READY FOR**



**CLEAN UP  
WORK DAY**  
**at EPC**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**No special skills are required for inside and outside work. Bring any tools that you think will be helpful from home. There will be small jobs inside as well as big jobs outside (weather permitting). Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.**

**ITASCA CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018, 12 - 5PM**

## LECTIONARY

**11/04:** Ruth 1:1-18; Ps. 146; Heb. 9:11-14;  
Mark 12:28-34

**11/11::** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps. 127;  
Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**11/18:** 1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10;  
Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25;  
Mark 13:1-8

**11/25:** 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18)  
Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

## BIRTHDAYS

**11/05** Jayne Johnson

**11/13** Phillip Durkee

**11/18** James Taylor

**11/21** Ruth Zavala

## CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on  
Thursday, November 1.

Ruth Fellowship meeting is at 7:00pm  
on Monday, November 19.

Esther Circle will meet Tuesday,  
November 13 at 9:30am.