

THE MESSENGER



UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us for the following:

Congregational Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Sunday, January 27, 2019



Dear EPC Friends,

Many thanks to all of you for your very generous Staff Christmas gift. We were all overjoyed by the expressions of appreciation. You are a blessing!

Please accept our sincerest gratitude and our best wishes for another great year together at Emmanuel.

With thanks,
The Emmanuel Staff

January 2019

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Winter Sundays at EPC

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

10:00am Worship

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

**The Church Office Will Be
Closed:**

**New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 1**





Ruth Fellowship Monday, January 14, 7:00pm

Fireside Pies
1285 S. Main St.
Grapevine, TX

For information contact
Tonia Thompson:
817-996-2821

Lois Circle

Thursday, January 3, 1:00pm

Chili's

2101 Airport Frwy.

Bedford, TX 76021

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale
817-576-3184

Men's Dinner

Thursday, January 17, 7:00pm

Asian Buffet
953 Melbourne Rd.
Hurst, TX 76053

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

Board and Committee Reports

Session:

- Welcomed three of the four elders-elect from the Class of 2021.
- Enjoyed a lovely dinner at the home of Jayne and Bruce Johnson.
- Voted to remove 12 individuals from the roll who are no longer active in the life of Emmanuel.
- Voted to approve the proposed budget for 2019.
- Received a detailed spreadsheet of expenses related to repair of the CE building, which totaled over \$30,000.
- Approved two items for the Christmas Wish List, to be received through February 1, 2019:
 - (1) to solicit funds to replenish money spent to repair the roof
 - (2) to solicit funds to replenish money spent to repair guttering
- Noted that BCAMP will be changing its name and signage to Kids Kampus Preschool to match their other 5 campuses.
- Learned that over 50 people attended the 6:8 Project Christmas party.
- Approved the Communion schedule for 2019.
- Noted that 70 people attended the Christmas dinner, 15 of whom were from the community.
- Was reminded of upcoming events:
 - Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 22nd, involving 6:8 community
 - Annual Reports due from committees on January 8th
 - All officer training on January 12th
 - Recertification of Emmanuel as an Earth Cares congregation on January 13th
 - Ordination of officers on January 20th
 - MLK Day of Service on January 21st
 - Annual meeting on January 27th
- Thanked outgoing elders Jayne Johnson, Fred Thompson, Linda Villarreal, and Anni Wordell for their service on session.

Finance:

November Income:	\$30,971.61
November Expense:	\$41,149.55



Advent Workshop participants make fabric stars and hearts for a take-home Advent Devotion Bag.

Church School Class Updates

Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee members (Wanda Asire, Melissa Durkee, John Field, Keith Royal, Anni Wordell, and Leah Wyckoff) who led the **Advent Workshop** during Church School on Sunday, December 2nd! Thanks also to Lisa Keyes, Tonia Thompson, and Ruth Zavala, who assisted with the crafts. Each family went home with an Advent Devotion Bag of weekly devotions and handmade symbols to use for preparing for Christmas. We also made Christmas cards for Itasca children and house parents, which were delivered to them the next weekend.

Emmanuel Church School classes resume on January 6th after not meeting on December 30th. The Children's Class (K-6th grade) meets in the Christian Education wing in Room 104. The Youth Class meets in Room 3. Three Adult Church School classes are offered and all welcome new participants:

Keys to the Bible meets in Room 5 and is studying King David.

Spiritual Journeys meets in Room 4 and is finishing their overview of the Bible. They will start a new study based on the book, *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, by Jonathon Walton.

Thoughtful Christian meets in Fellowship Hall. They complete their Advent study on January 6th and begin a six-session study on January 13th, *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* based on the book and DVD by Adam Hamilton.

**Emmanuel Children and Youth
Events & Activities
January 2019**

Wednesday, January 2

Lunch and Fellowship

Youth (6th—12th grade) will meet at Emmanuel at Noon
for lunch and an outing.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)

Monday, January 21

MLK Day of Service

Youth and Families with children are invited to
participate in MLK Day of Service with Tarrant Churches Together
in Greenway Neighborhood.

Meet at Emmanuel at 8 AM; return by 2 PM

Contact: Ken Richardson (k.richardson.math@gmail.com)

Weekday in late January: More details coming soon

Stock Show Sack Lunch Project

After school at Emmanuel

Children and Youth are invited to help
assemble sack lunches for Fort Worth Stock Show workers
in partnership with BCAMP After School Class kids.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)

Friday, February 1-Sunday, February 3

Senior High Youth Conference (SHYC)

at Austin College, Sherman, Texas

Weekend conference for Senior High Youth (9th-12th grade)



**Emmanuel Presbyterian is an Earth Care Congregation.
In January, we will re-certify as an Earth Care Congregation.**

Some categories of being an Earth Care congregation include:

- 1. Worship - special services for Earth Day, singing hymns about the environment, sermons, and Scripture.**
- 2. Education - studying environmental issues, scheduling speakers, educating members on how to be more "green."**
- 3. Facilities - energy conservation, renewable energy, water conservation, storm water management, cleaning supplies, etc.**
- 4. Outreach - advocacy, sustainable food practices, donations, letter writing, collaboration with other area congregations.**

For more information please visit: <https://resbyearthcare.org/earth-care-congregations/>

There's still time to give to the Christmas Joy Gift Offering

The offering supports racial ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, where students develop their gifts and find their calling. It also helps families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Please give generously. Funds will be collected through **January 13, 2019**.



⇒ **January 21, 2019** - Martin Luther King Day of Service, 8:30am - 1:30pm. Members will carpool to Baker Chapel AME Church in Fort Worth for a brief service and then travel to do service projects in the community, and then go to Broadway Baptist Church for a time of lunch and reflection. The 6:8 Project is one of the official sites for the MLK Day of Service. People should sign up online at: <https://www.tarranttogether.org/>.

LECTIONARY

01/06: Isa. 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

01/13: Isa. 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

01/20: Isa. 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Cor.
12:1-11; John 2:1-11

01/27: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor.
12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21



01/01 John Field

01/27 Neal Morris

01/29 Barbara Field

01/29 Claire Morris

CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on
Thursday, January 3.

Ruth Fellowship meeting is at 7:00pm
on Monday, January 14.

Esther Circle will meet Tuesday,
January 8 at 9:30am.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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