

# THE MESSENGER

# APRIL

## UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**EPC Spring Work Day**, Saturday, April 6, 8am - 1pm

**Maundy Thursday Service**, Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**, Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, April 21, 6:51am

**Easter Breakfast**, Sunday, April 21, 7:30am-9:30am

**Easter Sunday Service**, Sunday, April 21, 10:00 am

**Church Office Closed**, Monday, April 22

**First Fun Event**, Sunday, April 28, 11:30am-1:00pm

### April 2019

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### Spring Sundays at EPC

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

10:00am Worship

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#### To the Emmanuel Family:

There are not enough words in the English language to express our thanks to the entire Emmanuel family for the love and kindness shown to our mom/grandmom, Judy Curtis. Because of you, the last 10 years of mom's life were the happiest she'd had in a long time. Because of you, she actively grew in her faith. Because of you, she had many good friends. Because of you, she was active and busy. Because of you, she was able to fulfill her love of helping others. And on a side note, because of you several of her grandchildren have said that they want to go back to church, especially if they can find one like Emmanuel.

Thank you to everyone for putting together such a beautiful memorial service, for the delicious food at the reception, for the cards, virtual and actual hugs, prayers, kind thoughts and donations in her name to the memorial fund.

God Bless you,

Katie, Mark, Gabby and John Phillips and the Curtis/Messer families.



LENT is a time to repent, to turn away from sin and to turn toward the new life given in Christ Jesus. It is a time to give up whatever gets in the way of our relationship with God and to give more of ourselves as we express the love of God to neighbors.

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- 1 Research local and national charities that might be the recipients of your pocket change. Choose one.
- 2 Pray: *"God, let us live new life, free of sin, through Christ Jesus. Amen."*
- 3 Talk with friends or family about the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- 4 Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:13. Let go of all that keeps your heart from opening wide to God.
- 5 Fast today—or give up sweets.
- 6 Weed your neighbor's garden.
- 7 Go to church. Invite fellowship time with friends and family.
- 8 Read Romans 6:5-11. What does it mean to you to die with Christ? To be alive to God?
- 9 Discuss with a loved one: How is my spirit being renewed in this season of Lent?
- 10 Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on each line. How could praying this prayer seriously and regularly change your life?
- 11 Journal about what it means for you to be united with Christ.
- 12 Fast today—or give up time you would spend on the computer or on video games.
- 13 Make a cross out of wood. Paint the cross or cover it with pictures.
- 14 **PALM SUNDAY** Go to church. Wave palm branches and shout, *"Hosanna!"*
- 15 Count your pocket change. Give it to the charity you have selected.
- 16 Visit someone in a hospital, nursing home, or prison.
- 17 Imagine walking with Jesus. Hear him teach. See him heal. Listen to him say, *"The Son of Man must suffer and die."*
- 18 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Attend the Maundy Thursday service. Reflect on Jesus' words: *"This is my body given for you; this is my blood of the new covenant."*
- 19 **GOOD FRIDAY** Attend the Good Friday service. Spend time in silence. Light a candle. Read Mark 14:32-15:47 or Luke 22:39-23:56.
- 20 Wait. Be in silence. Pray: *"Merciful God, in life and in death, we belong to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen."*
- 21 **EASTER DAY** Celebrate! Shout, *"Christ is risen!"* Joyfully share these words with someone *"Live the new life in Christ!"*



**LET'S GET READY FOR  
EPC'S SPRING WORK DAY!!**

**SATURDAY  
April 6, 2019**

**8:00AM - 1:00PM**

**Willing workers are needed. No special skills are required for inside and outside work. Bring any tools 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.**

**Come one come all!!**



### Opportunities

#### **Ruth Fellowship**

Monday, April 15, 7:00pm

Anamia's Tex Mex  
2980 E. Southlake Blvd.  
Southlake, TX

For information contact  
Tonia Thompson:  
817-996-2821

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#### **Lois Circle**

Thursday, April 4, 1:00pm

Harwood Cafe  
109 W. Harwood  
Hurst, TX

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale  
817-576-3184

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#### **EPC MEN'S DINNER**

CARINO'S  
April 18, 2019  
7:00 PM

We have been to this excellent Italian Restaurant just once before many years ago. The food is very good. We will have a table in one of the two semi-private rooms.

Carino's is located at the intersection of Grapevine Highway and Precinct Line Road. Please contact me at (817) 268-4128 or email [andy@lecocq.org](mailto:andy@lecocq.org) to let me know if you are going to be able to attend so we know how many to set up for.

## Board and Committee Reports

### Deacons:

- The Annual Ladies Luncheon was held on Saturday, February, 16th, and was attended by over 30 ladies who enjoyed the culinary delights prepared by Mary Ann Reed and others. Many of the ladies also prepared colorful and delicious deserts. A large quantity of ladies' toiletry items was collected and donated to N.E.E.D. Many thanks to everyone who donated items, and helped set-up, serve, and clean up afterwards.
- The deacons expressed their deep thanks to Donna Reeder, who coordinated the efforts of so many as they prepared the reception and meal for the Memorial Service for Judy Curtis on March 9, 2019. Thank you to everyone who brought food that day, and who helped provide comfort and support for Judy's family members.

### Finance:

January Income:  
\$27,840.84

January Expense:  
\$25,609.02

Habitat Offering:  
\$5,755.00

Local Benevolence Offering:  
\$ 906.00



Save the Date! Mission Trip is July 21-26 in Ferncliffe, Arkansas. We'll be working in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance center (remember the flood clean up buckets from 2 years ago?), helping at a food kitchen, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Heifer International HQ and more. It's a close 5 hour drive! If you are interested in learning more information, please see Kristin Hartwell for details.

## The 6:8 Project

### What's happening?



The 6:8 Project is a 501(c)(3) organization that was established by Emmanuel in 2013. The mission of the 6:8 Project is “Hand in hand, street by street” and derives its name from Micah 6:8; our purpose is to “Seek justice, love kindness, walk humbly” in Christian-based accompaniment and advocacy. The 6:8 Project currently focuses on the Greenway neighborhood of Fort Worth. The project partners with residents as well as EPC, Trinity Habitat for Humanity, the Greenway Neighborhood Association, Greenway Church, and other organizations and uses the house at 1912 Portland Ave., a Trinity Habitat for Humanity home, as a base of operations.

On **Martin Luther King Day (January 21)** and **some follow-up days**, The 6:8 Project worked with groups from Tarrant Churches Together (TCT), EPC, and student groups from TCU to work on several of the neighborhood homes that needed repair and that could not be fixed by the residents alone for health and income reasons. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that made a huge difference. A carport that was falling apart and rotten was reframed with new lumber. A wheelchair ramp was fixed. A fence that was falling down was rebuilt. A sink drain was sealed. Rotten exterior trim was replaced. An oven was fixed. The homeowners, several of whom were over 80 years old, thanked us from the bottom of their hearts.

What is up next for the 6:8 Project? On **March 30**, as part of the Cowtown Cleanup, residents and volunteers will meet at the 6:8 house at 8 am and pick up trash in the neighborhood. During **the summer**, the 6:8 Project will work with Tarrant Area Food Bank to provide lunches for school-age kids and will also provide enrichment activities on three days each week. If you would like to volunteer in the Greenway neighborhood or contribute funds to our project, contact Ken Richardson at [k.richardson@tcu.edu](mailto:k.richardson@tcu.edu).







A special **Church School Gathering** is planned **on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** to help us prepare for Holy Week, which begins April 14<sup>th</sup>. All classes will join together on April 7<sup>th</sup> for **breakfast at 8:15 AM** and then **group activities for all ages at 8:45 AM**, including a prayer station, a mission/outreach station, and a community art activity. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you regularly participate in a Church School class. We hope you can join us for this meaningful time of experiential learning.

Emmanuel Church School classes for all ages meet each Sunday from 8:45 – 9:45 AM.

Three Adult Church School classes meet during Church School time and all welcome new participants:

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

**Spiritual Journeys** meets in Room 4. They recently began 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 are discussing *What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art*, which explores Scripture passages about Jesus in Jerusalem through commentary from Candler School of Theology faculty and artwork by John August Swanson.

# **Emmanuel Children and Youth Events & Activities April 2019**

## **Children and Youth Events**

**Many thanks to the Emmanuel congregation** for your support that made it possible for our three 6<sup>th</sup> graders to attend Grace Presbytery's Kidquake church camp in Glen Rose the last weekend in March!

Special thanks also to:

The **Prairie Valley Legacy Fund** for providing scholarship assistance!  
**Adult sponsors John Field and Leah Wyckoff** who accompanied the youth.

Sunday, April 28th

### **Ushering and Lunch**

Children and Youth will help with ushering at worship and then go together to lunch.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff ([klh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net))



Evangelism and Deacons will be hosting the **FIRST FUN** Event of the year at church!!

Sunday April 28 - After the outdoor church service - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**BINGO** with Prizes and **LUNCH** provided

Lunch - Hotdogs, Bag of Chips and Ice Cream

**BINGO** - Prizes - \$5 Gift Cards and donations accepted of desserts - i.e. Cookies, Cakes, Pies

**ALL** are invited to attend! Sign up sheet will be in the narthex on Sunday April 7th.

**Transportation provided to those who need it.**



## LECTIONARY

**04/07:** Isa. 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**04/14:** Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**04/21:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12; *Easter Evening:* Isa. 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

**04/28:** Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

## BIRTHDAYS

**04/01** Melissa Durkee

**04/01** Nicholas Ferrandino

**04/03** Jim Mahon

**04/04** Marji Breault

**04/06** Helen Richardson

**04/06** Sheryl Taylor

**04/07** Laura Mahon

**04/08** Ema Fielder

**04/09** Becky Moriak

**04/10** Karen Thompson

**04/16** Mike Hannasch

**04/20** Maurine LeCocq

**04/24** Dane Pranke

**04/25** Teresa White

## CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on Thursday, April 4.

Ruth Fellowship meeting is at 7:00pm on Monday, April 15.

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

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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