



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2023

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Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Bedford TX

HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday,
April 6, 2023 at 7 pm

Good Friday
April 7, 2023 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023 at 10 am



KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
(hybrid):
SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):
TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

LIKE, FOLLOW,
SUBSCRIBE!





Safety is a BIG priority at EPC!

Did you know that we have a Safety taskforce that has been making progress behind-the-scenes for EPC? Here's the first in a series of articles to keep you in-the-know.

Taskforce members are Jim Mahon, Mary Ann Reed, James Taylor, Kyle (interim pastor) and Jayne Johnson. Our goal is to provide a safe worship place (for all of us) and a secure working environment for our Pastor and office staff. The plan will consider multiple scenarios for active shooter, fire, and tornado safety actions.

A few highlights:

- Session, Deacons and office staff attended a 2-hour evening training: *Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event* (CRASE) training with the Bedford Police Department in the fall.
- Jim, Mary Ann and James also attended a 1-day hands-on intensive safety training program at the Presbyterian Church in Grapevine that was organized by Grace Presbytery. This training included safety tips, actual class situations to respond to as well as group discussions.
- After the CE building renovation was completed, we requested a Safety Assessment from the Bedford PD for all our property and have thoroughly reviewed the findings.
- Several no-cost actions have already been implemented and recommendations for several more actions are under consideration currently. Examples: locked external doors before and during worship services, close monitoring of parking lot and people entering the building, addition of Exit signage for the sanctuary (through the choir door) and notes added to the weekly bulletin.
- We will be presenting the findings and recommendations to Session for approval in the coming weeks. Implementation planning and timing are in progress too.

Stay tuned for more details. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to speak with anyone on the team.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRING WORKDAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 1
8 AM - 1 PM

SPECIAL OFFERING
One Great Hour of Sharing
SUNDAY, APRIL 2

YARD SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
8 AM - 1 PM

HORN RECITAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
4 PM
(in sanctuary)



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church presents **CONCERTS ON HARWOOD**

A Classical Music Concert Series

Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with Our Neighbors

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021

Free Admission

Donations are appreciated



Soprano Recital
Jung-An Chou
Saturday, March 25, 4 PM



Horn Recital
Tyler Wang
Saturday, June 10, 4 PM



Piano Recital
Tak Yan Yeung
Saturday, September 30, 4 PM



Christmas Concert
Concert Bells of Fort Worth
Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 PM

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*Donate here to Concerts
On Harwood!*





SIGN UP - EASTER FLOWERS

The sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of spring flowers, including Easter lilies, for Easter.

Sign up for Easter flowers in the Narthex through April 2nd.

Flowers are \$15; they may be given in honor or memory of a family member or friend.

Flowers may be taken home after the 10 AM Easter service.



WELCOME
BRITTNEY AXTON
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A graphic of a blue scroll containing musical notation (a treble clef and several notes) above the text.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

APRIL 2, 2023 (PALM SUNDAY)

Your dollars given to this historic Presbyterian offering are used to directly share God's love to people around the world. A third of your offering goes to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. A third goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The final third supports the Self-Development of people program to help impoverished people work together to start new lives and become self-sufficient.

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS)-
Free Luncheon

hope
grows
here

SAVE THE DATE!

May 2, 2023
12:00 pm

Ridglea Country Club
3700 Bernie Anderson Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76116

A luncheon event
benefiting the
children of PCHAS

RSVP
Maria Shupe
254.230.4517
maria.shupe@pchas.org

 Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM



If you didn't know, EPC is a certified
PCUSA Earth Care Congregation.

The Little Free Library

Located near the parking lot, these books are always free. Anyone can take them, return them or keep them. Book donations for both adults (G rating) and children are greatly appreciated. Church attendees can leave your book donations in the box placed in the Narthex.

Christian Education News

All ages are invited to a **Creation Care Workshop on Sunday, April 23rd** after worship, which is the weekend of Earth Day. Join us for food and hands-on activities as we give thanks for God's creation and reflect on how we can care for it in our own homes and in our communities.

Group Gatherings Schedule for April

Emmanuel group gatherings take place both in-person and online. Online meeting links are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM: Keys to the Bible class (hybrid) meets for Bible study in Room 5 and online following worship. The class is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Ray Karriker (raykdenisek@tx.rr.com) for the link to join virtually.

4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adult sponsors to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study using the Lenten study book Meeting Jesus at the Table (virtual). For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday's

11:00 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club meets online to discuss their April book On Air with Zoe Washington, by Janae Marks, with Caroline Loy leading. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff.



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time:

- ◆ You may scan the QR code above right or on the church bulletin or
- ◆ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service, or
- ◆ Send via email to prayer@emmanuelpc.org.

These requests are received by and prayed for by the pastor. Be sure to designate in the email/form if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation.

All prayers received by Sunday evening will be included in the weekly prayer list. Prayers may be edited for clarity and brevity, but the essence will still be there.

Prayer requests received through texts are not recommended.

Thank you for sharing prayer concerns and participating in the congregation's prayer life!



AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken Richardson to participate in a training session.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at Sign Up Genius. Thank you for volunteering!!



Ruth Fellowship

Monday, April 17, 2023
6:30 pm

La Bistro Italian Grill
722 Grapevine Highway
Grapevine TX

For more information contact:
Tonia Thompson
817-996-2821

Lois Circle

Thursday, April 6, 2023
1:00 pm

Saviano's Italian Kitchen,
300 N. Main, Euless 76039

For more information contact:
Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023

Finance:

February Income: \$29,085.60

February Expense: \$26,079.47

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Noted reception of letter of transfer for Dina M. Ferreira from St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst

Learned that the Moderator's weekly sabbath occurs on Fridays and Saturdays and that she will attend the National Council of Church's Faith and Order Meeting May 17-20

Received the report from commissioners Jayne Johnson and Katie Phillips of the hybrid Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery March 4, 2023, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney

Rejoiced in the successful first Concert on Harwood, held on March 25th, with 60+ individuals in attendance

Noted White Elephant Exchange scheduled for May 21st at 11:15 AM, with hot dogs and chips; Car Show on Saturday, June 17th, 8-10 in the parking lot

Session was encouraged to give YELP reviews to increase EPC's social media presence

Was informed that Local Benevolence Special Offering totaled \$290; Habitat fundraiser was @ \$7,000, and March Concert on Harwood received \$460.

Noted that Childcare Worker Kelly Balthrop had been added to the 1099 payroll

CE building fire inspection was completed and signed off on by Bedford Fire Department

Was informed that alternative software companies are being reviewed to replace Church Windows

Voted (1) to use unused EPC classroom space to organize and store items for the April 29th yard sale and (2) to designate profits from the sale above the \$4,000 budgeted line item to be used toward the purchase of a permanent storage unit, with limited access, for sellable items only

Learned that Facilities Committee approved James & Sheryl Taylor's request to use SoRelle Hall for a reception following worship on Sunday, August 6th to celebrate with Emmanuel their 50th wedding anniversary August 4th

Was informed that the 2012 rental fees need to be readdressed and updated

Was reminded that NEED day for March is March 31st and received an update on college scholarship student Olivon Duron on his studies at Heston College

Over 60 people attended the March 19th Habitat fundraiser, 20 people participated in the Cowtown Cleanup on March 25th, and 3 attended the Grace Presbytery Social Justice Task Force Hidden History bus tour of historic sites in Dallas in connection with Black History Month

Learned that a Techno-Recycling box has been purchased for use at the church and that Shred Day is scheduled for May 20th

Noted that Worship Committee welcomed Brittney Axton as Director of Music, added a Prayer for Illumination by the liturgist just prior to reading and preaching of The Word, and that Communion by intinction will be reinstated in April

BIRTHDAYS



Melissa Durkee 04/01	Becky Moriak 04/09
Nicholas Ferrandino 04/01	Karen Thomspen 04/10
Jim Mahon 04/03	Mike Hannasch 04/16
Marji Breault 04/04	Maurine Lecocq 04/20
Helen Richardson 04/06	Dane Pranke 04/24
Sheryl Taylor 04/06	Teresa White 04/25
Laura Mahon 04/07	Connor Park 04/28

CIRCLES

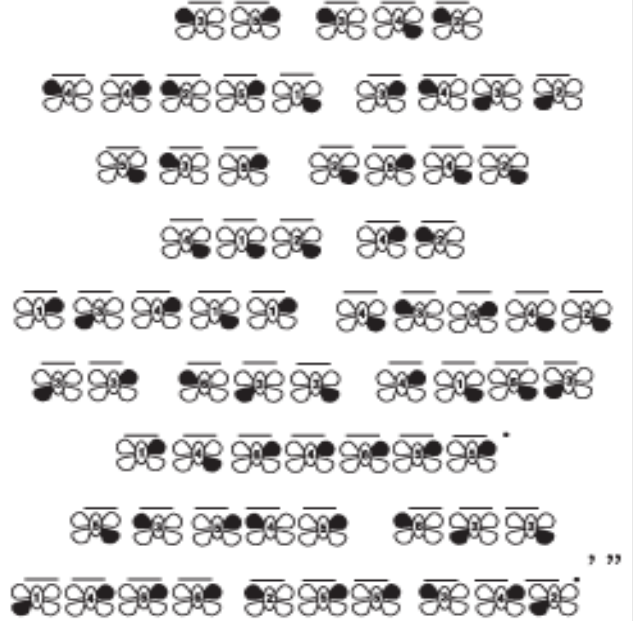
- Lois Circle (1st Thursday of each month, 1:00pm)
- Esther Circle (SUSPENDED). (Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)
- Ruth Fellowship (3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.)
- Happy Hands (Will meet on an as-needed basis)

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Empty space for directory corrections.