



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2024

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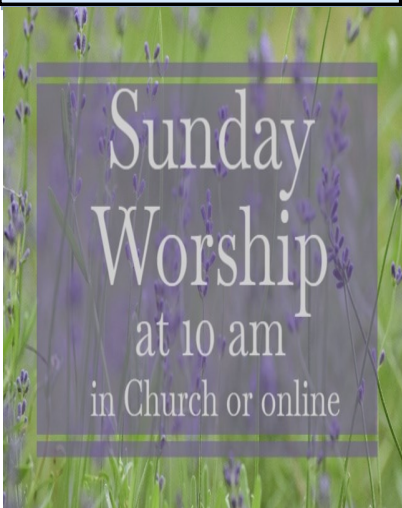


“Pardon our dust” during the month of April as we spruce up our Sanctuary by replacing the two big brown organ speaker boxes from the front of the sanctuary. The existing wiring will be moved onto the sides of the columns instead and the openings in front will be patched and painted. This way the Choir won’t be blocking the beautiful wall hangings AND the space will look more modern and updated!

The monetary funds and people helpers are now available to complete these renovations before our first 2024 Concerts on Harwood series which begins on April 27th.

Thanks for your support

EPC Worship and Facilities Committees!



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

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



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(visit our website
www.emmanuelpc.org for
more calendar listing)

ECLIPSE EVENT

Monday, April 8
1 pm

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, April 20
11 am-12 pm

ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27
10 am-2 pm

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD

Organ Recital
by Aaron
Walton

Saturday, April 27
4 pm

MO-RANCH MEN'S CONFERENCE

May 3-5

SHRED DAY

Saturday, May 11
9 am-11 am

SIPS 'N TIDBITS



Invite your friends, neighbors, family members and your favorite pets to this year's Blessing of the Animals!

Join us on **Saturday, April 20**, from 11am-12pm for a simple prayer honoring our animal companions. It will be a time to celebrate the important role our pets have our lives and remind us of the wonder of God's creation! If your pet cannot physically be present for the blessing, you are welcome to bring a photograph.

Registration is not required.

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ON LEASHES.



Please stop by our table at
Arbor Daze Festival 2024
Midway Park
300 W. Midway Dr.
Eules, Texas 76039

on **Saturday, April 27th** from
10:00-2:00 in the Kid's Zone.
We will have crafts for the kids,
information about recycling and
reusing materials, and a schedule
of upcoming events of our church.

There will also be community entertainment, live performances, carnival rides, games, a drone show, a Kid Zone, bounce houses, tree giveaways and concessions.

Hope to see you there!

<https://www.eulesstx.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/16755/>

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2024

A Classical Music Concert Series
Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors

⇒ ***Organ recital* by Aaron Walton: Saturday, April 27 at 4 pm**

⇒ *Trumpet recital* by Christopher A. Heldt: Saturday, June 15 at 4 pm

⇒ *Flute Recital* by Mehrdad Gholami: Saturday, September 14 at 4 pm

⇒ *Soprano Recital* by Jung-Ah Chou: Saturday, December 7 at 4 pm



These events will take place at the sanctuary, 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford TX.
Admission is free to the public. Donations are appreciated.

You're Invited!

May 1, 2024

– 12:00 pm –

Dear Friends,

We kindly ask that you join us for our 2024 Dare to Dream luncheon benefiting the children and families in our care.

Yours in Christ,



Maria Shupe
Development Officer

Ridglea Country Club

3700 Bernie Anderson Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76116



RSVP

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Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

FREE SHRED DAY

Mark your calendars! Join us for Shred Day, hosted by Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, May 11, 9am-11am.**

Gather up those old bills, statements, and documents piling up at home and take advantage of this opportunity to securely dispose of personal documents that may contain confidential information.

Registration is not required.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost offering

Sunday, May 19

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SAVE the DATE! 2024 All-Ages VBS Tuesday, July 30 – Thursday, August 1

Mark your calendar and plan to join us this summer for fellowship, learning, and hands-on projects. More details coming soon.

Regular 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 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 (rkarriker@gmail.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.

7:00 PM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club meet online to discuss their April book *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather, with Leah Wyckoff leading. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study (virtual). This study group discusses the biblical texts that are used in the next Sunday's worship service, with leadership rotating among the group. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).



BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS- Session Committee Report

- Learned that Molly Park will email session members when it is time to renew their Praesidium training
- Was informed that the Clerk of Session took the 2023 Minutes for review on March 23rd and that they were approved and that a friendly financial review between Treasurers was recommended for churches who have not had a financial audit
- Voted to call a congregational meeting for April 7 for the purpose of amending the Pastor's terms of call. This will adjust how much is designated as her housing allowance to reflect a home purchase this year. It will not affect the total compensation.
- Approved the Medical Leave Plan as presented by Personnel for Whitney which places her on Temporary Disability with the Board of Pensions from May 14th to June 11th, which was explained in detail
- Was informed that Finance approved renewing two CDs which are due in April
- Noted that Whitney's deferred income (SECA) had been corrected for 2023 and 2024 and that money owed to her has now been paid
- Was informed that Whitney will take Continuing Education to attend the Fellowship for Protestant Ethics Summer Symposium "Reimagining Vocation in Precarious Times" July 11-14, 2024
- Learned that the Local Benevolence Special Offering raised \$645 and Habitat for Humanity contributions to date totaled \$8,580, with more funds anticipated
- Heard that the Deacons requested to evenly split the balance in Sunday Hospitality Fund to create a new Deacons Memorial Support Fund
- Heard that the next Intergenerational Sunday Session is scheduled for May 19th, focusing on Pentecost
- Learned that VBS is scheduled for July 29th-31st
- Was informed that Becky Baker has a copy of the updated vendor list and that the spring work day on March 16th went well
- Heard that Emmanuel will sponsor one table at the May 1st Presbyterian Children's Home and Services annual luncheon
- Noted the following dates from Outreach and Connection committee:
 - Eclipse Day viewing on April 8th at 1:00 pm
 - Blessing of the animals on April 20th, 11-noon
 - Arbor Days April 27th, from 10-2; (2 crafts provided)
 - Concerts on Harwood April 27th at 4:00 PM -- Aaron Walton, organ
- Heard about plans to move organ speakers to enhance quality of sound and what that might entail, a joint project of Facilities and Worship Committees
- Learned that pulpit supply is being secured for the Sundays when Whitney is on Medical Leave





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.

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!

WANT TO HOST HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS?

A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would like an opportunity to host hospitality on Sundays after worship. It doesn't need to be fancy. If you would be willing to coordinate some form of treat to congregants after worship, please consider adopting a Sunday. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Helen Sink .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. Kelly Balthrop is our nursery worker but our Child Protection Policy requires no less than 2 adults in the nursery with the children. This does not have to be on a regular basis but will give most of you a chance to enjoy being with the children.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and the CE committee would appreciate the extra help. What a wonderful way to use your talents at Emmanuel!

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](#). One of the counters should be an ELDER and the other person a Volunteer. Thank you for volunteering!!



Fellowship

Opportunities

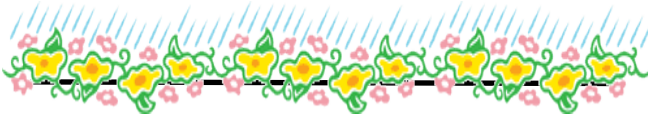
Ruth Fellowship

(3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm)

**Monday, April 15, 2024
6:30 pm**

**Bourbon Street Bar & Grill
1833 Airport Freeway
Bedford TX 76021**

**For more information contact:
Molly Bolles: 972-310-4867**



Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 1 pm)

**Thursday, April 4, 2024
1:00 pm**

**The Brunch District
3855 Glade Rd. #107, Colleyville 76034**

**For more information contact:
Donna Reeder: 214-537-5464 or
Denise Karriker: 817-723-8665**

BIRTHDAYS



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

THANK YOU!

“Thank you” are ineffective at capturing our deep gratitude for all our Emmanuel family did April 6th to make our son Shane’s memorial service and reception so incredibly meaningful. The service was exactly what we pictured and then some. Our extended family—all of them!—were grateful for the food and drink and chance to visit over the slideshow of Shane’s life.

Our church is simply the best.

With love and thanks,
James and Sheryl



To submit newsletter articles, events or any other information, please email office@emmanuelpc.org by the fourth Sunday of each month.

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