



# THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2026

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EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2701 HARWOOD RD BEDFORD, TX + WWW.EMMANUELP.C.ORG

**LENT IN THE WILD**

DWELLING WITH THE DESERT MOTHERS

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY @ 10 am  
 APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7 pm  
 APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY @ 7 pm  
 APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY @ 10 am

Sunday  
Worship  
at 10 am  
in Church or online

**KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS**  
(in-person):  
SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

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

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*He is risen!*

May the hope of Easter  
fill your soul with grace  
and the love of Jesus Christ.

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# YOUR CALENDARS

(visit our website [www.emmanuelpc.org](http://www.emmanuelpc.org) for more calendar listing)

## ASL CLASSES

led by *Caroline Loy*

April 12, 19 & 26

after Worship

(see page 1

for more details)

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, April 18

10-11 am

## ARBOR DAZE

Saturday, April 25

9 am-1 pm

2701 Rio Grande Blvd.  
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## CONCERT BELLS OF FORT WORTH

Saturday, April 25

4pm

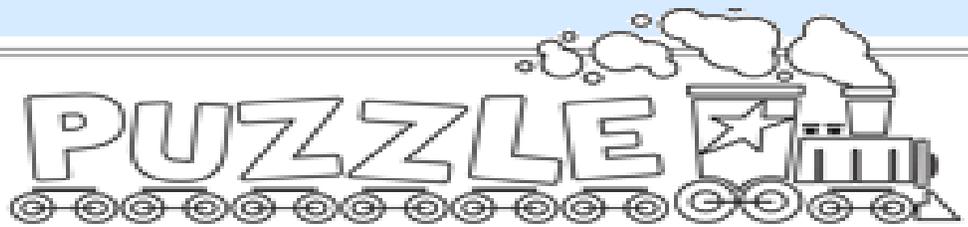
## BLUE & GOLD

## CUB SCOUT PACK 254

Saturday, May 2

3-8 pm

# SIPS 'N TIDBITS



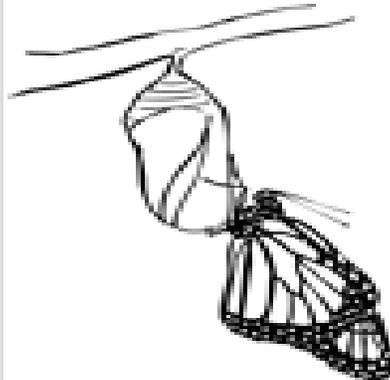
## OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓      \_\_\_\_\_
2. H → ↑ →      \_\_\_\_\_
3. V ↑ → ↓      \_\_\_\_\_
4. I ← ← ↑      \_\_\_\_\_
5. T ↑ ← ↑      \_\_\_\_\_
6. P ↑ → → ↓      \_\_\_\_\_
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓      \_\_\_\_\_
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ←      \_\_\_\_\_



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

\_\_\_\_\_ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

## CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2026

*A Classical Music Concert Series*

*Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors*

- **Flutissimo! Flute Choir**

Saturday, May 9 at 4 pm

- **Piano Duet**

*Michael Schneider and Tak Yan Yeung*

Saturday, September 12 at 4 pm

- **Flute Recital**

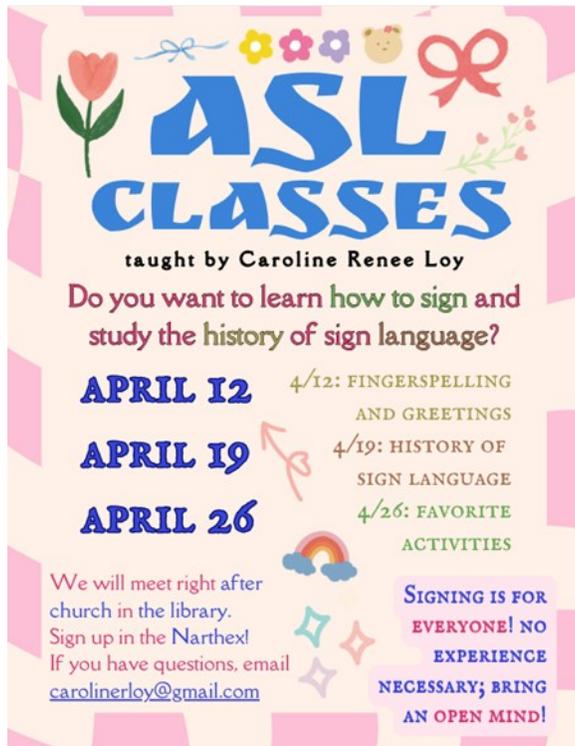
*Mary-Christine Stingley*

Saturday, December 5 at 4 pm

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

Visit our website for more information.

<https://emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood/>



### 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](mailto:office@emmanuelpc.org)). For more information on how to participate, [contact the church office](#).

March's weekly group gathering schedule is:

### Sunday's

#### **11:15 AM:**

- **Keys to the Bible Class** (in-person). Meets weekly in Room 4 and is studying the Book of Acts. Contact [John Stocking](#) for more information.
- **ASL Class** (in-person) in Room 5. Learn how to sign and the history of sign language. Taught by Caroline Loy.

#### **Youth Check-ins Sunday afternoons:**

- **Sunday, April 12 at 4 PM (on-line)** Youth Check-in devotional and prayer.
- **Sunday, April 26, 3 PM - 5 PM.** In-person meeting; activity TBD.

**6:45 PM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club** (virtual) are reading *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding, with John Ferrandino leading. To participate, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

### Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Worship Scripture Discussion** (virtual). Online discussion of the Scriptures for the next Sunday's worship. Contact Leah Wyckoff (<mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net>) to receive the study emails and meeting link.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Session Committee Report**

- Certificate of Transfer from Maryvale Drive Presbyterian Church, Cheektowaga, New York, for Kirsten Smith, dated January 20, 2026 was shared
- Session was reminded of Holy Week services and learned that Caroline Loy has created some artwork for the bulletins
- Received a reminder of Blessing of the Animals on April 18th at 10 am
- Voted, with 2 abstentions, to display the eight pieces of donated art from Wanda Asire's Estate at \$400 each, regardless of size, to allow the congregation to purchase pieces before posting them online for the general public
- Learned from Treasurer Rick Thompson that the actual deficit is actually only around \$5,000
- Heard that the meeting with The Reverend Laura Walters at April session might need to be postponed
- Clarified that all current deacons, elders and congregation members who work with children and youth will need to update their Praesidium training this year
- Learned that Facilities Committee is getting bids to replace all pipes in the original part of the church with PVC instead of cast iron; Finance Committee will share suggestions on how to raise the \$20,000-\$30,000 to cover the project
- Was informed of Kara Jakubik's Eagle Scout Project which would create an Aquascape Pondless Waterfall for the enjoyment of the Clubhouse For Special Needs, pending written agreement by the Clubhouse to handle maintenance of the feature
- Session was reminded of Cowtown Clean-up with 6:8 Project on March 28th and the Palm Sunday fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity on March 29th
- Learned that Shred Day served 73 cars and raised \$183 in donations, along with some donations for electronics recycling
- Was reminded of Arbor Daze on April 25th and the next Concert on Harwood, scheduled for May 9th
- Information on Holy Week worship leaders was shared with session



**Lois Circle**

*(1st Thursday of each month, 12 pm)*

**Thursday, April 2, 2026  
12 pm**

**First Watch**  
1230 Red River Dr.,  
Eules, TX 76039

**For more information contact:**  
**Donna R:** xxx-xxx-5464 or  
**Denise K:** xxx-xxx-8665



**Ruth Fellowship**

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

**Monday, April 20, 2026  
6:30 pm**

**V's House**  
8743 W Bedford Eules Rd.  
North Richland Hills TX

**For more information contact:**  
**Helen S.:** xxx-xxx-7072

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by the fourth Sunday of the month.

**BIRTHDAYS**



Melissa D 04/01

Nicholas F 04/01

Jim M 04/03

Marji B 04/04

Helen R 04/06

Sheryl T 04/06

Becky M 04/09

Karen T 04/10

Mike H 04/16

Maurine LeC 04/20

Dane P 04/24

Teresa W 04/25

Connor P 4/28



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time. Please choose one.

- ◆ You may scan the QR code on the right or on the church bulletin
- ◆ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service
- ◆ Send via email to [prayer@emmanuelpc.org](mailto: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!

### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS**

Do you have gifts for hospitality and welcoming people? Emmanuel's Deacons are looking for volunteers to host refreshments after worship on a Summer Sunday. Host by yourself or partner with a friend or family member, whatever works for you. Sunday Hospitality hosting involves about 20 minutes of setup before worship, then serving food after worship and cleaning up. We have some treats on-hand in the fellowship hall freezer and funds are available to reimburse you for food purchased.

To sign up, contact B. Edwards or write your name on the Sunday Hospitality schedule in the narthex. Thank you for considering it!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. 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 R. 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!!

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