

THE MESSENGER



.....Sips 'n Tidbits

Monday, August 1: Worship Committee meeting via ZOOM.

Tuesday, August 2: Evening Bible Study resumes

Sunday, August 7: Blessings of the Backpacks at 10 am Worship Service

Wednesday, August 10: Choir practice resumes at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 17: Handbell Choir practice resumes at 6:30pm



August 2022

In This Issue:

- 1 Sips 'n Tidbits
- 2 Local Benevolence - Policy & Procedures Guideline
- 3 Blessings of the Backpacks/Special Offering
- 4 Christian Education
- 5 Pandemic Fund, Volunteers, Prayer Requests
- 6 Fellowships, Board Committees
- 7 Lectionary, Birthdays, Circles, Directory Corrections

Sunday services at EPC ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship (Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study (Tuesdays)

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

**Like EPC on Facebook:
Emmanuel
Presbyterian;**

**Follow us on Instagram
and Twitter:
[@EPCBedford](https://www.instagram.com/EPCBedford)**





Local Benevolence

Policy and Procedures Guideline

Updated July 2022

Summary

Local Benevolence was designed and created to help individuals in need within the local area, HEB, with a once per year (only) assistance given up to a maximum of \$100 total in gas, grocery, rent, mortgage and utility bill assistance. No cash will be given to anyone under any circumstances.

If the person needs food immediately, *Grace-to-Go bags* are available at all times.

A person in need can apply for assistance by calling the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church office at 817-545-0251 during office hours Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm. If approved for assistance, checks and gift cards are **ONLY** available for walk in pick up on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm and must be approved **PRIOR** to the day of pick up. We request the person receiving assistance present an ID for our record keeping purposes only. All names of recipients will be kept strictly confidential.





Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessings of the Backpacks is scheduled for **Sunday, August 7 at 10 am** during the Worship service. Students, teachers and school staff are all invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to worship as we pray together for a new school year as it begins.



EPC Building Maintenance Fund August 14th

This offering provides funds for overall building maintenance, often which is more than our General Fund can cover. Your support of this offering helps meet this important need.



Christian Education News

Blessing of the Backpacks is coming on Sunday, August 7th at 10 AM Worship! Students, teachers, and school staff of all ages and levels are invited to bring your backpack or school bag to worship as we pray together for the new school year underway.

Thank you to the *Connecting with God's Creation* VBS team!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in Emmanuel's 2022 Intergenerational VBS the last week of July! Special thanks to the team of Molly Bolles, Melissa Durkee, Caroline Loy, Molly Park, Tonia Thompson, and Leah Wyckoff for organizing and leading the sessions! We had a great time learning about our interconnectedness with God's creation and exploring what we can do to strengthen those connections and work for the well-being of God's world around us.

Group Gatherings Schedule for August

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** (in-person) meets for Bible study in Room 5 following worship. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright's *Matthew for Everyone* resource.
- **11:15 AM Sunday, August 14: Summer Sunday Intergenerational Session "Creation: God's Gift"** (in-Person). Children 5 years and older, youth, and adults are invited to the last of our monthly Summer Sunday sessions on August 14th. We'll explore connections between faith and our environment through sessions on "Connecting with God's Creation." Childcare is provided for children under age 5 years.
- **4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional** (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adults from the Christian Education committee for about 45 minutes to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study** (virtual). After taking a break for July, this group resumes meeting in August and will choose their fall study topics on August 2nd. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included.

Saturday's

- **11 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club** (virtual) meets to read and discuss books. Books are appropriate for ages 11+, and the group includes interested adults. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included. They are also working to complete a Story Path installation project on the west side of Emmanuel's property.





Please remember to send your prayer requests to prayer@emmanuelpc.org or complete the Prayer Request form in the Friendship Pad located in the sanctuary or scan using the QR code above. These requests are received by and prayed for by the pastors. If you so desire, these requests can also be included in the Prayers of the People and in the weekly ePrayer email. 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.

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!!



Members and Friends of EPC

Have you or a family member been financially affected by the COVID-19 quarantine? The Mission Committee received approval from Session to create a Pandemic Fund for distributing money to members and family who need it during this quarantine. Members and friends of the congregation are eligible to receive payments, as are their parents, children and grandchildren. We are able to supplement payments of rent, utilities, insurance, car payments and repairs, medicine, and food. (Cable bills are excluded.) Funds will also be given to established local partners such as Mission Central and NEED.

The application process is simple and confidential. Please reach out to Pastor Kyle or Becky to begin the process. (817-545-0251 and finance@emmanuelpc.org or kyle@emmanuelpc.org) If you have questions on the fund itself, please reach out to Kristin (817-308-2670 and haveahartwell@gmail.com) who is the moderator of the fund's task force. If you are able to donate to the fund, prayerfully consider doing so by writing "Pandemic Fund" in the memo of your check or making the appropriate selection online.



No Committee meetings were held in July.



Fellowship

Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30 pm

The Feed Store BBQ
530 S. White Chapel Blvd.,
Southlake

For more information contact:

Mary Ann Reed
817-991-4704

Lois Circle

Thursday, August 4, 2022

1:00 pm

BJ's Restaurant
952 NE Loop 820, Hurst

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale 817-223-6023

Finance:

June Income: \$119,133.73

June Expense: \$136,476.56



LECTIONARY

08/7 Ps 50:1-8; 22-23
Luke 12:32-40

08/14 Ps.80:1-2; 8-19
Luke 12:49-56

08/21 Ps 71:1-6
Luke 13:10-17

08/28 Ps. 81:1; 10-16
Luke 14:1; 7-14

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)

BIRTHDAYS



Carolyn Chase 8/04
Joyce Mulume 8/04
Estella Pryor 8/05
Angel Kalubi 8/09
Kennard Britton 8/10
Scott Keyes 8/16
Dina Ferreira 8/18
Helen Sink 8/23
John Stocking 8/31
Sue Pranke 8/31

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Nancy Hollingsworth

1213 Poplar street
Bedford TX 76021

