

THE MESSENGER



- **Rescheduled dates for Covid-19 Vaccines:**
 - January 29 has now been moved to February 5, 2022
 - February 19 has now been rescheduled to February 26, 2022Both at Greenway Church 1816 Delga St, Fort Worth
- **6:8 Project Greenway meeting** - Monday, February 7 @6:30pm
- **Local Benevolence offering** - Sunday, February 20
- **Lois Circle** - *Cancelled* for February

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February Sundays at EPC
ALL SERVICES ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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MLK & Victims of Racial Violence Displays

To commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 17, 2022, and Black History Month, February 2022, the EPC Social Justice Committee invites you to participate in a memorial display honoring MLK and those who have died due to racial violence. We will have phrases from his speeches and letters on display and invite you and the community to enrich the display by adding additional names, flowers, and ribbons. We will provide black, red, white and green ribbons that you may tie on the display. These symbolize the darkness of the past, the blood that was shed, the peaceful force of change, and hope for the future. We hope you will join us in this commemoration in the coming days.

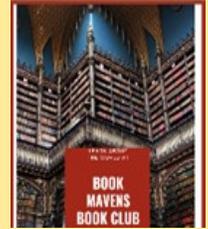
Thank you!

Christian Education News

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Book Mavens Book Club: 2021 Recap

2021 was the second year of Emmanuel's intergenerational Book Club, the Book Mavens, a group of youth and adults who read and discuss books together. Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, Book Mavens had two youth and eight adults participate in 2021. See the full 2021 Book Mavens book list online at their webpage <https://emmanuelpc.org/bookclub/>.



Book Mavens shared their thoughts on their 2021 books by responding to these questions: What was a book that someone else in Book Club chose that you enjoyed reading? What did you enjoy about the book?

- One of my favorite books that we read this year was All Thirteen. I liked how it told interesting information about a true event and included a lot of facts about Thailand. I learned a lot from reading it. This is a great book and I really enjoyed reading & discussing All Thirteen. -Caroline L.
- March:Book 3 is a fitting conclusion to the March trilogy. It's a perfect view into the era in which it takes place.-John G.F.
- I liked All Thirteen, because it was exciting and scary and heart-wrenching as we lived through the feelings of the boys on a soccer team who were trapped in a cave in Thailand for 18 days as well as the struggles of the people of the international community who worked so hard to rescue them. It was amazing that expert divers, scientists, farmers, engineers, military, cooks, cleaners, politicians worked all together at great risk to themselves and their livelihoods to complete this task to save the lives of these boys and their coach. And we learned a bit about Thai culture and Buddhism along the way. -Ken R.
- Swing it, Sunny. We could identify with Sunny's life lessons about transition, love, acceptance, and finding what you love to do! -Pat W.
- Out of My Mind. Because I learned so much about the struggles of disabled children, and the people who work with them every day! We are all human and children of God! :-)-John M.F.
- I really enjoyed reading Tuck Everlasting. The story was captivating, and the author beautifully described a world that I could see in my mind's eye.-Leah W.

Group Gatherings Schedule for February

Emmanuel group gatherings are currently online due to the high number of COVID cases in our county. 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

8:45 AM Keys to the Bible class (virtual) meets for Bible study. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright's Matthew for Everyone resource.

11:30 AM Fellowship Time (virtual). Emmanuel community meets online following virtual worship to check-in with one another and share prayer concerns.

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 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study (virtual). This group meets online weekly to discuss the previous Sunday's worship texts. Study materials are also available to use at home for individual study; contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to receive them.

Saturday's

11 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) meets to read and discuss books. They reconvene for weekly meetings after the holidays on January 8. Books are appropriate for ages 11+, and the group includes interested adults. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included.



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. 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.

USHERS, LITURGISTS AND SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

Since we have resumed our regular worship services, we need all of the above for each Sunday. Please contact Jayne Johnson for ushers and liturgists to sign up at Enyaj@me.com.

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 Christine 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.

Most importantly friends, hear the reassurance from Genesis 26: 24 which is echoed in the Gospel: "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your dependents for the sake of my servant Abraham."



Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship
Monday, February 21, 2022
6:30 p.m.
La Hacienda Restaurant
5250 TX-121
Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information contact:
Tonia Thompson

Lois Circle
CANCELLED

Finance:

December Income:	\$60,323.92
December Expense:	\$24,127.36

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

Learned of committee assignments of elders-elect as follows:

Molly Park - Christian Education

John Stocking - Evangelism

James Taylor - Finance and Stewardship

Pat Wiegand - Mission and Social Justice

Was informed of new COM contact, The Reverend Jake Clawson (Trinity Presbyterian, Flower Mound)

Discussed being proactive after the Congregation Beth Israel hostage situations and received links to resources for congregations seeking knowledge and preparation for violent events

Set a proposed date to reschedule the second meeting of session with staff from Project Regeneration

Voted to postpone February Communion until the first Sunday when the congregation has returned to the Sanctuary and it is safe to unmask.

Rescheduled Ordination/Installation of Officers until the first Sunday when the congregation has returned to the Sanctuary

Approved moving \$1,000 from the Pandemic Fund to the Vaccine Clinic Fund, noting that the next two clinics are scheduled for January 29th and February 19th

Voted to accept changes to the 2022 budget resulting from updating the A/C Maintenance account from \$1,300 to \$1,600 to cover inspection of all CE and main building units

Was reminded that Local Benevolence Special Offering will be collected on February 20th

Voted to take \$500/month from the Local Benevolence Fund over the next four months to donate to NEED to replenish perishable food as well as personal care items

Voted to move \$7,000 from Unrestricted Memorials to the PNC fund

Elected Kristin Hartwell and Laura Mahon as commissioners to the February 12th Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery

Elected Pat Wiegand to serve as second elder to the 2022 Nominating Committee, to be moderated by Scott Keyes

Was informed that expenses for 2021 exceeded income by \$4,341.97, rather than by the \$10,232 amount projected

LECTIONARY

02/06 Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13); Ps 138;
1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

02/13 Jer. 17:5-10; Ps. 1;
1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

02/20 Gen. 45:3-11, 15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

02/27 Ex. 34:29-35; Ps. 99;
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

BIRTHDAYS

02/05 Ken Richardson

02/06 Helen Thompson

02/08 Ruth Stutts

02/10 Margaret Bonner

02/12 Brett Todd

02/14 Angella Takomana

02/16 Yvonne Turner

02/20 Ray Karriker

02/22 Louise McMillen

02/23 Barbara Edwards

02/24 Mary Ann Reed

02/25 Joyce Morris

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, 7:00 p.m.)

Happy Hands
(Will meet on an as-needed basis)

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