

THE MESSENGER



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vaccine Clinic - Saturday, January 8, 4:15-6:15pm at Greenway Church - Pfizer, Moderna, J&J vaccines--boosters, 1st and 2nd shots for kids and adults

MLK Day of Service - Monday, January 17, 9am - 1pm - We will fix up homes in the Greenway neighborhood. Contact Ken: 817-897-6361 (leave message) if your home needs maintenance.

Annual Congregation Meeting - Sunday, January 30, 2022

NEED - Monday, January 31, 2022
10:00 am - 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

We always need volunteers!

January 2022

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

10:00am Worship (Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study (Tuesdays)

2701 Harwood Rd.
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emmanuelpc.org

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Wall of Remembrance: Giving thanks and praying for comfort

Emmanuel's CE committee sponsored a Wall of Remembrance throughout December. People from Emmanuel and from the community wrote names of people they are grieving and miss onto stars and attached them to one of our two Wall of Remembrance displays (near the sanctuary doors and the walking path). Below are the names people wrote. Please give thanks for their lives and offer prayers of comfort for people who are grieving their deaths and who miss their presence.



Bill Adams	Grampa Frank	Jerrye McDonald
Brent Adams	Conrad Fruehan	Gwynn McGregor
Lara Blevins	M. "Bud" Harris	Bud & Rita Merritt
Grandpa Bob	Charles Hartwell Sr.	Papa
Arlene Caldwell	Grandma Hurtik	Carol Sieverling
David Caldwell	Gerti Itin-Kneusel	Terence
Cathy & Richard Ciemnolonski	James (age 7)	Tutu
Julie Ciera	Bernece Karriker	JoAnn Wagner
Lewis Crill	Larry	Bert Widlund
Judy Curtis	Lauren (age 20)	Ruth & Richard Zavala
Daddy	Maryam	



Group Gatherings Schedule for January

Emmanuel offers both in-person and virtual group gatherings. 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 in Room 5 (Library) for Bible study. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright's *Matthew for Everyone* resource.

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."



Fellowship Opportunities

Esther Circle/Happy Hands Update

The Esther Circle has been suspended and Happy Hands will meet on an as-needed basis.

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, January 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Uncle Julio's

1301 William D. Tate Ave.

Grapevine 76051

For more information contact:
Nancy Cable

Lois Circle

Thursday, January 6, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Raven's Grille at Texas Star

1400 Texas Star Pkwy.

Eules 76040

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

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Finance:

November Income: \$87,806.69

November Expense: \$86,688.43

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- Approved the 2022 EPC Membership Roll
- Scheduled the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 30th, following worship
- Voted to add a special offering to the 2022 calendar, Peace and Global Witness, to be collected on June 26th and to approve the 2022 Special Offering calendar
- Approved getting a church credit card for use of Becky Baker, Financial Administrator
- Corrected a bookkeeping error from October and asked the Finance Committee to examine fund balances to determine how to transfer \$9,000 to the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) fund
- Voted to approve the contract extension for The Reverend Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor, effective January 16, 2022
- Approved the 2022 Budget Status Report, noting an anticipated deficit of \$34,832
- Voted to approve extension of the COVID vaccination clinic through March, 2022
- Was informed that Jessica Pereira will begin work as part-time Office Administrator on December 20th
- Approved the 2022 Communion Schedule
- Outgoing elders Neal Morris, Ken Richardson, and Tonia Thompson were thanked for their work on session
- Incoming elders Laura Mahon (second term), Molly Park, John Stocking, James Taylor, and Pat Wiegand were asked what brought them to say "yes" to service at this time
- Approved the 2022 Session meeting schedule and signed up for monthly devotionals
- Session was informed that the church office would be closed December 27th-30th, as well as January 3rd

DEACONS:

Congregational Care: One of the members was taken food after being in the hospital.

Cards: 23 cards were sent out in November.

Meals: There are no meals being sent at this time. However, Linda Villarreal will check on members that have not been to church recently.

Visits and Calls: Wanda Asire was visited.

Hospitality: Hospitality won't occur on 12/26/21 and 1/2/22. The date for ordination of new officers is tentatively set for 1/9/22. Every deacon who isn't new will help that day with hospitality .

LECTIONARY

01/02 Jer. 31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20;
Eph. 1:3-14; John 1: (1-9)10-18;

01/09 Isa. 43:1-7 and Ps. 29; Acts 8: 14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

01/16 Isa. 62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10;
1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

01/23 Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
Per Capita

01/30 Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6;
1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

BIRTHDAYS

01/14 Courtney Loy

01/16 Jeremy Loy

01/03 Susan Stevans

01/31 Aaron Walton

01/06 Kyle Walker

01/27 Val Hannasch

01/29 Claire Morris

01/27 Neal Morris

01/29 Barbara Field

01/01 John Field

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)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Neal McDonald
New Address: 900 Westpark Way
Room 416
Euless, TX 76040

Aaron Walton
5555 Spring Valley Rd.
Dallas, TX 75254

Helen Richardson
New Address: 126 Clay Ave., #1
Lexington, KY 40502

Wanda Asire
Harbor Chase Senior Living, Rm. G-11
700 E. State Hwy. 114
Southlake, TX 76092

Shirley Martin
New Address: Parkwood Assisted Living 2
Room 300, 2600 Parkview Ln., Bedford 76022