

THE MESSENGER



Sips 'n Tidbits

* Farewell reception for Director of Music, Susan LaPointe will be hosted by the choir on Sunday, January 15, 2023 after worship service. You may wish to contribute towards a cash gift. Please hand them to Sheryl Taylor by January 11, 2023. No checks will be accepted.

* The last day to send in your annual committee reports is Friday, January 13, 2023. Kindly email them to Jessica (office@emmanuelpc.org).

January 2023

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

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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Food Collection

Dear Congregants:

The Mission Committee is once again planning a mission opportunity to help our neighbors who are currently experiencing homelessness. We are going to make *Take and Go Lunch Bags for the Presbyterian Night Shelter*.

We will be putting together the lunch bags on Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the church service. We need your help. Below is the list of items that will go into the bags. As you are out shopping, please consider picking up a few of these items to donate.

- **Fruit Cups in pop-top cans or easy open containers**
- **Single serve tuna salads/ other meat products in the foil packs or pop-top cans**
- **Energy bars, protein bars**
- **Beanie Weiner's**
- **Single serve items: cookies, pretzels, cheese crackers**
- **Individual bag of chips**
- **Jell-O /Pudding/ Applesauce**
- **Water in plastic bottles.**

Note the
Date change

We have plastic utensils and napkins at church but will need a volunteer to roll them together.

We already have gallon size freezer bags at the church to put these items in.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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*Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind.*

The church staff would like to take this opportunity to say how thankful we are for the generous Christmas staff gift and goodies. We are truly blessed to be part of such a kind, loving and caring church.





**EPC Winter Mittens and Gloves
Hats and Scarves Drive
December 26, 2022 to Jan 22, 2023**

With visions of winters past
Still fresh in our heads,
Please make a difference
That will certainly last.

To those still in need
Let us be kind,
Bring in some winter accessories,
Whatever you can find.

Winter hats and gloves, and mittens too,
And long warm scarves, those will do!

Gently worn, and new ones too,
Whichever ones you choose
To share the warmth
And spread the Good News.

N.E.E.D, and Presbyterian Night Shelter,
To name just a few
Will benefit from your donation
And be ever grateful to you!

Thank you!
The EPC Mission and Social Justice Committee



Christian Education News

January Community Issues Discussion Group

Online discussions of an issue affecting our community take place **Tuesday evenings January 10th - January 31, 7:30 PM - 8:30**. We'll explore how the issue affects our community, and how God is calling us to respond. **Vote now at this link** for the January community issue discussion topic:

- Food Insecurity
- Mental Health
- Suicide Rate in Young People
- Domestic Violence

You are welcome to participate even if you can't make every session; weekly sessions are September 6 - 27. **To receive the meeting link and weekly discussion materials, register** here.

Group Gatherings Schedule for January

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.
- **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 Community Issues Discussions** (virtual). See above for more information.

Saturday's

- **11:00 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club** meets online to discuss their January book *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults)*, by Bryan Stevenson. For information on how to join, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).





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.





Fellowship

Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, January 16, 2023
6:30 pm

Anna's Mexican Grill
1009 Cheek Sparger Rd # 122
Colleyville TX

For more information contact:
Jayne Johnson
972-571-1134

Lois Circle

Thursday, January 5, 2023
1:00 pm

Cotton Patch Café,
4020 William D. Tate,
Grapevine 76051

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

Board and Committee Reports

Approved proposed session meeting dates for 2023

Approved examination of new elders Katie Phillips, Jayne Johnson, and Neal Morris, as well as continuing elder Mary Ann Reed, and new deacon Molly Bolles; granted privilege of the floor to elders-elect

Voted to move January Communion from January 1st to January 8th

Approved the membership roll for 2022 (93 members)

Scheduled ordination/installation of new officers for January 8th during worship

Approved congregational meeting for January 8th following worship to approve revised Bylaws

Scheduled Annual Meeting of the Congregation for January 29, 2023, following worship

Learned that the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is finishing its work on the Mission Information Form (MIF)

Received nomination of James Fisk and elected him as Treasurer for 2023

Received a report on the November 12th hybrid Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery at NorthPark Church, Dallas, from commissioners John Stocking and Pat Wiegand

Received draft of revised Manual of Organization

Approved annual charter agreement between Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and Cub Scout Pack 254

Approved contract extension with Kyle Walker as Transitional Pastor, effective January 16, 2023, for 6 months

Approved the projected budget for 2023

Committee moderators were reminded to send write-ups for 2022 activities to Jessica for the Annual Meeting

Voted to require all officers and staff to complete Praesidium's online training to protect youth and vulnerable adults entitled Keeping Your Church Safe

Examined three new elders and one of the two new deacons for 2023

Finance:

November Income: 37, 668.57

November Expense: 18, 495.26



LECTIONARY

1/1 Isa. 63:7-9; Matt 2:13-2

1/8 Isa. 42:1-9; Matt 3:13-17

1/15 Isa. 49:1-7; John 1:29-42

1/22 Isa. 9:1-4; Matt 4:12-23

1/29 Ps. 15; Matt 5:1-12

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Birthdays

John Field 01/01

Kyle Walker 01/06

Susan Stevens 01/13

Courtney Loy 01/14

Felix Kasonga 01 /16

Jeremy Loy 01/16

Neal Morris 01/27

Val Hannasch 01/27

Barbara Field 01/29

Claire Morris 01/29

Aaron Walton 01/31

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

