



THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 2024

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CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrate the Gifts of The Maji

this January 6, 2024 through January 27, 2024.

Please bring your heartfelt gifts of warm, gently used, or new Coats, Socks, Scarves, Mittens, Hats and Gloves to clothe and shield our less-fortunate neighbors from the blast of upcoming cold, wintry winds. These will be just as valuable as the Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh offered by the Three Maji.

The Northeast Emergency Distribution Center (N.E.E.D.) on Bedford Road, and the Community Crossroads Center in Fort Worth (an outreach program of The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth), will gladly accept your donations.

While The Three Maji traveled from Arabia/Ethiopia, Persia, and India, we can share the new-born Christ Child's love with others right here at home.

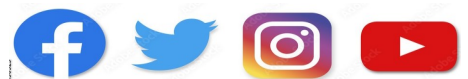
Thank you for sharing your gifts.

The Mission Social Justice Committee
January 2024



KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
(hybrid):
SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

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



COMMUNITY ISSUES CLASS: CREATION CARE STUDY starts November 12

The Community Issues Class begins meeting in-person on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month after worship starting November 12th in Room 4. Based on input from interested participants, the class will discuss Creation Care for November - January. See class discussion details on the flier below. Visitors are welcome to participate. To be added to the class email list, contact Molly Bolles.

Creation Care Study

Date	Activity	Description	Materials
11/12	Learn: What is Creation Care?	We will be speaking about the concept of creation care.	-Yourself -Soup (Provided by Melissa Durkee)
11/26	Learn: Science and Data about Creation Care	We will dive into the science of why taking care of our environment is important.	-Yourself -Sandwich Bar (Provided by Molly)
12/10	Plan: What can we do?	What can we as Emmanuel do to help with this in our community?	-Yourself -Ideas -Coffee and Hot Cocoa
12/24	Act: What will we do?	What are we as Emmanuel going to do for the environment?	-Yourself -Ready to make decisions -Snacks
1/14	Do: Incorporate into the community	Do what we said we would.	-Yourself and any materials we need
1/28	Do: Incorporate into the community	Continue doing what we said we would do.	-Yourself and any materials we need

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*(visit our website
www.emmanuelpc.org for
more calendar listings)*

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF THE MAJI

January 6-24, 2024
(refer page 1)

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Sunday, January 21,
2024

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28,
2024

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2024

*Organ Recital with
Aaron Walton*
Saturday, April 27
4 pm



SIPS 'N TIDBITS



Ever wondered who would compile the bulletins every week? Thank you, Susan Stevens, our lovely church member, who without fail and zero complaints, volunteers to compile all the bulletins, inserts and more each week. I wouldn't have done it with out you.

-Jessica Pereira
Office Administrator



CONCERTS ON HARWOOD

*A Classical Music Concert Series
Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors*

Thank you for making season 2023 of CONCERTS ON HARWOOD a successful series. Your presence and donations meant a lot. Special thanks to Tak Yan Yeung, our amazing organist, for spearheading these concerts.

Announcing CONCERTS ON HARWOOD Season 2024:

- ⇒ Organ recital with Aaron Walton: April 27
- ⇒ Trumpet recital with Christopher A. Heldt: Summer 2024
- ⇒ Flute Recital with Mehrdad Gholami: September 14
- ⇒ Soprano Recital with Jung-Ah Chou: Fall 2024

Check out our social media pages - Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) for photos.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The new year is a great time to begin regularly participating in a group study! Emmanuel offers multiple options, including groups who meet in-person after worship on Sundays and groups meeting virtually on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. See the meeting details and contact information below. We invite you to continue to grow in discipleship through participation in a group study.

Regular 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 gatherings is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM: Keys to the Bible class (hybrid) meets for Bible study in Room 5 and online following worship. The class is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Ray Karriker (rkarriker@gmail.com) for the link to join virtually.

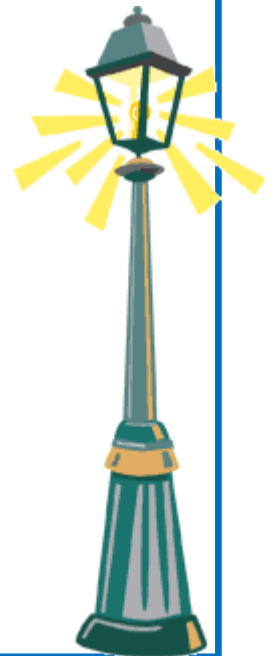
11:15 AM: Community Issues discussion (in-person) meets after worship on January 14 and January 28 and is led by Molly Bolles. The group is discussing Creation Care and further steps we can take in our community to both receive care from and give care to creation.

4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adult sponsors to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

7:00 PM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club meet online to discuss their January book *Front Desk*, by Kelly Yang, with Caroline Loy leading. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study on Worship Scriptures (virtual). This study group discusses the biblical texts that are used in the next Sunday's worship service, with leadership rotating among the group. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).



BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS- Session Committee Report

Ratified December 11th email vote to call a congregational meeting for December 24th to receive the report from the congregational Nominating Committee

Approved session meeting dates for 2024

Approved 2023 membership roll

Noted that Whitney Wilkinson Arreche will be on vacation from December 25th – January 4th with Lucia Kremzar preaching on December 31st

Learned that officer training is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th at 9:00 am

Was informed that ordination and installation of officers is scheduled for January 24, 2024

Heard that theme for Lent will be enjoy Lent: Fasting from fear and feasting on joy, beginning with the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th

Received a report from commissioners Jayne Johnson and John Stocking on the Called Zoom Meeting of Grace Presbytery on December 7th

Elected Sheryl Taylor Clerk of Session and Nancy Cable Treasurer for 2024

Voted to call the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 28, 2024, with deadline for committee reports for the booklet scheduled for January 8th

Approved the Special Offerings for 2024 and the 2024 budget, version 4

Approved the 2024 Communion dates

Noted that there will be a coat, hat, gloves, and socks drive in January, in conjunction with Epiphany

Noted that Mavens Book Club has moved its meetings to Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM and that advent bags were delivered to homebound members and friends

It was reported that 162 people attended Concert Bells Concert on Harwood December 5th

Thanked Rick Thompson for preparing the requested fund accounts by committee listing

Was reminded of the 6:8 Project annual Christmas party scheduled for December 23rd and learned that 8 individuals traveled to Itasca to deliver gifts on December 9th





We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time:

- ◆ You may scan the QR code above right or on the church bulletin or
- ◆ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service, or
- ◆ Send via email to 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!

WANT TO HOST HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS?

A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would like an opportunity to host hospitality on Sundays after worship. It doesn't need to be fancy. If you would be willing to coordinate some form of treat to congregants after worship, please consider adopting a Sunday.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Helen Sink .



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!!



Ruth Fellowship

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

**Monday, January 15, 2024
6:30 pm**

Brio Italian Grill
1431 Plaza Pl
Southlake TX 76092

**For more information contact:
Katie Phillips: 817-300-8254**

Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 1 pm)

**Thursday, January 4, 2024
1:00 pm**

Cotton Patch
4020 William D. Tate, Grapevine 76051

**For more information contact:
Donna Reeder: 214-537-5464 or
Denise Karriker: 817-723-8665**

Finance:

November Income: \$31,909.76

November Expense: \$38,602.89

BIRTHDAYS

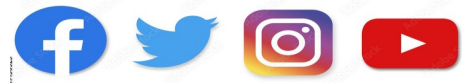
JANUARY
Birthdays

- John Field 01/01
- Whitney Wilkinson Arreche 01/04
- 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



Sunday bulletins are always printed on Wednesday mornings. It goes through a deep proof-reading by the Pastor, Director of Music and Organist prior to printing.

To submit newsletter articles, events or any other news,
please email office@emmanuelpc.org
by the fourth Sunday of each month.



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