



THE MESSENGER



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A REFRESHING SUMMER AT EPC

EPC
MOVIE NIGHT

JULY 10
 6:30-9 PM

FREE ENTRY ~ LOCATED IN SORELLE HALL ~ POPCORN AND SWEETS PROVIDED



KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
 (in-person):
 SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

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

[Vote here](#) to choose the movie we'll watch or in the ballot box found in the Narthex.

YOUR CALENDARS

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

VBS

July 29-30

More details to follow

REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday, August 8

9:30 am-11 am

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9

During 10 am Worship

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 9

After Worship

(*End of the Summer
celebration*)



SIPS 'N TIDBITS

STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER

A REFRESHING SUMMER AT EPC

The VBS Planning Team has decided to have VBS on July 29 and July 30 from 9 AM-Noon as well as other special events that fit in with our summer theme of relaxing and refreshing:

- * a **Movie night** in SoRelle Hall on July 10 from 6:30-9 PM.

See more details on Christian Education News page

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2026

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

- **Piano Duet**

Michael Schneider and Tak Yan Yeung

Saturday, September 12 at 4 pm

- **Flute Recital**

Mary-Christine Stingley

Saturday, December 5 at 4 pm

These events will take place at 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford TX inside the sanctuary. Admission is free to the public. Donations are appreciated.

Visit our website for more information.

<https://emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Emmanuel's *A Refreshing Summer at EPC!* continues with two events in July:

- **Movie Night** on Friday, July 10 at 6:30 PM. [Vote here](#) to choose the movie we'll watch.
- **Vacation Bible School** July 29 – July 30 from 9 AM – Noon. All ages are welcome; participants under age 9 need an adult with them at VBS.

We hope you will join us for these relaxing and renewing events!

Christian Ed Committee invites you to:

A REFRESHING SUMMER AT EPC

- Events -

MOVIE NIGHT + POPCORN / ICE CREAM (SORELLE)
7/10 6:30-9 PM
Movie selection to be announced later

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (SANCTUARY)
7/29 + 7/30, 9 AM-NOON
Bible studies, spa stations, games, art, + more

I WILL REFRESH TIRED BODIES - *Jeremiah 31:25*
I WILL REFRESH TIRED SOULS

Group Gatherings Schedule for July

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). For more information on how to participate, [contact the church office](#).

July's weekly group gathering schedule is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM:

- **Keys to the Bible Class** (in-person). Meets weekly in Room 4. They are concluding their study of the Book of Acts and will soon begin studying the Book of Hebrews. Contact [John Stocking](#) for more information.

Youth Check-in Sunday afternoon:

- **Sunday, June 12 at 4 PM (online)** Youth and adult sponsors meet online to share prayer concerns and a devotional.

Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt, with Caroline Loy leading starting July 12th. To participate, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Worship Scripture Discussion (virtual)**. Online discussion of the Scriptures for the next Sunday's worship. Contact Leah Wyckoff (<mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net>) to receive the study emails and meeting link.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Session Committee Report

- Learned that the same four courses, which have been updated by Praesidium Academy, need to be completed by the end of August for all officers, staff, and childcare workers, as required by the church's insurance company.
- Was reminded that Whitney will be on Continuing Education leave June 25-28 and that Maria Shupe of PCHAS will preach June 28th
- Learned that Whitney will take vacation July 23-26, with Julie Adkins preaching on July 26th
- Learned of Whitney's article Benedictory in the June issue of Presbyterian Outlook
- Was made aware that Molly Bolles will preach August 2nd
- Was informed that Whitney will present at the PCUSA Conference on Christian Zionism August 6-8
- Voted to instruct Personnel Committee to give Childcare Worker Codi Gragg 30 days of paid medical leave, effective June 21, 2026
- Learned that the initial meeting of the Manual of Operations Task Force will take place the week of June 22nd
- Learned that the initial meeting of the Antiracism Covenant Task Force will take place the first half of July
- Session reviewed the church's insurance policy with Insurance Board for 2026, as provided to session at the May meeting
- Learned that a White Elephant Bingo and Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 9th
- Was informed that additional tables for the November craft fair will be borrowed from Calvary Lutheran and a donation made to that church
- Was reminded that VBS is being held July 29th and 30th, with a Movie Night July 10th, following the theme of a refreshing summer
- Approved, with one abstention, the use of the building by Heather Reddick, to include SoRelle Hall, kitchen, both classrooms and the Sanctuary on Friday, September 18th, from 8 AM to 11 PM and Saturday, September 19th, from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, for a Life Event workshop at a cost of \$800
- Learned that the current deficit is \$7,695,52
- Closed with a commissioning prayer for Sheryl Taylor who is going as a Grace Presbytery commissioner to the 227th General Assembly in Milwaukee



Lois Circle
(1st Thursday of each month, 12 pm)

Thursday, July 2

Lazy Dog
 2521 State Highway 121
 Euless TX 76039

For more information contact:
Donna R: xxx-xxx-5464 or
Denise K: xxx-xxx-8665



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

Monday, July 20

Spring Creek BBQ
 1509 Airport Fwy
 Bedford

For more information contact:
Tonia T.: xxx-xxx-2821

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

BIRTHDAYS



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| Becky B | 07/01 |
| Abigail D. | 07/03 |
| Mary J H. | 07/26 |
| Randy M. | 07/01 |
| Keith R. | 07/20 |
| Charlie S. | 07/17 |

6:8 PROJECT

Summer Lunch Program
June through August

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11am-1 pm
 at 1912 Portland at the 6:8 house.
Ages 18 and under.
 See flyer on Narthex table.



Wishing you a stars-and-stripes-filled
 celebration!
 Have a safe and happy Independence Day



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time. Please choose one.

- ◆ You may scan the QR code on the right or on the church bulletin
- ◆ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service
- ◆ 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!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Do you have gifts for hospitality and welcoming people? Emmanuel's Deacons are looking for volunteers to host refreshments after worship on a Summer Sunday. Host by yourself or partner with a friend or family member, whatever works for you. Sunday Hospitality hosting involves about 20 minutes of setup before worship, then serving food after worship and cleaning up. We have some treats on-hand in the fellowship hall freezer and funds are available to reimburse you for food purchased.

To sign up, contact B. Edwards or write your name on the Sunday Hospitality schedule in the narthex. Thank you for considering it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. Our Child Protection Policy requires no less than 2 adults in the nursery with the children. This does not have to be on a regular basis but will give most of you a chance to enjoy being with the children.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and the CE committee would appreciate the extra help. What a wonderful way to use your talents at Emmanuel!

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken R. to participate in a training session.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at [Sign Up Genius](#). One of the counters should be an ELDER and the other person a Volunteer. Thank you for volunteering!!

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