

THE MESSENGER

**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 Chuck or Christine to begin the process. (817-545-0251 and finance@emmanuelpc.org or pastor-chuck@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.

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Summer Sundays at EPC
ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE
AT:
emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship
 (Sundays)

7:00pm Bible Study
 (Tuesdays)

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

While we are not able to gather in-person for Church School classes during the COVID-19 pandemic, we do have several ways to study and to gather while remaining at a physical distance.

Online resources are available for Faith Formation in the Home. Illustrated Ministry, the ministry partner who provides our children's bulletins, is providing a free weekly packet of materials for all ages to use at home. We include the links to these resources each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Update emails under the heading Faith Formation at Home. Weekly online resources include:

A two-page devotional based on one of Sunday's biblical texts with reflection questions.

A Bible story coloring page

Children's bulletin, based on Sunday's Scriptures

Other activities, such as illustrated prayers and card illustrations to color and send

Virtual gatherings are another option for study, fellowship, and discussion. Several weekly virtual gatherings are taking place. The meeting links and phone numbers are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email:

Children and Youth gather online with Pastor Chuck on Friday's at 3:30 PM. To join, email pastor-chuck@emmanuelpc.org for the meeting link.

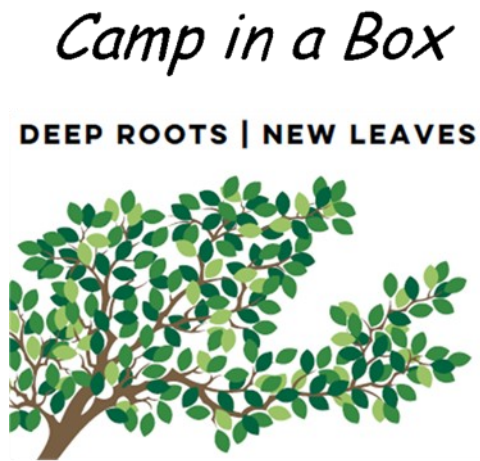
Fellowship Hour is open to everyone and takes place at 11 AM on Sunday. Between 15-20 people participate each week and each person in the meeting is given the opportunity to check in and share joys and concerns with the group. The meeting link

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7 PM online each Tuesday and discusses one of the passages from the previous Sunday's worship. The meeting link is in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email or you can email Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Congratulations to our 2020 Trinity High School Graduate, Joyce!

We are proud of Joyce, and had a great time celebrating her graduation with a drive-by event in the parking lot on May 30th. Many thanks to everyone who came and showed their support!





Camp in a Box Coming in July!

Emmanuel is excited to make Camp in a Box kits available to our families with children and youth in July! Two Presbyterian camps, Ferncliff in Arkansas and Camp Gilmont in east Texas, partnered together with Grace Presbytery to develop Camp in a Box, which is designed to be used at home.

Each Camp in a Box provides **five days of activities that are screen-free, encourage outdoor activity, and minimize demands on parents.** The Camp in a Box curriculum is **Deep Roots, New Leaves.** In their weeklong experience, at-home campers will discover that God is always doing a new thing. While God offers stability and safety, like a tree's deep roots, God is also working for good in each new moment, like a tree sprouting new leaves.

Emmanuel's Christian Education Committee is contacting our families to schedule a Camp in a Box week in July. The kids will receive their boxes and have daily group videocalls to check-in and reflect together on the activities.

Additionally, Emmanuel's Pentecost Offering funds designated for The 6:8 Project were used to purchase six Camp in a Box kits for Greenway Neighborhood families.



Ruth Fellowship (Cancelled)

Lois Circle (Cancelled)

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- Learned that the Brady-Ellis special offering received \$1,450 and that the Pentecost special offering raised \$825.
- Was informed that the new copier and software have been installed.
- Learned that office staff are now working regular hours in the office Monday - Wednesday and from home on Thursday and Friday, as needed, with Robin back on the payroll, effective June 1st.
- Was informed that Susan LaPointe attended Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) virtual conference as part of her continuing education and that the committee voted to join PAM in 2021 at either a single or institutional membership, which will need to be included in the 2021 budget.
- Learned that Parking Lot Bingo went well and might be repeated in the fall.
- Heard about tentative plans for an outside concert in July by a traveling youth choir from another Presbyterian church, pending approval of specifics.
- Received an update on efforts to determine source of sprinkler system leak and conversations with consultants on proposed new configuration of lights in the sanctuary.
- Voted to delay the EPC yard sale until the fall, date TBD, and to remove and relocate the contents of Gracie (the parking lot module) in order for it to be returned.
- Learned that the Habitat for Humanity House has been completed and that Emmanuel volunteers will work at NEED June 29th and 30th.
- Was informed that the Nominating Committee will assemble to start their work soon.
- Heard that the COVID-19 task group recommends continuing online worship, fellowship and meetings at this time, based on County Health Department and CDC recommendations. They are working on a phasing-in plan and criteria for reopening to be presented at a later date.
- Session voted to accept the six-month contract renewal with Kids' Kampus, at the same terms, effective July 1st, as negotiated by the preschool and the Facilities Committee.

Finance:

May Income:	\$24,394.41
May Expense:	\$22,930.28
Pentecost Offering:	\$ 825.00
Brady-Ellis Offering:	\$ 1,450.00

LECTIONARY

07/05: Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psa. 45:10-17 or Song of Sol. 28-13; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

07/12: Gen. 25:19-34; Psa. 119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

07/19: Gen. 28:10-19a; Psa. 139:1-12, 23-24; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

07/26: Gen. 29:15-28; Psa. 105:1-11, 45b or Psa. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Randy Moriak

07/02 Don Asire

07/03 Abigail Durkee

07/03 Don Wilson

07/20 Keith Royal

07/26 Mary J. Horr

07/27 Andy LeCocq

CIRCLES

Lois Circle (SUSPENDED)

Esther Circle (SUSPENDED).
(Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)

Ruth Fellowship's (SUSPENDED)

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