



THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2026



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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 two other special events that fit in with our summer theme of relaxing and refreshing:

- * a gathering in **Chisholm Park** on June 13 from 9-10:30 AM
- * a **Movie night** in SoRelle Hall on July 10 from 6:30-9 PM.

See more details on Christian Education News page

EPC PROVIDES BREAKFAST ON HABITAT WORKDAY

June 19

On June 19, EPC will provide breakfast for Habitat workers. We are asking the congregation for small snack size nuts for protein, Belvita breakfast bars, protein bar and Gatorade's to serve 30 workers. Please contact Kirsten S. or Joyce M. for more information.



KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS

(in-person):

SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):

TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

YOUR CALENDARS

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

MORANCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

June 5-7

NATURE IN CHISHOLM PARK

Saturday, June 13

9-10:30 am

USHER TRAINING

Sunday, June 14

11 am—Noon

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

June 19

8-9am

EPC provides breakfast

PNS LUNCH BAG ASSEMBLY

Sunday, June 28

After Worship

VBS

July 29-30

More details to follow

SIPS 'N TIDBITS

Habitat workdays: *May 29, 30; June 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20;* 7am to 1pm.

Habitat Breakfast: *Friday June 19;* See page 1 for details.

Summer Lunch Program June through August: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11am-1 pm. Starting June 8 at 1912 Portland at the 6:8 house. Ages 18 and under. See flyer in Narthex table.



**HAPPY
SMILES!!!**

Here is a photo of the Ruth Fellowship ladies having dinner at Big Fish Seafood Grill & Bar restaurant in Grapevine last month.

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 Christian Education Committee invites you to *A Refreshing Summer at EPC!* Join us for special all-ages events throughout the summer centered on relaxing and refreshing ourselves in community, including a Chisholm Park meet-up, movie night, and Intergenerational VBS.

Christian Ed Committee invites you to:

A REFRESHING SUMMER AT EPC

- Events -

ENJOY NATURE IN CHISHOLM PARK
6/13 9-10:30 AM
Bird watching, fishing, food, fellowship

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

You're invited to spend a relaxing morning with EPC at

Chisholm Park

(2200 Norwood Drive, Hurst, TX 76054)

June 13

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Activities Include:

Fishing
Poles and worms provided. *Sign up in the Narthex* if you are planning to fish so we can get you a fishing license.

Food & Fellowship
Snacks and ice provided. Bring your own reusable water bottle, outdoor chair, and sunscreen/hat/sunglasses.

Bird Watching
Bring your own binoculars; enjoy the beauty of nature.



Group Gatherings Schedule for June

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](#).

June'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 14 at 2:30 PM (in-person)** In-person Local Bookstore Train Adventure with the Book Mavens.

Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) are finishing *Black Birds in the Sky*, by Brandy Colbert, with Leah Wyckoff leading on June 7th and going on a Local Bookstore Train Adventure on June 14th. 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

- Session welcomed Linda Villarreal from the Board of Deacons
- Whitney will be on vacation June 4-12, with Lucia Kremzar preaching June 7th
- Whitney will be taking continuing education June 25-28, with Maria Shupe preaching
- Whitney invited session to attend a webinar on Thursday, June 18th, from 6-7:30 PM on Supporting the Safety and Welfare of Migrants
- Whitney shared *Presbyterian Outlook's* GA Guide
- Whitney shared that she has completed her service to the wider church as President of U-Kirk SMU and on an ecumenical committee
- Manual of Organization task force will begin its work soon
- Session learned that four of the eight art prints from Wanda Asire's estate have been purchased by members and the remainder will be advertised soon
- Chris Cable has not heard yet which modules need to be completed on Praesidium Training
- Elaine, Sheryl, and James volunteered to serve on the Antiracism Covenant Task Force beginning in July; Whitney will ask for volunteers from the congregation
- Session discussed at length the Special Needs Event Proposal from Sandy Russell of The Clubhouse For Special Needs to hold a one-day seminar in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 26th. Given the tone of the event, session voted unanimously to reject the proposal and to seek other ways to partner with The Clubhouse, such as CE events, Trunk or Treat, etc.
- Session reviewed the request to place a memorial stone in memory of John Phillips in the flower bed outside SoRelle Hall and voted to work with Facilities Committee to explore creating of a memorial garden in the courtyard, modeled after the bricks at St. Philip Presbyterian and other churches
- Learned that Book Mavens are reading *Black Birds in the Sky* about the Tulsa Race Massacre
- Was made aware that Christian Education Committee approved the Child Intake Form that collects important information from parents
- Was reminded that VSB is scheduled for July 29th and 30th
- Voted to accept the Woody Woods Plumbing bid to resolve the plumbing issues in the Main building
- Voted to move the remaining balances of \$565.88 in the Parking Lot Fund and \$577.95 in the Building Renovation Fund to the Maintenance Fund
- Was informed that the current budget deficit is \$20,367.63 and that the General Fund Balance is around \$55,000, which covers approximately 1.5 months of expenses
- Learned that the proposed theme for the 2027 Stewardship campaign is "Emmanuel Dream" with the kick-off luncheon October 11th and Dedication Sunday November 8th
- Voted to use these 5 balance sheet funds to cover the cost of upcoming plumbing expenses:
 - * \$ 6,098.33 Balance of Maintenance Fund
 - * \$ 4,564.63 Balance of Pastor Nominating Fund
 - * \$ 565.88 Balance of Parking Lot Repair Fund
 - * \$12,277.16 Balance of Memorial Funds, Unrestricted
 - \$24,083.95 Total Funds Available - If more money is needed, the matter will be brought back to session
- Session received information on the renewal package from the Insurance Board for 2026
- Mission and Social Justice reminded session of the following upcoming events:
 - Tuesday, May 26th Runoff elections
 - Friday, May 29th EPC day at NEED
 - June through August Summer lunch program at 6:8 Project MWF
 - Friday, June 19th Emmanuel provides breakfasts/snacks for Habitat workday
 - Sunday, June 28th Presbyterian Night Shelter lunch bag assembly
- Learned that upcoming Concerts on Harwood are:
 - Sat., Sept. 12th 4:00 PM Piano Duet with Tak and Michael Schneider
 - Sat., Dec. 5th 4:00 PM Flute recital with Mary-Christine Stingley
- Upcoming Outreach events include:
 - Trunk or Treat Oct. 30th 5-7 PM, Craft Fair Nov. 14th 9 AM - 3 PM, Christmas dinner Dec. 10th 5-7 PM
- Worship Committee announced that liturgist training will take place May 31st, following worship, and usher training will take place June 14th, following worship
- Intergenerational worship is scheduled for August 9th⁴



Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 12 pm)

No Lois Circle scheduled for June

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, June 15, 2026

6:30 pm

TBD

For more information contact:

Sue P.: xxx-xxx-0407

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BIRTHDAYS



Linda V. 6/2

Teresa S. 6/6

Kristin P. 6/7

Brayan K. 6/8

Bradi K. 6/9

Molly P. 6/10

Tonia T. 6/12

Briella K. 6/15

Lauren D. 6/19

Scott T. 6/21

Kristin H. 6/23

Caroline L. 6/28

Pat W. 6/30

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



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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