

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.

Most importantly friends, hear the reassurance from Genesis 26: 24 which is echoed in the Gospel: "I am the God of your father Abraham Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your dependents for the sake of my servant Abraham"

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Summer Sundays at EPC
ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE

AT:

emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship

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Dear Emmanuel members and friends,

I hope all of you all are staying safe!

Due to the COVID-19 situation, most of the Habitat work got moved to later in the summer, and also due to the small numbers of volunteers who are able to work with the new safety measures, a lot of the work will be done by contractors.

Here is the signup link for our house -- please sign up now, if you are willing and able to safely work:

<https://trinityhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/presbyterians/>

Our house is still at 1253 New York Avenue, and our family is still the Habimana family. The workdays planned are June 10, 12, 17, 19, 20.

We will not need lunches, because the work times will be 7:15 am - 1:00 pm. Furthermore, due to safety procedures, no shared food will be allowed on site. Individuals are encouraged to bring their own snacks kept in the car for breaks when they are needed. Bottled water will be provided. This is weird for us Presbyterians, but we need to abide by the rules.

There will be a maximum of 10 volunteers and 3 supervisors on site, and also see the other requirements in the enclosed document, such as sanitizing all tools before and after use.

Thanks for your support for this important ministry. See a video here about how Habitat homeowners are dealing with the COVID-19 situation: <https://youtube/Z15hFR2LbY>

Peace and grace,

Ken R

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!





6:8 Project Summer Lunch Program

Provides Take-home Lunches for Greenway Youth.

The 6:8 Project is partnering with Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) via their Emergency Food Program to provide lunches to Greenway Neighborhood children in Fort Worth. This year's lunch program began on May 18th and will continue through the summer. Neighborhood volunteers working with Emmanuel volunteers provide lunches from TAFB for pickup from the driveway of The 6:8 Project house on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Due to COVID-19 health concerns, children must take the lunches home to eat. In June, we will begin providing take-home activities for the children.

In the two weeks of May lunch service, we served 35 children, with an average of around 20 children coming each day to pick up lunches. Many thanks to the Emmanuel congregation for your prayers and your support via the Pentecost Offering!



EPC Yard Sale 2020



Sale date: TBD from **7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Free hotdogs, chips and water bottles will be distributed during lunch to all!

The 2020 plan details this year and how Y-O-U can help!

Details:

1. **“Gracie”** the large storage pod will be set in front parking lot and available for donations starting TBD.

- **Drop-off options:** If you need assistance with unloading your vehicle, please stop by on Wednesday mornings or Sunday mornings (after church ser-

vice). Please have all items packed in closed boxes so we can stack them neatly and mark anything that is fragile. Plastic bags with blankets, towels and soft items are permitted

- If you need assistance with picking up **large items** (furniture, big boxes) please call or text: Jayne Johnson at 972.571.1134. Be sure to indicate in the subject line EPC Yard Sale and identify yourself with a call-back #.

2. **Items to donate this year:** furniture in good condition, lawn & garden items, plants (Yes, a plant-sale again this year! Start your pots, dirt and seeds now!), any household items, pictures, frames, inside/outside decorations, knick-knacks, jewelry, craft and office supplies, holiday items, books, movies, records, DVDs, electronics and computer items, TOYS, games etc. **NO clothes this time please.** P.S. Depending upon donations, a silent auction for ‘VERY Special’ items may occur.

3. Also start collecting grocery sacks, paper bags with handles for merchandise sales and wrapping.

4. **S-p-r-e-a-d the word:** We’re having a Yard sale this year and we need help! Check with your neighbors, friends, family and **EVERYONE** for donations too! Pick up *Help-Us-Help Others* flyer in the Narthex. As you drive around on errands especially on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays: notice who is having an Estate, Garage or Yard Sale. Stop by and say ‘hi!’ and Drop off the flyer with details. This flyer includes an offer for ‘free pickup’ of useable ‘left overs’ AFTER their sale too. A tax-donation receipt is available. Even if they don’t have anything to pick up, INVITE them to stop in and BUY THINGS on April 25th!



Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship (Cancelled)

Lois Circle (Cancelled)

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- ◇ Heard about Parking Lot bingo scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, from 9:30-10:30 AM.
- ◇ Was informed about a drive-by graduation gathering Saturday, May 30th, for Joyce Mulume in the church parking lot at 5:00 P.M.
- ◇ Learned that the church's building insurance carrier is changing from Boenker to The Insurance Board due to lower deductible options. \$450 was received for the Brady-Ellis special offering and \$300 has been received for the Pandemic Fund.
- ◇ Heard about Tuesday night Bible study online at 7:00 P.M.
- ◇ Learned about Camp in a Box for youth in lieu of vacation church school for grades 1-6.
- ◇ Was informed that the Habitat for Humanity build begins June 10th and that EPC serves at Need on May 29th. Emergency Lunch Program at 6:8 House began on May 18th.
- ◇ Learned that the Pentecost service May 31st will include new music by 2 paid accompanists.
- ◇ Received an update on Kids Kampus.
- ◇ Approved a motion from Personnel outlining the bench marks for Robin Lyn Valdez' return, between June 1 - Nov 30, 2020, and goals for each month, as presented by Robin's Team.
- ◇ Named a task group, consisting of Laura Mahon (Moderator), Jayne Johnson, Mary Ann Reed, Ken Richardson, and Sheryl Taylor to address COVID-19 concerns and to create guidelines, criteria and sequencing for appropriate re-opening of the church, facilitated by Chuck Schneider.

Finance:

April Income:	\$15,817.58
April Expense:	\$36,413.94

LECTIONARY

06/07 Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13;
Matt. 28:16-20

06/14: Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2;
12-19; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-
23)

06/21: Gen. 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10; 16-17;
Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

06/28: Gen. 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Rom. 6:12-23;
Matt. 10:40-42

BIRTHDAYS

06/02 Linda Villarreal

06/06 Theresa Stocking

06/07 Kristen Pranke

06/10 Molly Park

06/12 Tonia Thompson

06/19 Lauren Durkee

06/21 Scott Todd

06/23 Kristin Hartwell

06/28 Caroline Loy

06/30 Pat Wiegand

CIRCLES

Lois Circle (SUSPENDED).

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

Ruth Fellowship's (SUSPENDED)