

THE MESSENGER



UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us for the following:

Intergenerational Lenten Worship, Sunday, March 10, 4pm in the Sanctuary

Annual N.E.E.D. Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday, March 21, 1:30pm, Shady Oaks Baptist Church, Hurst

Social Justice Letter Writing Campaign, Sunday March 24

Cowtown Clean Up, Saturday, March 30th

Courtyard Cafe, Saturday, March 31, 4 - 5:30pm, EPC Parking Lot. Animals are invited.

EPC Spring Work Day, Saturday, April 6, 8am - 1pm

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of the Fort Worth Stock Show Sack Lunch Program! 225 people ate lunch and extras have gone to Grace to Go, NEED and hungry students at Tarrant County Community College.

Thank you for your generous support of the Souper Bowl of Caring! \$322.43 went to NEED

Thank you for your generous support of the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser dinner!

We look forward to the Mission Trip to Ferndiff, Arkansas in late June or in July. If you are interested in getting more information, ask Pastor Robin or Kristin Hartwell.

March 2019

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Winter Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School for Children, Youth and Adults

10:00am Worship

2701 Harwood Rd.
Bedford, TX 76021
817-545-0251



2019 Flower Calendar Openings and Payment

We have several openings in our calendar for sanctuary flowers in the last half of 2019: September 8, 15 and 29, and October 27. Please contact Claire Morris at 817-307-5917 or Margaret in the church office, if you would like to sign up for flowers on one of these dates.

Mid Cities Florist charges \$35 for each flower arrangement and waives the delivery fee. The sales tax of \$2.89 is required since the flowers are being purchased by individual members and not by the church.



LENT is a time to repent, to turn away from sin and to turn toward the new life given in Christ Jesus. It is a time to give up whatever gets in the way of our relationship with God and to give more of ourselves as we express the love of God to neighbors.

MARCH

- 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY** Do some research on the season of Lent. Attend the Ash Wednesday service.
- 7 Put a bowl on the kitchen table. Ask your family to drop their extra pocket change in the bowl each day from now until Easter.
- 8 On Fridays during Lent, try fasting for at least one meal to remind you of Christ's sacrifice.
- 9 Find a quiet place to rest and read Psalm 51:1-17 as a prayer of confession.
- 10 Sundays during Lent are known as "little Easters." Go to church. Celebrate with an indoor or outdoor picnic.
- 11 Spend some time alone. Be aware of God's presence.
- 12 On your way to school or work, or in the morning when you wake up - sing a favorite song or hymn about new life in Christ.
- 13 Read Isaiah 53:1-12. What does it mean to you that Jesus suffered for our sins?
- 14 Draw on the sidewalk chalk pictures or words that remind you of Jesus' life and death.
- 15 Fast today—or choose to give up caffeine, including chocolate.
- 16 Take care of children for a single parent who needs some time alone.
- 17 Go to church. Invite someone who needs a friend to go shopping or to a movie.
- 18 Pray: *"God, keep me close to you. Teach me your ways through Jesus Christ. Amen."*
- 19 Plant flowers in honor or memory of someone you love.
- 20 Do chores to raise money to buy a flock of baby chicks from the Heifer Project for a needy family.
- 21 Read. Frederick Buechner's books and Jan Richardson's writings make good Lenten reading.
- 22 Fast today—or give up TV.
- 23 Talk with family or friends about what it means to repent or to return to God.
- 24 Go to church. Plan some quiet time for yourself and resist all the distractions around you.
- 25 Read Romans 5:6-19. Spend some time reflecting on God's awesome gift in Jesus Christ.
- 26 Write a statement of faith. What do you believe about Jesus?
- 27 Take a walk. Spend some time alone with God.
- 28 Pray Psalm 32:1-11. Ask God to direct your life.
- 29 Fast today—or give up fast-food.
- 30 Collect canned goods, and deliver them to a food bank.
- 31 Go to church. Go caroling for Lent. Sing hymns and songs about faith and repentance.

APRIL

- 1 Research local and national charities that might be the recipients of your pocket change. Choose one.
- 2 Pray: *"God, let us live new life, free of sin, through Christ Jesus. Amen."*
- 3 Talk with friends or family about the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- 4 Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:13. Let go of all that keeps your heart from opening wide to God.
- 5 Fast today—or give up sweets.
- 6 Weed your neighbor's garden.
- 7 Go to church. Invite fellowship time with friends and family.
- 8 Read Romans 6:5-11. What does it mean to you to die with Christ? To be alive to God?
- 9 Discuss with a loved one: How is my spirit being renewed in this season of Lent?
- 10 Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on each line. How could praying this prayer seriously and regularly change your life?
- 11 Journal about what it means for you to be united with Christ.
- 12 Fast today—or give up time you would spend on the computer or on video games.
- 13 Make a cross out of wood. Paint the cross or cover it with pictures.

- 14 **PALM SUNDAY** Go to church. Wave palm branches and shout, “*Hosanna!*”
15 Count your pocket change. Give it to the charity you have selected.
16 Visit someone in a hospital, nursing home, or prison.
17 Imagine walking with Jesus. Hear him teach. See him heal. Listen to him say, “*The Son of Man must suffer and die.*”
18 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Attend the Maundy Thursday service. Reflect on Jesus’ words: “*This is my body given for you; this is my blood of the new covenant.*”
19 **GOOD FRIDAY** Attend the Good Friday service. Spend time in silence. Light a candle. Read Mark 14:32-15:47 or Luke 22:39-23:56.
20 Wait. Be in silence. Pray: “*Merciful God, in life and in death, we belong to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*”
21 **EASTER DAY** Celebrate! Shout, “*Christ is risen!*” Joyfully share these words with someone “*Live the new life in Christ!*”



Join us for intergenerational
worship as we begin our journey
through the season of Lent.

Sunday, March 10 at 4pm

A time of scripture, song, and
reflection.

All are encouraged to attend.



Ruth Fellowship Monday, March 18, 7:00pm

Uncle Buck's Brewery
2501 Bass Pro Dr.
Grapevine, TX

For information contact
Tonia Thompson:
817-996-2821

Lois Circle

Thursday, March 7, 1:00pm

Pappadeaux Seafood

2121 Airport Frwy.

Bedford, TX 76021

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale
817-576-3184

Board and Committee Reports

Session:

- Learned that the new church pictorial directory is targeted for release in March.
- Was informed that the church is moving from AT&T to Spectrum internet service the last week of February.
- Approved the transfer of the \$2,605.08 balance in the Electric Sign Fund to the Maintenance Fund.
- Received a report on efforts to restart Family Promise of HEB and to expand the list of host churches, as well as to generate increased interest in the project.
- Received a report from Sheryl Taylor and Tonia Thompson on the February 23rd meeting of Grace Presbytery at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas.
- Discussed food insecurity among students attending Tarrant County College, Northeast and possible ways to help.

Was reminded of these upcoming events:

- * March 6th Ash Wednesday service, 7:00 PM
- * Sunday, March 10th, Lenten Intergenerational/Interactive Worship at 4:00 PM
- * Saturday, March 30th, Cowtown Clean Up
- * Sunday, March 31st, Courtyard Café at 4:00 PM, which will be pet-friendly
- * Sunday, April 7th, Intergenerational Lenten Sunday school with 3 centers.
- * April 24th letter-writing campaign on social justice issues following worship, to include light lunch
- * April 27th Shred Day
- * April 28th outdoor worship, followed by a Bingo/lunch event

Deacons:

- The Board of Deacons voted to approve Ray Karriker as the Moderator for the remainder of 2019.
- The Deacons greatly appreciated Robin's assistance as Temporary Moderator.
- The Card Committee has filled its 2019 calendar with the help of Volunteers Lisa Keyes and Mary Jane Horr.
- Congregational support was offered in the form of greeting cards celebrating birthdays, offering prayers for healing and strength, and sympathy.
- Meals were offered to church members needing assistance.
- Plans for the Fellowship Committee's Annual Ladies Luncheon were completed, and with the assistance of Mary Ann Reed and many others, it will be held on Feb 16, 2019. Donations for N.E.E.D. will be collected.

Finance:

December Income:	\$35,143.07
December Expense:	\$52,813.48
Joy Gift:	\$1,066.45
Christmas Wish List:	\$1,145.00



Church School Class Updates

- Emmanuel Church School classes for all ages meet each Sunday from 8:45 – 9:45 AM.

The **Children's Class** (K-6th grade) meets in the Christian Education wing in Room 104. The Children's Class collected \$322.43 for the Souper Bowl of Caring after worship on February 3rd; these funds will be given to NorthEast Emergency Distribution (NEED) and Tarrant Area Food Bank to address hunger in our community. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Confirmation Class for Youth continues in Room 3, led by Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez. Our confirmand will be confirmed in worship on Sunday, April 14th!

Three Adult Church School classes meet during Church School time and all welcome new participants:

Keys to the Bible meets in Room 5 and is studying King David.

Spiritual Journeys meets in Room 4 and this month they start a new study based on the book *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, by Jonathon Walton.

Thoughtful Christian meets in Fellowship Hall. Their current study is *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* based on the book and DVD by Adam Hamilton, which runs through mid-March

- A special **Church School Gathering** is planned **on Sunday, April 7th** to help us prepare for Holy Week, which begins April 14th. All classes will join together that morning for breakfast at 8:15 AM and then participate in group activities, including a prayer station, a mission/outreach station, and a community art activity. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you regularly participate in a Church School class.

Emmanuel Children and Youth Events & Activities March 2019

Children and Youth Events

Saturday, March 2nd

Youth Train Adventure to Fort Worth

11:45 AM – 2:30 PM

Youth will take the TEXRail Train to downtown Fort Worth to explore the sights and eat lunch. Bring \$10 to cover your train ticket and snacks or souvenirs you want to buy.

Lunch cost will be covered by Youth funds.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) for more information

Friday, March 29 – Sunday, March 31

Kidquake Children's Camp

Camp Glen Lake in Glen Rose

Emmanuel is sending some of our First-Sixth Graders and two adult sponsors to this weekend camp put on by Grace Presbytery. Campers will participate in Bible study, outdoor activities, worship, and a mission project.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)

We encourage you to join us for Church School!

Spiritual Journeys meets in Room 4 on Sundays. We will be starting a new study based on the book, *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in It's World for Our World* by Jonathon Walton on March 3rd.

Intergenerational Lenten Worship

**Sunday, March 10, 4:00pm
in the Sanctuary**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please join the Social Justice Committee on Sunday, March 24, 2019 for a letter writing campaign. This will be a time to contact elected officials about issues that are important to us personally and important to the community. More details to follow.

Please contact Jeremy Loy at jeremydloy@gmail.com for questions.



Andy and I wish to express a huge thank you to all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals. We truly appreciated all the caring that you, our church family, have done for us.

God Bless You,

Andy and Maurine Le Cocq

A CELEBRATION OF GENEROSITY

ALL N.E.E.D. volunteers are cordially invited to attend the

ANNUAL N.E.E.D. MEETING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2019

Time: Noon - 1:30PM

SHADY OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH
1336 CAVENDER DR.
HURST, TX 76053

Pizza
Salad
Lemonade/Tea/Water

Entertainment
Annual Report
Door Prizes

Please RSVP by Monday, March 18 if you plan to attend, by sending an email with your name and number of people attending to needwest@yahoo.com

LECTIONARY

03/03: Exod. 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36(37-43)

03/10: Deut. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

03/17: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

03/24: Isa. 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

03/31: Josh. 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Beverly Ferrandino

03/01 Mike Morris

03/02 Belgrace Kalubi

03/07 Annabel Mahon

03/07 Katherine Mahon

03/09 Blaise Ferrandino

03/12 James Thompson

03/17 Fred Thompson

03/20 John Ferrandino

03/25 Joyce Britton

CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on Thursday, March 7.

Ruth Fellowship meeting is at 7:00pm on Monday, March 18.

Esther Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 9:30am.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Sheryl Taylor:
Delete home phone -817-268-5312
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sherylt@hackberrycreekchurch.com
Delete office phone: 972-869-3920

Wanda Asire:
Change phone to 682-503-6438