

THE MESSENGER



UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

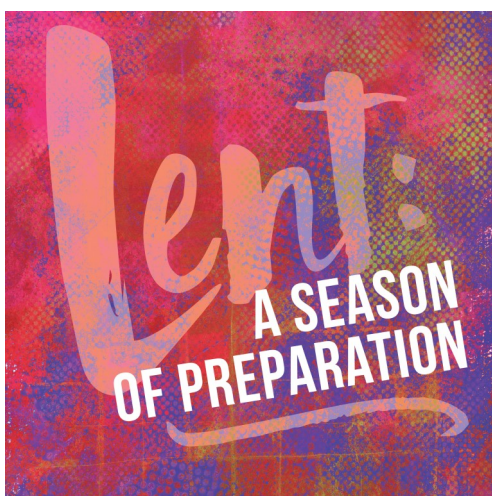
Church School Breakfast and Fellowship, Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

N.E.E.D., Sunday, March 1

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6

Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sunday, March 8 (Spring Forward)

N.E.E.D., Monday, March 30 and March 31, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



March 2020

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Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School

10:00am Worship

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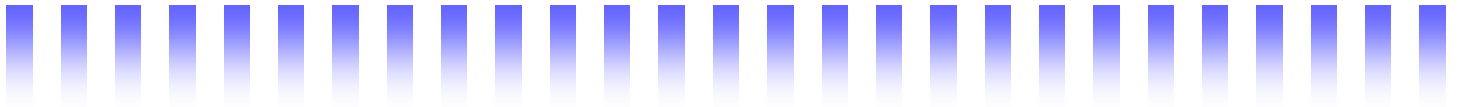
MISSIONS HEADLINES

The Mission Committee has so much to be thankful for this month. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Souper Bowl of Caring. Your generosity will help those in NEED!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Ladies Spring Luncheon. A special thank you to MaryAnn Reed, Linda Villarreal, and others who cooked and baked our delicious food.

Thank you for all the donations to our Sack Lunch project that benefitted the people who were working daily at the Stock Show in Fort Worth.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who was a part of our amazing Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. Thank you to those who helped put together the show, those who donated to the cause, and especially to everyone who attended that evening.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 19, 2020, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Bring your spouses; door prizes, entertainment, pizza & salad buffet, fun & fellowship.

Contact Scott Keyes or Barbara Edwards for more information.



EPC Yard Sale 2020

Sale date: April 25 2020 (last Saturday in April) 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 the first week in March.

- **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

Monday, March 16, 7:00pm

Palios Pizza Café
5712 Colleyville Blvd, #130
Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information contact:
Tonia Thompson
817-996-2821

Lois Circle

Thursday, March 5, 1:00pm

Café Sicilia
1548 Suite M, Bedford Rd.
Bedford, TX
For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023

Men's Dinner

Thursday, March 19, 2020
7:00pm

Board and Committee Reports

Deacons:

- * The Board of Deacons met on Sunday, February 16th.
- * The Annual Ladies Luncheon was held on February 15th. Many thanks to Mary Ann Reed and Linda Villarreal who made this wonderful event possible. Toiletries for N.E.E.D. were also collected.
- * Ruth Zavala's Memorial Service was held on February 8th. Mary Jane, in addition to many EPC members helped make this service very special. The family seemed very pleased with all that EPC had done. Thank you to everyone who brought food that day and who helped provide comfort and support for Ruth's family members.
- * The Card Committee has filled its 2020 calendar with the help of volunteers Lisa Keyes and Pat Wiegand. Cards are mailed to celebrate birthdays, offer prayers in times of healing and strength, and in sympathy for lost loved ones.
- * Meals continue to be planned for Robin and Keith.
- * If any EPC members are in need of transportation assistance to Sunday Worship services, please let Margaret Bonner, our Office Administrator know. The deacons will assist with arranging rides.

Finance:

January Income:	\$30,041.43
January Expense:	\$25,120.40

Christian Education News

Church School Gathering: Entering Lent, Sunday March 1st

The season of Lent begins on February 26th with an Ash Wednesday worship service. **Church School classes begin the season with a Church School Gathering on Sunday, March 1st** that includes:

Hot breakfast and table fellowship in SoRelle Hall, beginning at **8:30 AM**.

Hands-on prayer and reflection stations for all ages (children, youth, and adults) on the themes of Lent from **9:00 AM – 9:45 AM**.

We hope you will join us.

Church School Class Updates

Studies underway continue in most classes, and a new Lenten study begins in the Thoughtful Christian class.

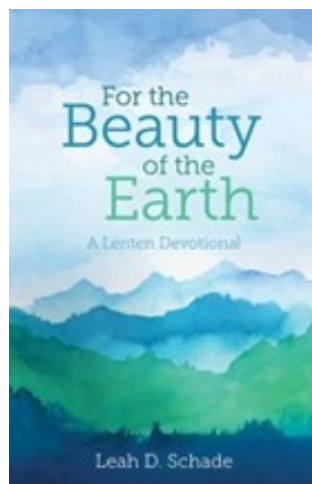
Children and Youth (K-12th) Classes. The children and youth did a close study of our Brief Statement of Faith and the verbs it uses to describe Jesus. In the weeks leading up to Easter, they are exploring Jesus' ministry using the Bible stories that describe what Jesus says and does. **Note: There will be no Church School class for Children and Youth on March 29th**, as they are attending presbytery-sponsored camps for children and youth that weekend.

Keys to the Bible is starting a study of 1 Peter using N.T. Wright's *The Early Christian Letters* as a resource.

Spiritual Journeys. The Spiritual Journey class reads and discusses the lectionary scripture passages used in Sunday morning's worship. The schedule of lectionary passages can be found on the Spiritual Journeys class webpage at:

<https://epcspiritualjourneys.weebly.com>.

The Thoughtful Christian class begins a Lenten study of the devotional book *For the Beauty of the Earth*, by Leah Schade, as the basis for daily prayer and Sunday class discussion. The 40-day Lenten devotional focuses on the splendor of nature, how God nurtures our spirit through creation, and how we can protect our precious home. The class invites you to read the book and pray with them during Lent, even if you aren't able to participate in class discussions. You can engage with the class via their website at <https://thoughtfulchristianclass.weebly.com/>.



Emmanuel Children and Youth

March/April Activities

Emmanuel's Children and Youth are attending Grace Presbytery-sponsored weekend camps in late March.

Many thanks to adult sponsors who give of their time so our Children and Youth can attend:

Melissa Durkee, Ken Richardson, and Leah Wyckoff!

Kidquake Children's Camp

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29

Camp Glen Lake in Glen Rose

First-Fifth Graders and adult sponsors
attend 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)

GAP Weekend Camp

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29

Camp Gilmont in Gilmer

6th- 8th Graders experience the beauty
of the East Texas piney forest,

at this camp put on by Grace Presbytery. Activities include
canoeing, low ropes, hiking and archery).

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)

Service Project: Holy Week & Lunch

Sunday, April 5

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Children and Youth will assist the Worship & Christian Ed Committees
in preparing the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
for Holy Week services and events, followed by lunch.

Contacts: Leah Wyckoff & Claire Morris

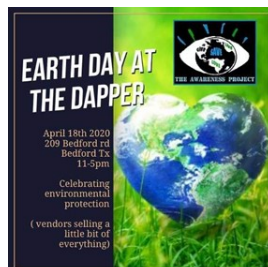
Earth Day at The Dapper

Saturday, April 18

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Children and Youth will assist with Emmanuel's earth-friendly craft-making booth at this event celebrating
the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day,
sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)



LECTIONARY		BIRTHDAYS	
03/01	Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32, Rom. 5:12-19, Matt. 4:1-11	03/01	Beverly Ferrandino
03/08:	Gen. 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17	03/01	Mike Morris
03/15:	Exod. 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Rom. 5:1-11, John 4:5-42	03/02	Christine Shah
03/22:	1 Sam. 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	03/05	Belgrace Kalubi
03/29:	Ezek. 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45	03/07	Annabel Mahon
		03/07	Katherine Mahon
		03/09	Blaise Ferrandino
		03/12	James Thompson
		03/17	Fred Thompson
		03/18	Josie Ferrandino
		03/20	John Ferrandino
		03/23	Donna Reeder
		03/25	Joyce Britton

CIRCLES	
Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on Thursday, March 5.	
Esther Circle will meet on March 10. (Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)	
Ruth Fellowship's meeting is at 7:00pm on Monday, March 16.	