

THE MESSENGER



March 2021

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday, March 5

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER, Sunday,
March 7, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, Sunday, March 14

**JAZZ IN THE PARKING LOT, Sunday, March 28, 3:00 -
5:00 p.m.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, Saturday, April 24, 11:00
a.m.**

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

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:00pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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PARKING LOT WORSHIP SERVICE



Parking Lot Worship starting Sunday, February 28 (Weather Permitting)

You will ♥ it!

In addition to the usual online worship videos on YouTube and Facebook, Emmanuel Presbyterian is pleased to offer parking lot worship Sundays at 10 a.m., starting February 28. We will utilize the radio station 99.9 FM for those attending in their cars, with members of their own household, parked in the east part of the Emmanuel parking lot. Worship leaders will be visible near the covered driveway. Masks must be worn if windows are lowered at any time during the service. Advance registration is not required for attending the parking lot service; however, those attending agree to remain in their vehicles for the duration of the service as we exercise the maximum in care and concern for the health of one another. The building will not be open. The service will meet rain or shine, as the covering provides protection for the worship leaders and equipment.

The scriptures and the bulletin and the children's worship bulletin may be printed in advance, although they will also be available on the website to view on a phone or tablet.



COVID Vaccine Registration Underway

Tarrant County Public Health is currently providing initial vaccinations to those at most risk of exposure to COVID-19. Phase 1A and 1B groups include healthcare workers, first responders, as well as individuals 65 and older, and 18 and older with an underlying medical condition. Tarrant County is distributing the Moderna vaccine at this time, which is only available to individuals 18 and older. Please pre-register for an appointment at www.tarrantcounty.com/covidshot.

Once you register, you will receive confirmation via phone call, text, and/or email. Please note that registering only places you in the queue. The timeframe to receive the vaccine is dependent upon individual factors such as age, occupation, and underlying health conditions. You will receive a specific appointment time from Tarrant County when it is your time to receive the vaccine. The City will provide updated information on vaccine distribution as soon as it becomes available.

REPLACE FOOD LOST RESOURCE

Please Share: If anyone is on food stamps that lost power and their food was ruined can apply for assistance:

Form H1855, Affidavit for Nonreceipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits | Texas Health and Human Services <<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/ac021d8c/4C5GF8py6xGzzTwNiHsoMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fhhs.texas.gov%2Flaws-regulations%2Fforms%2F1000-1999%2Fform-h1855-affidavit-nonreceipt-or-destroyed-food-stamp-benefits>>

\$50 OFF YOUR GROCERIES!

Sign up for grocery delivery and get \$50 off your first order of \$70 or more using the referral code: NQSLGALTIG.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://cornershopapp.com/en-us/>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

From your Home to Theirs: A virtual Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser [Sunday March 7th 3-4pm](#)
Join us on Zoom for the Habitat fundraiser! The link will be in the church email on the Tuesday before and the day of.

We've all had to get creative in the past year and Habitat as an organization and this fundraiser are no different. The cost of a Habitat house has gone up due to increased land prices and Covid restrictions requiring fewer volunteers and more contractors. Details on a dinner for purchase are TBD, but please prayerfully consider joining in the celebration and fundraising for a worthy cause. One tenant of Habitat for Humanity is the Theology of the Hammer, as described by Millard Fuller. "We may disagree on all sorts of other things," said Fuller, "but we can agree on the idea of building homes with God's people in need...The Bible teaches that God is the God of the whole crowd. God's love leaves nobody out, and my love should not either."

If you would like to donate a basket for the auction, please let Kristin Hartwell know the theme of your basket.

Some ideas: Italian Dinner, Movie Night, Wine, Self Care, Spa Day, Garage Gadgets, Sports Fun, Kids are Cool, Perfect Plants- there are unlimited options!



A Lenten Journey : Prayer Practices and Prayer Groups for Lent

We are in the church season of Lent, the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. We invite you to journey through Lent by focusing on the practice of prayer and the Christian Education committee offers two specific ways to do that.

Lenten Prayer Resource: *A Lenten Journey*. This is a weekly prayer resource to use with all ages at home or in a small group.

It explores a different prayer practice each week of Lent. A digital copy of *A Lenten Journey* is at the links below or you may request a hard copy.

[*A Lenten Journey* Introduction](#)

[Week 1: Breath Prayer](#)

[Week 2: Examen](#)

[Week 3: Prayer Walk](#)

[Week 4: Lectio Divina](#)

[Week 5: Labyrinth](#)

[Week 6: Praying with Color](#)

Weekly Lenten Prayer Groups. These groups of 3-5 people are meeting online each week during Lent to share prayer concerns and prayer with each other. Meetings last around 30 minutes and will take place around group member schedules. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal) to participate.

Group Gatherings Schedule for March

Emmanuel's weekly group gatherings remain online while Tarrant County COVID risk levels remain in the red level. You are welcome and encouraged to participate as you are able! Online meeting links and phone numbers are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

8:30 AM: Keys to the Bible class meets for Bible study. The class is studying Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

11 AM: Fellowship Hour. This time for checking in and sharing prayer concerns is open to everyone. Prayer concerns from this gathering are shared by email to congregants during the week.

4 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional. Children and youth meet with two adults from the Christian Education committee for about 45 minutes to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

7 PM: Weekday Evening Bible Study meets and explores one of the Scripture passages from the previous Sunday's worship.

Thursday's

7 PM: *Race in America*, a 5-part online series sponsored by Grace Presbytery to study systemic racism and the Black experience with the goal of cultivating anti-racists. Led by Rev. Dr. Michael Waters, the series meets each Thursday in February.

Saturday's

11 AM: Children and Youth Book Club meets to read and discuss books. The books are appropriate for ages 10+, and the group includes interested adults. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included.

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 Kyle or Christine to begin the process. (817-545-0251 and finance@emmanuelpc.org or kyle@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."



Please remember to send your prayer requests to prayer@emmanuelpc.org. These requests are received by and prayed for by the pastors. If you so desire, these requests can also be included in the Prayers of the People and in the weekly ePrayer email. Be sure to designate in the email if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation.



Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship (Virtually)

Lois Circle (Cancelled)

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- ♦ Elected Rick Thompson to serve as Treasurer for 2021.
- ♦ Approved version 5 of the 2021 budget for presentation at the February 7th Annual Meeting.
- ♦ Approved Habitat for Humanity fundraiser on March 7th from 3-4 p.m.
- ♦ Learned that the goal for the Presbyterian Night Shelter lunch project is 100 lunches, for February 6th.
- ♦ Was informed that a sprinkler system must be installed prior to lease agreement with The Clubhouse for Special Needs.
- ♦ Learned that a Certified Letter had been sent to Kids Kampus and that a payment plan is being created.
- ♦ Was informed that \$40,000 is being transferred from the checking account to the money market account to draw more interest.
- ♦ Was reminded that Local Benevolence Special Offering is February 21st.
- ♦ Heard from elders regarding particular committee assignments/leadership for 2021.
- ♦ Learned that 75 Christmas dinners were distributed, with 20-25 going to people in the community, and that more parking lot dinners may be scheduled
- ♦ Was informed about project to distribute flyers in the neighborhood with information about how to sign up for Covid vaccinations.
- ♦ Learned that parking lot worship will begin on February 14th, in addition to online worship.
- ♦ Heard that interviews for Financial Administrator are continuing.
- ♦ Upcoming tentative events include:
 - Bingo in the Parking Lot - Saturday, February 27th, 3 p.m.
 - Jazz in the parking lot - Sunday, March 28th, 3-5 pm
 - Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, April 24th, 11 am

Finance:

January Income: \$24,664.34

January Expense: \$64,346.13

(Withdrawals included \$40,000 being moved from the checking to the money market account.)

Joy Gift Offering: \$ 570.00

LECTIONARY		
03/01	Exod. 10:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22	
03/14	Num. 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21	
03/21:	Jer. 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Psalm 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33	
03/28	Mark 11:1-11; John 12:2-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 4:1-15; 47; Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)	

BIRTHDAYS		
03/01	Beverly Ferrandino	
03/01	Mike Morris	
03/02	Christine Shah	
03/05	Belgrace Kalubi	
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 (SUSPENDED)	
Esther Circle (SUSPENDED). (Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)	
Ruth Fellowship's (Virtually)	