

THE MESSENGER



- **ASH WEDNESDAY, Wednesday, March 2** at 7 pm at the sanctuary
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, Sunday, March 13**
- **BINGO PARTY & Prizes, Saturday, March 19** at 2-4 pm in the Church parking lot
- **CARS & COFFEE SHOW, Saturday, April 2** at 9 am - 11 am in the Church parking lot
- **PARKING LOT JAZZ JAM, Saturday, April 9** at 3-5 pm

March 2022

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March Sundays at EPC
ALL SERVICES ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship
 (Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study
 (Tuesdays)

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MLK Black History Month- Thank you



Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the EPC and Community MLK and Black History Month Displays. If you read Rev. Dr. King, Jr.'s quotes, listened to his speeches, tied a ribbon or flower to the fence, added a name, or just said a silent prayer for an end to racial violence, your acknowledgment of the lives, sacrifices and efforts born out of the civil rights movement are testimony to the ongoing search for liberty and justice here among ourselves, throughout the nation and around the globe.

The people remembered on the displays include the following:

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ,

The 4 Choir Girls at 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing, Birmingham:

Addie Mae Collins, age 14; Cynthia Wesley, age 14; Carole Robertson, age 14; Carol

Denise McNair, age 11;

Fred Rouse, Abigail P., Atatiana Jefferson, Marvin Warren, The Painters, Miss CoCo,
Botham Jean, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Rosa Parks, John Lewis

EPC Social Justice Committee

EPC Mission and Social Justice Committee Work

Presbyterian Night Shelter

We invite you to gather food and bottled water for the Presbyterian Night Shelter for delivery on March 26th. Each gallon bag should contain each of the following:

- * A protein (can of beans or bag of tuna)
- * A cracker (cheese rather than peanut butter)
- * A granola bar (no peanuts, please)
- * A fruit cup (or fruit juice)
- * Utensils



Optional:

- * A pudding cup
- * A note of encouragement

Update: the water bottles will now be kept separate - good news since the bags can get heavy!

Trinity Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

Our Annual Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser will be on March 27 and we are planning several ways for you to participate. We will have a restaurant fundraiser (all you do is eat yummy food like On the Border and mention the church when you order) and we will be selling Stock Certificates (a special invitation to the Building and Dedication of the house once construction starts in May)! As always, your gift of time on the construction site and continued prayers for the family and volunteers are much valued!



Congratulations to the Greenway Neighborhood Association and 6:8 Project for winning the 2021 Mayor's Health & Wellness Award and the 2021 Mayor's Civic Engagement and Community Collaboration awards !

The Vaccine Clinics, Neighborhood Cleanups, Summer Lunch Program, and Loving Our Neighbors events, which Emmanuel



Greenway table



Summer lunch



Fence deck

Christian Education News

Book Mavens Book Display

Check out the Emmanuel's Book Mavens Book Club display, located outside the church office. You can borrow one of their 2021 books, read comments from club members on favorite books, and take home the 2021 book list and selected activities related to the books. Book Mavens are both youth and adults who read and discuss a book a month and meet online from 11 AM – Noon on Saturday's. They welcome monthly guest participants; contact [Leah Wyckoff](#) for more information.



A Lenten Journey: Online Series on Diversity and Inclusion

You are invited to participate in *A Lenten Journey: The Power of Diversity & Blessedness of Inclusion*, a 3-session series sponsored by Grace Presbytery's Committee on Representation and led by Rev. Ray Jordan, pastor at First Community United Church of Christ in Dallas. Emmanuel's Tuesday Evening Bible Study group has registered for *A Lenten Journey* and invite others who are interested to join them. Sessions are:

Tuesdays evenings: March 29th • April 5th • April 12th
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Weekly Themes

Inclusion Matters • Now What? • Gratitude & Trust: The Secret Sauce to Diversity

REGISTER online by Friday, March 18th via <https://bit.ly/revraylent2022>.

Group Gatherings Schedule for March

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). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM Keys to the Bible class (in-person) meets for Bible study in Room 5 following worship. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright's *Matthew for Everyone* resource.

4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). 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

7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study (virtual). This group meets online weekly to discuss the previous Sunday's worship texts. Study materials are also available to use at home for individual study; contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to receive them. For March 29 – April 12, the group will participate in *A Lenten Journey*, as described above.

Saturday's

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



Please remember to send your prayer requests to prayer@emmanuelpc.org or complete the Prayer Request form in the Friendship Pad located in the sanctuary. 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/form if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation.

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken Richardson to participate in a training session.

USHERS, LITURGISTS AND SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

Since we have resumed our regular worship services, we need all of the above for each Sunday. Please contact Jayne Johnson for ushers and liturgists to sign up at Enyaj@me.com.

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at Sign Up Genius. Thank you for volunteering!!



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."



Fellowship Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship
Monday, March 21, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Palio's Pizza Cafe
5712 Colleyville Blvd #130
Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information contact:
Mary Ann Reed
817-991-4704

Lois Circle
Thursday, March 3, 2022
1:00 pm
Raven's Grill at Texas Star
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euless 76040

For more information contact:
Cheryl Dale 817-223-6023

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- Approved the Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy as amended, with next review/revision scheduled for 2025 and every 5 years thereafter.
- Received a report on the February 12th Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery from commissioners Kristin Hartwell and Laura Mahon.
- Received and approved the 2021 Church Statistical Report.
- Was reminded that March 13th will be the next Communion Sunday.
- Learned that sack lunches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter will be assembled on March 26th.
- Voted to rename the Yaya Scholarship as the Presbyterian Pan American Scholarship and to contact Presbyterian Pan American School to find a young scholar to support.
- Approved a two-part Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser for the week of March 27th.
- Voted to send 50% of outlays from the Pandemic Fund since the beginning of 2022 to Tarrant County Rental Assistance to support the greater community.
- Learned that the Green Committee is working on renewing Emmanuel's Earth Cares certification.
- Was informed that the Joy Gift Offering totaled \$655.
- Learned that support percentages to the greater church changed for Grace Presbytery from 86% to 89%; Synod of the Sun from 2% to 1%, and General Assembly from 12% to 10%.
- Was informed that estimated cost for upgrades to the CE building will be between \$29,350-\$40,000. It is hoped that the work will be complete by late May or June.
- Learned that the Facilities Committee had approved a bid from Austin Fire to monitor smoke and fire detectors.
- Was apprised of the schedule for recarpeting the Sanctuary, offices, and other parts of the building.
- Learned that the lending library should be done in about a month.
- Was informed of plans for the Cars & Coffee event scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd, from 9-11 AM, with proceeds to benefit NEED (NorthEast Emergency Distribution)
- Learned that February 19th Shred Day served 43 cars and that \$145 was donated.
- Noted the following upcoming events for the next 3 months:

Bingo party Saturday, March 19th, 2-4 PM

Parking Lot Jazz Jam Saturday, April 9th, 3-5 PM

Blessing of the Animals Saturday, April 30th, 10-11 AM

Outside Worship Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day)

Finance:

January Income: \$10,864.04

January Expense: \$33,062.10

LECTIONARY

03/06 Deut. 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2,9-16;
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

03/20 Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8;
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

03/27 Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32;
2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CIRCLES

Lois Circle (1st Thursday of each month,
1:00pm)

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

Ruth Fellowship
(3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.)

Happy Hands
(Will meet on an as-needed basis)



MARCH

Birthdays

03/01 Mike Morris
03/01 Beverly Ferrandino
03/01 Elissa Morris
03/02 Christine Shah
03/05 Belgrace Kalubi
03/06 MaryAnne Rime
03/07 Annabel Mahon
03/07 Katherine Mahon
03/09 Blaise Ferrandino
03/11 Jeffrey Keyes
03/12 James Thompson
03/17 Fred Thompson
03/18 Josie Ferrandino
03/19 Bryn Prather
03/20 John Ferrandino
03/23 Donna Reeder
03/23 Bailey Hamic
03/23 Susan Wertenberger
03/25 John Langsdorf
03/25 Joyce Britton
03/29 Meredith Wright
03/29 Jon Brooks

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