



THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2023

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KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS:
SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY:
TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church presents CONCERTS ON HARWOOD

A Classical Music Concert Series

Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with Our Neighbors

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021

Free Admission

Donations are appreciated



Soprano Recital
Jung-An Chou
Saturday, March 25, 4 PM



Horn Recital
Tyler Wang
Saturday, June 10, 4 PM



Piano Recital
Tak Yan Yeung
Saturday, September 30, 4 PM



Christmas Concert
Concert Bells of Fort Worth
Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 PM

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Safety is a BIG priority at EPC!

Did you know that we have a Safety taskforce that has been making progress behind-the-scenes for EPC? Here's the first in a series of articles to keep you in-the-know.

Taskforce members are Jim Mahon, Mary Ann Reed, James Taylor, Kyle (interim pastor) and Jayne Johnson. Our goal is to provide a safe worship place (for all of us) and a secure working environment for our Pastor and office staff. The plan will consider multiple scenarios for active shooter, fire, and tornado safety actions.

A few highlights:

- Session, Deacons and office staff attended a 2-hour evening training: *Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event* (CRASE) training with the Bedford Police Department in the fall.
- Jim, Mary Ann and James also attended a 1-day hands-on intensive safety training program at the Presbyterian Church in Grapevine that was organized by Grace Presbytery. This training included safety tips, actual class situations to respond to as well as group discussions.
- After the CE building renovation was completed, we requested a Safety Assessment from the Bedford PD for all our property and have thoroughly reviewed the findings.
- Several no-cost actions have already been implemented and recommendations for several more actions are under consideration currently. Examples: locked external doors before and during worship services, close monitoring of parking lot and people entering the building, addition of Exit signage for the sanctuary (through the choir door) and notes added to the weekly bulletin.
- We will be presenting the findings and recommendations to Session for approval in the coming weeks. Implementation planning and timing are in progress too.

Stay tuned for more details. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to speak with anyone on the team.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
**HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY
FUNDRAISER**
5-6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
**CONCERTS ON
HARWOOD**
SOPRANO RECITAL
by *JUNG-AN CHOU*
4 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
SPRING WORKDAY
8 AM - 1 PM



Dear friends,

I invite you to one of my upcoming major performances at TCC Northwest campus, where I will be performing the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto with the NW Chamber Orchestra. It will be at **7 PM on Tuesday, March 7**, at the theater on the first floor in the WTLO building. The student orchestra will also perform three other beautiful and popular pieces in the same concert. Admission is free.

The closest parking is North Parking Lot; you can go to "campus access point" and walk until you see WTLO. South Parking Lot is closed and is not available for parking currently. The address of TCC NW is: 4801 Marine Creek Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX 76179.

Please check your Wednesday weekly email (dated March 1) for flyer and campus map details.

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you on March 7!

Best wishes,
Tak Yan Yeung

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Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS)-
Free Luncheon



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 Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

SAVE THE DATE!

May 2, 2023
12:00 pm

Ridglea Country Club
3700 Bernie Anderson Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76116

A luncheon event
benefiting the
children of PCHAS

RSVP
Maria Shupe
254.230.4517
maria.shupe@pchas.org

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

March 19, 2023
5-6:30 pm
in SoRelle hall

Come to this dinner and support our effort to fund the construction of another Habitat for Humanity house.

Christian Education News



2023 Lenten Lunch & Workshop

Meeting Jesus at the Table

Footsteps of Love

Walk to each location on the map and reflect on one or more of these questions:

- I wonder what God loves about this place and the people and creatures in it.
 - I wonder about the ways in which God is already at work here.
 - I wonder how God might be inviting us to make space at our tables for people who visit or live here.
- Offer a short prayer, such as "God, thank you for each person and being you created in this place."

Take this page home and continue to reflect on the questions above.



Many thanks to the Deacons who provided a delicious soup lunch for the Lenten Workshop after worship on February 26th! Our workshop theme was the hospitality we find *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, and the hands-on activities allowed participants to engage with the theme. We made laminated placemats for members and friends of the congregation, brainstormed ideas for how to practice hospitality in our community and our homes and prayed for the people in our surrounding community on a Footsteps of Love prayer walk.

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 Book of Acts.
- **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

- **7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study using the Lenten study book *Meeting Jesus at the Table*** (virtual). For information on how to join, contact [Leah Wyckoff](mailto:Leah.Wyckoff@emmanuelpc.org).

Saturday's

- **11:00 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club** meets online to discuss their March book *Beowulf*, by Michael Morpurgo, with John Ferrandino leading. For information on how to join, contact [Leah Wyckoff](mailto:Leah.Wyckoff@emmanuelpc.org).





We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time:

- ♦ You may scan the QR code above right or on the church bulletin or
- ♦ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service, or
- ♦ Send via email to prayer@emmanuelpc.org.

These requests are received by and prayed for by the pastor. 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.

All prayers received by Sunday evening will be included in the weekly prayer list. Prayers may be edited for clarity and brevity, but the essence will still be there. Prayer requests received through texts are not recommended.

Thank you for sharing prayer concerns and participating in the congregation's prayer life!



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.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

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





Ruth Fellowship

Monday, March 20, 2023
6:30 pm

Hoffbrau Steak House
700 W Sate Highway 114
Grapevine TX

For more information contact:
Linda Greenwell
817-545-7197

Lois Circle

Thursday, March 2, 2023
1:00 pm

Londoner,
5120 TX 121, Colleyville
76034

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

Finance:

December Income: 223, 936.11

December Expense: 28,552.19

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Approved Concerts on Harwood to be offered in the sanctuary with these artists and on the dates listed, along with collection of a freewill offering to support future concerts:

Saturday, March 25th 4:00 PM Jung-An Chow

Saturday, June 10th 4:00 PM Tyler Wang

Saturday, September 30th 4:00 PM Tak Yan Yeung

Tuesday, December 5th 7:30 PM Concert Bells of Fort Worth

- Was informed that the Safety Task Force will send a progress report on their work in the weekly email and monthly newsletter
- Voted to approve hiring of a new Director of Music, as well as the terms, pending reference checks
- Elected Katie Phillips and Jayne Johnson as commissioners to the hybrid Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery on Saturday, March 4th, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney
- Officers were encouraged to take Praesidium online Training "Keeping Our Church Safe", if they have not yet done so.
- Learned that Habitat for Humanity fundraising potluck dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th
- Was informed that next classic car show is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th, from 8:00-10:00 am
- Learned that Google Pay will be added to the website as they charge a smaller percentage for donations to the church
- Learned that the next date for Emmanuel to serve at NEED is Friday, March 31st and that 103 lunches and 130 bottles of water were delivered to Presbyterian Night Shelter from the recent lunch sack collection
- Was informed that the Social Justice Committee has gathered links to readings, stories, and information for Black History Month
- Learned that paperwork to renew Emmanuel's designation as an Earth Care congregation has been submitted
- It was reported that Emmanuel has been invited to host a table at a fundraising luncheon for our mission partner Presbyterian Children Homes and Services on May 2nd and that Mission Committee is discussing who to invite
- Learned that Intergenerational Sunday School is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th, following worship and a light lunch and that a Lenten study using the book Meeting Jesus at the Table by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christa Coy Fohr will be offered to the congregation
- Received the 2022 Church Statistical Report



LECTIONARY

3/5 Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

3/12 Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11

3/19 Ps 23; John 9:1-41

3/26 Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11

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, 6:30 p.m.)

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

BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Britton 3/25

Beverley
Ferrandino 3/01

Blaise Ferrandino 3/09

John Ferrandino 3/20

Josie Ferrandino 3/18

Belgrace Kalubi 3/05

Jefferey Keyes 3/11

Annabel Mahon 3/07

Katherine Mahon 3/07

Elissa Morris 3/01

Mike Morris 3/01

Donna Reeder 3/23

Christine Shah 3/02

Fred Thompson 3/17

James
Thompson 3/12

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Anni Wordell's new address:

Solstice Senior Living/Grapevine

2300 Pool Road
Apt. 237
Grapevine, TX 75031

