

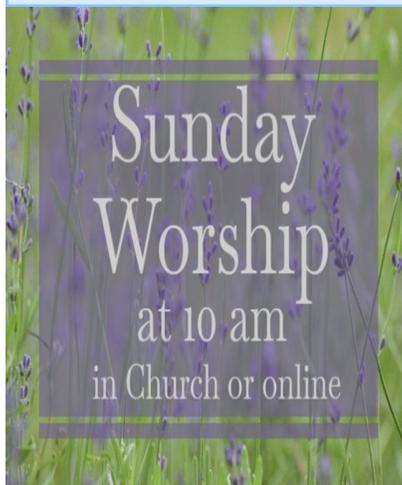


THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2026

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KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
 (in-person):
 SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):
 TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

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LENT IN THE WILD

DWELLING WITH THE DESERT MOTHERS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY @ 10 am
APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7 pm
APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY @ 7 pm
APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY @ 10 am

The Lenten graphic with chapters corresponding to each Sunday can be viewed on our website
www.emmanuelpc.org

YOUR CALENDARS

(visit our website
www.emmanuelpc.org for
more calendar listing)

INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP (LENT)

Sunday, March 8

After worship

SPRING WORKDAY

Saturday, March 14

8am-1pm

PNS LUNCH BAG ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 15

After worship

SHRED DAY

Saturday, March 21

10am-12pm

COWTOWN CLEAN-UP

Saturday, March 28

8am-1pm

HABITAT FUNDRAISER

March 29 (Palm Sunday)

After Worship

SIPS 'N TIDBITS



SPRING WORKDAY

We will be having our Spring workday
on Saturday, March 14
from 8 am-1 pm.
Lunch will be provided.



SPECIAL OFFERING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MARCH 29 ((Palm Sunday))

Your dollars given to this historic Presbyterian offering are used to directly share God's love to people around the world. A third of your offering goes to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. A third goes to the Presbyterian Hunger program. The final third supports the Self-Development of People program to help impoverished people work together to start new lives and become self-sufficient.

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2026

A Classical Music Concert Series
Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors

- **Flutissimo! Flute Choir**

Saturday, May 9 at 4 pm

- **Piano Duet**

Michael Schneider and Tak Yan Yeung

Saturday, September 12 at 4 pm

- **Flute Recital**

Mary-Christine Stingley

Saturday, December 5 at 4 pm

These events will take place at 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford TX inside the sanctuary. Admission is free to the public. Donations are appreciated.

Visit our website for more information.

<https://emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Lenten Workshop: *Lent in the Wild*

Join us **Sunday, March 8th in SoRelle Hall after worship** for an Intergenerational Workshop to explore themes from *Lent in the Wild: Dwelling with the Desert Mothers*. The book *The Desert Mothers* suggests simple, practical ways to apply the wisdom of the desert mothers in our daily lives. We'll try some of these practices via hands-on stations and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with one another.

It's also not too late to join a **weekly Lenten Study Group** as they meet to discuss Scripture and the book *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness*. Study Groups meet weekly:

- Tuesday evenings online, 7:30 - 8:30 PM through March 24
- Sunday morning in-person, 11:15-Noon through March 29 (except March 8)

To join, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

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). For more information on how to participate, [contact the church office](#).

March's weekly group gathering schedule is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM:

- **Keys to the Bible Class** (in-person). Meets weekly in Room 4 and is studying the Book of Acts. Contact [John Stocking](#) for more information.
- **Lenten Group Discussion** (in-person) in Room 5. Discussion of the Scriptures and spiritual practices from Emmanuel's Lenten series *Lent in the Wild: Dwelling with the Desert Mothers*.

Youth Check-ins Sunday afternoons:

- **Sunday, March 8 at 4 PM (on-line)** Youth Check-in devotional and prayer.
- **Sunday, March 22, 3 PM - 5 PM.** In-person meeting at Emmanuel in the Maker Space (Room 106 of the CE Wing).

6:45 PM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) are reading *Pride and Prejudice*, by Jane Austen, with Molly Park leading. To participate, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Lenten Group Discussion (virtual).** Online discussion of the Scriptures and spiritual practices from Emmanuel's Lenten series *Lent in the Wild: Dwelling with the Desert Mothers*. Contact Leah Wyckoff (<mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net>) to receive the study emails and meeting link.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Session Committee Report

- Session learned that a deacon will attend an upcoming meeting of session in person (twice a year)
- Heard that Emmanuel had a \$9,767.39 deficit for the month of January
- Approved the 2025 Church Statistical Report
- Was informed that Whitney will be leading the invocation at the HEB ISD School Board Meeting on Monday, February 23, 6 pm
- Learned that Brite Divinity School will host PCUSA Stated Clerk Rev. Jiyhun Oh on March 23rd and 24th
- Heard that Molly Bolles will preach on March 22
- Learned that John Phillips Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, March 7th, at 11 am
- Was informed that Laura Walters, Coordinator of Community Engagement and Public Witness, will meet with session at the April meeting to help us get started on our anti-racism policy
- Heard that plumbing in the main building could need replacing in the near future, and that the A/C unit that cools the narthex and church offices may also need replacing
- Learned that the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 29th
- Was informed that the 2025 Financial Review Task Force consisted of Linda Greenwell, Rick Thompson, James Taylor and Becky Baker and that their work will take place this summer
- Heard that the checking account balance goal is \$50,000 (equivalent to 1.5 months of expenses)
- Learned that sugar and flour are NEED's current needs.
- Upcoming Mission and Social Justice dates:
 - February 28, 9-1: Workday at NEED
 - March 15: Presbyterian Night Shelter lunch sack assembly after worship
 - March 28: Cowtown Clean-up in 6:8 neighborhood
 - March 29: Palm Sunday potluck fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
- Heard that the January Piano Quartet Concert on Harwood 2026 had 77 in attendance and raised \$684
- Upcoming Outreach and Connections events:

Shred Day	Saturday, March 21	10 am-noon
Blessing of animals	Saturday, April 18	10 am-11 am
Arbor Daze	Saturday, April 25	9 am -2 pm at Glade Park
- Learned that readers will be solicited for the Good Friday Tenebrae service



Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 12 pm)

Cotton Patch Cafe

4020 William D. Tate Ave.
Grapevine, TX 76051

For more information contact:

Donna R: xxx-xxx-5464 or

Denise K: xxx-xxx-8665



Ruth Fellowship

(3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm)

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:30 pm

The Londoner Pub

5120 State Hwy 121
Colleyville TX

For more information contact:

MaryAnn.: xxx-xxx-4704

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To submit newsletter articles, events or any other information, please email office@emmanuelpc.org by the fourth Sunday of the month.

BIRTHDAYS



Beverly F. 3/01

Elissa (Morris) B. 3/01

Mike M. 3/01

Christine S. 3/02

Belgrace K. 3/05

Annabel M. 3/07

Katherine M. 3/07

Blaise F. 3/09

Jeffrey K. 3/11

Fred T. 3/17

Josie F. 3/18

John F. 3/20

Donna R. 3/23

Joyce B. 3/25

John L. 3/25

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Sunday, March 8
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We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time. Please choose one.

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

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!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Do you have gifts for hospitality and welcoming people? Emmanuel's Deacons are looking for volunteers to host refreshments after worship on a Summer Sunday. Host by yourself or partner with a friend or family member, whatever works for you. Sunday Hospitality hosting involves about 20 minutes of setup before worship, then serving food after worship and cleaning up. We have some treats on-hand in the fellowship hall freezer and funds are available to reimburse you for food purchased.

To sign up, contact B. Edwards or write your name on the Sunday Hospitality schedule in the narthex. Thank you for considering it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. Our Child Protection Policy requires no less than 2 adults in the nursery with the children. This does not have to be on a regular basis but will give most of you a chance to enjoy being with the children.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and the CE committee would appreciate the extra help. What a wonderful way to use your talents at Emmanuel!

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken R. to participate in a training session.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at [Sign Up Genius](#). One of the counters should be an ELDER and the other person a Volunteer. Thank you for volunteering!!

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