

THE MESSENGER



- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAYS** are on **May 6th, 7th, 11th, 13th, 14th and 21th** and in **June 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th** at 1415 E Baltimore Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104 (more details next page).
- **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARGARET SUNKEL** is on, Saturday, May 14 at 11 am.
- **PAINTED ROCKS & PARTY & LUNCH** on Sunday, May 15, 11:15am-12:15pm (after church service).

May 2022

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**Sunday services at EPC
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT:
emmanuelpc.org**

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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REMEMBERING
THOSE WHO'VE
SACRIFICED
MEMORIAL DAY



Our office will be closed on Monday, May 30
and will reopen on Tuesday, May 31 at 8 am





Thank you for your generous donation



Thank you very much for supporting the Presbyterian Habitat for Humanity project in May and June is year. We raised over \$7900 for Habitat for donations. Thank you also to the Jazz musicians who performed free of charge on our fundraising dinner on April 10.

Kindly volunteer for one of the work days. The work days are May 6th, 7th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 21th; June 3th, 4th, 10th, 11th.

Usually the workdays will be 7:45 am - 3 pm, but they may stop earlier when it is hot. On May 21, there will be a dedication ceremony.

Here is the link to sign up for work slots:

<http://vhub.at/presbyterians>



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Thank you to all who came and witnessed
your pets getting blessed on April 30.
Thank you God, for our animal friends.





LOCAL BENEVOLENCE

RULES OF THUMB:

We seek to be generous church but we also need to be mindful of our limitations and security issues of our staff, Clubhouse staff and Clubhouse community members. We are not equipped to be a full social service agency. As such, we should stay focused on what we are able to do.

These “rules of thumb” are recommended for all members and all staff including the staff:

1. Please do not give cash to those in need to those in need on the church campus. This invites problem with escalating inquiries of those looking for quick cash. Through word of mouth, our church ends up with negative influences onto our campus if we give out cash. This further comprises staff and Clubhouse safety.
2. Absolutely **do not let anyone in the doors of the church unless you know them** or it is arranged ahead of time. If alone in the church, do not answer the door under any circumstances for someone you don't know.
3. **People receive assistance ideally by contacting Becky via church office phone.** She invites them to pick up this assistance on Wednesday mornings. Sundays and days other than Wednesdays we unfortunately cannot assist anyone beyond a gift card and grace-to-go. You can refer to NEED or other agencies (Becky has a list). **Again, do not give cash.**
4. **Exceptions for grocery cards** are made to the above for Emmanuel members and regular participants. **The pastor needs to clear these exceptions** in direct conversations with those requiring the extra assistance.
5. **Exceptions are not made regarding financial assistance.** We follow the benevolence policy recently approved by session for members and non-members alike. Only session (not the pastor) can approve assistance beyond the policy's scope. Only the session can approve additions to any ongoing Family Assistance previously approved.

Thank you for helping us keep a system within our capabilities to help those in need. Thank you for understanding our limitations and reflecting both what we can and cannot offer out into the community.





FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS

Do you have an anniversary or special birthday coming up in July, September or October? We have several openings on our Emmanuel flower calendar in these months. Please contact Jessica in the church office or Claire Morris c3mor2ris1@sbcglobal.net if you would like to sign up for one of these dates.

Flowers may be donated in memory of someone or in celebration of an anniversary or birthday. \$35 for the flower arrangement should be paid directly to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church by the day the flowers are displayed.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost Offering on May 22

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



Christian Education News

April Recap of Special Christian Education Events

- Emmanuel sent one youth and one adult sponsor to KidQuake, a weekend church camp sponsored by Grace Presbytery. Many thanks to the congregation for your support that made this possible!
- A group of nine people hiked to Harris Ryals Park after worship on April 24th to share a pizza picnic and explore the StoryWalk installed there by Bedford Public Library. Plans are underway to construct our own installation on Emmanuel's property.



Group Gatherings Schedule for May

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

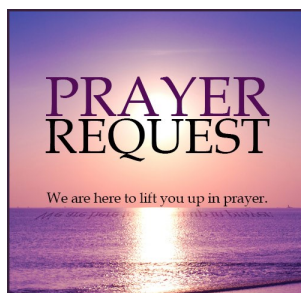
- **11:15 AM Keys to the Bible class** (in-person) meets for Bible study in Room 5 following worship. The class is studying the Gospel of Matthew using N.T. Wright's *Matthew for Everyone* resource.
- **4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional** (virtual). Children and youth meet with two 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

- **7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study** (virtual). This study group is using a Presbyterian Peacemaking Program resource, *Living the Gospel of Peace: Tools for Building More Inclusive Community*, by Eric Law to practice using tools for creating a more inclusive and inter-cultural community. This study continues through Pentecost. Their meeting link is: <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/161885253>. Contact Leah Wyckoff for more information.

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 or scan using the QR code above. 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

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 Becky 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."



Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, May 16, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Palio's Pizza Cafe

5712 Colleyville Blvd #130

Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information contact:

Mary Ann Reed

817-267-5729

Lois Circle

Thursday, May 5, 2022

1:00 pm

Tony's

3320 Harwood Rd,

Bedford 76039

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale 817-223-6023

Finance:

March Income: \$81,911.17

March Expense: \$85,187.67

Board and Committee Reports

DEACON:

- Helen updated the visitation contact log with visits in March. Leah will be asked to demonstrate the best way to add people and information at the next meeting.
- Helen sent 27 cards in March. Linda G. sent cards in April; Mary Jane will send cards in May
- Several visits were made to Margaret Sunkel. Ema was visited at the Forum Parkway Health facility.
- Margaret Sunkel's memorial service will be on Saturday, May 14 at 11 am.
- No "Fellowship" events planned. We discussed working with other committees about working with them on congregational events.
- Grace to Go bags are stocked up. Mary Jane will check inventory of food items for bags.
- Deacon responsibilities:
Memorials - Mary Jane
Cards - Helen
Transportation - Linda V
Grace to Go - Pat Wiegand
Meals - Mary Jane
- On May 1 Helen and Mary Jane rearranged the table for hospitality to accommodate more people in the Narthex. At their meeting on May 1st we will plan hospitality responsibilities for May and June.
- Deacon meetings are now at 12 noon on the first Sunday of the month.

CHURCH OFFICE TIMINGS:

Jessica: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
8 am to 12 noon
Thursdays availability by phone and email only.
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays closed
office@emmanuelpc.org

Becky: Mondays, Tuesdays 11 am to 2:30 pm
Wednesdays: 10 am to 1 pm
Thursdays availability by phone and email only
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays closed
finance@emmanuelpc.org

LECTIONARY

05/1 Acts 9:1-6 and Ps 30;
John 21:1-19

05/8 Acts 9:36-43 and Ps.23
John 10:22-30

05/15 Acts 11:1-18 and Ps 148;
John 13:31-35

05/22 Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67;
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

05/29 Acts 16:16-34 and Ps. 97
John 17:20-26

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)



Jane Rowlett **05/10**

James Fisk **05/11**

Robin Valdez **05/12**

Molly Bolles **05/15**

Barbara West **05/19**

Mary Ellen Fruehan **05/28**

Jessica Pereira **05/29**

Paul Bergman **05/30**

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS