



THE MESSENGER

MAY 2023

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Shred Day
Saturday May 20, 9 am - 11 am

Shred and Save Space!
Have anything to shred? Come by the Church parking lot and it's absolutely FREE!!!!

White Elephant Exchange*
Sunday, May 21 after Worship service
Received a present from Christmas or a birthday and didn't like it? Wrap it and bring it to this free event.

*A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where amusing and impractical gifts are exchanged during festivities. The goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain churchgoers rather than to gain a genuinely valuable or highly sought-after item. The term white elephant refers to an extravagant, impractical gift that cannot be easily disposed of.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS

(hybrid):

SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):

TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

LIKE, FOLLOW,
SUBSCRIBE!





Like it or not! I have booked myself with my family a summer vacation to India for 5 weeks starting June 19 and returning the week of July 24.

One thing I'm not doing, however, is reading or responding to emails during that period. :)

Should you require any assistance from me, prior to my travel, like designing flyers, newsletter submissions, announcements etc., please email me: office@emmanuelpc.org.

Bulletins will be prepared well in advance. July newsletter will not be printed this year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Jessica Pereira
Office Administrator

Stewardship TASK FORCE

Stewardship in May? Yes! The Stewardship and Finance Committee is starting up a 2023 Stewardship Task Force this month. Fun activities will include selecting a theme, determining goals and objectives, communicating with the congregation, preparing SoRelle Hall for the Stewardship luncheon in October, collecting the pledge cards on dedication Sunday in November, and more. Persons interested in joining the Task Force should contact Nancy Cable, Rick Thompson, John Field, or James Taylor.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHRED DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 20
9 AM- 11 AM**

**WHITE ELEPHANT
EXCHANGE
SUNDAY, MAY 21
(after worship)**

**SPECIAL OFFERING
Pentecost Offering
SUNDAY, MAY 28**

**HORN RECITAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
4 PM
(in sanctuary)**



**CAR SHOW
SATURDAY, JUNE 17
9 AM-11 AM**

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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*Donate here to Concerts
On Harwood!*



Christian Education News

Community Issues Discussion: Supporting & Advocating for Mental Health in Our Community

Emmanuel's Community Issues series resumes May 23rd for a three-session discussion on how to support people with mental health issues and advocate for mental health resources in our community. The discussion takes place online on Tuesday's from 7:30 - 8:30 PM and is led by Molly Bolles. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

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 (hybrid) meets for Bible study in Room 5 and online following worship. The class is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Ray Karriker (rkarriker@gmail.com) for the link to join virtually.

4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adult sponsors to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study (virtual). This study group is exploring the Scriptures used in worship through May 16th. They will participate in the Community Issues discussions on mental health (see above) from May 23 - June 13. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday's

11:00 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club meets online to discuss their May book *I'm Still Here for Young Readers*, by Austin Channing Brown, with Leah Wyckoff leading. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).



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, May 15, 2023

6:30 pm

The Lone Star Café

1300 S. Main st
Grapevine TX

For more information contact:

**Mary J Horr
817-929-9551**

Lois Circle

Thursday, May 4, 2023

1:00 pm

Los Jimadores Tex-Mex,

3314 Harwood Road,
Bedford

For more information contact:

**Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023**

Finance:

February Income: \$40,069.58

February Expense: \$17,629.52

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Learned that Whitney Wilkinson Arreche will preside over a graveside service for Claire Morris' father-in-law May 2nd, as well as noting dates May – July when Whitney will be out of the office for continuing education and out of the pulpit for vacation
- Ratified email vote earlier in April to name Nancy Cable Co-Treasurer, to serve with Rick Thompson through the end of the year, with gratitude to James Fisk for his service
- Was informed that monitoring cameras had been fixed in the office
- Invited all session members to feel free to attend the Presbytery-wide Fellowship Event at Camp Gilmont May 13th <https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/presbytery-fellowship-event-at-camp-gilmont>
- Commented on the great job the scouts had done as part of the Eagle Scout project beautifying the campus
- Learned of Regional Conversational Visits being scheduled with new General Presbyter The Reverend Chris Lee
- Was updated on the Maker Space concept to be set up following the Yard Sale in rooms 108 and 110 of the CE building, following coordination with various committees
- Learned that Dog Treat Post will be set up soon
- Was reminded that Shred Day is scheduled for May 20th, from 9-11 on the EPC parking lot using ProShred and voted to accept donations from participants
- Was informed that John Stocking is the new Moderator of Evangelism, since Nancy Cable stepped down to serve as Co-Treasurer
- Received copy of the response letter sent to a congregation which had requested possibly sharing space
- Was invited to help as much as everyone can in prep for and the actual yard sale April 29th
- Approved using funds from the balance sheet Capital Goods Escrow account to purchase a laptop for the use of office staff off site, not to exceed \$1,200
- Voted to grant Nancy Cable, Co-Treasurer, signature authority on the checking account at EECU
- Approved allocating the 40% of the Pentecost Offering that stays local to be used for the 6:8 Summer Lunch Program

BIRTHDAYS

MAY Birthdays

Jane Rowlett 5/10

James Fisk 5/11

Robin Valdez 5/12

Miriam (Molly) Bolles 5/15

Barbara West 5/19

Mary Ellen Fruehan 5/28

Jessica Pereira 5/29
(Office Administrator)

Paul Bergman 5/30

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)

PUZZLE

Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j_ _ , pea_e,

pa_ie_ce, _ind_ess, go_dne_s,

fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS