

# THE MESSENGER



## UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us for the following:

**Angel Kalubi's Baby Shower**, Saturday, May 4, 2pm - 3:30pm

**Educational Session on Supporting Stroke Survivors and**

**Families**, Tuesday, May 7, 6:30-7:30pm, SoRelle Hall

**Blessing of the Animals**, Sunday, May 19, 4:00 pm

**Habitat for Humanity Build**, starts May 8th. Dates are:

May 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 31, June 1, 7, 8 - 14 & 15 if necessary)

Emmanuel is responsible for providing breakfast snacks and lunch on May 15th. If you are interested in helping, contact Ken Richardson. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to see Emmanuel in action!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019**



## May 2019

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## Spring Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School for Children, Youth and Adults

10:00am Worship

2701 Harwood Rd.  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-545-0251  
emmanuelpc.org

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Everyone is invited to  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 4:00pm



**All animals are welcome!**  
Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier.

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**Mission Trip: DFW**

**Who:** YOU!

**What:** Mission Trip 2019

**Where:** DFW- and maybe Itasca

**When:** July 22- 26



**Why:** We feel called to pull together this year and stay local for this summer's Mission Trip. By staying in DFW, we hope more of you can be involved in the Mission Trip, for two days or an afternoon or all week. We will still rent a 15 person van, which fosters fellowship in the vehicle and allow those who don't feel comfortable driving distances to attend. We brainstormed a list of missions we could work with in DFW and are working with Christian Education to include the Mission Week with the kids and inviting BCAMP to join us. If you have any questions, or suggestions on where to go, please contact Melissa Durkee or Kristin Hartwell.



## Opportunities

### Ruth Fellowship

Monday, May 20, 7:00pm

Lazy Dog  
2521 SH 121S  
Euless, TX

For information contact  
Anni Wordell:  
817-703-8966

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### Lois Circle

Thursday, May 2, 1:00pm

Los Jimadoras  
3314 Harwood  
Bedford, TX

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale  
817-576-3184

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### EPC MEN'S DINNER

Big Daddy's

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
7:00 PM

We are going back to one of our favorite restaurants, "BIG DADDY'S", on Lake Grapevine. They have a 12-14 oz. rib-eye steak with loaded baked potato, one additional side and a salad all for the price of \$26.00. Hamburgers and fries, as well as catfish are also available for about \$10.00. They are also offering slices of pie to our group for just \$3.00 instead of \$4.00.

To get to "BIG DADDY'S", take the Southlake Blvd. exit off 114 - stay on the access road and when you get to Northwest Hwy., which is the next light after Southlake Blvd., take a right going east. At the PDQ gas station on your left, turn left onto Dove St. You will come to another PDQ gas station on your right and turn right. Go a short block and turn left. Follow this curvy road until you see a "Scotts Landing" sign on your right with a small "BIG DADDY'S" sign at the bottom. If any of you don't want to drive call Andy and we will arrange a car pool at the church. So we can have the right sized table reserved, please call Andy Le Cocq at (817) 268-4128 or e-mail him at [andy@lecocq.org](mailto:andy@lecocq.org) by **Tuesday May 14, 2018**, if you plan to attend.

## Board and Committee Reports

### Session:

- ◆ Received an update on facility improvements and current building issues being addressed.
- ◆ Was informed that the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser had raised \$5,805 with more contributions anticipated and that \$926 was contributed for the local benevolence special offering.
- ◆ Learned that the Mission Committee is planning to postpone the mission trip to Ferncliff in Little Rock, AR, and to participate in local mission projects this year.
- ◆ Heard that plans are being made for a green-based intergenerational vacation church school program.
- ◆ Was informed that Emmanuel was recently recertified as an Earth Cares congregation by the PCUSA.
- ◆ Heard that the congregation will be informed this summer about the issue of food insecurity among college students at TCC Northeast campus and ways in which Emmanuel might help to address this need.
- ◆ Learned that the 2018 Nominating Committee will gather in May to fill an unexpired term on session.
- ◆ Heard a special report from the Personnel Committee on conversations with Grace Presbytery and the Board of Pensions regarding financial support for Robin and plans to contract with The Reverend Chuck Schneider for part-time pastoral leadership.
- ◆ Was reminded of outdoor worship on April 28th and Blessing of the Animals on May 19th at 4:00 pm.

### From April 14th Called Session Meeting:

- ◆ Agreed to pay Pastor Robin Lyn Valdez's full-time salary through June 17th, in anticipation of her beginning short-term disability through the Board of Pensions, effective June 18th.
- ◆ Approved contracting with The Rev. Chuck Schneider as part-time Stated Supply/Moderator (or appropriate title recommended by the Committee on Ministry), effective May 12th on a month-to-month basis; contract anticipated to be received at April 28th session meeting.
- ◆ Voted unanimously to receive Joyce Mulume into full membership of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church by profession of faith.

## Board and Committee Reports (cont'd)

### Deacons:

- ♦ The Deacons express their sincere thanks to everyone who has volunteered to bring meals for Keith while Robin is in Rehab.
- ♦ Donna Reeder will coordinate the meal schedule for Keith for the month of May.
- ♦ The Deacons also want to thank those who have generously supplied food for Grace-To-Go. This continues to meet an important need in our community!
- ♦ Many thanks to all of you who bring delicious treats for Sunday Hospitality!

### Finance:

February Income:	\$58,934.86
February Expense:	\$47,492.10
One Great Hour Offering:	\$ 1,105.00



## Habitat for Humanity Build starts **May 8**

1 John 3:18:

"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."



On May 8, 7:45 am, we will start working at **944 E. Myrtle in Fort Worth** with a Habitat homeowner, **Saliou Moussa** and other Presbyterians to build a safe, durable, affordable home. Because we provide free labor and a 0% interest loan, Mr. Moussa will be able to purchase a home with a very reasonable mortgage payment, a home that is built to the Fortified Gold Standard.

**The build dates are May 8,10,11,15,17,18,31,7,8. The May build times are 7:45 to 3 pm, and the June build times are 7:15 to 1 pm.**

Anyone 16 years old and over can participate in the building ---

Please sign up at

<http://vhub.at/presbyterians>

Contact Ken Richardson with any questions.



### **Save the Dates for Earth Care Sessions:**

*Intergenerational Summer Sessions June 2nd, July 7th, and August 4th*

*As part of Emmanuel's on-going commitment as an Earth Care Congregation, the Green Team and Christian Education Committee are teaming up to sponsor three sessions for all ages on Earth Care topics this summer. Each session will take place on the first Sunday of the month following worship. Scheduled topics are:*

**June 2nd.** *Water: A Blessing and A Challenge. Water is life-giving, and yet either too much water or not enough water brings challenges. Learn practical steps we can take at home and in our communities to be good stewards of this precious resource.*

**July 7th.** *Public Transportation Adventure and Lunch. Join us for a field trip to DFW Airport using the new TEXRail train and then to lunch in Irving/Las Colinas using DART light rail.*

**August 4th.** *The Four R's of Waste Reduction. What are the limits to recycling and how can we take other steps to reduce our waste? Come explore in this hands-on session.*





### Christian Education News

Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee members for hosting the April 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast and Church School Gathering: *Preparing for Holy Week!* Participants created blackout poetry and prayers, made Easter gifts for homebound friends, and decorated four Holy Week mosaics using plastic bottlecaps. We are grateful to Pat Wiegand and Caroline Loy for designing and preparing the mosaics.

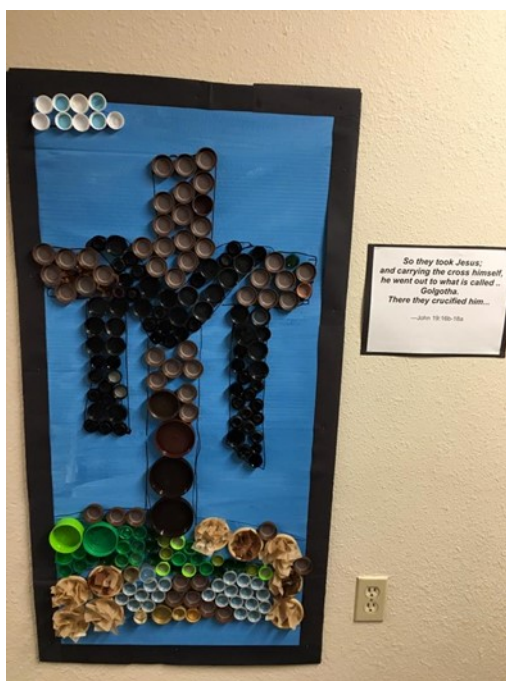
Emmanuel Church School classes for all ages meet each Sunday from 8:45 – 9:45 AM through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Most classes will take a break on May 26<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Weekend holiday; adult participants, check with your class leaders to see if you will meet that day.

Three Adult Church School classes meet during Church School time and all of them welcome new participants:

**Keys to the Bible** meets in Room 5 and is studying King David.

**Spiritual Journeys** meets in Room 4. Their study uses the book *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, by Jonathon Walton.

**Thoughtful Christian** meets in Fellowship Hall. They are discussing different topics each Sunday in May.



**Emmanuel Children and Youth  
Events & Activities:  
Pictures from March Kidquake &  
May End-of-School Celebration**



**Kidquake 2019  
Camp Glen Lake,  
Glen Rose**

Once again, we give thanks for Emmanuel's support that made possible for two sponsors and three of our children to attend Grace Presbytery's Kidquake camp in Glen Rose in March. We had a wonderful time learning through Bible study, serving through a mission project, worshiping and enjoying camp activities.

**End-of-School Celebration**

Children and Youth and their families  
will gather in late May to celebrate  
the end of the school year.

Date and place will be announced via email and  
Emmanuel's FaceBook page

Contact: Melissa Durkee ([mdurk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdurk@sbcglobal.net))

LECTIONARY	
<b>05/05:</b>	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
<b>05/12:</b>	Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
<b>05/19:</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
<b>05/26:</b>	Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

BIRTHDAYS		
05/10	Jane Rowlett	
05/11	James Fisk	
05/12	Robin Lyn Valdez	
05/19	Barbara West	
05/28	Mary Ellen Fruehan	
05/30	Paul Bergman	

# CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on  
Thursday, May 2.

Esther Circle will meet Tuesday,  
May 14 at 9:30am.

Ruth Fellowship meeting is at 7:00pm  
on Monday, May 20.