

THE MESSENGER



NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Peace Together Walk, Saturday, November 2, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

All Saints Day Service, Sunday, November 3, 4:00pm

Harvest Meal/Ordination Celebration, Sunday, November 10 (after worship)

Commitment Sunday, Sunday, November 17

Community Dinner, Sunday, November 24, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Hanging of the Greens and Soup and Salad Luncheon, Sunday, November 24 (after worship)

Church Office Closed, Thursday, November 28 (***Happy Thanksgiving!!***)

N.E.E.D., Friday, November 29, 10:00am - 12:30pm and 12:30pm - 3:00pm



REMEMBER ALL SAINTS DAY...SERVICE, NOVEMBER 3, 4:00PM.

The worship service will include scripture readings, songs, and prayer. For those who would like to bring a memory of their loved one, there will be a place available for you to display your item.

November 2019

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Fall Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School

10:00am Worship

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Many hands make lighter work!

Have you been thinking about ways you could play a more active role in the life of EPC without giving any of your spare time? We have a couple of invitations for you! Please consider joining us as part of our Weekly Liturgist or Worship Usher teams!

Invitation #1: We are offering EPC Liturgist training to support the weekly worship service team. There's a quick 'script', all of your materials, some basic guidance and a bit of training available. **Please contact *Anni Wordell*** about your interest in serving as a Liturgist. **Plan B:** add your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet available in the Narthex. Someone will contact you for further details.

Invitation #2: We need Ushers (at least 2) per week are needed to meet and greet everyone participating in our worship service. There is a short checklist of tasks (before, during and after worship) available and a quick bit of training is offered too! **Please contact *Jayne Johnson*** to join the Usher team. **Plan B:** add your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet available in the Narthex. Someone will contact you for further details.

Hey, why not help out in both roles?!



Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV



Mission Committee News

   Merry Christmas! Put it on your calendar now to join us delivering Christmas presents to the Itasca Children's Home on December 7th. Saturday around 12pm we carpool to Itasca and enjoy the fellowship (and homemade cookies) of the 20-40 children who live in the group homes. Sign up to sponsor a child's wish list with a \$25 limit in November. The children and youth are separated from family for various reasons, but the heart-warming smiles and belly laughter within the cottage home is a true blessing. If you have not been before, please try it once. You just might add it to your Christmas tradition list.



What's for dinner? Hmm If it's the last Sunday of month, come on down to the church for the Community Dinner, a service project and some fellowship. November 24th 5-7pm we'll have a variety of chilies and cornbread ready. We ask the congregation to bring a side vegetable or a dessert. Invite a friend! Invite a neighbor! We look forward to seeing you for dinner!

November Service Project: Hygiene Kits provide comfort and help prevent disease for people around the world. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distributes kits with the items below. We'll be collecting until November 22nd (see the box in the Narthex) and will assemble the kits into gallon bags at our November 24th Sunday Supper 5-7pm. If you prefer to donate funds, designate "hygiene kit" in the memo line of your check. Each kit is approximately \$15 and donations of all amounts - money and items - are greatly appreciated!

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 — nail clipper (with or without metal files or emery boards)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips
(Toothbrush and toothpaste are not needed; they will be added later!)

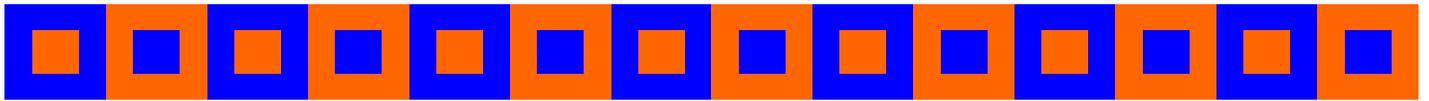


TCC FOOD PANTRY

The third Sunday in November will be our time to focus on support for the TCC food pantry.

Each month we will focus on needed items for the food pantry. For November we will focus on canned meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages). The Sunday for donations will be Sunday, November 17.

YOU **CAN** HELP

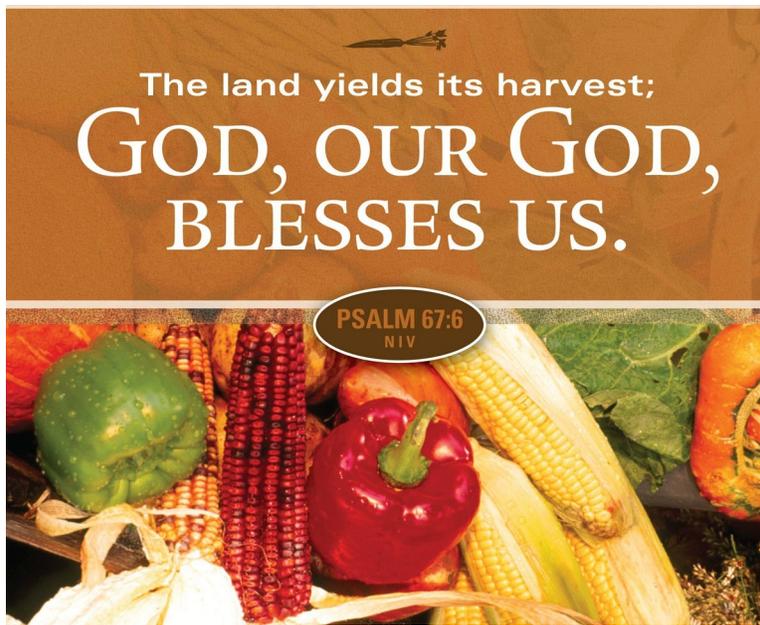


Join the EPC group for a walk for peace and understanding within the Abrahamic family – Jewish, Islamic and Christian. Those wishing to carpool will meet at EPC at 1:00pm. The walk is from 1:30-4:30pm.

Join us for our next
Community Dinner!
Sunday, November 24
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

If you are able, come to the church with a side or dessert and enjoy some fellowship with your fellow members and community. Share what God has provided you with for our neighbors.





Harvest Meal: Sunday, November 10, 2019 immediately following worship

Please join us for a celebration of fall as we gather for Emmanuel's Annual Harvest Meal. Sign up in the narthex to bring sides, salads, and desserts. Meat, potatoes and dressing will be provided. It is our custom to share our abundance of blessings with others, so if you know of someone who might not have enough to eat this season, or might need the support and fellow-ship of others, or if you would like to invite a friend/ neighbor, please do so. Just add their name to the list; and if their names don't make the list, that's fine since we always have plenty to eat! Come ready to enjoy good food and fellowship!

***Hanging of the Greens
Soup and Salad***



*Come join in the fun of Hanging of the Greens on **Sunday, November 24th** as we celebrate the coming of Advent and Christmas by decorating the Sanctuary and other parts of EPC. Immediately following Worship on the 24th we will put up our holiday decorations and then go to SoRelle for a "grab a bite" luncheon of Soup and Salad. This is an informal lunch to furnish you with something to eat before, during (if you need a break) or following all the decorating. It also is meant to provide a time to pause for some informal fellowship before you head out into the hectic holiday activities.*

A sign up on the sheet will be provided in the narthex if you wish to participate.



Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, November 18, 7:00pm

Chef Point Restaurant and Bar
121 , #5220
Colleyville, TX 76034

For more information contact:
Anni Wordell
817-703-6237

Lois Circle

Thursday, November 7, 1:00pm

Saviano's Italian
300 N. Main
Euless 76039

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023

Board and Committee Reports

Deacons:

- If any EPC members are in need of transportation assistance to Sunday Worship services, please let Margaret Bonner, our Office Administrator know. The deacons will assist with arranging rides.

Session:

- Met with The Reverends Craig Krueger and Mike Thompson, Grace Presbytery staff, for initial conversation regarding process for Robin's re-entry.
- Approved Memorial Resolution for Elder Tim Stuerzenberger.
- Received report of September 28th meeting of Grace Presbytery from commissioners Ken Richardson and Sheryl Taylor.
- Learned that Emmanuel t-shirts have been ordered and will be received the week of October 27th.
- Was reminded that Trunk or Treat, in conjunction with Kid's Kampus Fall Festival, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Learned that recognition of Robin's 30th anniversary of ordination will be part of the November 10th Harvest Meal.
- Was reminded of Peace Together Walk on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Colleyville Masjid.
- Scheduled remaining 2019 session meetings for Nov. 17th at 11:30 a.m. and Dec. 15th at 11:30 a.m.
- Learned that 6:8 Project will hold TCU tour and attend basketball game on November 18th.
- Learned that Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 24th, following worship.
- It was confirmed that Itasca Christmas party will be on December 7th.
- Voted to approve closing of the church office on Thursday, January 2, 2020.
- Was informed that the Nominating Committee has begun its work.
- Learned that the Special Worship & Music offering totaled \$1,673 and that \$517 was raised for the CROP Walk.
- Learned that fire lanes have been painted and passed inspection with the Bedford Fire Department.
- Learned of water leak repairs, lighting wiring repair, and ordering of new cameras, sensor lights and projector.

Finance:

September Income:	\$32,237.32
September Expense:	\$26,695.67
Worship & Music Special Offering	\$ 1,673.00



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!



Christian Education News

The Christian Education Committee expresses our grateful thanks for a recent generous gift made anonymously for Adult Christian Education. The committee is exploring ideas for new opportunities that this gift will make possible. Watch this space in the months ahead for more details!

Church School Class updates for November include:

Children and Youth (K-12th) Classes. The children and youth continue their course *Learning to Study the Bible*. They learned about the link between gratitude and worship in their second Fall Worship Workshop on October 20th; many thanks to Rev. Chuck Schneider for leading it!

Keys to the Bible. This class continues their in-depth study of 2 Samuel using John Goldingay's book *1 Samuel and 2 Samuel for Everyone*.

Spiritual Journeys. The Spiritual Journey class reads and discusses the scripture passages from the lectionary used that morning in worship. It's an opportunity to prepare hearts and minds for the morning worship service, and each week's discussion is stand-alone so it's easy to visit or participate as you are able. The schedule of lectionary passages can be found on the Spiritual Journeys class webpage at <https://epcspiritualjourneys.weebly.com>.

The Thoughtful Christian Class. This class completed their discussion of *Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis* in October and will begin a new study (TBD) on November 3rd. The detailed discussion schedule can be found on the Thoughtful Christian class webpage at <https://thoughtfulchristianclass.weebly.com/>.



Fall 2019 Church School At Emmanuel Presbyterian Church



Sunday morning schedule:

8:45-8:55 AM

Opening Devotional in Room 106

9:00-9:45 AM

Church School Classes for all ages

10:00-11:00 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary

Emmanuel Children and Youth November Activities

Encouragement Brigade & Lunch

Saturday, November 9th

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Children and Youth will deliver cards of encouragement (made at September's Community Dinner) to Mid-Cities nursing home residents, followed by lunch.
Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)

TCU Campus Tour and Basketball Game

with The 6:8 Project/Greenway Families

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Monday, November 18th

Children and Youth and their families are invited to join Greenway Neighborhood families for a pizza, a tour of TCU and TCU Men's Basketball team playing Air Force. Tickets are \$5/person; sign up outside the sanctuary.
Contact: Ken Richardson (k.richardson.math@gmail.com)



LECTIONARY

11/03: Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;
 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

11/10: Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
 or Psalm 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17;
 Luke 20:27-38

11/17: Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13;
 Luke 21:5-19

11/24: Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20;
 Luke 23:33-43

BIRTHDAYS

11/05 Jayne Johnson

11/13 Phillip Durkee

11/18 James Taylor

11/21 Taylor Wood

11/21 Ruth Zavala

CIRCLES

Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on
 Thursday, November 7.

Esther Circle will meet on November 12.
 (Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)

Ruth Fellowship's meeting is at 7:00pm on
 Monday, November 18.

Happy Hands will meet on Tuesday,
 November 22nd at the church.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

New Address:

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 Fort Worth, TX 76109-5204

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