

# THE MESSENGER



**Daylight Savings Time Ends on  
Sunday, November 1st.**

**Set your clocks back 1 hour!**



**TO BE RESCHEDULED!**

## November 2020

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**Fall Sundays at EPC  
ALL SERVICES ARE ONLINE  
AT:  
[emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org)**

10:00am Worship  
(Sundays)

7:00pm Bible Study  
(Tuesdays)

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The logo for 'UPcoming EVENTS' features the word 'UP' in a large, bold, orange font with a white outline, positioned above 'coming' in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. Below 'coming' is the word 'EVENTS' in a larger, orange, sans-serif font. To the left of 'UP' is a stylized orange arrow pointing upwards, with three orange stars of varying sizes above it.

- ◆ **DRIVE IN SERVICE COMMUNION SUNDAYS**, DECEMBER 6TH, 10:00AM, EPC PARKING LOT
- ◆ **SHRED DAY**, TO BE RESCHEDULED
- ◆ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH (Details to follow)
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS DINNER**, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 (Details to follow)
- ◆ **ITASCA CHRISTMAS PARTY**, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2:00pm via Zoom
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERNG**, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH



Friday, November 6, 2020



**Dedication Sunday** will be **November 15, 2020**. On Dedication Sunday you can drop off your pledge card in the parking lot of the church from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. The other options for returning your pledge cards are:

1. By mail to the P.O. Box, Attention: Christine
2. Online - just click the 2021 pledge link on the front page of our website
3. Drop off at the office, Monday thru Wednesday, 8:00am - 2:00pm



**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Emmanuel's weekly group gatherings include a hybrid of online and in-person meetings. You are welcome and encouraged to participate as you are able! Online meeting links and phone numbers are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email and are also available by contacting the church office ([office@emmanuelpc.org](mailto:office@emmanuelpc.org)).

**Note:** As per Emmanuel's COVID task force guidelines, In-Person options take place only when Tarrant County COVID risk levels are orange or lower (for outside meetings) or yellow or lower (for inside meetings). See [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) for Emmanuel's COVID information page.

**In-Person: Keys to the Bible class** meets **outside in Emmanuel's Courtyard on Sunday's at 9:00 AM**. The breezeway connector doors to the courtyard (near the compost barrel) open at 8:50 AM. The class is studying 2 Peter. In the event of bad weather, the class will meet either under the covered drive-through or inside and physically distant in Room 4. Please email Scott Keyes ([cyrtina@verizon.net](mailto:cyrtina@verizon.net)) if you would like to attend to ensure sufficient seating and spacing.

**Online: Sunday Fellowship Hour** is open to everyone and takes place **online** at 11 AM on Sunday. Participants check in and share joys and concerns, which are included in the weekly prayer email.

**Online: Weekday Evening Bible Study** meets currently at 7 PM each Tuesday and discusses one of the Scripture passages from the previous Sunday's worship.

**Online: Children and Youth Book Club** meets on Saturday's at 11:00 AM and includes a mix of youth and adults. They start a new book on November 7: *A Night Divided*, by Jennifer Nielsen. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate; contact Leah Wyckoff ([klh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net)) to be included.

**Online: Current Issues/Events Discussion Groups: Racism.** The Christian Education Committee and Social Justice Committee are partnering to provide multiple online opportunities to discuss racism and racial justice. See the detailed schedule below and find video, audio and meeting links in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email.

### CURRENT EVENTS RESOURCES & DISCUSSION SCHEDULE OCTOBER - NOVEMBER, 2020

#### OCTOBER 12: HISTORY OF RACISM IN NORTH TEXAS

**All Groups (Oct 12):** The History of Race in North Texas by Rev. Dr. Michael Waters (through Grace Presbytery)

#### WEEKS OF OCT 18 & 25: ANTIRACISM INTRODUCTION

**Video/Audio Group (Oct 18):** TED Talk: The Difference Between Being Not Racist and Antiracist

**Book Group (Oct 26):** *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi (Intro to Ch 3)

#### WEEKS OF NOV 1 & 8: RACE IN AMERICA

**Video/Audio Group (Nov 1):** *Race Matters: America in Crisis* - A PBS Newshour special

**Book Group (Nov 9):** *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi (Ch 4 - Ch 7)

#### WEEKS OF NOV 15 & 22: RACISM WITHIN US

**Video/Audio Group (Nov 15):** "40 Year look at Racism in North Texas" - KERA episode; "Not Even Past: Social Vulnerability and the Legacy of Redlining" - Digital Scholarship Lab at the University of Richmond

**Book Group (Nov 23):** *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi (Ch 8 - Ch 11)

## **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 Chuck or Christine to begin the process. (817-545-0251 and [finance@emmanuelpc.org](mailto:finance@emmanuelpc.org) or [pastorchuck@emmanuelpc.org](mailto:pastorchuck@emmanuelpc.org)) If you have questions on the fund itself, please reach out to Kristin (817-308-2670 and [haveahartwell@gmail.com](mailto: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."



Please remember to send your prayer requests to [prayer@emmanuelpc.org](mailto:prayer@emmanuelpc.org). 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 if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation.



## Fellowship Opportunities

**Ruth Fellowship (Cancelled)**

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**Lois Circle (Cancelled)**

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**Men's Dinner (Cancelled)**

## Board and Committee Reports

### SESSION:

- ◇ Learned that the Personnel Committee had named the following individuals to serve as the Temporary Pastoral Leadership Search Committee: Jim Mahon (Moderator), Kristin Hartwell, Dane Pranke, Sheryl Taylor, and Tonia Thompson.
- ◇ Voted to delay the previously-scheduled Yard Sale until a date when the COVID-19 statistics are at a lower level.
- ◇ Discussed possible CE building rental and pertinent information received from the Director of Property Management of Grace Presbytery.
- ◇ Voted to call as congregational meeting for Sunday, November 15th, for the following purposes:
  - (1) to act on Robin Lyn Valdez's request to dissolve her pastoral relationship with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, effective December 31, 2020.
  - (2) to receive and act on the report of the Nominating Committee regarding officers to serve in the Class of 2023.
- ◇ Learned that the Special Worship and Music offering totaled \$710.
- ◇ Was informed that, weather permitting, parking lot worship and Communion will be offered on November 1st and December 6th, along with the online service, which will include Communion.
- ◇ Heard that a brief Service of Remembrance in honor of All Saints Day will take place in the courtyard at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 1st, weather permitting.
- ◇ Was advised that the Worship Committee approved purchase of an 88-key Yamaha piano with stand and pedal for outdoor choir rehearsals and worship and that additional electrical hardware, wireless microphones, and music stands will be purchased using unspent Worship Committee funds.
- ◇ Session was reminded that Christmas gifts for Itasca Children's Home are due December 8th for the December 12th online Christmas party.
- ◇ Was informed that close to 100 breakfast bags were assembled on October 24th for the Presbyterian Night Shelter.
- ◇ Was updated on current and proposed efforts to address racism (white supremacy) and environmental injustice.
- ◇ Learned that the recent parking lot bingo event was well-attended and that the EPC face mask order has been arrived.
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### Finance:

September Income:	\$26,448.81
September Expense:	\$21,770.73
Worship/Music Special Offering	\$ 710.00

## LECTIONARY

## BIRTHDAYS

**11/01:** Rev. 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12

**11/08:** Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

**11/15:** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

**11/22:** Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-36

**11/29:** Isa. 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

**11/05** Jayne Johnson

**11/13** Phillip Durkee

**11/17** Kristen Morris

**11/18** James Taylor

**11/21** Taylor Wood

## CIRCLES

Lois Circle (SUSPENDED)

Esther Circle (SUSPENDED).  
(Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)

Ruth Fellowship's (SUSPENDED)