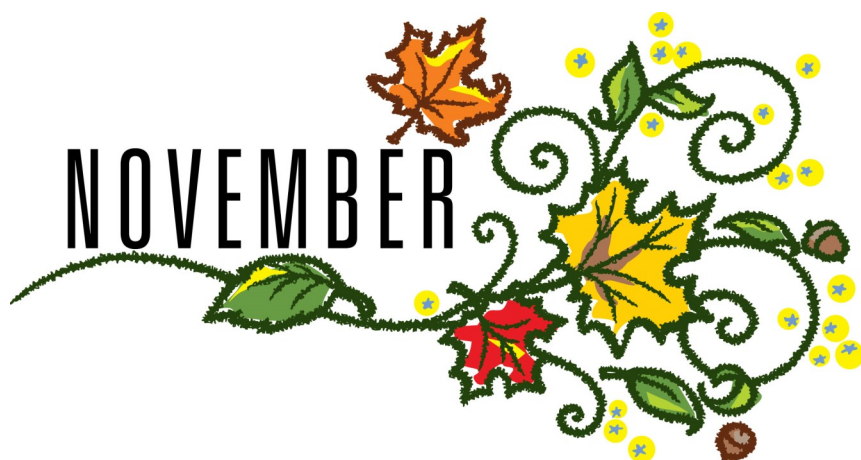


THE MESSENGER



- * **Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!!
- * **Sunday, November 14, Gratitude Luncheon and Labyrinth Walk following worship.** The Christian Education Committee will host this event outdoors, with a soup and bread lunch and intergenerational activities focused on gratitude, including walking the labyrinth.
- * **Dedication Sunday (Theme: "Living in Abundance")** November 14
In gratitude to God and in support of our congregation, bring your pledge for the next year. Thank you for your faithful commitment to EPC!
- * **Hanging of the Greens** - Sunday, November 21st after worship/celebration.
- * **Happy Thanksgiving!** - Thursday, November 25th



- * **NEED** - Monday, November 29th, 10am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-3pm

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Fall Sundays at EPC
ALL SERVICES ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
emmanuelpc.org

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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Christian Education News

Sunday, November 14 Gratitude Luncheon and Labyrinth Walk

The Christian Education Committee invites you to a **Gratitude Luncheon and Labyrinth Walk** following worship on **Sunday, November 14th**. A simple soup and bread lunch will be served outdoors, followed by opportunities to either walk the labyrinth on Emmanuel's property or to use a finger labyrinth. Additionally, several reflective activities focused on the practice of gratitude will also take place at tables outside so that people of all ages and abilities can participate.

Christine Pohl says, "Gratitude involves knowing that we are held secure by a loving God, and that the God we worship is trustworthy, despite the nearly unbearable sorrow we might encounter along the way." Join us as we seek to center ourselves in this truth as a faith community.



Group Gatherings Schedule for November

Emmanuel's group gatherings take place both in-person and virtually for November, due to continued COVID risk levels of concern in Tarrant County. Online meeting links are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Update email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

Note the New Time! 11:15 AM: Keys to the Bible class (in-person) meets in Room 5 (Library) for Bible study. 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.

4:30 PM Awakening to Structural Racism class (virtual). Rev. Kyle Walker leads this online five-session class using materials from Johnson C. Smith Seminary.

Tuesday's

7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study (virtual). This group meets online weekly to discuss the previous Sunday's worship texts. Study materials are also available to use at home for individual study; contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to receive them.

Saturday's

11 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) meets to read and discuss books. The books are appropriate for ages 11+, and the group includes interested adults. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included.



EPC Honors the Reverend Robin Lyn Valdez

On Sunday, November 21st there will be a special Worship service in recognition of the Reverend Robin Lyn Valdez's 19 years of service at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

It will take place at the 10:00 a.m. service. Due to the current high COVID-19 status, those wishing to attend will be required to wear masks. Seating may become limited or require an overflow arrangement, so we will be requesting you to RSVP with a total number for your household. The service will be live-streamed to those who are not able to attend.

In order to honor Robin's wonderful tenure at EPC, we will need to make every effort to ensure the safety of those who attend, as well as Robin. Other details for those planning to attend in person, will be made closer to the date of the service. We hope you will join us, in person or virtually, to celebrate Robin's wonderful leadership and ministry among us.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

2023 Elder

John Stocking

2023 Deacons

Helen Sink

Linda Greenwell

2024 Elders

Molly Park

James Taylor

Pat Wiegand

Laura Mahon

2024 Deacons

Leah Wyckoff

Claire Morris

**EPC CELEBRATES
50 YRS.
OF
CHARTERING
THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA!!**





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. 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.

USHERS, LITURGISTS AND SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

Since we have resumed our regular worship services, we need all of the above for each Sunday. Please contact Jayne Johnson for ushers and liturgists to sign up at Enyaj@me.com.

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 Christine 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

Esther Circle/Happy Hands Update

The Esther Circle has been suspended and Happy Hands will meet on an as-needed basis.

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, November 15, 2021

6:30 p.m.

**Ferrari's Italian Villa & Chop House
1200 William D. Tate Ave.
Grapevine, TX 76051**

**For more information contact:
Nancy Cable**

Lois Circle

Thursday, November 4, 2021

1:00 p.m.

**54th Street Grill
2201 TX-121
Euless, TX 76039**

**For more information contact:
Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023**

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- ♦ Elected Kristin Hartwell and Melissa Durkee to serve as commissioners to the hybrid morning meeting of Grace Presbytery at First Presbyterian, Fort Worth, on Saturday, November 13th.
- ♦ Approved creation of a new budget line item for PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) expenses and moving the \$9,170 balance of the Sprinkler Fund into the new PNC budget.
- ♦ Was reminded of the Trunk or Treat, in conjunction with The Clubhouse For Special Needs, on Saturday, October 30th, from 5:00-6:30 PM.
- ♦ Received a tutorial by Ken Richardson on how to leave a Google review of EPC and encouragement to like/share the church's postings on FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- ♦ Learned that actual mold remediation and repair work will begin on the CE building at the first of November, with that building being off limits to access by EPC while work is taking place. Any items needed from that space should be relocated ASAP.
- ♦ Voted to approve Mission Committee's request to ask the congregation to again provide Christmas gifts for the children and house parents at Presbyterian Children's Home and Services campus in Itasca, TX.
- ♦ Was informed that 171 lunch bags were assembled for Presbyterian Night Shelter on October 9th.
- ♦ Learned that All Saints Day Service of Remembrance is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th, at 4:00 PM and that Hanging of the Greens will take place on November 21st, following the service and reception celebrating the Ministry of Robin Valdez.
- ♦ Was informed that the Worship and Music Special Offering totaled \$1,055.

Finance:

September Income:	\$55,678.56
September Expense:	\$54,496.02

LECTIONARY

11/07 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Ps. 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16, Ps. 146; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/14 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Dan. 12:1-3; Ps. 16; Heb. 10:11-14(15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/21 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12(13-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/28 Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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)

BIRTHDAYS

11/05 Jayne Johnson

11/13 Phillip Durkee

11/17 Kristen Morris

11/18 James Taylor

11/21 Taylor Wood

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Kasonga-Kalubi Family

New Address: 1130 Bear Creek Pkwy.
Apt. 1605
Eules, TX 76039

Helen Richardson

New Address: 126 Clay Ave., #1
Lexington, KY 40502

Wanda Asire

Harbor Chase Senior Living, Rm. G-11
700 E. State Hwy. 114
Southlake, TX 76092

Angella Takomana

New Email: memory95@icloud.com

Shirley Martin

New Address: Parkwood Assisted Living 2
Room 300, 2600 Parkview Ln., Bedford 76022