

THE MESSENGER



The Personnel Committee would like to provide you with an update on Pastoral leadership here at Emmanuel.

Most of you are aware that Rev. Robin Valdez had a stroke early in the year and that we hired Rev. Chuck Schneider on a part time basis to help 'keep the wheels on the bus' while Rev. Robin recovered. Early in the summer we realized that we needed more than part time leadership to keep the bus headed in the right direction as well. Personnel Committee recommended, and Session approved, an extension of Rev. Chuck's contract through the end of the year on a full time basis (renewable monthly, as necessary). This change provides the pastoral leadership necessary for us to look ahead to next year, and beyond, as we continue our ministry here at Emmanuel.

Rev. Robin is currently on Disability under the Board of Pensions (BoP) administration and is prohibited from 'working' as a Pastor. Among other things, this includes participating in leading worship in any way and participating in any committee work. As we go forward, Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM, led by our friend Rev. Michael Waschevski) and BoP will assess whether and when Rev. Robin is ready to return to work and develop a plan for her return. Rev. Chuck is in conversation with both COM and BoP to prepare for Rev. Robin's return, and anticipates a time of transition to ensure that Rev. Robin is ready to take on full pastoral leadership.

We are thankful for Rev. Robin's recovery so far, hopeful that she will fully recover and return soon, and trust God to be with her and with us each step of this journey.

We will keep you posted as the journey continues!

October 2019

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Fall Sundays at EPC

8:45am Church School

10:00am Worship

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UPCOMING EVENTS EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

World Communion Sunday, October 6- say a prayer in celebration with Christians around the world and the communion of saints

Crop Walk, Saturday, October 12, Time: TBD - You can make a donation if you are unable to join us for the walk.

Stewardship Luncheon, "Finding God's Grace Unexpectedly", Sunday, October 13, after worship

World Food Day, Wednesday, October 16, (Say a prayer for the hands that harvested and transported your meals.)

Litter Stomp, Saturday, October 19th

Fall Work Day, Saturday, October 26, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Dinner (Hunger Awareness), Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

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

Harvest Festival, Thursday, October 31



You're Invited!

Please join us for Open House at NEED (Northeast Emergency Distribution) and see your hard-earned mission dollars at work! We have two locations: NEED East at 424 W. Bedford Euless Rd., in Hurst, and NEED West at 5028 Broadway Ave., in Haltom City. Located next to NEED East in Hurst is our "Twice Blessed" resale shop, the proceeds of which go to support the food pantry, pay utilities, rent, etc.

The Open House is a come-and-go event, and we'd be delighted to show you around. It's important to see the role your church plays in this active community ministry. We appreciate each and every way your church serves those persons needing a helping hand. Your continued support is vital.



Join us for our next
Community Dinner!

Sunday, October 27

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.



TCC FOOD PANTRY

The third Sunday in October and 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 October we will focus on snack items: crackers, granola bars, popcorn, fruit snacks and fruit cups.

YOU CAN HELP





CLEAN UP WORK DAY at EPC

FALL WORK DAY!!

Saturday, October 26

8:00am - 1:00pm

Lunch, breakfast and snacks will be provided.

No special skills are required for inside and outside work. Bring any tools you think will be helpful from home. Come one come all!

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 30-40 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? Hmmm. If it's the last Sunday of month, come on down to the church for the Community Dinner, a service project and some fellowship. September 29th 5-7pm we'll have the roasted chicken and mashed potatoes 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!

All of October we'll be walking along side the millions across the globe who are food insecure and those who are just plain hungry. Mission Committee invites you to participate according to your ability in October for Hunger Awareness Month. October 6- World Communion Sunday- say a prayer in celebration with Christians around the world and the communion of saints.

October 12- Crop Walk Saturday afternoon. You can make a donation if you are unable to join us for the walk. Times TBA

October 16- World Food Day- say a prayer for the hands that harvested and transported your meals

October 29 - 5-7pm- Community Dinner and video on the effects of hunger in one small town





Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, October 21, 7:00pm

Big Daddy's Ship Store
2500 Oak Grove Loop S., #200
Grapevine, TX 76051

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

Lois Circle

Thursday, October 3, 1:00pm

Palio's Pizza & Pasta
5712 Colleyville Blvd.
Suite 130
Colleyville, TX 76034
For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023

Board and Committee Reports

Deacons:

1. Special thanks to all the members of the congregation who have volunteered to provide meals for Robin and Keith several times a week, as they continue on their journey of recovery.
2. A tremendous thank you to Lisa Keys and Mary Jane Horr for sending out cards of joy, care and concern to various EPC members during the months of August and September.
3. And a big "Thank You" to those who have visited with members who are not able to travel to church, and to those who have provided transportation for members needing a ride to church.

Session:

1. Voted to move their meeting from Tuesday evening to Sunday, following worship.
2. Discussed the October 13th Stewardship luncheon, turned in written examples of the theme "Finding God's Grace Unexpectedly", and learned that 3 members of session have agreed to speak at the luncheon.
3. Voted to approve collecting funds for the October 12th CROP WALK.
4. Approved soliciting donations of items and money for hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
5. Approved the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser with ZingerZ Comedy Club, with silent and live auction, scheduled for Sunday, February 9th, at 3:00 PM.
6. Learned that the fall work day is scheduled for October 26th.
7. Heard about upcoming 6:8 activities including National Night Out October 1st, Litter Stomp on October 19th, and Harvest Festival on October 31st.
8. Received a report from the Facilities Committee on efforts to address CE building drainage issue.
9. Welcomed Jayne Johnson to the Worship Committee.

Finance:

August Income:	\$21,465.23
August Expense:	\$25,633.48

LECTIONARY		BIRTHDAYS	
		10/01	Mark Phillips
10/06:	Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-4; Luke 17:5-10	10/03	Lisa Keyes
		10/07	Wanda Asire
		10/09	Nancy Cable
10/13:	Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19	10/09	Barbara Thompson
		10/09	Randall West
		10/10	Susan LaPointe
10/20:	Jer. 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8	10/13	Ester Stone
		10/16	Rick Thompson
		10/17	Anni Wordell
10/27:	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14	10/17	Leah Wyckoff
		10/18	Renee Wood
		10/28	Shirley Martin
		10/29	Chris Cable

CIRCLES	
	Lois Circle will meet at 1:00pm on Thursday, October 3.
	Esther Circle will meet on October 8th. (Second Tuesdays at 9:30am at the church.)
	Ruth Fellowship's meeting is at 7:00pm on Monday, October 21.
	Happy Hands will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at the church.

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

Christian Education News

Emmanuel's four Sunday morning classes are underway for fall! We begin each Sunday with an Opening Devotional at 8:45 AM in Room 106 of the Christian Education wing and then move to classes at 8:55 AM.

Class updates for October include:

Children and Youth (K-12th) Classes. The older children and youth are learning to read and study the Bible for themselves using the course *Learning to Study the Bible*. Younger children (K-3rd Grade) will focus on learning to use their Bibles. Rev. Chuck Schneider leads the children and youth in their second **Fall Worship Workshop** on **October 20th**.

Keys to the Bible. This class continues their in-depth study of 2 Samuel using John Goldingay's book *1 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 is working through a seven-session study on the Refugee Crisis using readings and videos from *Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis*. The detailed discussion schedule can be found on the Thoughtful Christian class webpage at <https://thoughtfulchristianclass.weebly.com/>.

Emmanuel Children and Youth October Activities

CROP Hunger Walk Saturday, October 12th Dallas

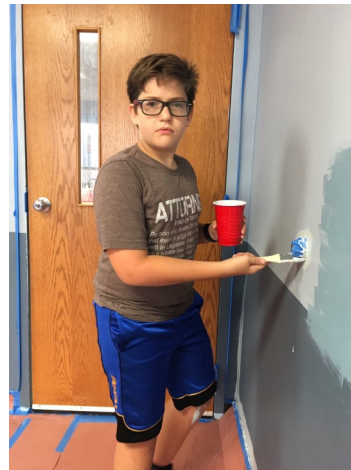
Children and Youth will join a team from Emmanuel in a walk to raise awareness of global hunger and to raise money to fight hunger.

Contact: Kristin Hartwell (haveahartwell@gmail.com)

Community Dinner & Movie “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Sunday, October 27th

Children and Youth will participate in the Community Dinner and watch the movie that follows it. The movie is the true story of a thirteen year-old boy in Malawi who invents to help his family and village as they struggle with drought and famine.

Contact: Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net)



Fun Day at IT'Z and Classroom Painting Party