

THE MESSENGER



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN/LUNCHEON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

Theme: "Online Together to Give"

Boxed lunches will be provided. Lunch will be served from 12:30pm - 1:30m. You will have the option of eating lunch in the parking lot on social distanced tables or drive up and receive a box and pick up your pledge packet.

Please sign up by October 7.

Dedication Sunday will be November 15, 2020. Members will have three options for returning their pledge cards.

1) Mail in. 2) Drop off at the church on dedication Sunday between 12:30 – 1:30. 3) Home pick-up.

ANNUAL
Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

October 2020

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

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:00pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

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DRIVE IN SERVICE

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST EPC - LIVE IN-PERSON SERVICE

ON
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2020
10:00 A.M.

We will enjoy service from the safety of our cars! This will be a Communion celebration with pre-packaged sacraments, which will be distributed in the EPC parking lot.

Pre-registration for attendance is required, so we can prepare enough Communion packages.

YOU MUST CALL OR EMAIL THE EPC OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NO LATER THAN 2:30 P.M. WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR VEHICLE.

IF YOU WISH TO PICK UP A COMMUNION PACKAGE FOR HOME USE ON OCT. 4TH, THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE (UPON REQUEST) VIA A DRIVE-THRU OPTION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD FROM 11AM - 12Noon.

Cars will have s-p-a-c-e-d parking configuration. We will also continue to offer the recorded worship service for those who opt-out of attending this live event. They will be able to pause the recording, gather juice and bread from their homes, restart the video and participate in the Communion practice and remainder of the worship service.

NOTE: There won't be any printed materials distributed. (links for the program will be posted on the EPC website for document downloads by the prior Saturday morning). Hymnals will not be available and no offering collection plates will be distributed.

There will be one straw basket on the parking lot for drop off pledge contributions before and up to 30 mins. after the worship service has ended. Online giving is still encouraged.

Recycling of the plastic ware (Communion packaging) will be available.

Basic COVID-19 protocol for this event must be followed:

- A general screening questionnaire must be completed by each family in advance.
- Face masks for everyone
- A hand sanitizer station will be available before/after the event on the parking lot
- No internal building access (restrooms)
- No physical contact please



- ♦ **6:8 LITTER STOMP** - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8:00AM - 11:00AM
- ♦ **MISSION PROJECT** TO PREPARE 150-200 BREAKFAST BAGS FOR PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER FOR ASSEMBLY AT THE CHURCH ON EITHER OCT. 17TH OR OCT. 24TH
- ♦ **FALL WORK DAY** AT EMMANUEL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8:00AM - 1:00PM, Bring your own lunch and tools. We will be doing outside work.
- ♦ **COURTYARD CAFÉ**, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 4:00PM - 6:00PM IN THE EPC PARKING LOT, WEATHER PERMITTING
- ♦ **YARD SALE (Tentative date)**, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST (BACK-UP DATE NOVEMBER 7), 8:00AM - 1:00PM WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ENFORCED. NO FOOD WILL BE SERVED.
- ♦ **SHRED DAY**, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 9:00AM - 12 NOON
- ♦ **ITASCA CHRISTMAS PARTY**, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 12:30PM-3:30PM

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 or pastor-chuck@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."



Would you be interested in purchasing an EPC Facemask for \$8.00?

A survey has been sent via email for you to select if you are interested in purchasing one.

The logo matches our logo on our new t-shirts.

Measurements - Earloop to Earloop -11.5"

Mouth Length - 6.5"

Nose to Chin - 5.25"

White Cotton Mask with EPC Logo

The survey will be available for 2 weeks (Closing on October 8). We will place the order with Big Frog once the survey has closed. It takes 3-5 business days to receive the masks.

Please pay with cash or a check made out to EPC when you pick them up at the church. The office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9-2:30 PM. Contact Nancy if you wish to pick up your mask(s) at a different time. 817-267-8612.

UPCOMING EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS (Details to follow)

**Courtyard
Cafe**



Join us for Live Jazz Music
and
Fellowship
at the Courtyard Café
Saturday, October 25
4:00pm – 5:30pm



Please remember to send your prayer requests to 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.

SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES: SAMARITAN'S PURSE is recruiting for paid [Seasonal Associates](#) for [Operation Christmas Child](#). Qualified candidates will be in agreement with their Statement of Faith. The job will be full time from mid-November through mid-December at their Processing Center in Coppell, TX. Seasonal roles involve warehouse and volunteer management, such as Greeters, Team Coaches, Fork Lift Operators, Warehouse Lifters. You can [apply online](#) and plan on attending their hiring event: Oct. 10th from 10:00am – 2:00pm, Samaritan's Purse Processing Center, 1201 Creekview Dr. Coppell, TX 75019

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Fall 2020 Faith Formation Survey: New Groups Being Formed

Many thanks to everyone who completed Christian Education Committee's recent survey on Fall 2020 Faith Formation opportunities! Thirty-seven people gave their input and we are working to form new online groups based on your feedback. New groups being organized include:

Current events and issues discussion groups. The Social Justice and Christian Education Committees are partnering to plan Current Issues discussion groups with options for both a book study and multimedia (video, audio) discussion groups. For Fall 2020, we will focus on the current issue of racial justice and racism. See the separate article for more information on how to participate in Current Issues group options.

Prayer group and Faith Partners. People interested in being part of an online prayer group or being matched with a Faith Partner for over-the-phone check-ins will be invited to an organizational meeting via ZOOM. Contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Current Group Meetings

Weekly gatherings already underway 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).

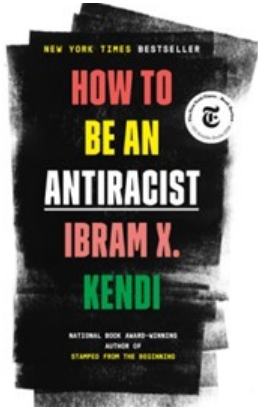
Keys to the Bible class is meeting in-person and outside in Emmanuel's Courtyard on Sundays at 9:00 AM. The breezeway connector doors to the courtyard (near the compost barrel) open at 8:50 AM. The class starts a study of 2 Peter in October. In the event of bad weather, the class will meet either under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

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.

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

Children and Youth Group participants are being contacted to find a new day/time to meet online since school hours conflict with the previous Friday afternoon meeting time. Additionally, monthly in-person opportunities for service and fellowship are being planned.

Children and Youth Book Club meets online on Saturday's at 11:00 AM and includes a mix of youth and adults. They are starting a new book on October 3rd: Smile, a graphic novel by Raina Telgemeier. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate; contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net) to be included.



New Current Issues Discussion Groups: *Racial Justice and Racism*

This Fall starting in October, the Social Justice and Christian Education Committees invite you to participate in one or more Discussion Group opportunities focused on **Racial Justice and Racism**.

Racial Justice and Racism Discussion Group options include:

Monday, October 12th at 7 PM, “The History of Racism in North Texas” online presentation and discussion with Rev. Dr. Michael Waters, sponsored by Grace Presbytery via ZOOM. The registration link for this event will be provided to you as soon as it’s available.

Book study: *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Starts the week of October 19th with online discussions every two weeks at dates/times to be determined by participants.

Video and audio discussion group: We’ll start by discussing a one hour Ted talk featuring Ibram Kendi. You’ll watch the video when convenient for you and then meet virtually with a group to reflect and discuss what you saw and heard. This group will meet every two weeks.

To participate, let us know which options you are interested in via <https://forms.gle/B4FEfTgg9imvqKNJ9> . If you have questions or need more information, contact Helen Richardson (helen.richardson@urichmond.edu).



Ruth Fellowship (Cancelled)

Lois Circle (Cancelled)

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Finance:

August Income:	\$31,808.90
August Expense:	\$25,985.68

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

1. Received a report from returning Moderator Robin Lyn Valdez.
2. Was made aware of free PPE secured for Emmanuel from a program of United Way of Tarrant County.
3. Approved in-person parking lot Communion worship service for Sunday, October 4th, (World Communion Sunday), with participants remaining in their cars, utilizing the new radio frequency transmission equipment. Online worship will also include virtual Communion for World Communion Sunday.
4. 6:8 Litter Stomp is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, from 8-11 am
Learned about mission project to prepare 150-200 breakfast bags for Presbyterian Night Shelter for assembly at the church on either October 17th or October 24th.
5. Learned that Fall Work Day at Emmanuel is scheduled for October 24th, from 8 am - 1 pm.
6. Heard that Courtyard Cafe' is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th, from 4-6 pm in the parking lot, weather permitting.
7. Approved the rescheduled Yard Sale to take place completely outside on Saturday, October 31st (back-up date November 7th) from 8 am - 1 pm. with social distancing and masks enforced. No food will be served.
8. Heard that the Building Maintenance Special Offering brought in \$1,980 and that \$800 has been received in memorial gifts honoring Don Asire.
9. Was reminded that Robin moves to 35 hours/week in October.
10. Learned that Tak Yan Yeung has been employed as permanent part-time Accompanist/Organist.
11. Approved requesting \$10/family for those interested in purchasing Advent in a Box materials, being purchased by the Christian Education Committee.
12. Learned that an online special interest study and an online prayer group will be offered, in addition to the existing Bible study. These are in response to the recent questionnaire.
13. Was reminded that online orders are being accepted for EPC face masks at a cost of \$8.
14. Disapproved an amended lease proposal between EPC, Kids Kampus and Lala Land Childcare, directing the Facility Committee to contact Karen Ebling, Director of Property Management for Grace Presbytery, for advice and assistance on how best to proceed.
15. Heard that there will be fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity in the spring prior to a May build.
16. Was informed that the 6:8 Project meal handout program is going strong with 50 boxes of food, plus 4-gallon crates of milk, distributed each Monday.
17. The Covid-19 Task Group shared Guidelines for Small Groups (under 10 people) meeting inside the church, Screening Questionnaire, and Phased Reopening Guidelines which they had developed, with coinciding graphs of case numbers, hospitalizations, etc.

LECTIONARY

10/04: Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

10/11: Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

10/18: Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1-20; Matt. 22:15-22

10/25: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-36

BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Mark Phillips
10/03 Lisa Keyes
10/07 Wanda Asire
10/09 Nancy Cable
10/09 Barbara Thompson
10/09 Randall West
10/10 Susan LaPointe
10/13 Ester Stone
10/16 Rick Thompson
10/17 Anni Wordell
10/17 Leah Wyckoff
10/18 Renee Wood
10/28 Shirley Martin
10/29 Chris Cable

CIRCLES

Lois Circle (SUSPENDED)

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

Ruth Fellowship's (SUSPENDED)

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