

THE MESSENGER



October 2021

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- * **JAZZ/BLUES JAM SESSION** - Saturday, October 2, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- * **NEED SUNDAY** - October 3, 2021
- * **FALL WORK DAY/PNS LUNCH BAG ASSEMBLY** - Saturday, October 9, 2021 8:00am - 1:00pm
- * **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - Our Annual Stewardship Kickoff will be Sunday, October 10th!! Our theme will be “Living in Abundance”, based on John 6. Boxed lunches will be provided. EPC Members, you can sign up for a lunch box via the weekly email by Tuesday, October 5th.
- * **TRUNK OR TREAT/FALL FESTIVAL** - Saturday, October 30, 5:00 pm - 6:30pm. This will be in conjunction with the Clubhouse for Special Needs.
- * **FLOWER PAYMENTS** - Our florist, Cooper’s Florist in Hurst, has asked to bill the church directly rather than individual members. If you have not received a bill from Cooper’s for your flowers this summer, please pay the church by check or online. The amount is \$35, with no tax charged. Note “Flowers” in the memo line. If you have questions about payment, please contact Becky.

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

10:00am Worship
(Sundays)

7:00pm Bible Study
(Tuesdays)

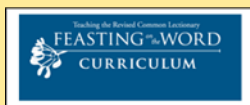
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Christian Education News



New Online/At-home Bible Study Options

Emmanuel's Tuesday Evening Bible Study group has a new later meeting time and a new online curriculum for studying the Sunday worship texts.

- Online gatherings are each Tuesday **7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**.

Feasting on the Word lectionary-based curriculum is used to guide the discussions.

Each week's discussion uses one of the previous Sunday's worship texts and stands on its own. You are welcome to participate online even if you can't be there every week. **You may also choose to use the resources for personal study at home.** For more information or to be added to the weekly email to receive the participant resources and meeting link, contact Leah Wyckoff.

Group Gatherings Schedule for October

Emmanuel's group gatherings take place both in-person and virtually for October, as Tarrant County COVID risk levels are high due a high number of COVID cases and hospitalizations at this time. 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). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

8:45 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.

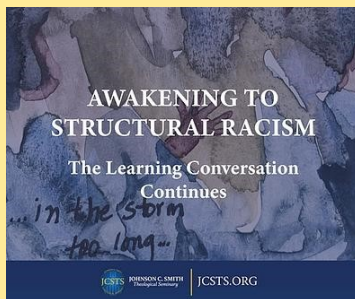
4 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adults from the Christian Education committee for about 45 minutes to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Bible Study (virtual). This group meets online weekly to discuss the previous Sunday's worship texts.

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.



Would you like to continue the conversation on race in a group from EPC? Many of you joined in with presbytery and synod conversations but we have the opportunity now to have this conversation with each other and to beta test a brand new course being put together by former PCUSA moderator Rick Ufford-Chase in concert with Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Johnson C. Smith is our ONLY historically black seminary in the PCUSA located in Atlanta, Georgia. From the course: "If you are looking for a primer to help you sort out the theological questions around systems of White supremacy or to prepare you to be a more effective ally in dismantling structural racism, The "Awakening to Structural Racism" Block of five "Foundations" is for you." This course will be moderated/taught by Kyle Walker and resourced by Rick Ufford-Chase. In order to have Rick's participation, we will offer this course over Zoom. Please look at your Sunday afternoon/evening calendar and get back with Kyle so he can make sure we have the interest necessary to have a good conversation group. The courses will begin on Sundays in late October and wrap up by Thanksgiving. A specific timeframe will be set after we hear from the group who is interested.

PNS LUNCH BAG ASSEMBLY



The Mission Committee is once again planning a mission opportunity to help our neighbors who are currently experiencing homelessness. We are going to make Take and Go Lunch Bags for the **Presbyterian Night Shelter**. We will be assembling the lunch bags on **October 9th** at the **Fall Work Day**. We need your help. Below is the list of items that will go in the bags. As you are out shopping, please consider picking up a few of these items to donate:

- ⇒ **Canned mix fruit**
- ⇒ **Single serve tuna salads/ other meat products in the foil packs or pop-top cans**
- ⇒ **Energy bars, protein bars**
- ⇒ **Beanie Weiners**
- ⇒ **Single serve items: cookies, pretzels, cheese crackers, other food products in easy open cans**
- ⇒ **Jello/Pudding**
- ⇒ **Water**
- ⇒ **Plastic utensils and napkins rolled together**

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



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, October 18, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Babe's Chicken

670 NE Loop 820

N. Richland Hills, TX 76180

For more information contact:

Nancy Cable

Lois Circle

Thursday, October 7, 2021

1:00 p.m.

BJ's

1101 Melbourne Rd.

Hurst, TX 76053

For more information contact:

Cheryl Dale

817-223-6023

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- ♦ Jazz/Blues Jam on Saturday, October 2nd, from 3-5 p.m. will include an open mic.
- ♦ National Night-Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th, from 5:00-7:30 PM at Delga Park.
- ♦ Stewardship Luncheon and Kick-off is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, with box lunches from Jason's Deli; with Dedication Sunday scheduled for November 14th.
- ♦ Learned that the CE Committee is planning a Gratitude lunch with labyrinth walk on Sunday, November 14th.
- ♦ Voted to move the November Session meeting from Sunday, November 21st, to Monday, November 22nd, at 7:00 PM
- ♦ Agreed as a session to participate in The Presbyterian Foundation's Project Regeneration in 2022.
- ♦ Committed to do member phone check-in using questions provided by the Moderator

Finance:

August Income:	\$24, 506.09
August Expense:	\$21,268.92

LECTIONARY

10/03	Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Ps. 26; Gen. 2:18-24, Ps. 8; Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
10/10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Ps. 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 1-15; Ps. 90:12-17; Heb. 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31
10/17	Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17; Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isa. 53:4-12; Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10, 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45
10/24	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8; Jer. 31:7-9; Ps. 126; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
10/31	Ruth 1:1-18; Ps. 146; Deut. 6:1-9; Ps. 119:1-8; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

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

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	Pete 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

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