

THE MESSENGER



Sips 'n Tidbits

- **Thursday, September 1:** *Lois Circle* at 1pm at Empress of China. (see page 6 for more details)
- **Saturday, September 17:** 3rd Cars & Coffee Show, 9am-11am at parking lot. \$10 for all vehicles. Free to visitors. All donations go to N.E.E.D.

Coming Soon.....

- **Saturday, October 8:** Bingo Party
- **Saturday, October 29:** Truck or Treat with The Clubhouse for Special Needs



September 2022

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**Sunday services at EPC
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT:
emmanuelpc.org**

10:00am Worship (Sundays)

7:30pm Bible Study (Tuesdays)

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Christian Education News

NEW Community Issue Discussion Series: Homelessness – Voicing Lament, Advocating for Change

We invite you to join us online Tuesday evenings in September for a four-week group discussion on homelessness, its effects in our community, and how God is calling us to respond. We'll look at the causes and effects of homelessness in the US and in Texas specifically and explore biblical passages and confessional statements to guide us in our responses. We will lament the suffering and challenges surrounding homelessness so that we can then move to action.

The discussion takes place online starting Tuesday, September 6 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. To receive the meeting link and discussion materials, register [here](#).

Group Gatherings Schedule for September

Emmanuel group gatherings take place both in-person and online. Online meeting links are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). The current weekly schedule for online gatherings is:

Sunday's

- **11:15 AM Keys to the Bible class** (in-person) meets for Bible study in Room 5 following worship. 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.

Tuesday's

- **7:30-8:30 PM Community Issue Discussion Series: Homelessness** (virtual). This four-week discussion takes place online each Tuesday in September. See details above; To receive the meeting link and discussion materials, register [here](#).

Saturday's

- **9:30 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club** meets in-person at Emmanuel in September to complete a Story Path installation project on the west side of Emmanuel's property.





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 or scan using the QR code above. 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

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 Becky 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.





Ruth Fellowship

Monday, September 19, 2022
6:30 pm

For more information contact:
Katie Phillips
817-300-8254

Lois Circle

Thursday, September 1, 2022
1:00 pm
Empress of China
2300 Glade Rd #280,
Grapevine

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

Finance:

August Income:	\$16,031.30
August Expense:	\$28,268.64

Board and Committee Reports

Learned that Grace Presbytery is offering Confirmation Camp at Camp Gilmont in September.

Thanked Tonia Thompson, Leah Wyckoff, and Melissa Durkee for the successful VBS held in July, which 18 people attended.

Was informed that the church website will undergo a major refresh soon.

Thanked Scott and Lisa Keyes again for their key roles in bringing the little lending library to fruition.

Learned that The Clubhouse or Special Needs has a waiting list of clients, is eager to move into the CE building, and that the contract between The Clubhouse and Emmanuel will be updated prior to the move.

It was reported that the CE kitchen is fully functional and that installation of Reme Halo air purifiers have been completed in the main building, Sanctuary and narthex area. Thermostats have been installed, and water sensors have arrived.

Session learned that the church does have a working defibrillator.

23 individuals attended the CRASE training with Bedford Police in July, and the Safety Task Force will be assembling soon to begin their work on creating a safety plan for EPC.

It was reported that upgrades to the sound and video system are in the works, with a proposal coming soon.

The Stewardship Theme for 2023 will be "Every Gift Matters", based on I Cor. 12:1a, 14. The Stewardship Luncheon is scheduled for October 9th. A new Time and Talents survey will also be coming.

It was reported to session that winter storm damage costs will likely exceed insurance by \$35,000-\$40,000.

Learned that the 6:8 Summer Lunch Program served between 8-16 children each day.

103 lunches were delivered to Presbyterian Night Shelter in July, and the next project will take place in October.

Social Justice is planning a congregational survey to ascertain interest in a Fort Worth Pilgrimage related to racial history, justice, and equality challenges in our area.

The Cub Scouts have volunteered to assist in moving The Clubhouse into the CE wing, if desired. The pack is signing up new prospective scouts at neighborhood elementary schools and is eager to resume meetings in SoRelle Hall.

Nominating Committee shared that forms for nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee, along with informational packets, will be shared with the congregation on September 4th, with nominations to end on September 18th.

Elected Mary Ann Reed and Pat Wiegand as commissioners to the hybrid Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd, from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Richardson.



LECTIONARY

09/4 Luke 14:25-33
09/11 Luke 15:1-10
09/18 Luke 16:1-13
09/25 Luke 16:19-31

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, 6:30 p.m.)

Happy Hands
(Will meet on an as-needed basis)

BIRTHDAYS



John Phillips 9/07
David Turner 9/12
Evelyn Schmedt 9/22
Linda Greenwell 9/25
Denise Karriker 9/25
Cheryl Dale 9/28

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

