



THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2023

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THE CANDLE IS OUT!

The candle is out! The Pastor Nominating Committee presented Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche as the candidate for the Pastor position, and the congregation approved her terms of call at a congregational meeting Sunday August 27. Because Whitney is the Transitional Pastor, presbytery must also approve of her moving from Transitional to Installed Pastor. This will happen at the September 23 meeting of Grace Presbytery at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend this important day! Pending presbytery approval, she will begin as our installed Pastor October 1.

** A sign-up sheet for those interested in carpooling is available in the narthex. . Please check your Wednesday weekly email for registration link to attend the meeting for Emmanuel's call to Rev Dr Whitney as Pastor.



KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
(hybrid):
SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):
TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM



A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMERITA
Robin Lyn Valdez

To the staff, members, and friends of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church:

Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration you gave me on Sunday, August 13. To say it was joyous would be an under statement. It was life-giving and truly amazing. Thank you, also, for all the friends and family that came out to see me! It was great to see you and look at your smiling faces again.

To the Deacons, Thank you for all that you did to make the event so special for me and Keith and my family. I am so grateful for your kindness.

To Tak, Brittney and the Choir, Thank you for the beautiful music you provided. It was gorgeous and perfect for the service.

To Whitney, Thank you so much for the words of inspiration and love you composed for the service. I will take that with me and treasure it always.

I want to also thank Becky Baker, who I believe had a little something to do with making the Pastor Emerita certificate. Thanks, Becky!

Although I didn't make it all the way through the charge and benediction, I know that you know I meant every word of it.....

And now, as you go from this place, have courage, be rooted in love, just as Christ was, And be hopeful- willing to let things unfold with the passage of time. See God in others, and let others see God in you. Christ be with you. you are never ever alone. And may the Holy Spirit shine brightly upon you. Amen.

Love, Blessings, and Peace
Robin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*(visit our website for more
calendar listings)*

INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP

Sunday September 10
11 am

(more details on page 5)

BRING A FRIEND BINGO

Sunday, September 17
after worship

(more details on page 8)



CONCERTS ON HARWOOD

Piano Recital

by Tak Yan Yeung

Saturday, September 30
4 pm

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 8
11 am

BLUE/JAZZ JAM

Saturday, October 14
3-5 pm



EXTENDED DATE; SEPTEMBER 10

You still have time to update your photos and contact information.

Last date to receive both or either is Sunday September 10.

You may also change it in-person when you attend Sunday service. A printout for making changes is available in the narthex until Sunday September 10.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

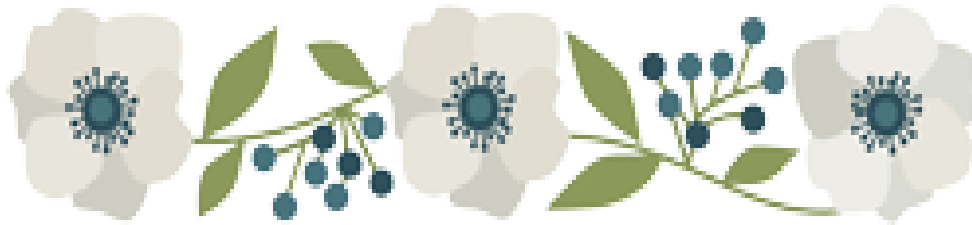
Jessica Pereira
Office Administrator
E: office@emmanuelpc.org
T: 817-545-0251

WANT TO HOST HOSPITALITY?

A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would like an opportunity to host hospitality on Sundays after worship. It doesn't need to be fancy. If you would be willing to coordinate some form of treat to congregants after worship, please consider adopting a Sunday.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Helen Sink at 214-460-7072. Many thanks from the Deacons!

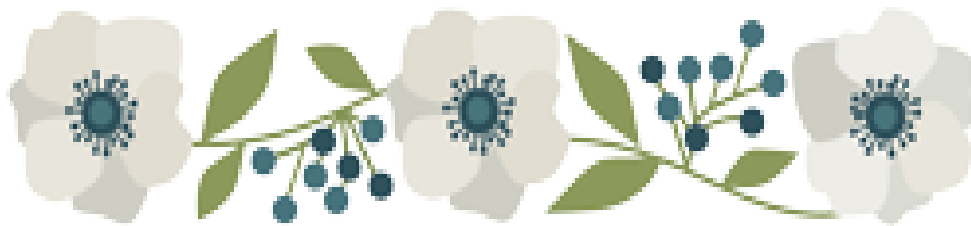




Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how grateful we were for the wonderful Celebration of Life and Reception that was held for James. Whitney, Brittney, and Aaron - you are such a blessing - the service was comforting and uplifting. Ken, thank you so much for streaming the service for our out-of-town family. Deacons and food preparers, we know it was an act of love and devotion to host a full fellowship hall - it was much appreciated. For everyone who lifted us up through prayers, cards, and food your grace and love was felt by us and our extended family.

With heartfelt thanks, Barbara, Rick, and Karen Thompson



Christian Education News

Intergenerational Gathering: Sunday, September 10th after worship. Plan to join us in SoRelle Hall after worship for light refreshments, fellowship, and a kick-off to the 2023-2024 program year. Learn about opportunities for both you and the Emmanuel community to grow as disciples in the year ahead.

Regular 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 (hybrid) meets for Bible study in Room 5 and online following worship. The class is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Ray Karriker (rkarriker@gmail.com) for the link to join virtually.

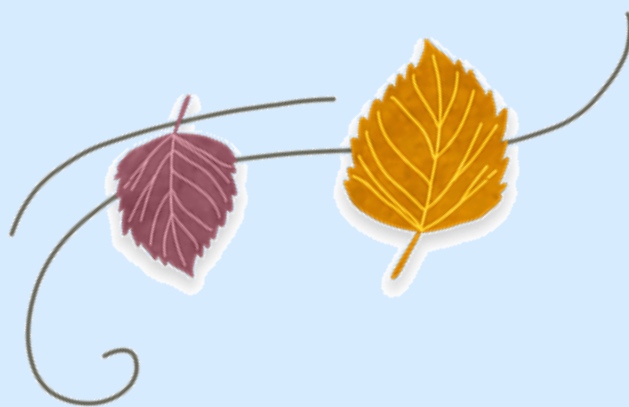
4:00 PM: Children and Youth Check-in and Devotional (virtual). Children and youth meet with two adult sponsors to share how they are doing, read and reflect on scripture, and pray together.

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study (virtual). This study group explores the Scriptures used in the next Sunday's worship. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday's

11:00 AM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club meets online to discuss their September book Refugee, by Alan Gatz, with John Field leading. For information on how to join, contact Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).



Board and Committee Reports



SESSION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Approved by consensus the action of the Personnel Committee, at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee, to extend Whitney Wilkinson Arreche's Transitional Pastor contract through September 30th, at the same terms as previously approved
- Noted that Whitney will be on vacation September 14th-22nd, to mark the transition between her service as interim to Pastor, with a guest preacher scheduled for September 17th
- Had a time of prayer for specific pastoral needs in the congregation
- Elected James Taylor and Nancy Cable as commissioners to the September 23rd Stated Meeting of Grace Presbytery at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas.
- Ratified July 20th e-vote to accept monetary donations to NEED during VBS week, as requested by Christian Education and Mission and Social Justice committees
- Upcoming events:
 - * Intergenerational Sunday School - September 10th.
 - * Bring a Friend Bingo Party with food donations accepted for NEED - September 17th
 - * World Communion Sunday - October 1st
 - * Stewardship luncheon and kick-off - October 8th
 - * Fall Work Day + lunch - October 21st
 - * Trunk or Treat with The Clubhouse For Special Needs - October 28th
- Approved a motion to offer Emmanuel as a meeting location for Boy Scouts of America Troop 254 and to offer places to park their trailers at their own risk in our parking lot; facility scheduling would give first priority to EPC activities and those of Pack 254
- Was informed that the Wednesday Work Crew had cleared out the area around the dumpster and dismantled/recycled recently deposited items
- Learned that one A/C unit had been replaced in the CE building with another yet to be replaced
- Was apprised that Mission Committee will determine where to use the \$268.75 portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering which remains with Emmanuel (25% of amount collected)
- Thanked Whitney for recent liturgist training and the new liturgist script/template
- Noted that the Nominating Committee, comprised of Moderator Mary Ann Reed and At Large members elected at the Annual Meeting (Melissa Durkee and Linda Villarreal), will begin their work soon
- Was informed that the Stewardship Campaign is based on 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 and that pledge cards and time & talent sheets will be distributed at the October 8th luncheon
- Learned that HVAC repairs were made in the main and Pastor's offices and that ACME was paid for winter storm repairs from the insurance claim and the Building Renovation Fund



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time:

- ◆ You may scan the QR code above right or on the church bulletin or
- ◆ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service, or
- ◆ Send via email to prayer@emmanuelpc.org.

These requests are received by and prayed for by the pastor. 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.

All prayers received by Sunday evening will be included in the weekly prayer list. Prayers may be edited for clarity and brevity, but the essence will still be there.

Prayer requests received through texts are not recommended.

Thank you for sharing prayer concerns and participating in the congregation's prayer life!



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!!



Fellowship

Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

(3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm)

Monday, September 18, 2023

6:30 pm

Café Italia

2647 Ira E Woods Ave,
Grapevine TX

For more information contact:

Mary Jane Horr

817-929-9551

Lois Circle

(1st Thursday of each month, 1 pm)

Thursday, September 7 2023

1:00 pm

Raven's Grille

1400 Texas Star Pkwy, Euless
76040

For more information contact:

Donna Reeder: 214-537-5464 or

Denise Karriker: 817-723-8665

BIRTHDAYS



Sean O'Connor 09/01

John Phillips 09/07

David Turner 09/12

Evelyn Schmedt 09/22

Denise Karriker 09/25

Linda Greenwell 09/25

Cheryl Dale 09/28

Finance:

July Income: \$14,906.02

July Expense: \$202,476.62

BRING A FRIEND BINGO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 11:15 AM

For every item you bring for N.E.E.D., you
get an EXTRA Bingo card.

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Emmanuel Presbyterian Church presents
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A Classical Music Concert Series

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Free Admission

Donations are appreciated



Piano Recital
Tak Yan Yeung
Saturday, September 30, 4 PM

Christmas Concert
Concert Bells of Fort Worth
Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 PM



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