

THE MESSENGER



- * **NEED SUNDAY** - September 5, 2021
- * **HAPPY LABOR DAY!** - Office Closed, Monday, September 6, 2021
- * **VACCINE CLINIC** - Wednesday, September 8th, from 6-8pm, in the Greenway neighborhood
- * **BINGO PARTY/LUNCH** - Join us for Parking Lot Bingo and lunch is being provided, Sunday, September 12 at 11:30am.
- * **SPECIAL OFFERING** - Worship & Music Program offering will be Sunday, September 26. This offering is used to purchase worship items and supplies and also helps Emmanuel's music leadership offer special music programs not otherwise possible through the annual budget. We thank you for giving!
- * **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 in the church office.
- * **WORSHIP & MUSIC SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING** - Sunday, September 26
- * **JAZZ/BLUES FESTIVAL** - We will have our annual music event on Saturday, October 2nd from 3pm - 5pm on the lawn in front of the church. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a time of fellowship and fun!!
- * **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. More information will be coming soon!!

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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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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, September 20, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Big Daddy's Ship Store
2500 Oak Grove Loop S. #200
Grapevine, TX 76051
For more information contact:

Nancy Cable
(817) 228-0632

Lois Circle
Thursday, September 3, 2021
CANCELLED

Join us for our October fellowship at BJ's.
Cheryl Dale
817-223-6023

Men's Dinner (Cancelled)

Board and Committee Reports

SESSION:

- Approved the Local Benevolence Policy in all its parts.
- Approved setting up and installing on church property a tiny lending library.
- Received an update from the renovation task group, noting that the sprinkler system installation is nearly complete.
- Discussed the Celebration of Ministry service for Robin Lyn Valdez's 19-year pastorate at Emmanuel, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th.
- Was informed that the Worship and Music Special Offering will be collected on September 26th.
- Learned that Evangelism is planning parking lot bingo for Sunday, September 12th, following worship with lunch provided.
- Was informed that the Stewardship Campaign for 2022 has as its theme "Living in Abundance", based on John 6, and that box lunches will be provided on the parking lot for the kick-off on October 10th.
- Voted to extend the Pandemic Fund through December 31, 2022.
- Received an update on payments from Kids Kampus, noting two checks received since the June Session meeting.
- Was informed that Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on September 12th.
- Heard that the Child and Youth Protection Policy is being reviewed and updated.
- Learned that 178 sack lunches had been provided in June for the Presbyterian Night Shelter and voted to repeat the effort in October. Approved asking for contributions of either food or money to support this effort.
- Heard that Vacation Church School created thank-you cards for NEED volunteers, assembled 70 hygiene kits for local immigrant families, and 50 learning at home kits for students.
- Received a report on the August 18th vaccine clinic at Greenway Church, to be repeated on September 8th.
- Learned that Fall Work Day is scheduled for October 9th from 8-1.
- Was informed that the September 25th hybrid meeting of Grace Presbytery has been canceled and will be replaced by a virtual gathering that date which will include worship, a brief report from the Interim General Presbyter and breakout groups to discuss visioning.
- Heard that Nominating Committee is working to fill vacancies on both boards, as well as to secure nominations for the Class of 2024.
- Learned that the Mission Study task group is nearing completion of its work.

Finance:

July Income: \$17,501.12
July Expense: \$30,435.30

LECTIONARY

09/05 Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125; Isa. 35:4-7a; Ps. 146; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

09/12 Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

09/19 Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; Jer. 11:18-20; Ps. 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

09/26 Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Ps. 124; Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Ps. 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

BIRTHDAYS

09/07 John Phillips

09/12 David Turner

09/22 Evelyn Schmedt

09/25 Linda Greenwell

09/25 Denise Karriker

09/28 Cheryl Dale

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)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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N. Richland Hills, TX 76180