

## THE MESSENGER

## Lent

## 2017 Holy Week and Easter Festivities

Opportunities for worship, devotion and fellowship abound as we continue the season of Lent and look forward to the joy and celebration of the Eastertide season. We hope you will plan to join us as the congregation prepares for meaningful worship services during Holy Week.

Our journey to the cross begins on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10am. Plan to join us as we wave palms together and celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday. Palm Sunday is the doorway to yet another part of Christ's journey to the cross and our faith journey as followers of Christ.

We will gather for Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7 which will include prayer, scripture, and story. Communion will be celebrated as we reflect on the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. He prepares it for us as well and encourages us to gather around the Table. Both the Lord's Supper and the washing of hands will be done around tables which will be set up in the sanctuary.

On Good Friday, April 14 at 7pm, we will observe the Ancient Service of Tenebrae (Service of Darkness). As accounts of Jesus' last hours are read, candles will be extinguished and we will end the service in silent darkness. The Emmanuel Chancel Choir will perform selections from The

Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois between readings. As we remember Christ's overwhelming sacrifice, let us uplift one another in Christ's love and hope and prepare ourselves for Christ's resurrection Easter morning.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 16. Activities include the following:

**Easter Services/Activities**

**6:45am: Sunrise Service** in the Courtyard (Weather permitting, otherwise service will move to the sanctuary.)

**7am: Easter Breakfast** served until 9:30am in the fellowship hall

**9:15am: Easter Egg Hunt** for children on church grounds

**8:45am: Adult Church School** classes (please check with your class leader)

**10am: Traditional Worship Service** in the sanctuary. Communion will be served.



## April 2017

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**Sunday Mornings at EPC**

8:45am Church School  
10:00am Worship

Emmanuel Presbyterian  
2701 Harwood Rd.  
Bedford, TX 76021

817-545-0251  
emmanuelpc.org

Dear Emmanuel Friends,

The McGregor Family was most appreciative and grateful for the lovely luncheon you all provided for their family and friends. The luncheon allowed everyone time to share their loving memories and to celebrate Gwynn's life. The remaining food was sent home with the McGregor family.

I also want to add my personal thank you for your wonderful responsiveness to my requests for food and assistance. Without your assistance the luncheon would not have been possible. Special thanks to Linda Villarreal for cooking the wonderful chicken spaghetti and preparing the salad and garlic bread. I am also most appreciative of everyone who assisted with serving our guests and in the clean up effort.

Blessings to each of you.

Donna Reeder

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Ruth Fellowship

Monday, April 17 at 7pm  
Mac's on Main  
909 W. Main St. Unit 110  
Grapevine

For information contact  
Mary Ellen Fruehan  
817-366-8366

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### Lois Circle

Thursday, April 6 at 1pm  
Saviano's  
300 N Main St, Euless, TX

For information contact Cheryl Dale  
at Cheryl3737@att.net.

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### Men's Dinner

Spring Creek Barbeque  
1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford  
Thursday, April 27 at 7pm

This month we are going back to one of our favorite BBQ restaurants, Spring Creek Barbecue. They have great ribs and brisket as well as other meats; but don't forget the delicious cobbler a-la-mode! Spring Creek is on the north access road west of the intersection of Airport Freeway and Forest Ridge in Bedford.

So we can have the right sized table reserved, please call Andy Le Cocq at (817) 268-4128 or e-mail him at [andy@lecocq.org](mailto:andy@lecocq.org) by Tuesday, April 25th, if you plan to attend.

## Board and Committee Reports

### Deacons

- John Donald's new address is: Ellery Arbor, 8100 Precinct Line Rd, Colleyville, TX 76034
- We have begun to offer some healthier options for our Sunday hospitality, such as yogurt, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, etc.
- Also the hospitality committee is in need of cookie donations. Please label the date and specify they are for Sunday hospitality.

### Session

- The Local Benevolence offering raised \$2,271
- An informational meeting regarding the July 30-August 5 intergenerational mission trip will take place on Sunday, April 23 following worship.
- Intergenerational Sunday School will run from June 4-August 27, with an alternating lesson/mission component
- Emmanuel is looking into joining the Itasca youth for a Wacky Wednesday event in the metroplex during the summer
- Learned that the 6:8 Project has been contacted by Habitat to determine whether other churches might be co-opted to join and expand the program into other neighborhoods. A sub-committee will be created to explore the option, as well as all legal ramifications.

### Finance

February Income: \$28,424.82

February Expense: \$25,110.33

## Green Up a Little Corner of God's Creation!

# Cowtown Cleanup in Greenway

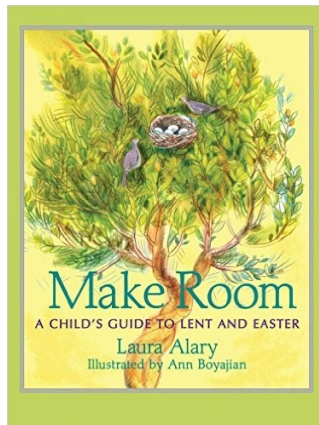
Our friends from the Greenway Neighborhood are participating in the City of Fort Worth's Cowtown Cleanup on Saturday, April 1 from 8:30am—11am. They are asking for our help working with them. Volunteers are needed who can work with a Greenway team captain to walk the neighborhood and the creekbed to pick up litter. We'll meet at the 6:8 Project house (1912 Portland) at 8 am to sign in, energize by eating some donuts (!) and form teams. Gloves and trash bags are provided. All ages (children, youth and adults) are welcome to help!

## Lent Workshop

Christian Education will be hosting a Lent Workshop for all ages on Sunday, April 2 after worship. Please join us. A light lunch will be served as well.

**Make Room:** "The Kingdom of God is at work in us. But it needs time and space to grow."

Activities include: pretzel making, as well as art and prayer stations.



Resource book for Lent Workshop

Saturday, May 27, 2017, 7am-1pm

## Emmanuel Biennial Yard Sale

Start cleaning those closets and garages, we are already collecting items for the biennial Emmanuel Yard Sale. We are collecting:

- working electronics (bring to fellowship hall by May 1)
- Books, movies, toys, housewares, household and other quality items
- Calling all EPC gardeners: clearing out your flowerbeds and have some to share? Put them in pots as starters. Please do not bring them to EPC until Thursday or Friday, May 25 and 26.
- Plant pots, working garden tools and related items

- Gently used, clean clothing – all sizes (on hangers) – will include belts, purses, hats and gently worn shoes/boots

- Silent auction items such as coupons for services (dinner for two, ride to/from the airport) etc.

New this year, we have an onsite storage container in the EPC front parking lot. Please call the church office for drop-off times.

See Fred Thompson or Jayne Johnson to schedule a pick-up.

### Upcoming Mission/Outreach Projects: When and Where You Can Serve

**April 1st, 8:30am-11am:** Cowtown Cleanup at the 6:8 House, 1912 Portland in Fort Worth. Work with Greenway residents to clean up trash and debris around the neighborhood. See article for details.

**April 3, 6:30pm:** 6:8 Project meeting at 1912 Portland in Fort Worth. Working on educational and community-building projects with Greenway residents.

**April 18, 6:45pm at EPC:** Mission Committee meeting. Plan and carry out mission opportunities for the congregation.

**April 20, 7pm at EPC:** Family Promise of HEB meeting. (Watch bulletin calendar for location.) Congregations working together to assist homeless families with children in HEB schools. They currently need help fundraising and recruiting other congregations to become involved.

**April 25, 9:30am at EPC:** Happy Hands. Work on handicraft projects for outreach and mission.

**April 29, 10am-1pm at EPC:** Community Paper Shred and Blood Drive Event. A shred truck will accept shredding from the community and the Carter Blood Care van will hold a blood drive. Bring your paper for shredding and give blood!

**Take-home project for April:** Make a small Easter gift for homebound EPC friends to be delivered the week after Easter. See the display outside the church office for supplies and instructions; return to Emmanuel by April 17.

**Note:** There are no NorthEast Emergency Distribution (NEED) workdays in April. The next NEED workdays will be May 29th and 30th.

# Habitat for Humanity News



*“Rich and poor have this in common:  
The LORD is the Maker of them all.” - Proverbs 22:2*

Thank you all for all your help in raising money for Habitat for Humanity at the fundraising dinner on Sunday, March 26. Especially we thank:

- those who organized the event and prepared the silent auction
- those who prepared food, including Two Sisters Restaurant
- those who decorated
- those who played music
- Kinko's
- and those who contributed money to Habitat!

At this point we have raised over \$6000; you can still donate either online at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org), or by writing “Habitat” on the comment on your check to Emmanuel. This is a big contribution to the effort to build the home of Daniel Thang and his family in May and June. We had fun playing Habitat Jeopardy as well as eating Cajun and listening to blues and jazz.

The next step is actually building the Habitat house, which will be at 1416 Stewart St., Fort Worth. Our workdays are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 9, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Wednesday, May 10, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Friday, May 12, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Wednesday, May 17, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Friday, May 19, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, May 20, 7:45 am to 3 pm
- Friday, June 2, 7:30 am to 1 pm
- Saturday, June 3, 7:30 am to 1 pm
- Friday, June 9, 7:30 am to 1 pm
- Saturday, June 10, 7:30 am to 1 pm

There will be an online signup link that will be posted on Facebook and on [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org).

Also: Emmanuel has responsibility to provide breakfast items + coffee + snacks on June 2.

Also: There will be a dedication ceremony on the first day of work at 8 am, to start off the blitz-build.

## MARCH LECTONARY

- 4/2:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45
- 4/9:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66; Matthew 27:11-54
- 4/16:** Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114:1-8; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
- 4/23:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16:1-11; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- 4/30:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Melissa Durkee, Nicholas Ferrandino  
4/3 Jim Mahon  
4/4 Marji Breault  
4/6 Helen Richardson, Sheryl Taylor  
4/7 Laura Mahon  
4/8 Ema Fielder  
4/9 Becky Moriak  
4/10 Karen Thompson  
4/16 Mike Hannasch  
4/18 Steward Wertenberger  
4/20 Maurine LeCocq  
4/24 Dane Pranke  
4/25 Teresa White  
4/28 Connor Park

## CIRCLES

### Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30am at the church.

### Happy Hands

Happy Hands will meet again on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:30am.

## YOUTH CALENDAR

- April 2:** Make Room Lenten workshop with lunch 11:15am-12:15pm
- April 9:** Stuffing Easter Eggs and Fellowship 3:30pm-5pm
- April 16:** Happy Easter! Come help hide Easter Eggs at 9am. (Hunt 9:15-9:45am) No afternoon activities.
- April 23:** Youth 3:30- 5 pm
- April 30:** Usher and lunch

## Save the Date: Intergenerational Mission

Save the date for the Summer Intergenerational Mission Trip!

When: July 30-August 5, 2017

Where: St. Louis, Missouri

Who: All ages

Why: To connect with those we will serve and with each other

Also, join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 11:15 am in the church library to learn all about this trip.

