

THE MESSENGER

Lent

A Lenten Worship Experience

Please plan to join us Thursday evenings during Lent for a worship experience exploring five different themes in the season of Lent: prayer, repentance, journey, Sabbath, and gratitude.

We'll gather Thursday evenings March 16 through April 6 at 7pm. The service on Thursday, March 23 will be held outside around the labyrinth and the service on Thursday, April 6 will include the Lord's Supper. Feel free to attend all four worship services or come as often as you can.

We hope these worship experiences will help you prepare for the Lenten season and encourage your

rest, reflection, prayer, and spiritual growth as you discern the many ways God is working in and through your life and in the world.

May this Lenten season be one of deep and abiding blessing for you.

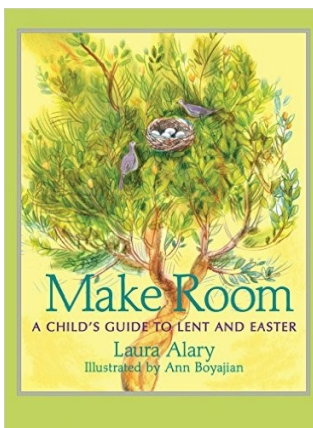


Lent Workshop

Save the date: 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

March 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



Sunday, March 12

Fellowship Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Lupe's in Bedford
2200 Airport Freeway, Unit 505

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

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, March 2 at 1pm
Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar
2521 State Highway 121, Euless

Men's Dinner

Classic Café in Roanoke
Thursday, March 16 at 7pm

Back to one of our very favorite restaurants. Class Café owners Curtis and Chris Wells have given us the special rice of \$12.95. We will have a choice of several entrée's, as well as salad or soup as listed on the menu below. Drinks and desserts are extra.

Choice of: Seasonal Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette or Tomato Basil Soup

Choice of: Pan-Seared Rainbow Trout with sauteed fresh vegetables or Pork Jagerschnitzel with Bacon Mushroom Gravy or Pan-seared Breast of Chicken with a Peach Chutney

Take 121 North to 114 all the way to where 114 ends and exits onto the access road. Stay on the access road to the "Y" Intersection. Get into the left lane and go straight onto Business 114 (Byron Nelson). Do not go right. Go a short distance to the light at Oak Avenue and turn left. Drive about two blocks and turn left on Denton Street (look for the sign on the left for Classic Café). Entrance is on south side of building.

RSVP to Andy at (817) 268-4128 or andy@lecocq.org by Tuesday, March 14, 2017 if you plan to attend so we can reserve the right sized table.

Board and Committee Reports

Deacons

- The Congregational Care committee continues to deliver meals, send cards, and offer rides to those in need.
- The Ladies' Tea on February 11 was well attended. Toiletries were collected for NEED.
- A memorial reception for Hillene Unangst, a nonmember, was held at Emmanuel on Feb. 23rd

Session

- Voted to allow BCAMP to install a security camera in Room 102 for internet streaming only during school hours.
- Voted to change the date of the EPC Yard Sale from Labor Day weekend to either Memorial Day weekend or May 20th. Also voted to set up an onsite container to store yard sale donations and advertise the event on the front parking lot for up to 90 days.
- Voted to designate the first \$4,000 received from the yard sale to the general fund and any monies over that amount 25% for children and youth, 50% for mission, and 25% for the physical plant.
- Approved a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser on Sunday, March 26th, from 5:00-7:00 PM, with the theme "Louisiana Blues", which will include a silent auction.
- Approved The Church Family Gathers for "A Very Blessed Summer" for summer intergenerational Sunday school curriculum, Project Editor Jane Kintzi.
- Learned that the Mission Trip to Amen St. Louis is scheduled for July 30th-August 5th.
- Received a report on the February 25th Grace Presbytery meeting by commissioners Jim Mahon and Fred Thompson.

Finance

January Income: \$27,261.17

January Expense: \$32,920.62

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!

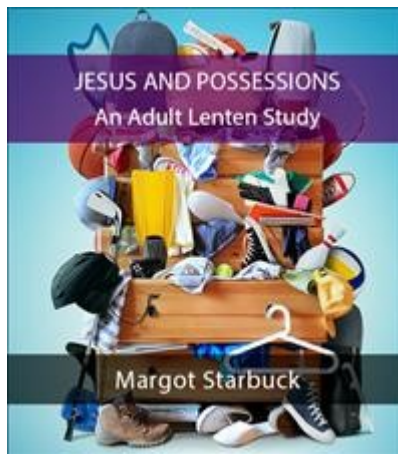
Thoughtful Christian Class

Tanzania Presentation & Jesus and Possessions Study

You are invited to a two learning opportunities hosted by the Thoughtful Christian class and taking place during the Sunday Church School hour (8:45am– 9:45am) in the Fellowship Hall in March and April:

- **March 5:** Helen Richardson will present reflections on her semester spent studying in Tanzania in "Mzungu Life in Tanzania: Community Development, Goats and Flexibility"
- **March 12-April 9:** "Jesus and Possessions" by Presbyterian pastor Rev. Margot Starbuck. Explore your connection with material things and reflect on God's provision for our needs as we grapple with the question, "How much is enough?"

The class welcomes you to participate in any or all of these sessions. Join us Sunday mornings at 8:45am.



Lenten Devotionals

Please pick up Lenten devotionals for your family or friends. We have two different types this season. Both can be picked up in the narthex.

1. A day-by-day scripture reading called Meeting Jesus.
2. A family-friendly weekly reading accompanied with symbolic manipulatives for kids.

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

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

March 16, 7pm: Family Promise meeting at United Memorial Christian Church in Euless. Congregations working together to assist homeless families with children in HEB schools. They currently need help fundraising & recruiting other congregations to become involved.

March 21, 6:45pm at EPC: Mission Committee meeting. Plan and carry out mission opportunities for the congregation.

March 26, 5pm-7pm at EPC: Habitat for Humanity Fundraising Dinner. Enjoy an evening of music and food while raising money to build a home with Daniel Thang and his family of four. See the article in this newsletter for details.

March 28, 9:30am at EPC: Happy Hands - Work on handcraft projects for outreach and mission.

March 31: Volunteer at North-East Emergency Distribution, 422 Bedford-Euless Road, 10am-3pm. Volunteers needed for two shifts to shelve and bag groceries for clients. To help, contact Donna Reeder (dkreeder@gmail.com).

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

Take-home project for March: Write a note of encouragement for a Greenway student. Cards are provided outside the church office. Please return cards by March 19th.

Saturday, May 27, 2015, 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 will 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.



Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, March 26 at 5pm

Habitat for Humanity Fundraising Dinner

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



Join us to hear some blues music, taste some comfort food and raise some money for a good cause. Sunday March 26 from 5pm-7pm we will host a concert, dinner and silent auction at the church to build a home for Daniel Thang and his family of four. Although Daniel and his family are from Burma, we have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of us all.

Sign up in the Narthex to save a place at the table and to donate items for the Silent Auction. Please contact Kristin Hartwell if you have questions or would like to help with the evening.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please note the following:

Paul Bergman's email address:
1453pbergman@gmail.com

MARCH LECTIONARY

3/5: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

3/12: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

3/19: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

3/26: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Beverly Ferrandino
Mike Morris
3/2 Christine Shah
3/7 Annabel Mahon
Katherine Mahon
3/9 Blaise Ferrandino
3/12 James Thompson
3/17 Fred Thompson
3/20 John Ferrandino
3/23 Susan Wertenberger
3/25 Joyce Britton

CIRCLES

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30am at the church.

Happy Hands

Happy Hands will meet again on Tuesday, March 28 at 9:30am.

On February 28, we donated the following items to Women's Haven:

- 9 lap/crib quilts
- 10 fleece blankets
- 13 pillow cases
- 243 stuffed animals

Special thanks to Ruth Stutts and Judy Deller.

YOUTH CALENDAR

March 5: Random movie clips with scripture
3:30pm-5pm

March 12: Minute to Win It games 3:30pm-5pm

March 19: Mission Project: Labyrinth clean-up
3:30pm-5pm

March 26: No youth group. Join us for the
Habitat Dinner and fundraiser at 5pm.