

THE MESSENGER

Upcoming Mission and Outreach Projects When and Where You Can Serve

October 3, 6pm-8pm: Greenway Neighborhood National Night Out party at Delga Park, 1001 Nixon Street, Fort Worth. Volunteers needed to assist with serving food, monitoring inflatable slide and other games, and talking with people in the neighborhood.

October 17, 6:45 pm at Emmanuel: Mission Committee meeting. Plan and carry out mission opportunities for the congregation.

October 20-21: HEB Community Powered Revitalization. Volunteer at www.6stones.org starting in September to do minor repairs and yard work for neighbors in HEB.

October 24: Happy Hands, 9:30 am at Emmanuel. Work on handcraft projects for outreach and mission.

October 30 and 31: Volunteer at NorthEast Emergency Distribution, 422 Bedford-Eules Road, 10am-3pm. Volunteers needed for two shifts to shelve and bag groceries for clients. Call or email Donna Reeder (dkreeder@gmail.com) if you can help.

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Summer Sundays at EPC

8:45am Adult Church School
10:00am Worship
11:15am Intergenerational Church School through August 27

2701 Harwood Rd.
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Trunk or Treat, October 27

Emmanuel is teaming up with our preschool neighbor, Bedford Christian Academy and Montessori Preschool, to host a Fall Festival and **Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27 from 6pm-7:30pm**. BCAMP will have booths and food for the Fall Festival and EPC will have cars set up to pass out candy to Trick-or-Treaters for the Trunk or Treat.

We are looking for a few volunteers to provide cars for the Trunk or Treat and pass out candy. We would like to have 15 cars in the parking lot. We also need donations of Halloween candy to pass out from the trunks. Watch for a collection area and a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event!

Board and Committee Reports

Deacons

- Barbara Clark's memorial service and reception was held on August 17th.
- Emmanuel has several mobility-assist medical devices that can be borrowed. The list of equipment will be included in a future newsletter.

Session

- Learned that the Stewardship campaign for 2018 will be based on the theme of blessings.
- Approved a Pumpkin Chunking fund-raising event for Boy Scout Pack 254 on Sunday afternoon, November 5th, in the church east side field.
- Learned that a Girl Scout troop is planning to meet at Emmanuel on Wednesdays.
- Learned that the coffee and donuts for back-to-school served 49.
- Learned that the Nominating Committee will begin its work the first week of October.
- Was informed that the congregation will be offered an opportunity to purchase and study the Advent devotional book by Luke Powery, Dean of the Duke University Chapel. An advent luncheon and workshop will follow worship on December 3rd.
- Learned that Christmas Eve will include morning worship as usual at 10 am and Christmas Eve candlelight services at 5pm and 11pm.
- Was informed that the Director of Faith Formation position description has been sent to the Personnel Committee for approval.
- Budget sheets for 2018 were circulated to committee chairs for return at the October 24th session meeting.
- Upcoming dates of which session was reminded included National Night Out on October 3rd at the 6:8 house, Stewardship lunch on October 15th, Trunk or Treat in the parking lot October 27th, Greenway Harvest Festival at the Greenway church on October 31, outdoor worship on November 12th, Emmanuel Community Christmas dinner on December 10th, Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on December 17th.

Finance

August Income: \$36,586.65 August Expense: \$32,126.97

Community Powered Revitalization

Join us Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21

The City of Bedford works with companies, churches and civic organizations to make minor repairs to local houses. If you would like to participate with the Mission Committee, let Kristin Hartwell know at 817-308-2670. Whether you help with a paintbrush, a hammer or by preparing the meal, all volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

Fellowship Opportunities

Ruth Fellowship

Monday, October 16 at 7pm
Café Italia
2647 Ira E Woods Ave, Grapevine
For info, contact Linda V:
817-545-7197

Lois Circle

Thursday, October 5 at 1pm
Applebee's
2400 Airport Fwy,
Bedford, TX 76022

Men's Dinner

Lazy Dog
Thursday, October 19 at 7pm

Believe it or not, another new restaurant that opened earlier this year. The ambience of all wood and stone gives the interior a mountain cabin appearance. The food is very good. Take 121 to Glade Road. From the intersection of 121 and Glad Road, the restaurant is on the west access road going south.

Please call Andy Le Cocq at (817) 268-4128 or e-mail him before October 17th at Andy@lecocq.org so we can have the proper sized table reserved.

Church School News

Children's Class Project and Family Emails

Emmanuel's Children's Church School class is working on a project to create an exhibit of stained glass panels in the breezeway between main building and the Christian Education building. On September 24th, the class discussed the Bible story of God calling the boy Samuel (1 Samuel 3). As they reflected on the story, the children thought about how God is calling them to serve or use their gifts. Each child drew a stained glass panel design on paper illustrating his/her gifts or a way to serve. Then they traced this design onto an acrylic panel and took it home to paint it. Completed panels will be installed with tape onto the breezeway windows. Come check out the display!

New this fall is a weekly email for our children's families that includes the Bible story explored in Church School that Sunday and activities families can use to explore the story at home. Families are also invited to download a free eBook (ePub and Kindle versions) that contains all of this fall's Bible stories and illustrations, audio recording of the stories, and the at-home activities; it is available from <http://www.growinggracegratitude.org/for-the-home.html>. We hope the eBook and these emailed resources will equip and encourage families to live their lives as an expression of God's grace at home, at school, and in the community. Many thanks to Amy Rork for helping the Christian Education committee set up weekly emails to Emmanuel children's families! If you want to receive the weekly email, please email Leah Wyckoff (klh@sbcglobal.net).



October 29th: Intergenerational Session on Gratitude

The Christian Education committee invites you to an Intergenerational Session on Gratitude on Sunday, October 29th during the Church School hour (8:45am-9:45am) in fellowship hall. There will be hands-on, experiential stations for all ages for reflection and prayer centered on gratitude, which is a crucial practice for healthy faith communities. You are invited to participate even if you are not a regular participant in Church School. Karl Barth said that if the essence of God is grace, then the essence of human beings as God's people is our gratitude or thanks. Come explore this essential part of what it means to be human.

LECTIONARY

10/4: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9) 10-18
10/11: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29:1-11, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11
10/18: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
10/25: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

CIRCLES

Esther Circle will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, October 10. Happy Hands will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, October 24.

Save the Date: Stewardship Luncheon

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Please join us after worship on **Sunday, October 15** as we gather to kick-off the stewardship season. A delicious luncheon prepared by Linda Villarreal will be served and we'd love for you to be there. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to bring sides (vegetables, salads, etc.) and desserts. You can also sign-up to help with set-up and clean-up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our theme this year will focus on the many blessings we've been given - as individuals and as a community of faith. As you consider the many ways you've been blessed, how might that transform the way you give to the church - through your time, talent, and financial pledge? We hope to fill the fellowship hall that day, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Mark Phillips
10/3 Lisa Keyes
10/7 Wanda Asire
10/9 Nancy Cable
Barbara Thompson
10/10 Susan LaPointe
10/13 Pete Stone
10/16 Rick Thompson
10/17 Anni Wordell
Leah Wyckoff
10/18 Renee Wood
10/21 Mike Momper
10/28 Shirley Martin
10/29 Chris Cable

YOUTH CALENDAR

October 1: Youth and Families Tour of Texas Wesleyan led by Lauren Durkee. Carpool from the church. For info, contact Leah Wyckoff.

October 13-15: YouthFest West Retreat at Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose. For students grades 6-12. For info, contact Melissa Durkee.