



Worship, Discover, Grow, and Share

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

February 21, 2024

## Worship:



Don't forget to open the newly added attachment to see Sunday's order of worship

### liturgical readers

2.25.24	Herring		Diana B.
3.3.24	Herring		
3.10.24	Herring		Barbara D
3.17.24	Herring		
3.24.24	Herring		
3.31.24	Herring		Karen S.

Pastor Jane



- Thank you if you are one of our volunteer liturgical readers!
- We have three opportunities available in March if you want to fill one of those spots.
- If you wish to be a volunteer liturgist, please send an email to: [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com) or call 615-473- 3510.

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Second Sunday in Lent \(February 25, 2024\)](#)

- First reading
  - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm
  - Psalm 22:23-31
- Second reading
  - Romans 4:13-25
- Gospel
  - Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

## LECTIO DIVINA

- Every Wednesday night at 6:30, there will be a Lectio Divina which is comprised of short bible readings, contemplation and a time to listen to what has turned out in past times to be deep meaningful conversations. At 7 pm there will be a simple meal served. All are invited but please let Pastor Jane know if you plan to bring any food.

# Prayer and Praise:

## Matthew 26:41 (NIV)

41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

## Quotes about prayer:

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

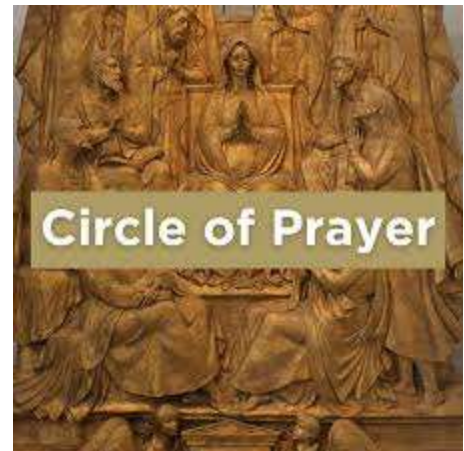
- **William McGill**

## You are invited...

The EPC prayer group is a small but dedicated group that meets on Wednesday evenings from roughly 6-7pm. It is a time to open your heart to offer God the praise and prayers of our congregation and those of your own. Barb sends out email requests for any prayers you would like lifted up in the belief that all prayers matter, all prayers are important and all prayers will be heard.

All prayers are kept confidential unless you specify otherwise. If your request is private or sensitive, you may request that your prayer be limited to Pastor Jane and Barbara. Confirmation emails will be sent affirming that your request was lifted.

As a small church, offering praise and prayers for those who are struggling, no matter the reason, sends a powerful message about the love we share and express for each other. If you feel called to do so, come **join us on Wednesday night at 6.**



It is our fervent prayer that this ministry is a blessing to the rest of our EPC family and beyond.

EPC prayer group

## Missions:

### <sup>1</sup>Nueva Vida:

A request has come in for help from our Hispanic neighbors at Nueva Vida, a church we have partnered with in the past. They operate a food pantry that provides other necessities as well. Think of this as a Lenten “give to” item instead of a Lenten “give up” item. The following starred items are the most needed:

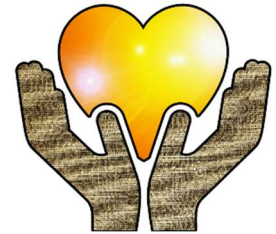
\*Diapers (both those for children and for adults)  
\*Laundry detergent and fabric softener  
Rice  
\*Tortilla corn flour  
Beds of all sizes  
Warm weather gear - coats/hats/gloves/warm socks

\*Feminine hygiene products  
Cooking oil  
\*Red beans, black beans  
\*Cornmeal  
Powdered milk

**Muchas gracias a todas!**

(Many thanks to all!)

**There is a collection box in the hall by the children's classroom.**



### **<sup>2</sup>Tax Help:**

- UnitedWay is using our sanctuary to provide free income tax preparation: January 31st – April 10th (for those making less than \$70,000).
- Wednesdays only, by appointment 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Call 615-206-7560 or go online to: [Unitedwayfilefree.com](http://Unitedwayfilefree.com)
- Pass the word to others who might be interested



### **<sup>3</sup>Red Cross:**

We have had two very successful blood drives and we want to build on that momentum.

- Date: May 31, 2024 (Friday)
- Time: Noon – 5:00 PM
- Announcement will be sent as soon as online sign-ups are live

- Volunteers are still needed to assist Barbara with this, call 615-473-3510 or email [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)

# Help Wanted

We need your ideas, we need your creativity, we need your networks. We are seeking collaborators for a variety of tasks in the months leading up to and on the day of the Blood drive, including:

- People with social media savvy to help make a plan for getting the word out
- People with creative skills to help develop flyers, messaging, and thank you tokens
- People with extensive networks that can help recruit donors
- People willing to help on the day of the drive to check in donors, make sure donors are offered thank you tokens, help place signage and help with clean up. If you are willing to be a partner in this meaningful mission work, please contact Barb Halverstadt at 615-473-3510 or via email at [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)

## **Finance:**

### **Financial Support:**

As you may have noticed from our lengthy Mission section, we are involved in many projects in multiple ways. Some of our funding comes from the budgeted mission or other committee funds and some of it comes through specially designated funds from members or previous members of our congregation. If you would like to donate additional funds for a specific program, checks can be made to the following ongoing missions of EPC.

Community Garden  
Gateway to Higher Education Scholarship  
Crossroads Campus  
Maple Village  
Special Music Ministry events  
Oasis

Please note on the memo line of your check which mission you intend to support.

If you are not able to attend worship service and still wish show your support for Emmanuel Church, you can contribute in the following ways:

- Online—send an electronic payment, your bank can help you set this up if you have questions.
- By Mail – our mailing address is EPC, 9770 Hwy 96, Nashville, TN 37221
- Through EPC’s website [www.epcnashville.com](http://www.epcnashville.com) or [www.epcnashville.org](http://www.epcnashville.org) Simply click on the “GIVE” button, then the “donate” button, to donate via PayPal or debit/credit card.
- This can be a one-time donation or can be set up as a monthly donation, although currently, this is not working, see below.

In regards to the PayPal online donation function:

We once again appear to have access to the PayPal account, but we still must get the donation button function working again on our website. Stay tuned, we are making progress!



Any donations currently should be made by mailing a check to the church or sending an online payment through your banking payment function.

## **Fellowship:**

Our upcoming fellowship activity will be the Supper of the Lamb which will take place at 6 pm on Maunday Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a pot luck dinner recognizing the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. There will more about this in future newsletters. For now, just mark your calendar and plan to attend.



- Join us for fellowship and a fresh cup of coffee around the kitchen window! Thank you to the following:
  - Feb 25 - ??
  - March 3 - ??
  - March 10 - Doug and Sue
  - March 17 - Doug and Sue
  - March 24 - ??
  - March 31 - Karen and Fred
- If you would like to sign up, there is a sheet on the stand in back. Please pick a date that works for you. Thank you all so much for your willingness to serve.

## Communication:

Welcome Visitors! We are excited to call your attention to, and encourage you to visit our upgraded website! Go to [www.epcnashville.com](http://www.epcnashville.com) or [www.epcnashville.org](http://www.epcnashville.org) for all your questions. Cut and paste one of these sites in your browser. If you can't find it there, try the options below.

- Visits with Pastor Jane Herring must be by appointment.
- Reach out to Pastor Jane on her church phone (call/text) 615-818-9727 or email at [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com) about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized), to join the church or any other questions you might have.
- General EPC email can be sent to [epcnashville@gmail.com](mailto:epcnashville@gmail.com) (be aware that multiple people have access to this email account).
- If you ever have any questions about anything dealing with EPC's finances or other business topics, email your question or request to [epcbusiness9770@gmail.com](mailto:epcbusiness9770@gmail.com)
- Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin to [janemherring@gmail.com](mailto:janemherring@gmail.com)
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to [frhanchey@gmail.com](mailto:frhanchey@gmail.com)

## February/March Calendar:

Prayer Group every Wednesday at 6 pm

Each Wednesday through April 10th – United Way tax prep workshops 1 pm – 6 pm.

2nd Thursday of each month (except for December) - Rug Hookers meet 10 am – 2 pm.

Collecting Lenten “gifts of love” for the Nueva Vida community through end of March.

Lectio Divina every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 with a simple meal@ 7 pm.

March 10: Worship Committee meeting after service, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

March 17: Fellowship/Mission meeting 9:30 am in children's classroom, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

March 17: Session meeting, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

March 28: Maunday Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: Easter

## **Christian Education:**

### **Inquirers of all ages:**

- Please reach out to Pastor Jane about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized) or to join the church.

## **Children's Services:**

At Emmanuel we offer a "kid's message" during the early part of the worship service, followed by a "children's church" in the kid's classroom for those up to 10 years old or still in elementary school. The message is a short story that usually has some sort of lesson related to it and in children's church we usually discuss the story in more depth and follow it with a craft or activity that helps the story (and the lesson!) sink in. A nursery is available for those under 3 and we offer a "chat time" in a safe space for those 10 and over who want some time to share what is on their mind. We always have two adults with the children and their safety and education is our top priority.

## **Building and Grounds:**

It's time to start your indoor transplants if you are wanting to get an early start on your garden...

- Let me know if you want to reserve a plot for this year. We have several spoken for already.
- If you are new at gardening or want information to help you plan your gardening timing and companion planting, check out these web sites that I have found useful.

1) [Epicgardening.com](http://Epicgardening.com)

2) [Seedtime.us](http://Seedtime.us) (free to start, \$10 monthly upcharge for additional help)

Let me know anytime you have questions or need help with any garden related topic. Unless something changes, Maple Village will continue to be our default recipient of the donated harvested produce later in the year.



**Presenting Your Slate of Elders**

**Class of 2024**

Ginia Wood, Fellowship and Mission

John Denton, Building and Grounds

**Class of 2025**

Greg Burlison, Personnel

John Sevier, Director of Music

**Class of 2026**

Theresa Denton, Worship and Polity & Procedure

Jan Russell

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**EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are located on Highway 96, near the intersection of Highway 100. We are close to Bellevue, Fairview, Franklin, Leiper's Fork, Pasquo, Westhaven and West Nashville. We look forward to seeing you!

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