



# The Messenger

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

**Emmanuel - God With Us!**

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## **THE COMING**

God held in his hand a small globe. Look, he said. The Son looked.  
Far off, as through water, he saw a scorched land of fierce colour.  
The light burned there; crusted buildings cast their shadows.  
A bright serpent, a river uncoiled itself, radiant with slime.  
On a bare hill a bare tree saddened the sky.  
Many people held out their thin arms to it,  
as though waiting for a vanished April  
to return to its crossed boughs.  
The Son watched them.  
Let me go there, he said.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

It was quiet.  
What had the sentry to cry,  
but that it was the ninth hour  
and all was not well?  
The darkness began to lift,  
but it was not the mind  
was illumined.  
The carpenter had done his work well.  
The Cross an example of the power  
of art to transcend timber.

## **PIETA**

Always the same hills crowd the horizon,  
remote witnesses of the still scene.  
In the foreground the tall Cross,  
somber, untenanted, aches for the Body  
that is back in the cradle of a maid's arms.

## **NIGHT TO DAY**

The dark of night lies everywhere.  
A thousand years must wait  
the dawn of day and light.  
The dark of night lies everywhere.  
If the earth could have its way,  
it would sleep on – through Easter Day.  
Yet death itself shall be destroyed  
by the travail of Christ's Resurrection.

*The Coming, Good Friday, and Pieta by R.S. Thomas  
Night to Day by Boris Pasternak (adapted)*

## MARCH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Noel Kafton, Clerk

*Celebrate the Gift's of Women's*

Actual Pledged YTD February \$18,333.30 Budgeted Giving YTD \$19,883.00.

Membership is 43\* with the passing of Eva Vantella February 13, 2019. A memorial service was held March 16, 2019 at Emmanuel. Affiliate members number three.

Linda Rosell met with session to share her desire to join EPC. **It was MSC to accept Linda into membership with Emmanuel.** Membership now stands at 44\*.

Cheryl Kinder-Pyle, Executive Presbyter, met with session to share information about our Presbytery's new church program called Cyclical.

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## NEWS FROM PWC

Thank you to all who helped with *Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday* March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The message from our guest speaker Rev. Katie Haney was well received. It was a good day.

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### West Central Community Center Programs

From 2009 through 2017 Spokane city pools charged admission to swim. Emmanuel purchased nearly 12,000 single use day swim-passes for the children of our West Central neighborhood. The passes were given out by the youth program staff of the West Central Community Center to the children with the greatest need. With the swim pass donations no longer needed, we wanted to continue to help those children. Ever on the watch for other programs that benefit our neighborhood children, we consulted with Rick Harris at WCCC. We have chosen the Before/After School Program for children grades K through 6, and the Teen Activity Nights.

### Before and After School Program

A licensed child-care program offering education and recreation activities serving Audubon and Holmes Elementary Schools and the Spokane Public Montessori Schools. Transportation to and from those schools is provided. The program is open school days from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. Non-school days from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Our contributions will help cover the cost of snacks and project supplies (arts/crafts/science) etc. that are not covered by other funds.

### Teen Activity Nights

For children ages 11-14 – This free program offers a variety of activities including sports, games, arts, crafts, and other things on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. and on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Our contributions will help with snacks, supplies, and occasional small equipment.

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Emmanuel is hosting a Maundy Thursday service of worship and communion April 18, at 6pm. We will be joined by friends from both Knox and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

A light soup and bread meal will be served following the service in Fellowship Hall.

This meal is sponsored by the Worship Committee.

# April 2019



**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:30 Clergy Meeting  7pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> 10:30 PWC Board  4:30 Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> 9am Quilters 10am Deacons	<b>10</b> 10am ON Bible	<b>11</b>   7pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10:30 Stewardship	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 10am Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour	<b>15</b>   7pm Session	<b>16</b> 9am Quilters  11:30 Salad Luncheon	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Maundy Thursday  6pm Worship and meal	<b>19</b> Good Friday	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Easter</b> 10am Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour	<b>22</b> 4:30 Girl Scouts	<b>23</b> 9am Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>   7pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30 Presbytery at Millwood
<b>28</b> 10am Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am Quilters				



- 7 Glenn Steele
- 10 Aiden Cousins
- 11 Sophia Overhauser
- 16 Barbara Wilkes
- 24 Don Campbell
- 26 Marty Bauer
- 27 Noel Kafton

### With Heartfelt Thanks...

My family and I are very grateful for the support, care and love from our Emmanuel family at the passing of my mother, Eva Vantella. There is no more supportive and caring group of people than you. Thank you so much for all you offered to every member of my family.

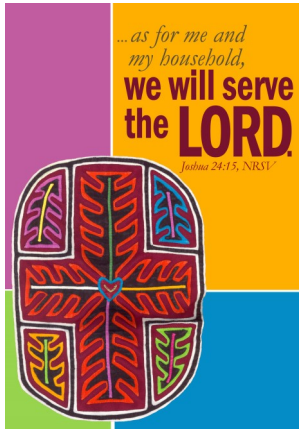
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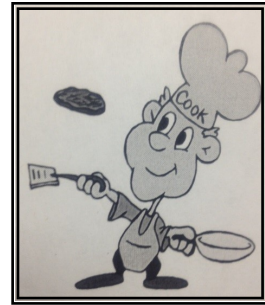


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**Come Join Us On Sunday!**  
**10:00 Choir**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
**11:45 am Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall**

**Office Hours**  
**9am to 2:30 pm Monday -Thursday**  
**9am to 12:30 pm Friday**



**Men's Breakfast**  
**April 27, 2019, 8am**

Calling all hungry men! Come for delicious food and great fellowship at our monthly breakfast. Just bring yourself, a friend, and a healthy appetite.



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**LENTEN SCHEDULE—2019**

Palm/Passion Sunday—April 14

Maundy Thursday—April 18

Hosted at Emmanuel, 6 pm worship and communion  
followed by a light meal  
with friends from Knox and Westminster Presbyterian Church

Good Friday—April 19

Easter Sunday—April 21  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

