

**LIFE AND WORK OF
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
OCTOBER 2023**



**November Issue Submission Deadline:
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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Where the church is the body of Christ with each member having unique gifts to share and a ministry to offer. We invite you to come and visit, to worship, to join in our fellowship, to participate in our many activities, and to enrich your faith.

For information on any of our church activities, please call 613-733-0437 or email emoffice@bellnet.ca or go to our website at www.emmanuelunited.ca

No Scents Makes Good Sense

*Emmanuel United Church provides a scent-free environment.
Please avoid wearing or using scented products as some
individuals have environmental sensitivities.*



IN MEMORIAM



Thank you to those who made donations to the Memorial Fund, in honour of a loved one or friend.

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

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CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT



Nursery – Nursery is available every Sunday.

Sunday School – In person Sunday school activities for children aged 4 to 12 take place during Sunday services.

Evenings for Youth in Gr4 to Gr8

Sat Oct 7, 5pm – 7:30pm - Come to the church for games, dinner and to work on crafts for the bazaar.

Sat Oct 28, 5pm – 7:30pm – Come to the church to play outdoor games in the dark, share a meal together and carve pumpkins.

For more information, contact Ellen Brohman

(ellenbrohman@gmail.com) or Val Lines (bvlines84@rogers.com).

Teen Evenings – Join us for teen evenings once a month from **6pm-8:15pm**. There are games, dinner, and fun faith-based activities. Our next teen evening is tentatively planned for **Sunday, Oct 22**. For more information, contact Ellen Brohman

(ellenbrohman@gmail.com) or Val Lines (bvlines84@rogers.com).



Rainbow Hub - Rainbow Hub is a monthly social group organized and supported by the EOORC for LGBTQ2+ youth 12-18 years from across the city. Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Ellen Brohman (ellenbrohman@gmail.com).



Book Club – will meet on **October 9** at 7:00pm on Zoom to discuss *King Peggy* by Peggieine Bartels and Eleanor Herman.

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics)



The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) meets regularly at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays on Zoom.

We are now discussing the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, using an online study guide as a source of questions. We always have interesting and lively times, and would love to have you join us. Drop-ins are always welcome; no commitment is required, and you do not need to have a copy of the book to participate. Please contact Evelyn Perkins or any member of Heretics for further information and a Zoom invitation.

Teleos

Wednesday, **October 25** at 7:00 via Zoom. A group for all who identify as women. For further information, contact Joan Foster-Jones

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Men's Club Breakfast – Saturday **October 14** at 8:15am at Perkins Restaurant.

Monday Night Christian Meditation Group

Jesus says, “When two or three pray together in my name, I am there among them.”

We live in a noisy world filled with ceaseless activity. We seek space to be quiet and be with God within ourselves. If you wish to learn how to meditate and find more quietness, you are welcome to join fellow meditators, who meet Mondays for an hour starting at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Christian meditation is a form of silent contemplative prayer. Simple, continuous, repetition of a mantra or prayer word leads us from the mind to the heart. Silently repeating the word creates a narrow path of silence we can follow through the noise, distractions, agitation, and turbulence of the mind. We are no longer talking to God or, worse, talking to ourselves. We are learning to be silent, to be with God, to be in God.

For further information and a zoom link, please contact Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com).

COMMUNICATIONS

Advertising

Our Alta Vista Community Newspapers, Riverview Park Review and VISTAS, continue to publish. If you have events or announcements, photos and/or stories for them, please send them to publicity@emmanuelunited.ca by the 15th of the previous month.

Newsletter

The fall /winter edition of the Emmanuel newsletter will be published in December. If you have suggestions for articles and stories or would like to make a contribution, please contact Phyllis MacRae at: newsletter@emmanuelunited.ca.

Friday Movie Night

Coming Soon, Friday night at the movies. We will run another season on our Emmanuel movie series starting in October. Date to be confirmed. Any suggestions for titles would be appreciated.

Website

Thank you to everyone for the positive comments and feedback that you have provided on our new website. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, please go to <https://emmanuelunited.ca> and explore the new look and menu structure. On the Home Page, under the Good to Know section is an orientation to the website to assist you as you explore the site. I hope that you find it easy to navigate, informative, and engaging. If you have questions or suggestions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me; I am keen to keep the website current and easy to use.

If you have content that you would like added to the website, **please provide me with the details so that I can add the information to the correct location.**

- In particular, the “Upcoming Events” section on the Home Page is intended to advertise **Special events** rather than weekly or monthly meetings. If you have an event that fits in this category, please let me know the title, details (date, time, location, cost, a brief description of the event, an image or

poster that I can use to advertise the event, and the contact person) and I will post the event.

- If you have a **News Item** to add, this belongs in the “Good to Know” section on the Home Page. Please provide me with the content to post.
- If you have **information** that needs to be updated on another section of the website (e.g., on the Activities Page), please send me the details and I will make the changes.
- We are always looking to post new **photos** on the website so please consider taking pictures at your meetings and activities and share those with me. Please be sure to obtain consent from those in the photos that the picture can be posted on the website; if children are in the photos, parents must give consent. Media release forms are available from the office.

Once again, I would like to recognize the contributions of the Website ReDesign Committee, and in particular, Graham Campbell and Willie Selkirk. Graham and Willie were keen to see us develop a new website and they contributed significantly to the end product that was launched at the end of August. Other members of the committee were Emma Dowd, Shelly Farrell, Keith Jeacle, Phyllis MacRae, Ron Squires, and Joyce White.

On behalf of the committee, thanks very much!

Val Dowd
Webmaster
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EMERGENCY PLANNING

As we begin the fall/winter season of 2023/24, the committee met to discuss the current situation concerning the transmission of viruses.

The message from Ottawa Public Health remains the same—flu and respiratory viruses will continue to be in the community. Their recommendations remain:

- Vaccinate against flu/Covid-19/RSV and reduce the risk of infection
- Stay home if you are not feeling well or know that you have Covid
- Mask if you must go out and someone in your house is sick
- Wash your hands often and use sanitizer

At Emmanuel, we will continue to encourage individuals to follow these recommendations.

Masking is no longer required at the church. However, individuals who are more comfortable wearing masks are encouraged to make this choice. We continue to ask that everyone be conscious of and sensitive to the personal space of those around them.

As has become our universal “best practice”, stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms that might make you contagious to others. You will always be welcomed back once recovered. Worship continues to be live-streamed weekly.

We thank you for your continued support.

We are a wonderful community; germs are the only thing *we don't* welcome!

Emergency Planning Committee - Blake Lines, Ross White, Rev. Grant Stuckless, Christine Hywarren

FINANCE

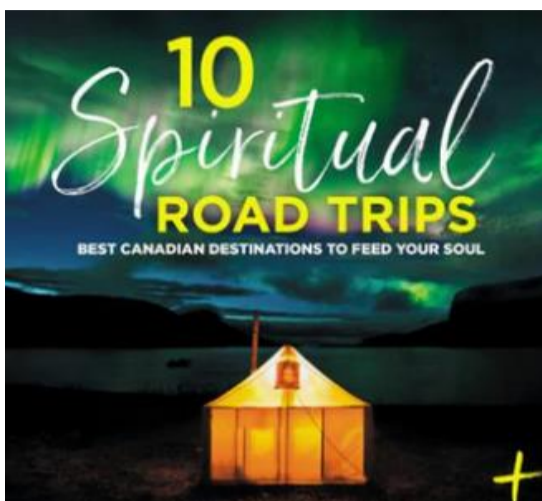
Save The Date!

December 1, 2023

"Graham's Christmas Readings"

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further details.

A magazine for everyone



Which magazine is an award-winning magazine? With such awards as:

-Award of Excellence, In-Depth Coverage (Magazine or Journal): Forgotten Refugees, by Matthew Best (Associated Church Press Awards)

-First Place, Social Media Post: I Can't Remember Ever Spending a Christmas Away from My Family, by Chloe Tejada (Canadian Christian Communicators Association Awards)

-Honourable Mention, Best Magazine: Special Interest (National Magazine Awards)

It is the United Church magazine entitled "Broadview" (previously named "The United Church Observer"). A rich magazine that provides awareness, insight, and humour into relevant issues through thoughtful articles.

Copies are available in the church library and if you would like to subscribe to Broadview you will find an envelope in the Stewardship Package which you can return, and we will begin your subscription in the new year. You can pick up your Stewardship Package during our Stewardship Campaign which runs from Sunday Oct 29th to Sunday Nov 19th. If you would like to learn more about Broadview please visit the following website:

<https://broadview.org/>



**Our Emmanuel Holiday Bazaar is
Saturday November 4, 10am-2pm**

This is a major fundraising event for our Emmanuel's general fund and we look forward to everyone being involved in big and small ways to make this event fun and successful!


Please consider volunteering to assist in the various areas and/or working on Bazaar Day, Nov.4. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex mid-October. You can also contact Brenda Ashe 613-738-7783 or talk to Brenda on Sunday.

We are requesting items for our 2023 Bazaar. Here are the various areas and special requests to consider when donating:

Baking: Ginger, chocolate chip cookies sell well. Fudge, jams and jellies, loaf cakes (especially smaller ones), cupcakes, muffins, seasonal items. Packaging... cookies in packages of 6 or 12. Muffins either in pkgs of 2, 4 or 6. Cakes, etc. well wrapped,

Books: Young adult and children's books sell well, also mystery, biographies, history, crafts, self-help and travel. **Please no text books, encyclopedias, readers digest or Harlequin romance.**

Christmas Décor: Good condition Christmas mugs, ornaments etc. **NO electric lights.**



Knitting and Sewing: New knitted and sewn items only with estimated price to charge. Toques, socks, mitts, kitchen towels and dish cloths, cloth wine bags. We are selling gently used craft and clothing patterns, craft wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks.

Jewelery and Accessories: Jewelry that does not require repair. Accessories can include gently used and cleaned scarves, ladies' gloves, purses, jewelry storage boxes.

Scroungers Paradise: Items in good condition and in working order. Games, toys, puzzles with no pieces missing. No cracked or chipped dishes please.

Shantyman's Deli: We will need bread or rolls made. **Please contact Dave Burness at Burness.dave@gmail.com or call 613-447-8977**

Silent Auction: Good quality items are welcome. **Can you provide a service**, for example, prepare a dinner at your home, make a photo book, give computer help....**Children's items** are always popular! **Please no large sets of dishes, furniture, clothing or electrical items.**

Woodworking: We are looking for handmade wood items, wooden Christmas items. **No furniture please.**

Youth Table: Christmas and other specialty craft items made by youth

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Fall Festival

The Global Partners Fall Festival was held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. It was a fun event with excellent music, art, food and fellowship. The weather was great and the parking lot was full of excitement with a good mix of people.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the event a great success. Thank you to Dan Perkins and his Celtic Band, Adriana Trejo, Jim Lamb, Nancy Jeacle, Mark Harris and Michael Harris for the musical entertainment. Thank you to Emma Dowd for organizing and directing the community art project – banners that will be presented to our global partners. And special thanks to the Clark-Kazak family for the wonderful idea of holding such an event, and for supplying the equipment.

Jim Lamb presented the banner from the Community Art Project to Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel (IBE), our global partner in El Salvador on Sunday, September 24, 2023.



***Just Gifts* Christmas Market**

The planning for *Just Gifts* has started. We will be having an On-line Christmas Market running from November 10-25, 2023, with pickup of purchases and an in-person *Just Gifts* Christmas Market on December 2, 2023 from 10:00 – 1:00 pm.

Donations of jams, jellies, pickles and relishes would be greatly appreciated. As are handcraft items.

If you know of any vendors who would like to participate in either the on-line or in-person event, please get in touch with members of the Global Partners Committee.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Post-Secondary Students, Keeping in Touch

Thank you to all who have sent in addresses for College and University Students. We want to include everyone, so this is a reminder that “thinking of you” packages will be delivered in October. Make a student happy by giving us their address.

Thank you to all who are contributing to make these gifts special.

Send student information to: joyce.white@sympatico.ca or 613-324-8759 or welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca

Pictorial Directory 2024 Reserve the Date

At the September 19 meeting, Executive of Council authorized KIT to sign a contract with IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. for the preparation of a new pictorial directory for the congregation. Photos will be taken at Emmanuel during the weeks of **April 8 to April 20, 2024**. Volunteers will be needed for a number of positions.

We continue to welcome good quality photos of our life and work in action to include as part of the directory.

Emmanuel Bazaar, November 4, 2023

We have missed the bazaar during the COVID years. Let's help make it a great success by keeping in touch with family, friends and neighbours to let them know it is happening.

Members of the Keeping in Touch Team:

Ann Bihamba, Janet Campbell, Clarice Dewar, Patty Henderson, Phyllis MacRae, Hilde Reynolds, Ron Squires, Joyce White (Chair)

SOCIAL ACTION

Support for Our New Refugee Family

The family of Justin and Lina Zahinda and their four sons arrived in Ottawa on July 1st. They are now settled in a comfortable town home in east Ottawa. As fall and winter are coming, the family will need to get some suitable fall and winter clothing. Specifically, the Emmanuel Refugee Support Group is looking for donations of clean, good quality clothing suitable for Lina (size Ladies Medium) and for Justin and his four sons (size men's large and medium). We are looking for warm fall jackets, raincoats, sweaters, pullovers, hoodies, winter jackets, hats and gloves/mitts. Men's and ladies' trousers. We are also looking for donations of good quality footwear - indoor shoes, running shoes and winter boots.

If you think you can help out, please contact Phyllis MacRae or Phil English.

Stewardship



*“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.”
Matthew 10:40*

At Emmanuel, we work individually, through committees, and groups to ensure we are making a difference in the lives of our

congregation, our local community and in our global outreach. We continue to be a welcoming, inclusive congregation that welcomes everyone.

As we enter the fall period our Stewardship campaign approaches. This year's campaign will begin on Sunday, October 29th with Stewardship Sunday and our campaign will end on Sunday, Nov 19th.

Stay tuned for the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign! In the meantime, think of how you personally can continue to make a difference in our church through your time, talent and treasure.

WORSHIP

October 1 Worldwide Communion "God is Being Here"
Exodus 17: 1-17

October 8 Thanksgiving "Thanksgiving: A Self-Healthy Gift"
Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

October 15 "The Idol-Worship Called Ego"
Exodus 32: 1-14

October 22 "God Stands By Us"
Exodus 33: 12-23

October 29 "Well-cared-for-People"
Matthew 22: 34-40

We will continue to use the single serve communion cups. They can be difficult, however they are the best option for now. Going forward there may be changes. Stay tuned!

There has been a request for the Bible readings to be made available ahead of the service, so they are included together with the sermon topics.

Did You Know?

Wilbur Howard (1912-2001) was the minister at Emmanuel Church, and went on to be the 26th Moderator of the United Church of Canada. He was the first black person to be ordained as a minister in the United Church of Canada and the first black Moderator.

Anne M Squire (1921-2017) was a founding member of Emmanuel Church, and was the 31st Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Anne was the first female lay person to be elected to the post.



Simplify your Celebrations
(Form to accompany donation)

Donation to:
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General Fund

Capital Fund

From: (Name) _____

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In recognition of:

(Please provide a statement that could go into the next monthly packet, along the lines of those on the previous page.)

If you do not wish for this to be published, please check here _____

Please send acknowledgment to:

If you wish this to be an anonymous donation, please check here _____

Amount: \$ _____

Thank You