

LIFE AND WORK OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH APRIL 2023



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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 emmoffice@bellnet.ca or go to our website at www.emmanuelunited.ca

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Please avoid wearing or using scented products as some
individuals have environmental sensitivities.*

Note: The online version of the Packet has the personal phone numbers and email addresses of Emmanuel members removed. Contact the office (613-733-0437) for further information.



IN MEMORIAM



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

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(Frank Kavcic)

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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 are being held during Sunday services.

Teen Evenings – Join us for teen evenings once month (usually the third Sunday of the month) from **6pm-8:15pm**. There will be games, dinner, and fun faith-based activities. Our next evenings will be on **Sunday, March 26 and April 16**. For more information, contact Ellen Brohman or Val Lines.

Confirmation – Anyone interested in exploring being confirmed in June should contact Ellen Brohman or Val Lines.



Rainbow Hub - The EOORC started a program called Rainbow Hub in March 2022. Rainbow Hub is a monthly social group for LGBTQ2+ youth 12-18 years from across the city. It is held at Emmanuel on the **first Friday of the month**. The next evening is on **Friday, Apr 7**. For more information, contact Ellen Brohman.



Camp Emmanuel – **July 4-7 for kids aged 4 to 12**. Come aboard the *SS Emmanuel* and spend 4 days adventuring! Stories, games, cooking & STEM activities will abound as we cruise the seas together! The camp will run from 9:30am to 3:30pm, with pre and post camp care available. Contact Val Lines, Ellen Brohman or Christine Hywarren for information. Registration is coming soon.

Cook and Canoe Camp – **July 31 – Aug 4** - for youth going into Gr 4 in September and older. Monday and Tuesday will be spent at Emmanuel, preparing food and playing games. The canoe camping will take place at Lac LaPêche, about 45 minutes north of Ottawa, from Wednesday morning to Friday afternoon. For additional information and the registration form, please contact Val Lines.

Post-Secondary Bursary Fund - This bursary is to be paid to a deserving Emmanuel student commencing a full-time postsecondary program. The deadline for application is **June 4, 2023**. The program must be started sometime in the calendar year following that date. The student can be up to the age of twenty-four years. The application is available on the website.

http://www.emmanuelunited.ca/pdf/bursary_form_2023.pdf

The **Thursday Morning Discussion Group** ('Heretics')

The Heretics continue to have our lively discussions on Zoom, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. We are currently enjoying the lecture series: *Easter Stories with John Dominic Crossan* (trippfuller.com). John Crossan is an eminent New Testament scholar, and a former Roman Catholic priest. His lectures are always very informative and engaging.

Please drop in whenever you can to enjoy a lively and interesting discussion; no preparation or commitment is required.



Contact Evelyn Perkins or any member of Heretics for further information or a Zoom invitation.



Book Club

The book club will meet on **Monday, April 10** at 7:00pm on Zoom to discuss *Scarborough* by Catherine Hernandez.

Teleos - Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 via Zoom

The topic for April is "Walking Through the Lectionary" led by Janet Thompson. If you would like to attend this meeting but are not on the regular Teleos distribution list, contact Joan Foster-Jones for the Zoom invitation.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 4, 2023

EUC Holiday Bazaar

Men's Club Breakfast – Saturday, **April 8** 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 many years we have been blessed with the leadership and guidance of our good friend Bill Meek. We will continue his legacy, even as we mourn his loss.

For further information and a zoom link, please contact Evelyn Perkins.

COMMUNICATIONS

ZOOM for the masses (part2) – A boon to some and a curse to others.

Emmanuel has two ZOOM accounts, euc_zoom@emmanuelunited.ca and euc_zoom2@emmanuelunited.ca. Not imaginative but easy to remember. Each has a different password.

There are two kinds of ZOOM bookings:

- Ongoing, committees such as Property and Grounds, Finance, Heretics, etc., that meet at the same time every week/month
- One-off or special events (Lent Wednesday services)

It has recently been observed that people are booking ZOOM meetings at, for example, 7pm for 2 hours that would run over a recurring meeting that would start at 8pm.

ZOOM does not allow for two meetings on the same account at the same time.

Recurring meetings have **precedence** over one-off or special events meetings.

PLEASE do NOT book meetings that overlap. Check the OTHER ZOOM account for a free time if the period you want is booked.

As the account “guardian”, I WILL terminate any one-off or special event that infringes on a recurring meeting. Not trying to be nasty or mean, but groups such as P&G, Finance, Heretics, etc. DO meet at the same time every week/month and this shouldn’t come as a surprise.

VIDEO STREAMING – A VERY warm welcome to Anahita Kazak who has joined the video streaming team. New members are always welcome at either the sound or video board!

Our **Alta Vista Community Newspaper(s)** are publishing again next month. If you have events or announcements, photos and/or stories for them, please send them to publicity@emmanuelunited.ca by the **15th of the month.**



COUNCIL

The April meeting of Council will be by Zoom, on **Tuesday April 18 at 7:00pm.**

FINANCE



and



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

691 Smyth Road

A Fundraising Event for Emmanuel's General Fund

TABLES AVAILABLE - \$25.00

To reserve space or for more information, please contact:

Joyce White at welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca

[or the Church Office at 613-733-0437](tel:613-733-0437)

Volunteers Welcome!

HEALTH

TtW or Take Time to be Wholly is an exercise group for seniors and consists of light exercises, some standing and light free weight and band exercises. The program is designed to encourage seniors to stay or become more fit by stretching and exercising most body muscles. It is a light workout held twice each week on Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 am at a minimal cost, \$5 per session. Our instructor keeps you busy for an hour each session. All the equipment needed is provided, all we need is your body!

A reminder that **Monday April 3rd** is our luncheon date after exercise. Please sign up with Barb Bullard.

TtW Cancellation Policy

The basic cancellation policy is that if it is storming and the Ottawa school busses are not running there will be no exercises. The place to look on your computer to find out if busses are running is:

www.ottawaschoolbus.ca or listen to 580 CFRA radio.

If there is a problem at the church, other than storms, that doesn't allow for classes, we will email or call you and let you know.

****we would ask you to refrain from calling the church office, as our administrator is busy with church business****

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Thank You Emmanuel Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22 this year. We appreciate volunteers every day, but this year's theme **Volunteering Weaves Us Together** really speaks to how we keep in touch with each other at Emmanuel. There are so many threads woven together to support one another and foster relationship. That keeps us vibrant and healthy as a church community.

Full Membership on the Emmanuel Roll

At the March meeting of Keeping in Touch Ron Squires, Emmanuel's Roll Clerk, reported that there are 266 members on the current roll. Do you have questions about what it means to become

a full member? During the Worship Service on Sunday April 23, 2023, new members will be welcomed. If you have any questions about membership, and want to be included as one of the new members welcomed on that day, speak to Rev. Grant.

Get ready, Spring is Coming and It's Time to Clean! Community Spring Yard and Bake Sale at Emmanuel, Saturday May 13

You will see an ad for the Spring Yard Sale under the Fundraising section of the packet. How can you help keep the community in touch with this?

- Spread the word to neighbours and friends who might want to rent a personal table, or rent one yourself.
- Offer to post notices on local bulletin boards or drop off posters in the nearby neighbourhood
- Share some of your baking delights on the Bake Table.
- On the day of the sale, there are lots of opportunities to share your volunteer gifts. Volunteer hours are provided for high school students.

Contact: Joyce White at welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Abigail, our Anthem Accompanist, is temporarily in Mexico while she applies for a new work permit. She is in our thoughts and we are hoping that she will be able to return to her position with us in a few months.

Roxanne, our Pastoral Care Provider, is retiring after almost four years with us. She loves her work at Emmanuel but feels that it is time for her to retire and spend more time with her husband and the rest of her family. We are extremely grateful for all that Roxanne has given to us. We will be organizing a retirement celebration; stay tuned for more information.

Rev Grant will be on vacation the week after Easter, from April 10 through April 17.

Pat will be working from home on Mondays, starting April 3. She will be available online and will be checking Emmanuel's phone messages remotely. We will check in with her at the end of May to see how this is working out.

PASTORAL CARE

April is here, and spring is in the air. Easter is around the corner. With the Resurrection of Jesus, this is a time of hope and transformation. May this be a blessed time for you, in the Emmanuel community.

Good News! Pastoral Care is Planning 2 Events!

1. **“Live Well Die Well” on April 24 @2-4 pm.** This free event is hosted by Pastoral Care, and open to the public. Compassionate Ottawa will be inspiring us for Advanced Care Planning. This will take place in our CE hall, around small tables with coffee, tea, water and treats! We will learn how to begin challenging conversations with loved ones. Please join us! For more information-contact Roxanne (Roxanne.delmage@gmail.com).
2. **Day Pilgrimage—Save the Date**
Wed. May 10th (rain date May 17th) Details to follow.

SOCIAL ACTION

Communion Offering, Palm Sunday

Our Communion Offering will be dedicated to our Global Partner Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel in San Salvador. You will have seen a description of our partnership in the March packet. Please remember them and give generously to their work through this offering. As usual, your offering may be made with cheques or online transfer.

Social Action and Global Partners

WORSHIP

Lent to Easter

April brings the most sacred week on the Christian calendar, Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, which is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first astronomical full moon on or after the vernal (spring) equinox.

During Holy Week, we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

Our last Wednesday Lenten Lection will be on Wednesday, **April 5th** hosted by Rev. Grant **over ZOOM, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

On **Maundy Thursday, April 6th**, we will have a service in person at Emmanuel from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to commemorate the Last Supper.

On **Good Friday, April 7th**, we will worship at Emmanuel at 11:00 a.m.



The Easter Flower Cross: It's time to prepare for our Easter Sunday flower cross. You are invited to bring a **4-inch** potted flower with you on Easter Sunday morning. Please label it if you want it returned. If you care to contribute to bringing our resurrection cross to life, please call Sue Longstreet.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

April 2nd: Palm Sunday – Rev. Grant Stuckless

April 9th: Easter Sunday – Rev. Grant Stuckless

Outdoor Service at 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and muffins

Easter Service at 10:00 a.m., with choir, organ and trumpet

April 16th: Holy Humour Sunday – Jeannie Taylor, Licensed Lay Worship Leader **** **Please wear a silly hat** ****

April 23rd: Reception of New Members, including transfers from other congregations.

Please let Joyce White or Rev. Grant know if you are interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel or wish to know more about membership in the United Church.

April 30th: 4th Sunday of Easter – Rev. Grant Stuckless

Please let Rev. Grant know if you are interested in giving a testimony (3-5 minutes) at an upcoming service.

More people are needed to assist with hosting Coffee and Conversation. Please let Irene Bakker know if you are able to help occasionally.

Thank you to the musicians, choristers, audio visual team, lay readers, story readers, ushers, banner makers and decorators; you all make a significant contribution to the quality of our worship services!



Simplify your Celebrations

We would like to thank those who have made contributions in the month of March to the Emmanuel United Church as part of the *Simplify your Celebrations* project. Donations were received as follows:



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and community at Emmanuel.
We give thanks.
by Bob & Marg Armstrong

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Simplify your Celebrations
(Form to accompany donation)

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