

LIFE AND WORK OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH JULY/AUGUST 2023



September Issue Submission Deadline:
August 28, 2023

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

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.*

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

John Douglas Scott, May 24, 2023

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

(Shirley Monsebraaten)

Julie & Terry Henderson

Verna Nuttall

Phyllis MacRae & Richard Johnston

Betty St. Onge

Harold Hedley & Wendy McCracken

(Willie Selkirk)

Phyllis MacRae & Richard Johnston



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.

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



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. There will be no meetings in July and August but the program will restart on the first Friday of September. For more information, contact Ellen Brohman).



Camp Emmanuel – July 4-7 for kids aged 4 to 12.

Share information about the camp with neighbours and family – there is still a week to register. There will be stories, games, cooking & STEM activities. The camp will run from 9:30am to 3:30pm, with pre and post camp care available. For more information, or to register, please visit our Camp Emmanuel website at [Camp Emmanuel Registration \(emmanuelsummercamp.com\)](http://emmanuelsummercamp.com)

If you would like to sponsor a child from the broader community around Emmanuel to come to camp, please contact Val Lines.

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, please contact Val Lines. To register, fill in the registration form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13nIzcTxNdSF_kEsxzLWPHLYhv8N_jRTQZunviJKByBg



Book Club – below is the book club schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book and Author</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Sept. 11	<u>The Last Train to London</u> by Meg Waite Clayton	Clara
Oct. 9	<u>King Peggy</u> by Peggine Bartels and Eleanor Herman	Joyce
Nov. 13	<u>Agent Sonya</u> by Ben MacIntyre	Phyllis
Jan. 8	<u>Valley of the Birdtail</u> by Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson	Jill
Feb. 12	<u>Fayne</u> by Ann-Marie Macdonald	Janice
Mar. 11	<u>Addressed to Greta</u> by Fiona Sussman	TBD
Apr. 8	<u>Hotline</u> by Dimitri Nasrallah	Kathleen
May 13	<u>Run</u> by Ann Patchett	TBD

On September 14, the **Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics)**, will resume with fresh ideas for the new season. We will start with the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor.



Please contact Evelyn Perkins or any member of Heretics for further information, or a Zoom invitation. New members are always welcome.



Haida Gwaii Alumni

A banner that replicates the logo of Haida House was blessed at the service on June 18th and will be gifted to Haida House by the pilgrims who travel there in July. A duplicate banner has been created to hang at Emmanuel – a reminder to those of us who have made that pilgrimage over the years. If you have any thoughts on where at Emmanuel it should hang, please contact Joan Foster-Jones.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Men’s Club Breakfast – Saturday, July 8 and August 12 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.

The Re-Opening Our Doors project is finally complete



The steps, columns, front doors and vestibule and front canopy ceiling and lighting at the front entrance have all been replaced. The exit doors from the lounge were also replaced and an access ramp installed.

We held our Dedication Ceremony with a Ribbon Cutting on the 4th of June 2023. The members of the Re-Opening Our Doors Committee Carol Campbell, Sandra Copeland, Tom Kannemann, and Pierre Péron look on as Blake Lines and Debbie Meek cut the ribbon.



The total cost to complete the project came in at approximately \$400,000. The Congregation approved a total budget of \$500,000 and we were able to reduce the scope in a few areas keep it at \$400,000. Your pledges, external grants and fundraising initiatives have raised \$300,000 to date. This leaves us with a deficit of approximately \$100,000 which is currently funded by an internal loan.

This deficit needs to be repaid to restore funds for other activities, so we are asking the congregation to consider additional donations and pledges or extensions to existing pledges to pay down the remaining debt. A sample pledge form is attached to this document.

Blake Lines
Re-Opening Our Doors Committee

Please indicate your commitment to funding the deficit and return by e-mail to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca or print and either mail to the attention of Envelope Secretary, or put in Envelope Secretary mail slot in the Narthex.

I would like to extend my pledge to the Re-Opening Our Doors campaign for an additional year (current pledges are to end by June 2024)

I intend to make a one-time contribution to the Re-Opening Our Doors campaign in the amount of \$ _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

FINANCE




As summer approaches, as temperatures rise and as families drift off to their cottages, charitable giving tends to decline.

Help us avoid the dreaded summer giving slump.

Please consider continuing your contributions to Emmanuel over the summer months even if you are not around. There are many ways you can do it:

- by dropping off your donation at the church before you leave
 - by setting up pre-authorized remittances (PAR)
- by *Interac* e-transfer to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca



Our **Emmanuel Holiday Bazaar** is
Nov. 4, 2023 and we are making plans...

*If you are canning or making jams over the summer, please consider setting aside a jar or 2 for our Bazaar

*If you are cleaning out, clearing out or wondering what to do with no-longer-needed treasures, please consider setting items aside for our Bazaar.

Thank you for your support.
Brenda Ashe, Bazaar Convener
Val Dowd, Assistant Convener

GLOBAL PARTNERS



CAMP CHIPEMBI 2023

Just a reminder, we are still selling sponsorships for t-shirts and lunches.

You can sponsor in any of the following ways:

Send a kid to Camp Chipembi (includes t-shirt and all lunches) - \$35

Any number of t-shirts - \$10 each

Any number of lunches - \$6 for one day or 5 for \$25

You can visit us in the CE Hall after services during Lemonade & Conversation

or drop off cheque at the Church Office

or send e-transfer to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca



GLOBAL PARTNERS FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 PM

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Connecting

June has been a busy month at Emmanuel with lots of opportunities to connect with each other. It has been a joy to see children moving, clapping and shaking instruments, to witness two weddings and welcome new faces.

Thanks to Emma Dowd for capturing many moments with camera and to Val Dowd for exploring new possibilities for the Emmanuel web page.

Pictorial Directory

Start Taking and Saving Emmanuel Photos Now! It's been 5 years since our last **Pictorial Directory** and KIT is exploring options for a new one. Our potential target date is this coming spring of 2024. Essential to a new directory, in addition to family portraits, are photos of events and happenings in and around Emmanuel between now and next March. Let's not miss those opportunities to capture our life and work in action. Details for where to send your photos will follow as plans evolve.

Summer Tuesday Morning Zoom Coffee and Conversation

Thanks to Steve Taylor for keeping this going during the summer months. Everyone is welcome to join in, check with Steve or Joyce for the Zoom link.

Summer Hospitality

A warm welcome is always appreciated by summer guests worshipping at Emmanuel. If you notice visitors, please invite them to join you for a glass of lemonade. It is helpful if they are invited to sign the guest book with a name, address and phone number so that we can follow up. Summer is also a perfect time to take a walk and visit someone in the Emmanuel community that you haven't seen recently.

Contact Us

Please refer any concerns or questions to any member of the Keeping in Touch Committee: Ann Bihamba, Janet Campbell, Clarice Dewar, Patty Henderson, Phyllis MacRae, Hilde Reynolds, Ron Squires, Joyce White or to:
welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca

Have a safe and happy summer!

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

We are very pleased that our accompanist Abigail is back in Canada and has a work permit. Welcome back Abi!

The search process for a replacement for Roxanne is underway.

We've posted the opening in several places including on Emmanuel's website. Please share information of the opening with anyone you think may be interested.

Rev Grant will be on vacation from Monday, June 26 through Monday July 17. Ministry from Rideau Park will cover any pastoral care emergencies while he is away. He will cover pastoral care emergencies for Rideau Park in August.

Pat will be on vacation from August 1 through August 11. Loli Zahinda will be the office fill-in.

Theresa will be away July 30 through Sept 3. Phillip Burness and Abigail Sanchez-Rojas will be filling in for her.

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Circle

One of the many things Roxanne looked after before her retirement, was overseeing the Prayer Circle. It is made up of 7 people (plus the minister) who hold all prayer requests in confidence and pray throughout the week for the person or the situation. In addition, if the person would like, Rev Grant will include them in the Sunday "Prayer's of the People" during worship.

Until a new Pastoral Care Provider is hired, please send requests to Rev. Grant by telephone at 613-327-5180, by email: gstuckless@emmanuelunited.ca, or in person. Remember to indicate if you wish the prayer request to remain confidential or would also like it included in Sunday prayers. There is also a place on the Emmanuel Website where a request can be made.

Rev. Grant will be on vacation from June 26th to July 17th inclusive. Any requests for prayers to be included on Sundays during that time can be sent to the office.

SOCIAL ACTION

FOOD DRIVE AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DROP OFF

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

2:00 – 3:30 PM

FOR

RUSSELL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE



- pencil crayons • washable markers • pens
- HB pencils • pencil sharpeners • erasers
- kid safe scissors • metric rulers • glue sticks
- notebooks • duo tangs • binders • lined paper
- graph paper • calculators • geometry sets
- French English dictionaries • small hand sanitizers



- cereals • cookies • soups
- pasta • pasta sauce
- diapers/pull-ups (2T,3T-4T)
- Feminine supplies, baby wipes etc.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Bring your donation of food, diapers and school supplies to the front entrance of the church on Monday, July 24, 2023

or

Make a donation via e-transfer to
envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca
and indicate for food banks in the memo field.

WORSHIP

Make a note that on **July 2** we will be worshipping at Rideau Park United Church, and they will be coming to Emmanuel on August 6. This has been a long-standing tradition during the summer months.

Jeannie Page will be leading worship on July 9 and 16, and Grant Stuckless will be in the pulpit from July 23 to August 27.

Wednesday Mid-week Summer Services in the garden will take place from August 2-30. Bring your own lawn chair, and mosquito repellent may be a good idea.

Theresa Clarke was kind enough to provide a report on the Music Ministry that we so appreciate.

The **EUC Music Ministry** has completed another successful year providing service music of all kinds since our return this past September, 2022. The pandemic was a long period for our choristers, bell ringers, and members of JAM while we worked through a variety of service formats that included Hymn Leaders and small groups with Virtual Presentations over the past two years. This year, it has been a wonderful experience having our ensembles gather in person and even unmasked as of late; things have been slowly getting back to "normal".

Grateful thanks are extended to the members of our ensembles and to Ann Frederking for her excellent work as Director of the Emmanubells, and to Jim Lamb for his excellent work as Director of JAM. We couldn't do what we do without our wonderful tech and slide teams; thanks to all who so faithfully and beautifully support the EUC Music Ministry each week.

We are thrilled to welcome Abigail Sánchez Rojas back to Ottawa after her recent return to Mexico while awaiting progress on her government paperwork. We deeply missed Abi and are delighted that she is back sooner than expected and able to resume her beautiful work as our Collaborative Pianist.

The EUC Senior Choir will sing our final service this year on Sunday, June 25th after which all of our ensembles will break for the summer. Postludes will be suspended during the summer break and will resume in the fall. We will resume regular rehearsals just after the Labour Day weekend in September.

Our summer services are open to those who wish to volunteer to present "Special Music" be that vocal or instrumental. New members are most welcome to join the Senior Choir, the Emmanubells, and JAM as our EUC Music Ministry is looking to grow and expand our diversity both in membership and musical offerings. Please contact the Leader of Music Ministry, Theresa Clarke (theresaclarkemusic@gmail.com) for more information.

Have a wonderful summer!



Simplify your Celebrations

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

thank you

Thanks to Joan Foster-Jones for delivering
the items I purchased at the Yard Sale
by Shirley Doswell

With thanks to Stephen Taylor
for hosting Tuesday Morning Coffee & Conversation
during the Summer

*Happy 50th
Anniversary*

Congratulations to Dan & Evelyn Perkins
as they celebrate 50 years of marriage!

In celebration of Evelyn & Dan Perkins'
50th Wedding Anniversary
by Janet Campbell
Areta Crowell & Russell Smith



In memory of all of the souls lost
by Barbara Bullard

In loving memory of **Willie Selkirk**, a friend and confidant
by Julie & Terry Henderson

In memory of **Willie Selkirk**
by Janice & Pierre Péron
Christine & Norman Williams
Janet Campbell
Dave & Linda Tran
William Rogers
Colleen Calvert

In memory of **Bill Meek**
by Janet Campbell
Colleen Calvert

In memory of **Shirley Monsebraaten**
by Janet Campbell
Don & Eva-May Hamilton
Betsi & Malcolm Collins

In memory of **Dick Russell**
by Betsi & Malcolm Collins
Janice & Pierre Péron

In remembrance of **Lotte Orton**
by Clarice Dewar

In memory of **Graham Campbell**
by Colleen Calvert

In memory of **Frank Kavcic**
by Colleen Calvert





Simplify your Celebrations
(Form to accompany donation)

Donation to:
Emmanuel United Church
691 Smyth Road, Ottawa ON K1G 1N7

General Fund

Capital Fund

From: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

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