

LIFE AND WORK OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH MAY 2023



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Monday, May 22, 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

Graham Campbell, April 3, 2023
Richard (Dick) Russell, April 4, 2023



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

(Bill Meek)

Patty Kavcic
Keith & Nancy Jeacle

(Graham Campbell)

Shirley Doswell
Ross & Joyce White
Bert & Joan Reveler
Don & Eva-May Hamilton
Jim & Myrna Lamb
Val & Blake Lines
Julie & Terry Henderson
Patty Kavcic

(Richard [Dick] Russell)

Shirley Doswell
Mary Turnbull
Keith & Nancy Jeacle

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, May 21**. For more information, 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, May 5**. 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. For more information or to register please visit our Camp Emmanuel website at [Camp Emmanuel Registration \(emmanuelsummerncamp.com\)](http://emmanuelsummerncamp.com)

Watch for requests for recycled items, which we will use for activities. Some of the items in the preliminary request list are old binders, 10-inch aluminum pie plates, bubble wrap and sponges. Please give any of these items to Ellen Brohman.

Additionally, 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

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

1 Day Nature Pilgrimage



All are invited to participate in Emmanuel's
One-day Local Nature Pilgrimage

"Take My Hand"

When: **Wednesday May 10th** (rain date May 17th)

Where: Claudette Cain Park - 660 River Road
(Just north of Strandherd Drive/Earl Armstrong Road) Meet at the parking lot near the bridge
What: Camaraderie, walks, worship & reflections with music, outdoor communion
Time: 9:45am – 2:00pm

Everyone welcome! Day Pilgrimages are open to anyone.

They consist of worship, reflections, and communion. Bring your own lawn chair, lunch and water, and enjoy gentle walks.

If you have other questions contact:

- Roxanne Delmage (to register)
roxanne.delmage@gmail.com 613-854-0302

Come, "Take My Hand" and share about your experiences with "helping hands"!

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 studying the life and theology of **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**. Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor, was a noted anti-Nazi dissident before and during World War II. His writings challenge us even today – challenge us to see how insidiously fascism can start, and how the view of life from a position of privilege is very different than that from a position of the oppressed. That man has a lot to say about social justice. As source material for our discussions, we are using lectures available online.



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, May 8** at 7:00pm on Zoom to discuss *The Company We Keep* by Frances Itani.

Teleos – Wednesday, May 31st (via Zoom)

Teleos members will meet to start planning for next year.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Red Dress Day: May 5

Red dresses:

hanging in our sanctuary and outside!

Once again Emmanuel will honor the memory of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit Persons (MMIWG2S) by hanging red dresses in the sanctuary and outside in the trees. We pay respect to the victims and call for action to end racialized and gendered violence against Indigenous peoples of Canada. The dresses serve to remind us - and the community walking, biking and driving by - of the tragic, disproportionate incidence of violence perpetrated on our indigenous neighbours. While Indigenous women account for less than 5% of the Canadian population, they account for 24% of female homicide victims.

Red Dress Day (first called REDress Project) began in 2010 with an art installation by Metis artist Jaime Black. She hung empty red dresses as symbols to express both the violence that Indigenous women are experiencing, but also the presence and power of Indigenous women. The art has inspired people to use red dresses as a symbol of the women, girls and Two Spirit people who have gone missing or have been murdered, and as a way to show their dedication to creating a safer society.

There have been calls for action about the violence against Indigenous women since 2004. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission led to the establishment of a National Inquiry on

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in 2019. The Inquiry proclaimed that MMIWG2S is "a national tragedy of epic proportion" and outlined 231 Calls for Justice - legal imperatives to address, end and redress the crisis. Plenty of work still to be done!

May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People. Honor them on May 5 and all month long - wear a red dress pin to invite opportunities to inform your neighbours about the problem and encourage our government to take meaningful action.

Friends at Emmanuel are invited to help the family celebrate Russ Smith's 90th birthday!

Saturday May 20, 2-4pm, in the hall — with the garden if the weather is fine!

NO Gifts please!

Please let us know by **May 15** if you plan to attend. Notify Areta Crowell.

The Smith Family: Terry (Smith) and Gordon Fenton, Paul and Roxy, Alex, Emily and Bas;
Allison Smith and John McDowell ;
Greg Smith and Sybil Stymiest, Maddie Stymiest, Harriet Smith
Areta Crowell

Bible Study: Reading the Bible Again for the First Time by Marcus J. Borg

Starting: Wed. Sept. 27 on zoom 7:00-8:30 PM for 8 weeks

Purpose: To find ways to read the Bible so that it becomes meaningful to our lives-both in our minds and in our hearts

Suggestion: If you can read a copy of the book, you will undoubtedly, get more out of the study. However, we hope to arrange the sessions so even if someone has been unable to do that, they will still be able to join in and learn or feel something. There is 1 copy of the book in the Emmanuel library.

Questions? Contact either Bill McLeish or Jill MacLean.

Registration: Please register with Jill as soon as possible so we will have an idea of numbers (which will help in planning) and we will also be able to send you the zoom link

EMMANUEL NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday May 26 in the CE Hall

- doors open at 7:00pm
- movie starts at **7:30pm**
- **free admission**
- (free will donations to the general fund)

Snacks, popcorn, drinks and juice available for sale

RABBIT PROOF FENCE

Two thumbs Way up!" Ebert and Roper



A powerful story of hope and survival....In 1931 at a time when it was Australian government policy to train Aboriginal children as domestic workers and integrate them into white society, young Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp. The girls, part of what would become known as Australia's "Stolen Generations", must elude the authorities on a dangerous 2400 km along the Rabbit Proof Fence, which bisects the continent and will lead them home. Based on a true story.

Starring Kenneth Branagh, Music by Peter Gabriel, PG 90 minutes

Rated by Rotten Tomatoes at 88%

"Visually beautiful and well-acted, Rabbit Proof Fence tells a compelling true life story.

For further details, contact Phyllis MacRae.

Men's Club Breakfast – Saturday, **May 13** 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

Video Streaming – All continues to function as it should. HOWEVER, we are approaching a situation where we will be UNABLE to project/stream the services unless more people step up. Most of the volunteers on the team are retired and either have cottages or trailers and will be taking off for various lengths of time this summer to enjoy the weather. Evelyn Perkins has prepared a “How To Stream In The Event Of A Zombie Apocalypse”

document. It outlines step by step how to operate the system, in a minimum manner, should someone untrained have to step in. Think about at least volunteering in this capacity. Stop by the console on Sunday or email me and I'll send you the draft of the document.

As I said before, SOS (Save Our Stream). No volunteers, no projection/stream!

The same request applies to the sound board. PLEASE think about stepping up.

Although the sound board looks very intimidating, running it for a normal service is not that complicated. There are only 8 well-labelled buttons that need to be turned off and on at the appropriate time. One for the minister's lapel mic, one for the pulpit, one for videos, one for the piano and 4 for the choir. Advancing the slides is also a single button process (if you're paying attention). (A third person could be "volunteered", just to advance the slides, if you feel unsure of your abilities).

For those who need Volunteer Hours for school, these activities count.

Advertising – The local papers are looking for local events to advertise. PLEASE let Steve Taylor know what your group is doing, well ahead of time, so we can let the wider community know. If possible, prepare a poster so that Pat can send it out to the local churches, can post it on the website and Facebook Page, and send it to EOORC.

Articles – What is your group doing that may be of interest to the wider community? Write a short article and submit it to Steve for forwarding to the local papers.

Newsletter - The spring edition of the Emmanuel Newsletter is now being prepared. If you have anything you would like to contribute to this issue, please contact Phyllis MacRae by May 10.



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 Emergency Planning Committee

On April 15 we announced that masks are *no longer required* for any indoor events at the church. This includes all aspects of worship services, kitchen use, indoor activities, & events. If individuals are more comfortable wearing masks, they 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. Please continue to maintain 2 metres distance wherever possible.

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.

EPC will continue to regularly discuss the situation in the larger community and its potential affect on our requirements at Emmanuel.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance with the decisions made by this committee over the past 3 years. We’re very much looking forward to continuing in this spirit.

Emergency Planning Committee,
Blake Lines, Ross White, Grant Stuckless, & Christine Hywarren

FINANCE

EMMANUEL UNITED
CHURCH

*Spring Community
Garage Sale*

& Bake Sale!

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

9 AM TO 1 PM

691 SMYTH ROAD

To reserve space,
please contact: Joyce White
welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca
Church Office: 613-733-0437

SAVE THE DATE!
EUC Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 4

We are starting to organize. More details to follow.

Head Convenor - Brenda Ashe
Assistant Convenor - Val Dowd

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Visit by Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro

In September, Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro, of Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel (IBE) in El Salvador will be visiting Canada. He will be in Ottawa from September 18-24 and will preach at the Emmanuel worship service (with translation) on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

The Global Partners Committee is planning a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23rd to coincide with the visit. More details to follow.

Camp Chipembi 2023



2023 marks the 10th anniversary of Camp Chipembi. Once again, this year, we will be supporting the vacation bible school to be held in August 2023, a weeklong camp for 100 children, from the Chipembi community, ages 4-14. Everyone at the camp gets a t-shirt, and each day they receive a nutritious lunch. We are currently selling sponsorships for lunches and t-shirts.

T-shirts - \$10 each

Lunches - \$6 for one day or 5 days for \$25

or

Send a kid to Camp Chipembi (t-shirt & 5 lunches) - \$35

We will be selling sponsorships at a table on Sundays during Coffee & Conversation starting in May.

You can also sponsor any of the above by:

- a) e-transfer to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca ;
- b) cheque payable to Emmanuel United Church mailed or dropped off at the church.

Please indicate in the comments field or on a note what you are sponsoring and that it is for Camp Chipembi.

receipts will be provided.

If you have any questions, you can call Keith Jeacle or Jim Lamb.



Leadership Opportunity – Camp Chipembi 2023

Camp Chipembi provides a global intercultural learning and faith formation opportunity for young adults between the ages of 17 and 30. You will join with Zambian leaders in developing and implementing a weeklong Christian day camp program, in Chipembi, for children between the ages of 4 and 14.

Must be:

- available for two (2) weeks in August
- willing and able to travel to Chipembi, Zambia

- Previous camp leadership experience an asset, but not required.

For more information, please contact Keith Jeacle or Jim Lamb.



We would like to thank those who have made contributions to the Zambia Mission Fund in memory of, and gratitude for, Omega Bula's life, ministry and legacy.

*Sharon Noonan
Betsi & Malcolm Collins*



HEALTH

TTtbW or Take Time to be Wholely 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 May 1** is our luncheon date after exercise. Please sign up with Barb Bullard.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Saying Goodbye

Working alongside Roxanne Delmage, our Pastoral Care Provider, during the time of COVID 19 has truly been a blessing. She has walked hand in hand with Keeping in Touch and shared so many gifts with all of us. You will be missed Roxanne; may we carry on the connections and share understanding and compassion as you have shown us by your example.

New Members

On Sunday, April 23rd we welcomed new members by Transfer and Profession of Faith. There will be another opportunity for confirmation and membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. At Emmanuel, we welcome and support everyone, wherever you are in your faith journey. Some choose full membership, some share their gifts as adherents.

It's Coming! Yard and Bake Sale May 13

A good opportunity to keep in touch with each other is at the Yard and Bake Sale that will be held at Emmanuel on Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come one, come all, to this community event. You can help with setting up, prepare baked goods for the sale, shop for good recycled treasures, earn volunteer hours if you are a student or add volunteer work to your resumé, help at an Emmanuel table, meet the neighbours around us.

Tables are still available for personal sales.

For information contact: Joyce White:

welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca or the church office at 613-733-0437 or Keith Jeacle or Carol Campbell

See you there!

The next meeting of Keeping in Touch will be Tuesday, May 2. Consider sharing your gift of volunteering as a member of KIT.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Plans are underway for retirement celebrations for Roxanne to be held at the end of the service on **Sunday, June 11**. We will have a card available for people to sign starting Sunday, May 7. If you would like to contribute to a gift to Roxanne, please contact Val Lines.

The Pastoral Care Position description was reviewed and updated with input from M&P, the Pastoral Care team, the Keeping in Touch Team and Roxanne. It was approved at the April Council meeting.

We have started the advertising and search. Please contact any member of M&P if you have a suggestion for a candidate.

We appreciate that Theresa organized talented accompanists to play with the choir recently – Robert Palmai, Phillip Burness and Elisabeta Cojocar. We hope that Abigail will be able to join us again in a few months.

A reminder that as of April 3, Pat is working from home on Mondays, remotely checking Emmanuel's phone messages.

PASTORAL CARE

Signs of spring and regeneration are all around us. Buds on trees, perennials poking through, and birds singing sweeter songs. The Earth Day activities continue, such as in a garden clean up or a nature walk. We give gratitude for Creation.

Come and celebrate our **Nature Pilgrimage May 10** (Rain date May 17) 945-2pm at Claudette Cain Park. Sign up sheet in the hall opposite CE room or contact Irene Bakker or Jill MacLean for information and to register. The theme is **Take My Hand**.

Remember you can always bring pastoral care concerns to any member of the team: Rev. Grant, Roxanne, Malcolm, Nyla, Terry, Jon, Patricia F, or Jill.

SOCIAL ACTION

Food Bank ~~Sunday~~, Monday



Let's continue to help our friends and neighbours who are food insecure. With COVID-19 and inflation pressures, that task became much harder. Please support our local food banks.

There are two ways to help:

- **Drive-Thru Drop Off** - On Monday, **May 29th between 2 to 3:30M**, bring your donation of non-perishable food and

unscented baby wipes, pull ups 2T, 3T and 4T, toddler supplies: cookies, cereals, and shampoos (feminine supplies also appreciated) to the front entrance of the church. Please no candy. Pierre, Janice, and Colleen will be waiting to accept your donations.

- **Drop at Sunday Morning Worship**— you may also drop in your contributions to the collections box in the narthex on May 28th or earlier.
- **Gifts** of reusable cloth grocery bags would be most welcome.
- **Please no more egg cartons.**

OR

- **Make a donation** to the local food banks (in this case Russell Heights Community Centre) **via e-transfer** to the church at envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca and indicate for food banks in the memo field. Donations will be gathered into one payment to the food bank.



Simplify your Celebrations

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



A warm Welcome to New Members of Emmanuel



Thank you to the Emmanuel Family for pastoral care & support
by Patty Kavcic

In recognition of the Neale's for drives
to Take Time to be Wholely (TTBW)
by Nanette Whitwam

In recognition of the care and compassion
of the Emmanuel Pastoral Care Team
by Colleen Calvert

With thanks to the Sunday School for bringing Eastbrook's cross to life
with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday.

In appreciation for the continued support from Clarice Dewar, Joyce &
Ross White, Hilde Reynolds and Janet Thompson
with gratitude by Patty Kavcic



In memory of **Frank Kavcic**
by Ron & Doreen Squires

In memory of **Bill Meek**
by Ron & Doreen Squires; Lynn Solvason & Russ Pastuch;
Ann & Bob Frederking

In memory of **Betty Warburton**
by Ron & Doreen Squires

In loving memory of **Graham Campbell**
by Ron & Doreen Squires; Patty Henderson;
Janice & Pierre Péron; Keith & Nancy Jeacle;
Christine & Norman Williams; Hilde Reynolds;
Mary Turnbull; Lynn Solvason & Russ Pastuch;
Clarice Dewar; the Clark-Kazak Family;
Julie & Terry Henderson; Areta Crowell & Russell Smith
Krista Schneider; Wayne & Daphne Gatehouse;
Ann & Bob Frederking

In memory of **Richard (Dick) Russell**
by Ron & Doreen Squires; Patty Henderson;
Christine & Norman Williams

In memory of **Alan Collins**, brother of Malcolm Collins
by Gord & Sue Hodges

In memory of a dear friend, **Graham Campbell**.
He will be missed.
We will remember all the good times
we shared with Graham & Janet.
by Gord & Sue Hodges

Remembering the life of **Richard Russell**
and sending caring thoughts to Colleen
by Joyce & Ross White



Simplify your Celebrations
(Form to accompany donation)

Donation to:
Emmanuel United Church
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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