

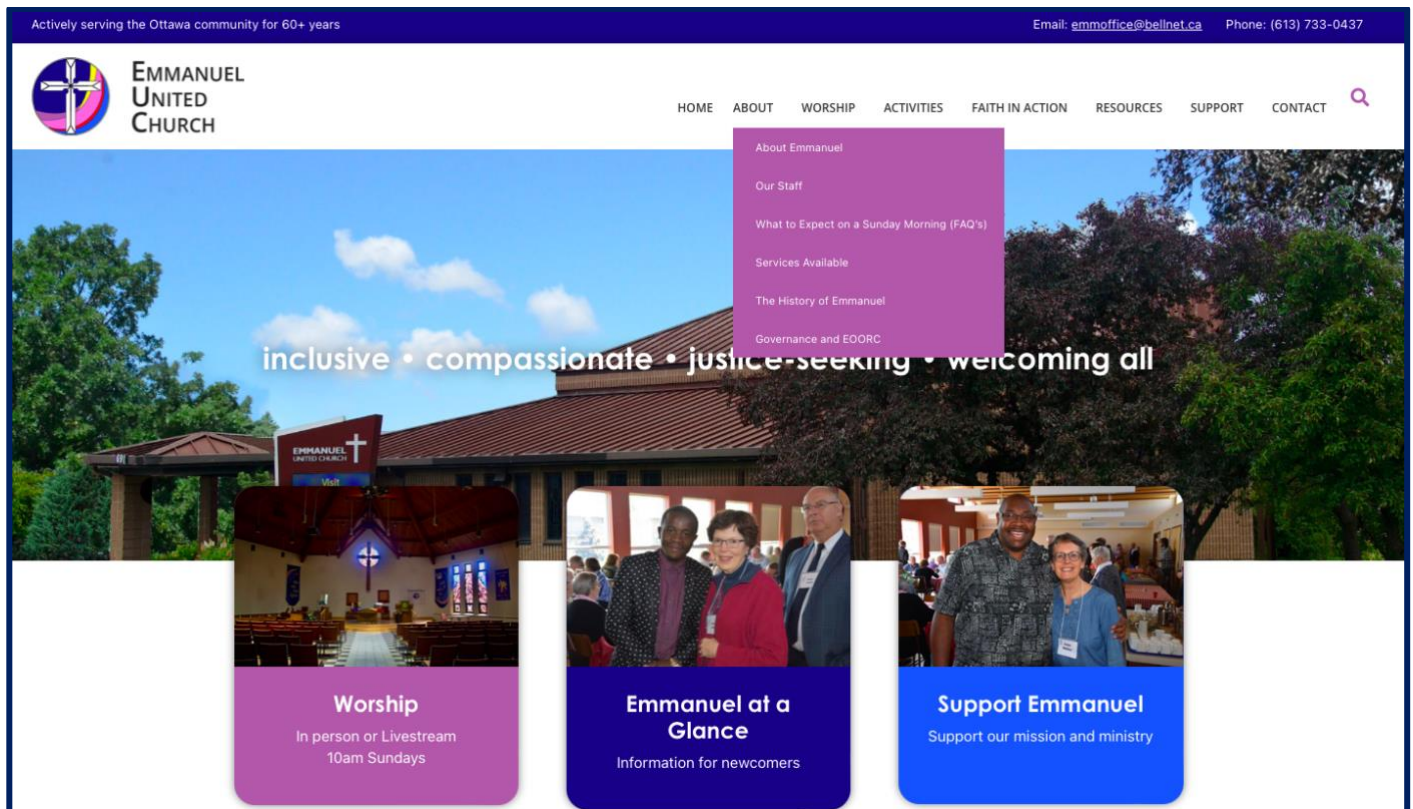
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Dear members of the Emmanuel Congregation:

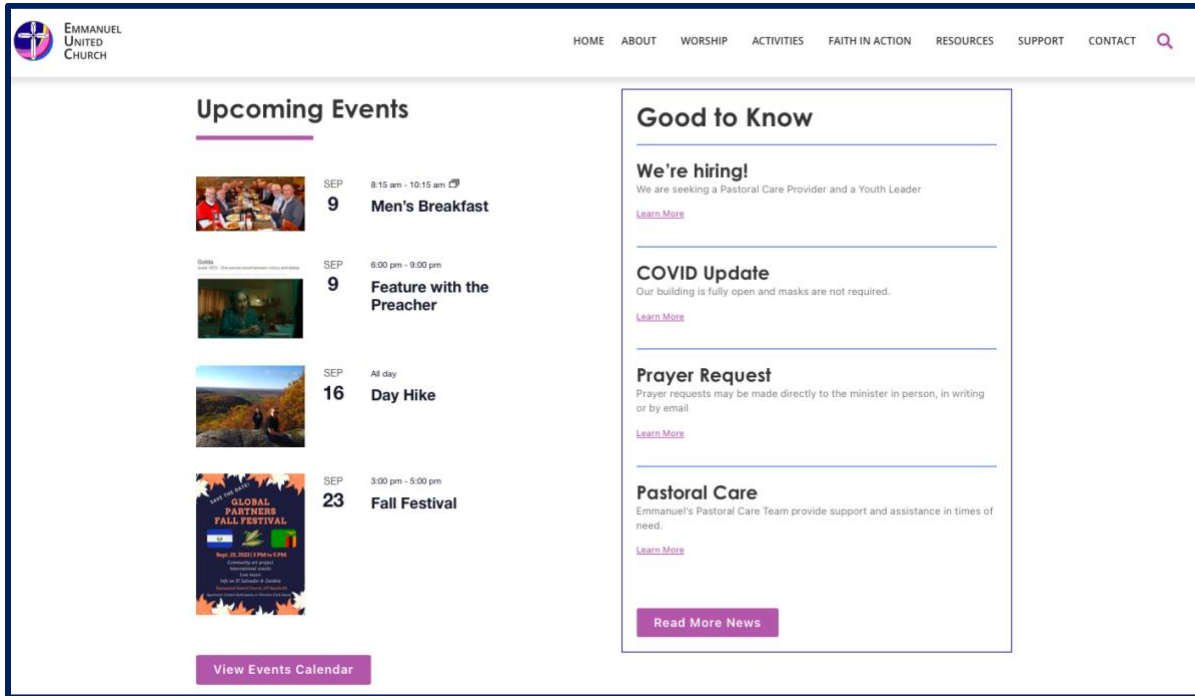
I am happy to share the good news with you that after over two years of hard work, we have a new website. I would like to begin by recognizing the contributions of the Website ReDesign Committee, and in particular, Graham Campbell and Willie Selkirk. Graham and Willie were so committed to seeing us get a new website. They were keen, easy to work with and contributed significantly to the end product that was launched last week. Other members of the committee were Emma Dowd, Shelly Farrell, Keith Jeacle, Phyllis MacRae, Ron Squires, and Joyce White. Everyone on the team had different talents to share; some provided knowledge of history and a skill at wordsmithing, others had a creative eye for colours, style and imagery. I would also like to thank the many others who responded to requests for content edits or photos that made this project a real collaborative effort.

The new website will adapt to the size of device that you are using. If you are using a laptop or desktop computer, you will likely see the full menu. If you are on a mobile phone, the menu will be replaced with a “hamburger menu” (three horizontal lines) and the display will be a long list of items scrolling down the page. I would like to now show you a few highlights of the site as seen from my laptop.

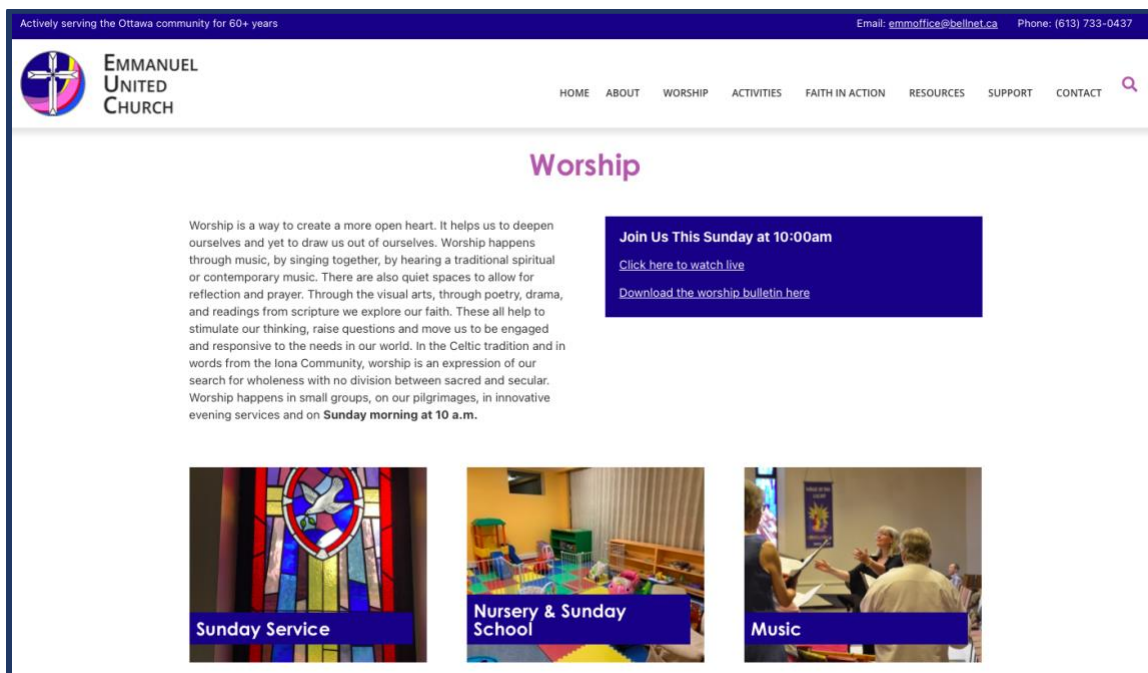
The **image below** is of the top of the home page where you see our contact information, menu headings, and three key feature boxes with links to our online service, our Emmanuel at a Glance pamphlet for newcomers (and everyone), and a link to how you can support Emmanuel by volunteering and donating. I am hovering my mouse over the “ABOUT” page so you see a drop-down menu of the subpages found on the ABOUT page. Below this section is a Welcoming Message – not shown here today.



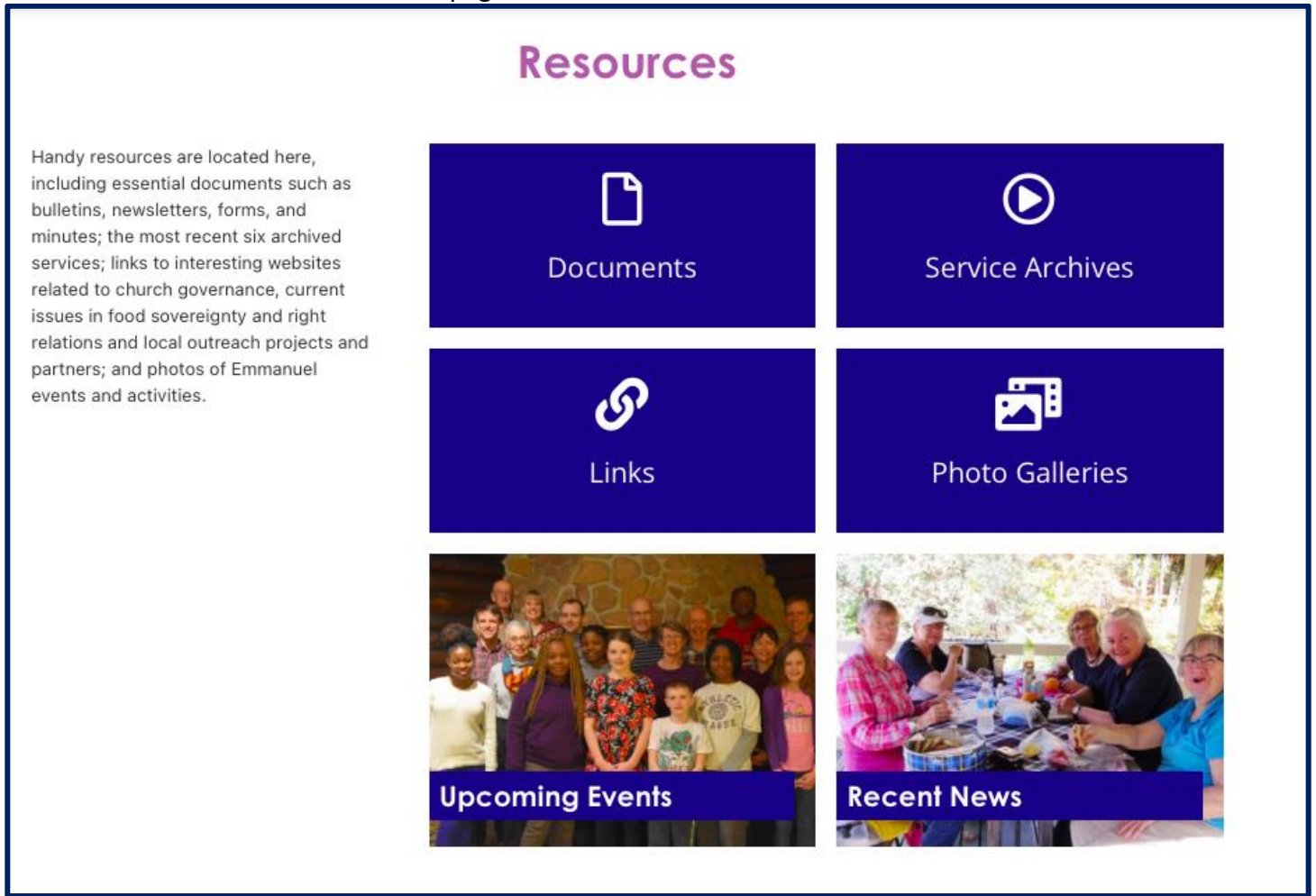
The **second image** is further down the Home page where you find Upcoming Events and Good to Know items. The Good to Know items are news items like the most recent COVID guidelines from the Emergency Planning Committee. The Upcoming Events are **special one-time events** that we want to highlight, such as the Fall Hike on Sept. 16. **Regular events** such as Christian Meditation (which happens every Monday) or Book Club which happens once per month are found on the Calendar. All events are found on the calendar – special events, regular events, committee meetings and more. **We are a busy church and consulting the calendar will be a good way to stay informed and involved.**



The **third image** is a screen shot of Worship. As you explore the website, if you click on the menu heading rather than selecting one of the subpages from the hover menu, you will be taken to a landing page like this one. Here we have a paragraph giving an overview of the section and access to all of the content.



The **final image** is of the Resources page. Here you will find **Documents** such as Sunday Bulletin, Monthly Packet, Newsletters, the Constitution, various reports and other documents. The **Service Archives** will contain the three most recent recordings. The **Links** is a list of handy website links including all of our local partnerships. The **Photo Galleries** is a work in progress right now. The last two boxes contain the Events and News information listed on the home page.



Once again, thank you to the dedicated members of the committee and to everyone else who supported our project with your ideas, input, and photos. **I encourage you to explore all that our new website has to offer. I hope that you like the final product and that you find the website to be easy to navigate, informative and engaging.**

Sincerely,

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