

LIFE AND WORK OF  
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH  
JANUARY 2025



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*Welcome to Emmanuel United Church*

INCLUSIVE • COMPASSIONATE • JUSTICE SEEKING • WELCOMING ALL

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. As an affirming church, we welcome everyone.

We recognize the Algonquin Nation, on whose traditional unceded territory Emmanuel United Church is located. We gratefully acknowledge them as past, present and future stewards of this land.

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**Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM**

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9:00 am-4:30pm**

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For Information on any of our church activities, please call or email the office and check out our website - the upcoming events and good to know sections of the homepage host excellent content; get to know us even better by exploring more!

# *In Memoriam*

Helen Binks,  
November 28, 2024

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

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



# ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

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

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group is continuing to look at the Hebrew Bible with the aid of Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's lectures. After our Christmas break, we will be picking up again on January 9, starting at the time of King David. All are welcome to join us for our interesting and lively conversations. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings on Zoom, and there's always room for more. Please contact Evelyn Perkins ([perkeve@hotmail.com](mailto:perkeve@hotmail.com)) for further information or a Zoom invitation.



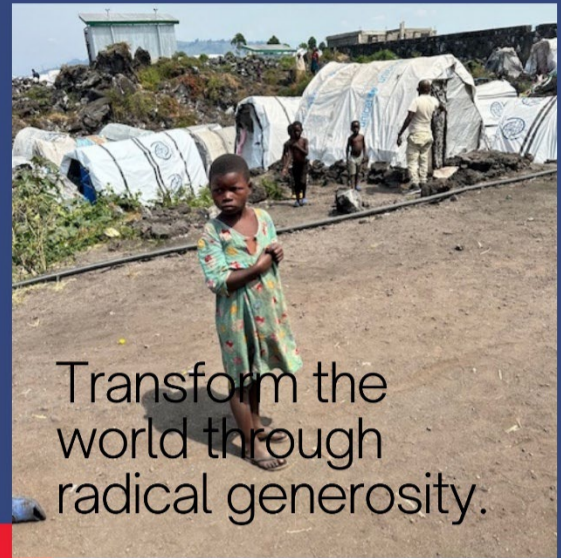
**Emmanuel's Men's Group** meets monthly for Breakfast; join them at Perkins's Restaurant, St Laurent from 8:15-10:15 am. The upcoming dates are: January 11, February 8, & March 8.

## 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 ([perkeve@hotmail.com](mailto:perkeve@hotmail.com)) or any member of the Heretics.

## January 10, GOMA Refugee Fundraiser, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Goma is a region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that is currently home to thousands of displaced individuals and families seeking stability. As the region suffers from conflict and humanitarian crises, this fundraiser aims to deliver needed supplies and funds to the refugees in the region. The fundraiser kicks off with an Opening Night Ceremony at Emmanuel United Church featuring speakers and entertainment. The group is made up of Ottawa Youth, members of Emmanuel United Church, and the Congolese Youth Community of Ottawa-Gatineau (UJC) who work hand-in-hand with compassionate volunteers and supporters. Learn more on their website, <https://vgkfashion.com/>



Transform the world through radical generosity.

Join us for our opening night ceremony .

FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH 2025  
6PM - 8PM

Emmanuel United Church  
691 Smyth Rd Ottawa, On

#FUNDHOPEFORGOMA

## Food Bank Sunday and Monday

**It's that time again.** Time to think about donating to the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre food bank. After Christmas, donations drop but the need does not.



You can drop off donations to the church on Monday, January 27th between **2:00 and 3:00 PM** or at any time by placing them in the Food Bank Collection box in the narthex.

Diapers (size 3T, 4T, and 5T), feminine supplies and coffee are especially appreciated. Reusable grocery bags and egg cartons in sizes of 6 or 12 are needed as well.



**Alternatively, make a donation** to the local food banks via **e-transfer** to [envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca) and indicate the food bank (in this case Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Center Food Bank) in the memo field. Thank you in advance for your support for those in need in our community.

EMMANUEL  
FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE

# MOVIES

JANUARY 17 | 7:00 PM

"A FILM AS FIRED UP AND HUMAN AS ANY  
YOU'LL SEE THIS YEAR!"



DIRECTED BY  
KEN LOACH

WRITTEN BY  
PAUL LAVERTY

**THE  
OLD OAK**

IT'S NOT WHERE YOU'RE FROM, IT'S WHAT YOU BRING.



COMING SOON TO CINEMAS

Set in the North of England, and released in 2023, the film is directed by British Director Ken Loach, which he claims will be his final work. The old pub is the centre of a struggle between Syrian newcomers and a village in decline. This tale of an unexpected friendship between a young Syrian Woman and the pub owner is truthful and inspiring.

Contemporary social drama. Moving, inspirational.  
7/10 IMDb, 82% Rotten Tomatoes Ages 13+

**FREE ADMISSION  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Bring your friends  
Doors open at 6:30



& snacks  
for sale

# FORCED MIGRATION & SOCIAL JUSTICE



Over 120 million people are displaced globally. Who are the people behind these numbers? How is Canada responding to forced migration? How can we - as concerned citizens committed to social justice - take meaningful action? Join us for a free public education event to learn more about forced migration in the world today.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**

**7PM**

doors open at 6:30pm



**Christina Clark-Kazak** is Professor, Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa, with broad experience in government, civil society and academia. She has authored and (co-)edited 11 books, over 30 articles and book chapters, and many policy briefs on forced migration, age discrimination, ethics & methodology. She holds a doctorate from Oxford, a master's from Cambridge and a BA from UBC.

Free will offering to support Emmanuel's general fund  
Book sales to benefit Global Partners in Zambia & El Salvador

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## CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

The **Nursery** is available every Sunday.

**Sunday School** provides activities for children aged 3 to 13 during our Sunday church service.

**Children's Choir** – If a child in your family is interested in taking part in the children's choir led by Ashley Roy, please contact Amelia at [amelia.euc@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.euc@gmail.com).

**Rainbow Hub** is a monthly social group for LGBTQ2+ youth who are 12-18 years old from across the city. The meetings are usually held on the first Friday of each month. For more information, please contact Ellen Brohman ([ellenbrohman@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbrohman@gmail.com))

Our next *Let's Stay Together* Sunday will be **February 9**. Join us after the service for a potluck lunch followed by a choice of taking part in a swing dance lesson, a video/trivia/discussion gathering related to Black History; or playing games from the cultures of the Black diaspora. There will be a signup sheet for the potluck lunch and activities in the narthex.

There will be no Let's Stay Together in January since Jan 12 is a cluster worship service away from Emmanuel.

We will be holding a **Family Activity Day** on *Saturday, February 15* or 23. Plan ahead and mark the date; more details to come!

# COMMUNICATIONS

Our Alta Vista Community Newspapers, Riverview Park Review and VISTAS, continue to publish. You can pick up a copy of either paper in the church narthex. If you have events or announcements, photos and/or stories for them, please send them to [publicity@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:publicity@emmanuelunited.ca) by the 15th of the previous month, earlier if possible, so we can get approval and layout space.

## COUNCIL

There will be an in-person Council Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, in the C.E. Hall.

## FINANCE

The Finance team is looking to fill the position of Church Treasurer. If you, or anyone you know in congregation, is interested in becoming Emmanuel's Treasurer, please contact Tom Kannemann ([thomask2@rogers.com](mailto:thomask2@rogers.com)) or Lynn Solvason ([lynn.solvason@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynn.solvason@sympatico.ca)) or the church office. There is an annual honorarium paid to the Treasurer.

## GLOBAL PARTNERS

### **Just Gifts**

Thanks to the vendors, shoppers, bakers, crafters, and volunteers who made our annual Just Gifts Christmas market a great success. Our total revenue for online and in-person shopping, including pie sales, was over \$10,000! This money goes directly to supporting our partners in El Salvador and Zambia. Special thanks to former Camp Chipembi leaders for giving their time and talent: Emma Dowd, Ali Lines, Kirsten Jeacle, Nicholas Langner, and Angela Starchuk.



## **Zambia Pilgrimage, March 2025**

If you are interested in participating in a pilgrimage to the Chipembi Congregation and other United Church Partners in Zambia, please confirm your expressions of interest and confirmation of intent no later than January 15th. All enquiries can be sent to Keith Jeacle at [k.jeacle@outlook.com](mailto:k.jeacle@outlook.com).

## **Forced Migration & Social Justice – Public Event, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30) Christina Clark-Kazak will give a public lecture on the subject of forced migration and refugee movements around the world and in Canada. Christina is an Emmanuel member and a professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. She is the editor of a recently published collection, *Forced Migration in/to Canada: from Colonization to Refugee Resettlement*; it is available to borrow from the Emmanuel library. Admission will be by free will offering to the Emmanuel General Fund. Copies of her most recent book will be available for sale to benefit Emmanuel's Global Partners in Zambia and El Salvador. Bring your friends and neighbours to this lecture on a topic of major public interest. For information contact the office or Phyllis MacRae at [pmjmacrae@gmail.com](mailto:pmjmacrae@gmail.com)

## **Camp Chipembi, August 2025**

Are you aged 19-30 and looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? We are accepting applications for young adults to work with local leaders in Chipembi, Zambia for two weeks in late August. If you are interested, please contact Keith Jeacle ([k.jeacle@outlook.com](mailto:k.jeacle@outlook.com)), Jim Lamb ([jimlamb17@gmail.com](mailto:jimlamb17@gmail.com)) or Christina Clark-Kazak ([cclark.kazak@gmail.com](mailto:cclark.kazak@gmail.com)) by the end of January 2025.

# HEALTH

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Fall Session of **Take Time to be Wholey** concludes on *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024*, and the Winter Session begins *Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025*.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Looking Ahead

With the start of a new year, we give some thought to goals and plans for the coming year, both personally and as a committee. There are new faces at Emmanuel and we are planning a Newcomer's Lunch in the early spring. Watch for the date in the February packet.

### Coffee and Conversation—Welcome Someone New

KIT will be hosting on January 5. We will try to have the Orange Mugs available for newcomers so that you will have the opportunity to have a conversation with someone new. Wearing your name tag is a sign of hospitality to newcomers as well as an openness to engage in a friendly conversation.

### A Caring Community

We welcome the increased minutes of daylight in January. For those who are feeling isolated and anxious, your gift of checking in may just be the light that they need. If you know someone who needs support, please share this with any member of KIT: Ann Bihamba, Janet Campbell, Patty Henderson, Phyllis MacRae, Hilde Reynolds, Joyce White, David Wray.

### A Safe, Healthy and Hopeful New Year to everyone.

Joyce White (Coordinator) [welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca)

**Our next Keeping in Touch Meeting will be on Monday, January 5 at 7:00 P.M on Zoom.**

**New Members are welcome!**

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

### *Update on the Search for the Leader of Music Ministry*

We have appreciated Ann McNamee's talents in the role of interim organist/choir director for the last three months. She is going away for the month of January but has agreed to come back to the interim position in February for a few more months until we find someone permanent. This is wonderful news!

Our search process is continuing. There have been some responses to our ad, and we have met with some people about the position; however, we don't yet have a candidate to propose. We are continuing to reach out to help spread the news of our opening.

## PASTORAL CARE

### **A New Year Message from the Pastoral Care Team**

As we look back on the past year, we, the Pastoral Care Team, are thankful for the many opportunities we have had to support our community through both moments of joy and times of sorrow. As we enter 2025, we express our continued commitment to provide pastoral care to our community, whenever called upon. We are here for you and encourage you to be a source of care for each other—through prayer, a kind word, or a listening ear. Together, we will strengthen this community with love and compassion, trusting that the God of love and compassion is with us in all things. May the blessings of peace, hope, and healing be with you as we begin this new year of 2025.

Warmly,  
The Pastoral Care Team

### **A New Year Meditation**

“May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder. May the new year bring you the grace to see the blessings hidden in the challenges. May you be led to a deeper understanding of your purpose and your connection to others. As the year unfolds, may you have the courage to follow your heart and let it guide you through the unknown. And may the light of new beginnings shine brightly on your path.”

— John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

## **Let's Talk Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, a group gathers on Zoom for friendly and engaging conversation. Sometimes the theme is as simple as "*What's on your mind?*" and other times we explore a specific topic together. It's a great way to connect, reflect, and share in a supportive space. If you're interested in joining, get the zoom link by, emailing [publicity@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:publicity@emmanuelunited.ca). We'd love to have you join us!

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are: Rev. Grant Stuckless, Malcolm Collins, Patricia Fairbairn, Terry Henderson, Jon Jones, Jill MacLean, Dr. Ron MacDonald, and our liaison with Keeping in Touch (KIT), Joyce White.

## **SOUTHEAST OTTAWA CLUSTER EVENTS**

*The Southeast Ottawa Cluster consists of Emmanuel, Glebe St James, Rideau Park, Riverside & Southminster United Churches.*

**Riverside:** Will host a "Connecting Seniors" Session on Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to noon, including coffee/tea/conversation and a guest speaker.

**Glebe St James:** The annual Cluster worship service is happening this month, on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Glebe St. James and will begin at 10:30.

## **WORSHIP**

Looking ahead to Worship in January

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Second Sunday After Christmas

John 1:1-18

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ Baptism of Jesus

Cluster Service at Glebe St. James,

Glebe St. James' Sunday Service begins at 10:30 am.

**January 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Second Sunday After Epiphany

John 2:1-11

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ Third Sunday After Epiphany

Luke 4:14-21

Anniversary Sunday – 66 years!

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# *Simplify Your Celebrations*

We would like to thank those  
who have made contributions in the month of  
December 2024 to Emmanuel United Church as part of  
the *Simplify your Celebrations* project.  
Donations were received as follows:

In memory of my brother  
William Alexander Selkirk  
by Robert G. Selkirk

Donations may be made by cheque  
payable to “Emmanuel United Church”,  
e-transfer to [envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca)  
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on our website at [www.emmanuelunited.ca](http://www.emmanuelunited.ca)

# *Simplify Your Celebrations*

## FORM TO ACCOMPANY DONATION

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*Thank You*