



Emmanuel United Church Newsletter- March 2026



COME JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 Worship service will include an Easter Cantata presented by the choir and guests.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 pm. This communion service recalls the Last Supper of Jesus and his apostles.

A light supper will follow in Central Hall. All are welcome.

Good Friday service, April 3 at 10:30

Easter Sunday Communion service, April 5 at 10:30 , Celebrating the risen Christ! We will welcome new members to Emmanuel by Baptism and Confirmation.

Friday, April 3, at 10:30 a m The Metropolitan Community Church of Windsor (MCCW) is pleased to welcome the Moderator of their denomination, the Reverend Elder Cecilia Eggleston, to their worship service on Palm Sunday at 2 PM. We are invited to attend.

Rev. Eggleston has been involved in MCC for 30 years, starting as a young LGBT activist who helped to plant a local church. She has served on many levels of MCC governance and was re-elected to a second term as moderator in June. She is visiting Canada from England for Easter week.

Chili Cook Off! Join us on Thursday, March 12, from 5 till 6:30 for dinner. Sample some delicious chilies and vote for your favourite. A free-will offering will be collected with the proceeds going to purchase equipment for the kitchen. Please email George if you would like to enter a pot of your own chili into the Cook Off. Let's get cooking!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



We were blessed to welcome members transitioning from Westminster United as they joined Emmanuel on February 1. Collectively, we feel warmth and energy.

It's Exciting to Have a New Piano



It was an exciting day to have a new piano delivered to the church. The purchase of "Annette's piano" was made possible by a bequest from the estate of Annette Marson and a grant through the United Church of Canada.

Thanks to all the cooks and volunteers who helped with the Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday. The dinner was well attended and the pancakes and sausages were delicious. Funds raised were contributed to the general fund.



We enjoyed decorating some cookies at coffee hour after the service on February 15. **Thanks to our bakers, Grant and Marlene. An extra shout out to Marilyn who bakes for our coffee hour regularly!**



The annual meeting for Emmanuel was held on Sunday, February 22. Reports were received, and the budget was approved for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving on Council, there are vacancies for Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Finance Chair. Please speak with Simon.

If you would like a copy of the approved budget, please contact the office.

Income tax receipts have been mailed out, if you haven't received yours contact the church office.

Once you have an envelope number all donations will be tax receipted. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary and that is where you will find your envelopes the following week. Donations can be made by putting an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mailing it in; by e-transfer to emmanuelucwindsor@gmail.com and putting your envelope number in the memo line; or by signing up for PAR (pre authorized remittance), the forms for PAR are on the community table in Central Hall. Please see Linda Parks or call the church office if you have any questions.

We celebrated Scouting Day on February 22 with new and "vintage" Scouters.



As if on cue, it started to snow as the Emmanuel Striders started on the walk for the Coldest Night of the Year. One of the top three teams, this amazing team raised \$11,000 in support of the Downtown Mission. Michele McGregor and Annette Dufresne were recognized as top fundraisers for the event. Congratulations to the team members and all those who supported them.

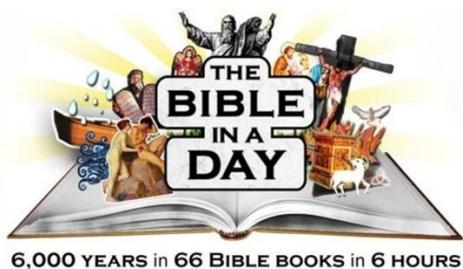
UPCOMING EVENTS:



On Sunday, March 8 we'll be celebrating PIE Day! (March 14 is the actual date of PIE Day each year - 3.14... get it??) As an officially Affirming church community, PIE Day reminds us to be **public**, **intentional**, and **explicit** in our love and support for LGBTQIA2S+ folks and other marginalized communities. We encourage you to wear some rainbow or Pride attire to church, and of course, to enjoy some actual, delicious pie during coffee time following the service! If you'd like to learn more about the purpose of PIE Day, visit the official PIE Day website: <https://pieday.ca/>



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6,000 YEARS in 66 BIBLE BOOKS in 6 HOURS

Rev. George will guide us through a very interesting workshop on "The Bible in a Day". History, stories, timelines, theology, cultural perspectives, and more. Contact Rev. George to register.

March 14th, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.



There will be a soup luncheon on **Sunday, March 22** with a good will offering.

It's spring cleaning time! **Our annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 18.** This is a wonderful time to connect with our community. **Donated items will be received on April 16 and 17.** Many volunteers are needed for this important event. Please talk to Michele.



We are looking for people to crochet "scrubbies" for the Christmas bazaar. Fabric and instructions are supplied. Please talk to Lynda Thibert.



Affordable Housing in our Community

Would you be interested in being part of a group to organize another event focusing on affordable housing in our community? We want to continue to foster this dialogue. Please talk to Annette D or Rev. George.



Happy Birthday to both Rev. George and to our secretary, Heather!