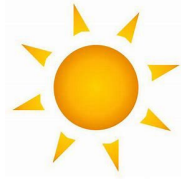




## Emmanuel United Church Newsletter July 2023



### Summer Worship Times

We are trying to keep cool!  
Beginning July 2 through August 27 we will begin our worship service at 10 a.m. and will be in the lower level/banquet hall. Feel free to bring a cold drink with you and there will be self serve cold drinks and water after the service.

### God Bless Wellesley Petoran

We celebrated Holy Baptism for Wellesley Petoran with support from his big sister Frankie and parents Dan Petoran and Grace Kim. We wish you God's greatest blessings and we welcome you into the Emmanuel family.



## Joint Picnic and BBQ at Gestwood

What a wonderful day we had at Gestwood Camp on June 4 as we gathered for a joint worship service with other United Churches from Windsor and Essex County.



After nearly two years of discernment and education, the Affirming Committee will propose to the congregation in September that Emmanuel become an Affirming congregation. We are currently drafting a vision statement, marriage policy, and continuing action plan to present to council and the congregation. We are grateful to all who have engaged with the process through attending events, completing the survey, or speaking with Committee members. For more on the Affirming process please see Affirm United resources, or speak with Dayna, Chris, or another member of the Committee.



We bid farewell to Annette Marson, a longtime member of Emmanuel who passed away on June 5, 2023. Annette contributed a great deal to our church through her work with the Worship Committee and her volunteering.

### Christian Education

At Emmanuel, we place a priority on providing opportunities for Christian Education and spiritual development. This includes supporting our Sunday School, working with Rev. George to have bible studies and other ways to explore and grow in our faith development together.

**We need a volunteer to lead our Christian Education committee. There are always people who are willing to help. The chair of the committee also is an important member of our Council. Contact Chris Waters or any member of Council if you would like to talk more about this opportunity to serve.**



Thanks to our 2023 Mower Gang. This includes Rev. George, Ben Harrop, Pieter Waters, Roger Steen, Tom and Mary Dagenais, and Eric Vanstone.

### Joining with Central United

We continue to look forward to formal amalgamation, while we worship and “nest” together.



### Why I Serve

I've been asked to share how I came to be at Emmanuel and why I serve as I do. About 28 years ago I was searching for a new church home. Being part of a faith community was an integral part of my upbringing, but after moving to Windsor, I hadn't really found this. I went with my daughter to some of the local churches in our neighbourhood. When we came to Emmanuel, we immediately felt welcome. We knew a few people at the church and loved Rev. John Palmer. In addition to the opportunity for worship, there are other things that are important to me. I've been singing in a church choir in one form or another since I was about 8 years old, so it wasn't long before I found my way to join the choir. I feel so blessed to be able to sing for Nick. Secondly, with a background in Social Work, being part of a faith community grounded in equity, and social justice, and seeing faith in action is important to me. I've had the opportunity to be part of organizing and cooking meals for the Mission and contribute to work in our community through our outreach. I have been happy to be part of the Affirming Committee over the past two years. I have had the chance to serve through work on Council and different committees in the past. I currently serve on the Ministry and Personnel committee and assist with communications by maintaining the webpage and doing our monthly newsletter. Of course, we remember that Ted started us off on this journey of sharing our stories declaring his love of enjoying cake here at Emmanuel. I guess you might say that I'm one of the folks that love to make those cakes. I have shared many laughs with the wonderful people who join me around the counter in the kitchen to make pies, cook dinners and serve others as we enjoy fellowship together. It is my joy to be part of this wonderful faith community along with my husband Pat. It keeps me anchored to be in this home where God's spirit is alive and be surrounded by caring people, a wonderful minister, good music, and faith-filled friends.

Cathy Shanahan

## EMMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY: OUTREACH



We are still making sandwich lunches for the Downtown Mission over the summer. In July, we will gather at 8:30 a.m. on SATURDAY, JULY 29 to make 100 sandwiches to feed guests at the Mission. Come and join us or contribute bread, juice boxes, granola bars, hot peppers or pickles or funds to assist.

### 3rd quarter community outreach project:

We are asking for children's snacks to contribute to the food bank to support children over the summer. Fruit cups, granola bars, puddings, etc. are all very helpful.

School is out- Happy summertime from these beautiful faces from the Sunday School!

