



Emmanuel United Church Newsletter- July 2022



Summer is Here at Emmanuel

Summer Worship" time and place:

For July and August join us for worship in the banquet hall.

From July 3 through August 28 the service begins at 10:00 AM.

Cold drinks will be available for "self-serve" during a time of fellowship following the service.

As we transition back to regular church life and move our service to the banquet hall for the summer, we will be discontinuing the live stream of the service at the end of June.

Are you interested in an audio recording of the services that would be available later Sunday afternoons? Please let the church office or Rev. George know of your interest so plans can be made going forward.

Other Worship News:

On June 12, while Rev. George was away at the Regional Council meeting, the choir led us in a worship service with the theme *To Sing is to Pray Twice*. Thanks to Cathy Shanahan, Nick Morvay and all the choir members for their leadership and their talent. We all enjoyed singing some of the old, favourite hymns.

Council News:

Council accepted with regret the resignation of **Tom Payne**. **Grateful thanks** is given from the Council and Emmanuel members for his dedication, leadership, and contribution to the life of the church during his time as Chair of the Council. We wish Tom good health and look forward to seeing him soon.

Council is establishing a **Lynn Byrnes Memorial Fund**. There will be an official "kick-off" for the fund. This fund will help allow us to tackle some projects and beautification. As an example, we hope to complete some renovations to the East Parlour and replace a pipe in Ottawa Hall. A plaque will be dedicated in honour of Lynn in September.

EUC is hosting Julien House to hold their bereavement support group meetings in our East Parlour while they are undergoing some renovations. Julien's House is a bereavement support non-profit organization. We are sharing some of our space through Outreach.

A new Rental Agreement form has been approved by Council as well as a User Agreement form. Heather has both forms in the office.

Covenanting Service for Rev. George Bozanich at Emmanuel

We praise God and rejoice in the covenant between Rev. George Bozanich and Emmanuel United Church! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Covenanting Service on June 5, and the celebration afterward.



Thanks to Mary Dagenais for designing and creating the beautiful flowing ribbons of fire for Pentecost for our church.

Financial Update

The difference between our income and our expenses for this calendar year is a deficit of \$14,301.

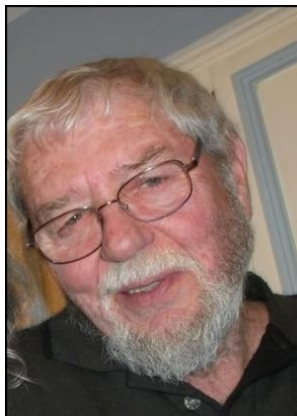


With joyful hearts, we “officially” welcomed the following people into our Emmanuel family on June 26: Marianne Morin Muir, Dayna Cornwall, Anneke Smit, Christopher Waters, Alicia Maynard, and Annette Dufresne. We pray for God’s continued blessing on each of our new members.

We keep in our hearts the family of Bill Kalbfleisch, who passed away on Friday, June 24, 2022.

People at Emmanuel remember the many ways that Bill touched our lives and the life of the congregation. His kind words, artistic spirit, decorations for the church, participation on the property committee, helping to cook a meal, and always a story about how he found the perfect Christmas tree for the sanctuary. Bill is survived by his loving wife Jean and children Lisa (Pete), Sue (Frank), Kris (Paul) and Bill (Lindsay). ***The visitation is at the church beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, with the service beginning at 11 a.m.***

Below is a picture of one of the many Thanksgiving displays Bill did in the church.





Barb Chandler recently attended the Annual General Meeting for **Gesstwood Camp**. The Camp reported that they are alive and well and looking forward to a full summer program for 2022. Last year the program included 500 youth at Day Camps. The staff included 30 students. The camp was Covid-free for the season.

There are new programs being put in place using grant money. These include Senior and Walking programs. There has been an increase in requests to use the facilities as a wedding venue. This has been successfully included. The facility is still in use for school field trips and there are upgrades being made to better serve senior groups and those with mobility issues.

Affirming Discernment and Education Process



As part of our discernment and education process, the Affirming Committee, along with members of our congregation, welcomed an inspiring evening with Sydney Brouillard-Coyle (who uses the pronouns Ney/Nem) . Sydney has been an advocate since the age of 6! Sydney is the Education Lead at TransWellness Ontario and is also the Music Director at St . Paul's Anglican Church in Essex- an affirming, inclusive church community. Sydney once again encouraged us and shared personal insights. Sydney told us "Justice is worth it. We can all get our boots dirty"! We will be planning other speakers, a Bible study, and a learning opportunity over the next few months.

For more resources visit:

<https://www.transwellness.ca/resources-for-allies>

There will be a mini library of resources that we will create for those wishing to learn more on our journey to be an affirming congregation.

Outreach at Emmanuel



We collected food for the Downtown Mission in May and June.

- We also encourage people to **donate to Emmanuel for Ronald McDonald House**. Though we can't prepare a meal there just yet, we are still donating so that meals and snacks can be provided to parents who have children in the Neonatal Intensive or Pediatric Care at the hospital.
- **The July and August outreach project is Street Help** (suggested by Cathy Steen). Christine Furlonger advises it is presently serving 400 meals daily and needs juice boxes (or other beverages) plus individually wrapped snacks including granola bars, cookies and fruit, and pudding cups. The kitchen is always in need of ground coffee, sugar, and powdered creamer (including the Costco brand). And of course, monetary donations are always welcomed.

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly projects. We may not (yet!) be changing the world, but we are making it a better place for some. Any questions, please contact Michele McGregor.



There will be a picnic for everyone at Emmanuel on July 10!

Bring a lawn chair and come to Optimist/Memorial Park for our morning service and music at 10:30 and then stay for a barbecue. Call the office or email us if you can come so we can plan. In the event of rain, we will have the service and lunch at the church.

Sunday School News: Thanks to everyone who purchased popcorn in support of the Sunday School program. ***If you can lend a hand over the summer or in September, please contact Peggy. We have some wonderful kids at Emmanuel!***



Thanks to volunteers for helping to do grass cutting at the church. Here is Brock under the watchful eye of his father, Eric. If you can help, please let Chris Waters know.



The Thursday "park gang" gathered recently to celebrate a special birthday for Linda Parks. **Happy Birthday Linda.** Wishing you continued good health and happiness.

Happy Birthday to Aiden Bickerstaff, Tom Elsdon, Kris Gosselin, Annette Marson, Pat Shanahan, Anneke Smit, Dirk Smit, Kim Smith

Happy Anniversary to Kris Gosselin and Paul Cote, Lynda and Gilles Lacombe, Ginny and Jim Seguin

Happy Retirement to Cathie Bunt!