



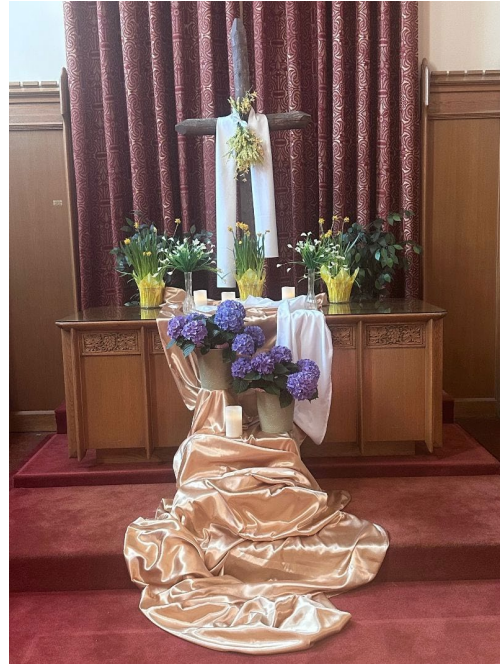
Emmanuel Newsletter May, 2025

Our Easter Journey



Thank you to Nick, the choir and musical guests, and readers Judith and Les, for a beautiful Cantata musical performed on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week Services



Rev. George and the worship committee guided us through Holy Week, beginning with a service and simple supper for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Hallelujah of Easter Sunday.

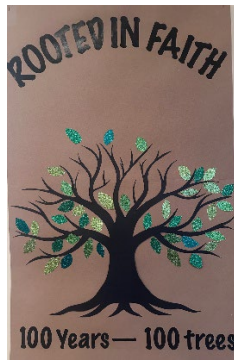


The youth from the Sunday School led us through the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Welcoming New Members



Easter Sunday was a wonderful day to welcome new members. Mersea Dimmick and Grant Jonsson were baptized. Alies Waters was confirmed. Marilyn Masse, Jen and Jake Dimmick, Gord Wilson, and Donna Gibbs were welcomed by professions of faith. Jake Dimmick was welcomed back - he was baptized and confirmed at Emmanuel!



Rooted in Faith: 100 years/100 trees

There is still time to contribute to our 100th anniversary project! Please use the collection plate and special envelopes on Sundays or by e-transfer: emmanuelucwindsor@gmail.com
Celebrate God's creation and be part of this lasting legacy as we commemorate the centennial of the United Church of Canada.

Planting Day!

Please sign up and join us to plant 100 trees!

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, from 10:00am—noon

WHERE: Little River Corridor (see map in Central Hall)

WHO: You **must sign up** in Central Hall to do the planting, as ERCA is bringing the tools for each person who is planting
Everyone is welcome! Be part of the cheering section if you aren't planting (no sign up needed)!

THIS IS AN ALL-WEATHER EVENT

(and will only be cancelled due to severe weather)



Emmanuel hosted a candidates' forum for the national election. Candidates from the CCP, Liberal, NDP, Green Party and Christian Heritage Party attended. The Conservative candidate declined.

Candidates offered information about their party platform regarding a variety of issues. Thanks to Kristen Siapas for moderating. The candidates also shared their ideas about a caring community. A caring community is:

- positivity, caring and service
- finds out what's wrong and does something about it
- is a garden where all cultures can come
- is inclusive
- empowers and encourages people
- is where everyone has been given a gift to serve our community
- is service over self.

Finance Committee Report

- Income to March 31, 2025 \$57,487
- Expenses to March 31, 2025 \$64,631
- Actual shortfall for three months -\$6,144

In March, we received a one-time interest payment from the Central U.C. restricted account which we cannot count on as we move into the future.

Your Finance Committee – Linda, Scott, Hal, Bill and George



Spring cleaning time! **Our annual rummage sale is Sat. May 3, from 9 to 1 pm. Donations will be accepted Thursday evening and Friday morning.** If you can help with Friday's setup or Saturday's sale or have questions regarding donations, please see Michele. Many hands make light work. Thank you!!

Mark Your Calendars- Upcoming Events



Everyone is welcome for a Mother's Day Breakfast, Sunday May 11 in Central Hall at 9 a.m.



As a United Church 100th Anniversary event, Ruthven Pastoral Charge is organizing a **baseball tournament on June 21st at Co-An Park in McGregor.** Rev. Kitchen notes that "the team can have people of all ages and genders- like the old church league". **Let Chris Waters know (cwaters@uwindor.ca) if you would like to join the Emmanuel team- all skill levels welcome!**



The Gesstwood Picnic and service will be held on June 1st at Gesstwood. Mark your calendar. More information to follow.

On SUNDAY JUNE 8 Emmanuel United is having a birthday party!

We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada AND the 105th birthday of our congregation with a ***special worship service at 10:30 followed by lunch and games on the front lawn.*** Come and join in the festivities!

Annual Meetings to Attend:

- ***Gesstwood Camp and Education Centre and the Windsor Essex United Church Development Fund*** (combined in one session): Wednesday, May 21 5:30 p.m. at Gesstwood Camp- 1034 Mole Side Rd Essex. Register by Saturday May 17 to attend. (Ron Brown 519 982 0113 or Fred Barkhouse (519 945 5120)
- ***The Downtown Mission Annual Meeting*** is on Wednesday May 28. Doors open at 5 p.m. It will be held at the Moose Lodge on Tecumseh Rd.
- ***Antler River Watershed Regional Council Spring Meeting*** (Hybrid) May 30-31

Celebration Corner!

Every month we are going to feature celebrations. If you have a birthday, new grandchild, anniversary, special recognition/celebration etc., let Michele M. or Cathy S. know.

This month we feature:

- **Congratulations to Fraser Elsdon, who will graduate from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto, on his path to be an ordained Minister in the United Church.**
- **Pat Shanahan wants everyone to know that he will have been walking this earth for 35,000 days on May 13!**



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UNITED | ENSEMBLE **Affirming Committee**

This month we'd like to call your attention to a grassroots network of United Church members called the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI). Per its website, the UNJPPI, "was created to help you learn more about the reality of life for Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories and explore options for responding to their call for solidarity in non-violent resistance to the occupation. The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel calls to United Church members, adherents and friends to join in this partnership with Palestinians." The website includes information on important topics such as antisemitism, apartheid, and Christian Zionism, as well as the history of Palestine and Israel, and a "Dictionary for the Bewildered" to help readers make sense of this complicated topic. UNJPPI engages around advocacy to the United Church of Canada, the Government of Canada, and other churches and people of faith. One particular initiative focuses on Palestinian children and protecting their lives and rights. To

learn more about the UNJPPI and its work, visit this website:

<https://unjppi.ca/>

Outreach:



We continue to make sandwich lunches for the DTM each month. Donations for supplies are welcome. We are also making soup each month.



We were treated to soup on Sunday after church on April 6. Pictured are Annette and Nelia. Annette, Bonn and Nelia S and Judith Fisher made delicious soups. Donations received were given to the general fund.

On the right is Irene Alexander, who sold her beautiful handmade cards on April 27, with proceeds to go to the general fund.

Anniversary Anecdotes:

These anecdotes are presented in anticipation of the celebration on June 8, 2025 of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada, and the 105th anniversary of Emmanuel United Church.

Emmanuel United Church has been blessed with outstanding leadership throughout its 105 year history:

- Adam Fear: Sep19, 1920 to 1924-01-01 Our first minister who also ministered to St. Paul's Methodist church on Pillette Rd.
- George Kersey: 1924-01-01 to 1929-01-01 (@ \$1,575/year)
- Charles Durrant: 1928 to 1936
- Everett Ashton: 1936 to 1947
- George Wishart: 1947 to June, 1970 Rev. Wishart was nominated as moderator of the United Church and was the longest serving minister, seeing us through the construction and financing of the current building;
- Allan Logan: Sept 1970 to May, 1981
- Duncan White: 1982 to June, 1984
- John Palmer: 1985 to 2005 Minister emeritus, Feb 5, 2011
- Linda Blair: June 30, 2006 to December, 2009
- David Colvin: March 1, 2007 to September 21, 2014
- Sadekie Lyttle- Forbes: September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020
- George Bozanich: November 01, 2020- current

Emmanuel United is also proud of the members of our congregation who have dedicated their lives to the work of the church.

- Edna Durrant – missionary to Honan, China in 1934
- Norman Pick - Ordained in 1943
- Allan Knight - agricultural missionary in Angola
- Allan Schooley- Ordained in 1980
- Sheila MacDonald-MacGregor: Ordained in 1988
- Allan Rush - Ordained on May 18, 1995 in Sault Ste. Marie.
- Chris Matheson – Ordained in 2001
- Catherine Elsdon –ordained on 2012-05-25
- Fraser Elsdon- Candidate for Ministry 2025