



Emmanuel United Church Newsletter March 2023



Please join us at Emmanuel for our EASTER SERVICES.

This Holy Week take part in meaningful services that prepare us to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter morning.

Palm Sunday is on March 24. The Choir is presenting a cantata that morning at 10:30, with additional singers participating.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28 there will be an evening service at 6 PM commemorating the Last Supper. A light meal will be served after the service.

Good Friday service will be at 10:30 AM.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be celebrated together with our friends at MCC.

The Easter Sunday morning communion service will be at the usual time of 10:30.

Come celebrate with us! And be blessed!

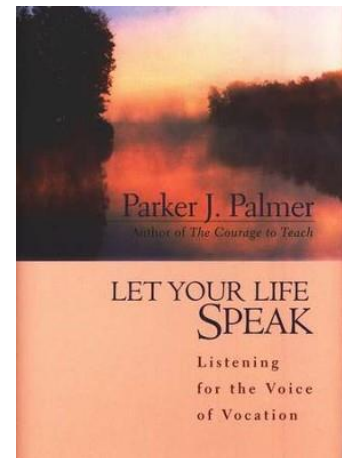
We joyfully celebrated the amalgamation of Emmanuel United and Central United Churches on Sunday, February 11. Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa joined us for this service and lunch.





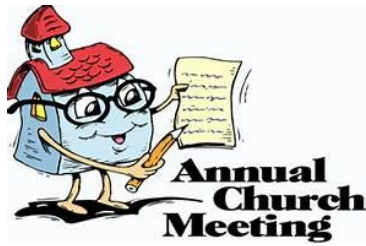
Thanks to Bill Totten for creating the sign for our newly christened banquet hall, now known as Central Hall.

Join Rev. George and others for a Lenten Bible/Book Study. Rev. George will lead the group, reflecting on what we are called to do and who are we called to be as Christians. We'll look at Biblical examples of calls and read Parker Palmer's book- "Let your Life Speak". Rev. George has copies of the book, and an audible version is available free of charge through the library. The group will meet once a week for 4-5 weeks on Tuesday at 5:30 until 7. Let Rev. George know if you are interested as group members assist in providing dinner prior to the discussion.



We enjoyed having a soup luncheon after the service two Sundays in February. Thanks to Jim and Lorraine, George, Cathy, and Bon for these delicious soups for so many people to enjoy.

Two more soup Sundays are planned in March. One will be the day of the Annual meeting, March 3 and the other will be March 17.



A copy of the Annual report was emailed to everyone. A few hard copies will be available at the meeting next Sunday, March 3. Anyone who wishes a copy to be printed may contact the office.



Pancake Tuesday
Thanks to all of the volunteers who organized, cooked and served at the "shove Tuesday" pancake supper.

Turkey Pies!
On February 23, a group gathered to make turkey pies. The pies were sold February 24.



Congratulations Emmanuel Striders



The Emmanuel Striders had a large team of walkers in support of the Downtown Mission. Thank you to all the walkers and those who supported and contributed to this event. The Emmanuel team raised almost \$10,000, with Linda, Annette and Mary each raising over \$1000.

Happy Birthday to Rev. George and to our Administrative Secretary, Heather, who both celebrated a birthday at the end of February.



another year older,
another year wiser

We sadly said goodbye to Bruce Jamieson at a service held at Westminster United Church on February 14. Bruce was a faithful member of Emmanuel for many years. Bruce sang in the Emmanuel choir, and as an experienced graphic artist, contributed to the design of our website, many church postcards, and other publications. He took delight in visiting some members of our congregation who were not able to come to church. Bruce sang in several community choirs and with the Rum Runners over the years. He always had a story! He was a much-loved brother, uncle, and great uncle.



PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit. PIE Day 2024

These are the standards we hold ourselves to now that we have become an officially Affirming congregation. March 14 is PIE Day each year (3.14, the opening digits in the famous math concept of Pi!), a national celebration of Affirming values, and a chance to serve some literal pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit people in faith communities across Canada. We will celebrate on the preceding Sunday, March 10, and this year's celebration at Emmanuel will be extra special, since we are taking the opportunity to hold our official Affirming celebration, to mark our entry into the Affirming community. Join us for a special service and, of course, pie!

Feel free to wear rainbow and Pride attire! 🏳️‍🌈

If you are interested in providing a pie for the celebration, please let Dayna know.

See below for the United Church's 2024 PIE Day Resources:

<https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/national-affirmingpie-day#:~:text=PIE%20%3D%20Public.%20Intentional.%20Explicit.%20These%20are%20the,people%20in%20faith%20communities%20and%20beyond%20across%20Canada>