EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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CANDIDATE FORUM

About 100 people gathered at Emmanuel to hear from Ward 4 municipal candidates. Thanks to Rev. George and the Outreach Committee for hosting this event, and to Meg Roberts for moderating the discussion.



We appreciated hearing from **Brian Stocks and Matt Johnson about the work of the Downtown Mission** at our service on October 25th. Thanks also to Mary Dagenais and Jake Dimmick for leading the service while Rev.George was away.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

01 — **All Saints Day Service**

If you would like to remember someone during this service, please let Rev.George know. You are welcome to bring their picture for the remembrance table.

Following the service youth from the Sunday School will go to Gesstwood Camp for the afternoon. Campfire, hotdogs and s'mores are all part of the plan!

08 — **Remembrance Day Service**

14 — **Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar**

Join us on Saturday, November 14. The Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

28 — **Deck the Halls**

We are putting up the Christmas tree and decorations in the sanctuary on Sat. Nov. 28 starting at 9:30 a.m. Please help if you can! Coffee and donuts will be served.

FINANCE

Our financial position for September is:
Income – $16,260
Expenses – $14,098
Surplus - $2,164
Let's keep our giving strong into the following months.

We are creating a list of teams for monthly collection and counting. Thank you to those who have stepped up to volunteer. Paul Stewart will be in touch to coordinate. We thank Dave Henderson for his time and talent as he moves toward other commitments.

Let's not forget our Church bazaar fundraiser on November 13 as it is our big event of the year. Tell family and friends.

We are so thankful for all the baked goods donated, grass cutting and gardening, and our choir members — all who volunteer and give generously of their time. It's so appreciated.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO THE EMMANUEL BAZAAR!



Emmanuel Lessons And Carols Service
Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14 at 7 p.m. for the beautiful Lessons and Carols service, with a choir of about 60 singers and orchestra. If you are available to help with the reception following, please let Cathy Shanahan know.

FUTURE COMMITTEE



The Future Committee welcomed Jennifer Palmer as a representative of the Trustees. The conversation continues, with plans for an information session and discussion with members of the congregation. Part of the process as we think to the future is to "Ask the building, ask the congregation, and ask the community" what the possibilities, needs and opportunities could be for our congregation.

57TH SCOUT ANNIVERSARY

57th Scouting Group

Thank you for the reception after church to acknowledge the amazing 75th anniversary of the 57th at Emmanuel United Church. We look forward to a bigger celebration in February during Scouting's Founders' Day celebrations.

We invested 15 new members in October and have more to invest, including a new scouter next month. Our group is growing. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent fundraisers. Between our Apple Days and pie sales, we made over $2000. This will help subsidize camp fees, purchase supplies and allow us to run a great programme. Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Watch for more news here

57th Scouting Group





Some of the members of the congregation wore their Scout colours to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Scout troup at Emmanuel

SCOUTS CANADA

OUTREACH





Once again we made sandwich lunches for guests of the Downtown Mission and also provided a meal for youth at the Windsor Youth Centre.

AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

Friday, November 20th is the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is set aside to recognize those who have been killed due to ignorance and hatred, targeted because they were trans or gender non-conforming. The first event took place in 1999 in San Francisco to honour Rita Hester, who had been murdered the previous year. Unfortunately, trans people continue to be targets of violence, and anti-trans rhetoric is flourishing from many sources today. We must stand together to support and protect our trans and gender non-conforming community members. One way to do this will be to attend a Trans Day of Remembrance event on the 20th - locally you can follow organizations such as Trans Wellness Ontario and the Alliance for Trans Youth to find out more information. When local details are released, we will share them in the church bulletin.



A BUSY KITCHEN



All month long, there have been people busy making a variety of pies, including apple, cherry, turkey, beef, tourtiere, and rhubarb in preparation for the bazaar. Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers. Get yours at the bazaar!

One of the groups renting space from Emmanuel is Family Respite Services. Chef Robert has been leading a cooking group for youth in our kitchen. This past week, they made witch's finger cookies for Halloween. **The group is thankful for the welcoming space to meet.**



