



Emmanuel United Church Newsletter January 2026



A Wonderful Advent and Christmas Season

Advent and Christmas decorations will soon be packed away for another year. We shared so many blessings this December! All the visitors who attended our services joined us in appreciating the warm welcome, wonderful music, and meaningful worship experiences. We are so grateful to the many people who helped make this such a special season at Emmanuel.



We were blessed to have a very full church to participate in the Lessons and Carols service. This included 60 voices in the adult choir, 40 youth, and 5 orchestral musicians. ***We are very thankful to Nicholas Morvay and to all the participants.***

White Gift Service

The children and youth did a wonderful job, under the direction of Sarah Morvay, telling the Christmas story and leading us in the white gift service. ***Thanks to Sarah*** for all her help and leadership with the Sunday School, and ***get well wishes to Peggy Krieger, our Sunday School Coordinator.***





The Progressive Dinner was held again, with guests travelling between homes for appetizers and main course. Some of the participants are pictured here. Everyone then gathered at Mary and Tom's house for dessert. What a lovely way to spend time together in the Christmas season.

The Thursday Card group gathered for a catered turkey dinner with desserts provided by the women in the group. Santa made a visit too. ***If you are interested in joining the group in the new year, talk to Bill Totten.***





Thanks to the men who made breakfast for the annual Christmas family breakfast. It was delicious!

The Finance Committee extends a huge thank you to the congregation for their faithful and generous financial support this past year, which has enabled our Ministry and congregation to flourish in so many ways.

Volunteers made soup for the Soup Shack in December



A warm Outreach thank you for your generous support of the CAS Christmas Program. Approximately \$1400 was raised this year, allowing Elves Esther and Michele to purchase almost all items on their wish list, provide \$600 in much-requested gift cards, plus a \$320 cheque for the remaining funds. How bright our light shines! You continue to fully commit to the DTM sandwich session with grocery and monetary donations, so as a New Year's treat this month, we are providing 120 (\$5) Tim Hortons cards to allow them to get out of the cold. What a wonderful way for us to finish 2025.



A group of us from Emmanuel will once again be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year event on February 28 at 6 pm. This is a great cross-Canada fundraising event, with the funds raised locally supporting the Downtown Mission. **Please consider joining our team of walkers, The Emmanuel Striders, or donating.** Talk to Annette or Michele if you are willing to join the team or want more information. You can donate to any team member or directly online at the link below:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039628&langPref=en-CA>

Affirming Corner

If you're interested in learning more about 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and how to be a good ally in 2026, Windsor-local Sydney Brouillard-Coyle's Rainbow Allyship programming is a great resource! Upcoming virtual workshops include "Rainbow Churches" on February 18, and "Beyond the Binary – Nonbinary Perspectives on Existence and Expansiveness" on March 18.

To learn more visit Sydney's website here: <https://www.rainbow-allyship.org/workshops>

Celebration Corner



We celebrate the generosity of Westminster United Church. As the congregation closed, they donated \$69,300 to the DTM, \$180,000 to the Windsor Youth Center and \$22,720 to Gesstwood Camp. This serves as a legacy of their commitment to the community



Happy 102nd Birthday to Eileen Ewing! Eileen is Linda Parks' mother and lives at Oak Park.