



### **Emmanuel United Church Newsletter: September 2023**



### **Return to Regular Worship Times**

**Beginning September 3, we will return to the sanctuary upstairs for worship at 10:30. See you there!**



***On Sunday, September 3 we will be having a favourite "hymn sing" service with hymns suggested by members. Come and join us!***

### Worship at the Park

We enjoyed having our service and lunch at Optimist Park on July 30.



### Block Sale on Lincoln Rd.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Emmanuel's participation in the block sale on July 22. Selling hotdogs and baked goods and some "treasures" we made \$700!





**Sunday School Coordinator "Miss Peggy" hosted a day camp at the church. Lots of fun and smiles.**



***Are you able to help one Sunday a month to be an extra "set of hands" with the Sunday School? You'll meet some adorable kids!***





### **Christian Education**

At Emmanuel, we place a priority on providing opportunities for Christian Education and spiritual development. This includes supporting our Sunday School, working with Rev. George to have bible studies, and other ways to explore and grow in our faith development together.

**We need a volunteer to lead our Christian Education committee. There are always people who are willing to help. The chair of the committee also is an important member of our Council.**

### **Message from the Finance Committee**

The matter of financing our church is no laughing matter, but it doesn't hurt to keep things on the lighter side. Everybody knew the roof was leaking, but the church kept putting off replacement. Finally, some areas of the ceiling in the sanctuary began to sag. They called a congregational meeting. A very wealthy member rose and pledged \$300 toward fixing the roof. Just then a small piece of the ceiling fell and hit him on the head. Somebody in the back of the church said, "Hit him again, Lord!"

Now that we've made you chuckle about raising money, here is our status for the period from January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023.

Total Income	\$106,397
Total Expenses	<u>\$144,041</u>
Shortfall	-\$7,644

**Please give some consideration to the letter you recently received from Rev. George with your mid-year Giving Statement, addressing the shortfall.**



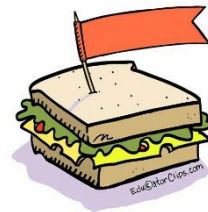
Thanks to our 2023 Mower Gang who kept our front lawn looking beautiful this summer. Rev. George, Ben Harrop, Pieter Waters, Roger Steen, Tom and Mary Dagenais, and Eric Vanstone all helped with this.



Council Chair, Chris Waters hosted a thank you barbeque for Council members. We appreciate all that our Council members do for us throughout the year. Let Chris know if you'd like to be part of the ongoing work of a committee or the Council.

### **Emmanuel Outreach**

**We will be having our lunch preparation sessions for the Downtown Mission on Sunday August 27 and Sunday September 24.** You can help by coming to make sandwiches, by making donation for supplies (mark it Downtown Mission lunch on your e transfer or envelope submission) or by donating bread, meat, pickles, granola bars or juice boxes. We make 100 bag lunches and donate them to the DTM each month.







Some members of Emmanuel joined in support of Tecumseh United Church's float in the Pride Parade on August 13. We look forward to more affirming activities at Emmanuel.



**Emmanuel will be participating in Open Streets Windsor again this year on Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you'd like to help, please let Michele McGregor know.** We will have a table with some activities for people to do during this walk-by fun event. Last year our table was located on Wyandotte St., and we created cards for the youth at the Windsor Youth Centre and guests of the Downtown Mission.

### In Loving Memory



Emmanuel said goodbye and celebrated the life of a beloved member, Allen Brooks, who passed away on July 23, 2023. Allen was the beloved husband of the late Janet. Much loved father of the late Wallace and son Andrew and wife Jennifer. Adored by grandchildren Laryssa, Aidan, and Avery.