



## Emmanuel Newsletter June 2025



The photo is of the day we broke ground for the construction of our sanctuary in June of 1955. A minister and choir in robes along with the congregation are all watching a man in a suit digging into the ground with a small shovel. Notice that somehow, we still have the shovel. It is on display with dozens of other photos, histories, communion sets, newsletters, bibles and hymn books. It's the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Milestones like this are an opportunity to look back, appreciate our history and find our place in it. The congregations of Central, Giles Blvd. and Grace have all become a part of what Emmanuel is today. If you feel so moved, take the time to look over the display, lovingly preserved and organized, and notice the details – the smiles in the kitchen and the notes in the recipe books, the attendance logs for a choir long ago. You can notice the dates fixed to buildings and the coming and going of the ministers. It's a history of how those who came before us served God and loved their neighbours, just as Jesus calls us to do. You can notice where it ends. The last milestone is only a week or so away, Tuesday, June 10th. After that, it's up to us. God willing, fifty years from now we'll celebrate the 150th anniversary of the United Church and someone might put out a historical display. What will be the next note they read on the timeline? What will they notice in the pictures we leave? How will we continue to serve God and love our neighbours?

Rev. George



***We are having a party!*** Join us for worship on Sunday, June 8, and stay for a party on the lawn with lunch, games, and a dedication of our Anniversary Tree.

### **Emmanuel Plants 100 Trees**

Emmanuel members planted 100 trees in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church. A legacy for our community is a fitting tribute for this occasion.





**Come to Gesstwood on Sunday, June 1 for a service at 11 a.m., followed by a barbecue. There will be no service at Emmanuel on this day.**



**Join us on Tuesday June 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Bill Totten will discuss the highlights of the wonderful anniversary display prepared in Central Hall. This is the actual date of the 100th anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada. Gathering at the church has added significance to us, since this is also the 100th anniversary of the opening of our current church building (then known as Ottawa United Church). Enjoy coffee and dessert while hearing about some of the interesting artifacts in our church archives.





**The Men's group prepared a wonderful breakfast in honour of Mother's Day.**

## **Finance Committee Report**

### ***Have you considered legacy giving?***

In the past, several members of Emmanuel have decided to remember our congregation in their will.

For example, one could name Emmanuel as the beneficiary of a gift, life insurance policy, or RRSP. Donors could also choose to direct their gift to a specific purpose. Examples are the general fund, capital fund, or the Ewart or Armstrong bursaries.

If you'd like to discuss possibilities, you're welcome to contact Scott Harrop ([scottkarenharrop@gmail.com](mailto:scottkarenharrop@gmail.com)) or any member of the Finance Committee.

## **Outreach at Emmanuel**

Thanks to all the volunteers and for Michele's leadership for the annual rummage sale which profited over \$1800 and benefited Emmanuel UC and Second Chance Ministry.



## Affirming Committee



Happy Pride Month! 🏳️‍🌈

The United Church of Canada is marking Pride Month this year with a wonderful photo-reimagining of Da Vinci's *Last Supper*: "a representation of our faith community: one committed to welcoming people of all backgrounds, identities and experiences. Whoever you are, there is always a place for you here at the table." [This link](#) will take you to an interactive version of ***A Place at the Table*** where you can learn more about the disciples in the photograph.

While celebration is a hugely important part of Pride Month, we must also take it as a reminder of how much work there is still to do, now more than ever. Across the border, around the world, and [in our own country](#), there is an [undeniable growth of hatred and discrimination](#) aimed at LGBTQ+ individuals - suppressive and draconian laws and policies are being enacted, and hate crimes are on the rise. In this stark reality, the United Church is undertaking a [letter-writing campaign](#), "**Love, Faith and Bold Action**," urging our federal government to protect LGBTQ+ rights. Visit the link below to participate by writing to your MP:

[Love, Faith and Bold Action](#)

Finally, you may be interested in signing up for an upcoming webinar hosted by Affirming Connections: **Community Safety & Care Workshop**. On Tuesday June 3rd at 8:30pm participants will, "learn ways to protect marginalized communities at protests and events, through effective de-escalation and creative nonviolence." [Visit this page to register](#) for this Zoom event.

## 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.

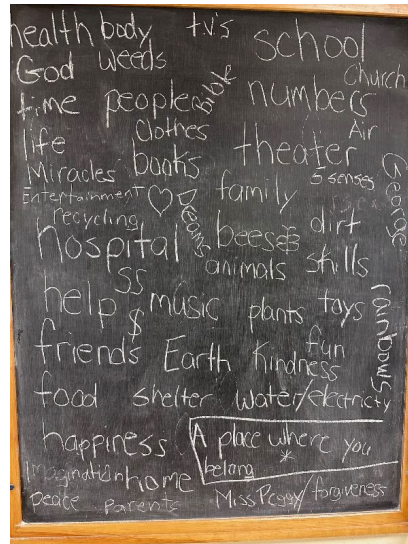
This month we feature: Congratulations to Bill and Michele McGregor on their 40th wedding anniversary on June 15.

Save the date



**Outreach plans to participate in the July 19 Lincoln Block Sale by offering a bbq hotdog lunch, along with a few rummage items for sale. You are welcome to bring items for personal sale. We will provide a table for your use. See Michele if you have questions or if you wish a table.**

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@uwindsor.ca) if you would like to join the Emmanuel team- all skill levels welcome!**



The Sunday School children and youth created a thankfulness board. We are thankful for the Sunday School, the presence of the children and the contribution of Miss Peggy.