

Mother & Daughter Banquet

Emmanuel United Church

1728 Lincoln Road

Friday,

May 11, 2018

6 pm

\$20.00

children under 6 free

Advance tickets only are

available by

phoning the church

office 519 253-8791 or

519 727-6616

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SOCIAL INNOVATIONS CHALLENGE Needs ...

VOLUNTEERS

Registration (2)
Thursday, April 26th
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Hosts
To interact with guests
and offer hospitality
Thursday, April 26th
Friday, April 27th

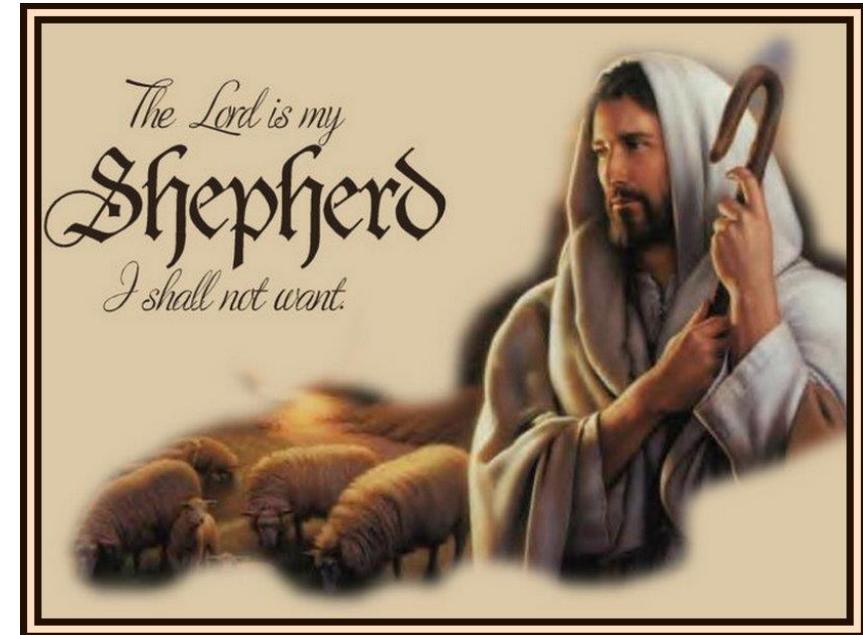
Lift
Thursday, April 26th
Midday

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

April 22, 2018
10:30 am



MINISTER
Rev. Margaret Spencer

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MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

ORDER OF SERVICE
April 22, 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**WELCOME &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If God had only given us this precious moment of life,

P: **it would have been enough.**

L: If God had only given us the rain and the sunshine of this good Earth,

P: **it would have been enough.**

L: If God had only given us the love we share among family and friends,

P: **it would have been enough.**

L: If God had only given us this church with its praise and service,

P: **it would have been enough.**

L: But God, most Wonderful, has given us all this and so much more,

P: **and so our thanks overflow as we enter this time of worship.**

ALL: May it be so! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: VU# 288 –
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

ALL: God loved the world and gave Jesus for us. For that gift above all others, we give God thanks. God

loved the world and showed us compassion in Jesus. God calls us to see and to share with the needy as Jesus did. God so loved the world that we are called and empowered as followers of Jesus to love one another. For this is the way the world will know we are his disciples, if we show love for one another. But there are days when we feel useless and despairing. We are still waiting for the dawn of Easter hope. We have not yet seen our risen Savior and we are still waiting at the tomb. O God, lead us back from the dark valley, and give us our confidence back. There are days when we have no wish to join in, but try to go it alone. O God, lead us back to community and show us the joy and satisfaction of working with others.

Lead us through all our places of denial, O God, and give us the courage to stand with the despairing and oppressed. Forgive us and lead us back into faithfulness, O God. Nourish us with hope for the days ahead. We pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: VU# 296 – “This is God’s Wondrous World”

Children leave for Sunday School

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

L: Listen to the Spirit—calling us to God’s promise of abundance. Let us share what we have for the journey.

OFFERTORY DEDICATION:

VU #236 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

ALL: We give you a portion of all you have so generously given us, Lord God. Even as we give, our hearts seek you and your blessing. Take us and take these gifts, and cause them and us to become blessings for many others. We ask this in love and in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

PSALM 23: VU#747 – “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (please remain seated)

SCRIPTURES

New Testament:

Acts 4:5-12 and 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18

Last Reader: These are the words from the scriptures we love.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Howard Goodall

THE MESSAGE: “Remembering to Hope”

CLOSING HYMN: VU #327 – “All Praise to Thee”

**COMMISSIONING &
BENEDICTION**

L: Let us go from this place.

Let us trust that the power of God: can make friends of strangers; can turn mourning to dancing; and can bring life from death.

All: Praise be to God, Amen. Hallelujah and Amen!

CHORAL BLESSING:

(sung together)

Go now in peace never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen ccli#262153

(Resources for this service were from Gathering (Lent-Easter 2013) and Prayers to Share (David Sparks, Year B – 2002).



Rev. Margaret Spencer