



“BABY IT’S COLD OUTSIDE!”

Join us for a soup lunch after the service on

Sunday, January 28th.

If you are able to contribute a pot of soup, please talk to Cathy Shanahan. We’d like to have some for our lunch and to freeze for the Downtown Mission soup meals.



Become Part of Our Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church please fill out a little blue card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday – Thursday 1:30pm- 4:00pm
Friday 1:30pm – 6:00pm**

Office Administrator: Melissa Yau



Capital Planning and Visioning Discussion

Do you have ideas about things that we should be planning to save for or to use our current capital or financial resources for?

We are meeting to plan and develop our vision for capital planning at Emmanuel. We want to plan for funds needed to maintain our church facility and to also to think creatively about things that would help us to provide a more vibrant church program, grow our congregation or modernize our approach.

Come out and be a part of the discussion.

**Sat. January 20th
9:00am-11:00am**

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**January 14, 2018
10:30 am**



MINISTER
Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes

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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.

Emmanuel United Church

January 14, 2018

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Before we were born, God knew us.

P: **We were knitted us together in the womb.**

L: There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

ALL: **How wonderful are God's works! Let us worship God.**

OPENING PRAISE

MV122 This is the Day

Come Into His Presence

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

In moments like these

OPENING PRAYER

L: God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading, You are stillness when we are frantic;

P: **You are truth when we are confused and perplexed;**

L: You are freedom when we are paralyzed by fear;

P: **You are light when we stumble in the darkness;**

L: You are love when we are lonely and empty.

P: **For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be, we praise you, Creator, Christ, Spirit.**

L: Desiring to be transformed people, we bring to you our prayers of confession:

ALL: **Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we have settled for**

much less. **We have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, ignored the pain of others, and turned our faces from injustice. At times we have hidden from the truth, especially when it calls us to do what we are afraid to do. We have created safe spaces for ourselves, without concern for those outside. We have given up in despair when the problems of the world overwhelm us. Forgive us. Give us courage to listen and respond when you call to find personal peace, help others and live in your love. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: The gifts we offer, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. Knowing the depth of need and the work we have to do in service to the world, let us give wholeheartedly, in Jesus' name.

THE OFFERTORY: VU 104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

ALL: **Dear Lord, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to serve and proclaim your faithfulness this day and always; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU374

Come and Find the Quiet centre (v 1,2)

L: God of Grace, you call us to pray with sincere, open, and hopeful hearts. Trusting in you, we join together in prayer for ourselves and our world.

P: **We thank you for the work of your church and for all that we are able to do together to bring your love and healing and justice into the world. We pray for churches and businesses that are struggling financially, enmeshed in conflict, tired and in need of renewal or a new vision; give them wisdom, courage and strength.**

L: We thank you for the healing that we have known in our lives. For the experience of being forgiven; for reconciliation and mended relationships; for comfort in times of grief; for pain eased. We pray for those whose emotions are raw, whose bodies are weak, and whose minds are troubled. Give them hope for a new beginning.

P: **Strengthen us to serve you not only with our words, but with our actions. Help us to see with your eyes and reach out with your compassion. Strengthen us to work together so all may know what it means to follow you.**

L: We are thankful for the fellowship we find in our church. We remember before you today the work carried out in the United Church of Canada and the changes that are to come. Give us wisdom in our decision making Stir the hearts of the people there and give them a strong sense of your guidance and presence. We name, the people and situations among us, offering thanks and seeking your intervention now. My prayer is...

L: These things we pray in the name of Jesus,.

ALL: **AMEN**

WORD

Preparing to Listen to the Word: VU 662
Lead Me, God

SCRIPTURES:

John 1:43-51

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Last reader: These are words from the scriptures we love

CONG: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Jesu, joy, of man's desiring"
By J.S. Bach

THE MESSAGE: To Call Us to Serve

CLOSING HYMN: MV161 I have called you by your name

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

L: Go into the world, listening for God's call in your lives. Go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ. Go into the world, sustained by the love and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING: *May the love of the Lord ccli#262153*

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