



### SENIOR'S SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior's Social Group gets started again on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** @ 10:30am. Please bring a lunch and playing cards. All welcome!



### Worship Committee

There will be a Worship Committee meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 7pm



**Completing the New Testament:**  
Week of September 3, 2017  
Hebrews 13

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**RALLY DAY**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup>**



**SOUND SYSTEM**  
(Training & Refresher)  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
@ 10:00am in the Sanctuary



**KING OF THE KITCHEN**  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sharing the proceeds with  
DTM Meals program  
within the church.



**DOWNTOWN MISSION**  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Speaker: Ron Dunn,  
Exec. Administrator of DTM



### OFFICE HOURS

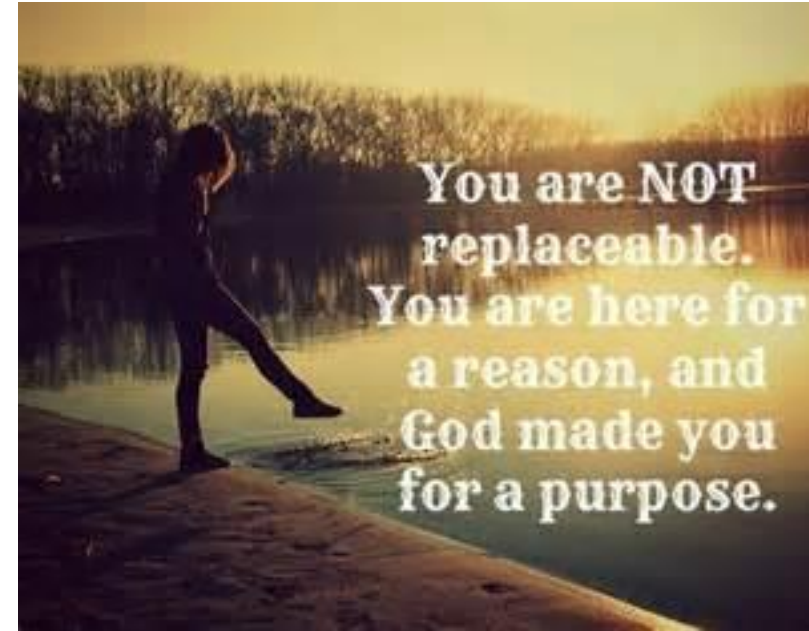
Tuesday – Thursday  
1:30pm – 4:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**September 3, 2017**  
**10:30 am**



**MINISTER**  
**Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**Nicholas Morvay**

**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.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH  
September 3, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

**P: We will sing praises for all the God has done.**

L: Let your hearts be joyful!

**P: We seek God's presence continually.**

L: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

**ALL: We will always remember the blessings of God.**

OPENING HYMN: VU339

When Morning Gilds the Skies

OPENING PRAYER

L: Deep is our desire for what is true and enduring. Deep is our need to see clearly. Deep is our longing for you, O God. For you are the way and the truth and the life. You are the root of love, the fountain of knowledge, the source of wisdom, the path of right living. You are the beginning and end of all things. And yet, although you satisfy our deepest desires, we confess that we have often turned elsewhere.

**P: We have sought meaning in shallow places. We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits. We have nursed anger and envy. We have been joyless and self-absorbed. We have turned our backs on those in need. We have almost yielded to the temptation to give up our lives and curse you. Forgive what we have been, and guide us toward what we may**

**become, in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. AMEN**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

VU 345 Come, Children Join to Sing (v1-2)

*(Children will come forward)*

CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)

Birthday Song - Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together - Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

*(Children will leave for Sunday School)*

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: As disciples of Christ, we are called to serve any way we are able. One opportunity is to give whatever we can for the work and witness of this community of Christ. Your offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU288

Great is thy faithfulness (v1 & ref)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Loving God, accept these gifts as thanksgiving for your many blessings. Accept these gifts as our commitment to your kingdom. Accept these gifts and accept our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

WORD

**Preparing to Listen:** VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 1- 2: 1-10

Matthew 16:21-28

**Last reader:** These are the words from the scriptures we love

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE MESSAGE:** "God Saves: You are here for a Reason"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hymn VU 374 – Come and Find the Quiet Centre (v1, 3)

L: O God, you call us to live in peace and harmony with you and one another. Hear our prayers for the world and for your people.

**P: Give us clear vision so that we might see the wrongs that need to be righted.**

**Where we see injustice, may we stand up for the rights of others.**

**Where we see suffering, may we be agents of healing.**

**Where we see strife, may we bring peace.**

**Let us always perceive your image in others and let others see your loving presence in us.**

L: We remember now those who rejoice and those who mourn; those who bear heavy burdens; those worn down by busyness, and those who are searching for meaning.

**P: We remember those who are hungry, both for food, and for human companionship. Awaken us to the needs of those around us and prompt us to do what we can in your name to lift the burdens of others.**

L: God, you know those who are close to our hearts and are suffering right now. Deliver them and restore them to the wholeness and wellness you intend for each of us. Surround them with your love and your peace. In particular, my prayer is... Empower us to be your hands and feet for this generation.  
**ALL: May we live out your call to live as brothers and sisters in the unity of your Spirit. AMEN**

**CLOSING HYMN:** VU 266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v1, 3-4)

BENEDICTION

L: Go and invite others into Jesus' embrace and to experience His love among us.

**P: We go into the world to live as disciples of Love**

L: Go and invite others into the healing power of God's grace

**P: We go into the world to live as baptizers, teachers and friends**

L: Go and invite others into the Spirit's powerful vision

**P: We go into the world to live as prophetic visionaries**

L: Go and let someone know that they are here for a reason.

**ALL: This we know and this we will share. AMEN**

**CHORAL BLESSING** *Go Now In Peace*  
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Liturgy and prayers adapted from the Gathering, Pentecost 1(2017) & Presbyterian.ca.