



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November, 2016



Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes

We are having a wonderful time at Emmanuel, learning, growing and sharing with each other. It has been an absolute gift to me, to serve in a congregation so filled with life and enthusiasm for Christ and the work of Kingdom building. Our Journey through the gospel, wraps up, at the end of December and I am so proud of all those who were able to stay with the program and complete the



readings. To those who did not manage to keep up this time, in January we will take on another project and maybe that will be the one that you start and finish. It takes practice!

Our church has experienced growth in many ways, boasting a Sunday school of 3 sections, vibrant worship and music and increasing attendance on Sunday mornings. We have undertaken to maximize on the movement of the Spirit in our midst, by planning for growth and you should expect, new exciting and uplifting opportunities for your involvement in 2017.

For the month of November, we will explore what it means to be Called to be the Church and invite everyone to revisit and renew our commitment to Christ, through our giving of time, talent and money. We are renewing our commitment to do what Christ commanded us to do in Matthew 28 and Matthew 5 to be "salt and light". I found another story I would like to share with you for your thoughts, called "Life Saving Station" by an anonymous author, which I feel carries a powerful message:

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little life-saving station grew.

Some of the members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now, the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely, because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired life-boat crews to do this work. The life-saving motif still prevailed in this club's decoration, and there was a symbolic life-boat in the room where the club initiations were held. About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick and some of them had black skin and some had yellow skin. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

What message do you take from this story for yourself?

What message do you take from this story for our church?



I extend to you blessing for the season and beyond: May the Lord be your anchor during the storms of life: and may his light guide you throughout your journey. As you sail the seas of time, May God be your Captain, Jesus your constant companion and the Holy Spirit, the wind under your sail from this time forth, and evermore. Amen.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Many of you already know that I have resigned as Sunday School Coordinator effective October 31. It has been such a great pleasure to be associated with OUR wonderful children for the past two years.

Our new Sunday School Coordinator is Kris Gosselin. She is a wonderful person with a deep love for our church, our children and the Sunday School. Kris is a former Sunday School teacher and a long-time member of Emmanuel. I know that that she will do a great job and receive your continuing support.

Irene Alexander

NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



We have included a picture to introduce our new Office Administrator whose name is **Melissa Yau**. We know how important the welcoming voice is on our church telephone and what an important position this is. Melissa comes to us with many years of experience, and joined the Emmanuel staff on August 25. She will be in the office Tuesday to Friday from 2pm to 5pm. We hope you'll have a chance soon to make a call and say welcome- We're glad you've joined our amazing staff!

“WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME” PARTY

After Sunday service on Sunday, June 26, 2016 the congregation gathered in the Banquet Hall to help Rev. Sadekie, Imran and the “3zs” celebrate a move to their new home. Their original home on Iroquois Street was totally furnished but their new home was unfurnished. The “Welcome to your New Home” was an opportunity for us to provide some support in the form of small household items and gift cards. We are pleased to report that, with the help and support of our kind and giving congregation, the family has comfortably settled in at their new home.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH

In our worship we often say what it is we believe in our New Creed. Our New Creed calls us to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, and to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In Matthew’s gospel (5:13–16a) Jesus tells us that we are salt and light for the world. In this program we will explore how we are salt and how we are light in our congregation, community and, through Mission & Service, to the wider world here in Canada and in other parts of God’s world.

Our generosity is our response to God’s vast generosity in our own lives. Our generosity is a way to contribute to God’s mission in our world. It is how we make a positive difference. Over the coming weeks we will be focused on how we are Called to Be the Church. We will share more stories and reflections about why we give, how our generosity makes a difference here at Emmanuel; how we affect the community around us, and how, through the Mission & Service of the United Church, we respond to this call, nationally and globally.

Called to Be the Church will be the theme of our worship and the learning opportunities this month. **“Called to be the Church” Sunday is November 20, 2016** when we will be asked to reflect on how we may start, continue or increase our giving to the ministry of the church in terms of your time, talent and tithes as we seek to be salt and light.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Just a little update on the Sunday School activities. Starting in September the Sunday School children have been divided into three different groups. The Toddler group, the Intermediate Group for children from Kindergarten to Grade 5 and the Senior group of children Grade 5 and over.

We all have been blessed with the support, faithfulness and creativity of Kim and Alison Smith and Enid and Becky Bryans, who are wonderful teachers for our children. I am so happy that Enid, Kim and their daughters are continuing to teach the Intermediate class.

The plan for the other two groups is to have a rotating group of people to support the Toddler room and a rotating group of teachers for the Senior class. There have been a number of volunteers but we can always use more.

Our Liturgical Dance group is practicing faithfully and plans are for them to dance at the White Gift Service on December 18th as well as the Christmas Eve services.

Irene

JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS

How are you doing in your “*Journey Through The Gospels*”? Rev. Sadekie challenged us to read through five Books of the Bible from Matthew to Acts starting the week of January 3, 2016. The goal is to read all of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts by the end of December. For October 30, 2016 we should finish Acts, chapters 9 & 10.

RALLY SUNDAY

It was good to be reunited after the summer months with Rally Sunday on September 11, 2016 where 16 children registered for the Fall session of Sunday School. The Congregation celebrated with the children after service with our traditional hot dog lunch.

KING OF THE KITCHEN



The King of the Kitchen on September 25, 2016 was a great success. We had a few less entrants including some new ones, but there were plenty of entries. Colin Totten took the crown from last year's king even though he was at the hospital with his wife and new son. The youth crown was won by Mason Totten. We realized \$600.00 due to the generosity and competitiveness of the congregation. The bidders were encouraged by John Palmer and his helper Imran Forbes. Thanks to all who participated. Worship Committee

THE BETHLEHEM WALK AT GESSTWOOD CAMP

This interactive outdoor play recreates the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Come and meet some Roman soldiers, visit shepherds as they warm themselves by a fire, talk to townspeople and an inn keeper as you are guided through this camp "village" by a shepherd seeking the newborn Saviour.

The play has start times on **Friday, December 2** between **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**; and on **Saturday, December 3** between **6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at the Gesstwood Camp and Retreat Centre, 1034 Mole Side Rd, Essex

A free-will offering benefits the camp bursary fund which helps kids of lower income families attend summer camp.

WHAT ARE REMITS?

Remits are the way the United Church of Canada makes substantial changes to the church. Out of the Comprehensive Review process recommendations were made to the forty-second General Council in Corner Brook, Newfoundland—proposals that would make significant changes to the United Church of Canada. General Council authorized five remits to be considered by pastoral charges and presbyteries (remits 1–4 and 6), and three by presbyteries only (remits 5, 7, 8).

On Wednesday, January 27, 2017 at 7pm the Council of Emmanuel United Church will consider and vote on Remits 3, 4 and 6. You are invited to attend and participate in the discussion. The Council votes on behalf of the pastoral charge.

Here is a brief description of the 3 remits under consideration:

Remit 3 calls for the establishment of an **Office of Vocation** which would set and maintain standards for training, conduct and continuing education for ministry personnel.

Remit 4 calls for a **New Model of Funding** which changes the way the Mission & Service funds are used, lays out the funding of governance and support services across all the courts of the denomination, and makes assessments uniform and equitable across the church. For Emmanuel this would mean a shift from assessment based on payment per "identifiable giver". Assessments under the new model are based on revenues. The exact assessment formula, to be approved by General Council/Denominational Council, will be refined over the next two years but will not be higher than 4.5 percent of total revenues raised for pastoral charge operations, adjusted for outward giving, bequests, and asset sales. For example, Mission & Service giving and refugee sponsorship donations would be subtracted from the assessment base. If approved, implementation would start in 2018 or

2019 and congregations like Emmanuel who would see an increase in assessment charges could elect an option that would limit the increase in the first year of implementation to 10 percent more than the prior year's assessment, with that level of assessment frozen for the next two years. Some presbyteries already use this funding model. Remit 4, if passed, would see this uniformly applied across the wider church.

Remit 6 calls for one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry.

You can see information on all the remits and their background in an excellent resource at www.gc42.ca/remits. Or call the church office to request a paper copy. You will also find summaries of these remits in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

The Alhamawi family continues to do well as they settle into their new life in Canada. Abdul has found employment and continues, along with his wife Fadia, to learn English. The three older children are attending school at Forest Glade, which is just across the street from their townhouse. The youngest is still at home and is going to a nursery school while his mom is at English class. Abdul recently passed his driver's test and was able to purchase a used van which has provided the family with much more freedom since they do not have to rely on volunteer drivers for their errands and appointments. During the summer months, the children were involved in camps (some set up especially for refugee children) and they really enjoyed learning to swim and the other fun activities of summer. They are hoping to learn to skate this winter!

Donations are no longer needed for our refugee family. With our help and due to their careful handling of money and Abdul's job, the family is no longer in need of the financial support of their sponsors. Abdul and Fadia have often expressed their gratitude for everything the United Churches of Essex Presbytery have done to bring them and their children to Canada and to help them settle here. The Faith in Action Committee of Essex Presbytery sends out a huge "Thank you and well done!" for your generosity and your volunteer help.

If you would like to continue to help other Syrian refugees, the United Church of Canada through Mission & Service is providing relief with a number of projects in refugee camps, directing money to partners on the ground in the Middle East who are responding to this crisis. You can donate: online at the United Church website www.united-church.ca, by phone (Visa or MasterCard) 1-800-268-2738 or send a cheque or money order to

The United Church of Canada,
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300

Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4 Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Syria Relief" on the face of your cheque.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & MILESTONES

MEMORIALS



SUZANNE ASELTINE passed away on August 21, 2016 at 94 years of age. Beloved wife of late Keith (2005). Mother of Sandy Digou, Rick and wife Valerie Aseltine, Tim and wife Denise Aseltine.. Sue shared many good times with Emmanuel friends at Oak Park. She was known

for her creativity which she demonstrated making flower arrangements for the church. She and Keith were long time contributors to many activities at Emmanuel.



BETTY JUNE LONG passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at the age of 87 years. Beloved wife of late Clyde (1998). Predeceased by her parents James (1982) and May Dalrymple (2006), (both of whom were active members of Emmanuel). Wonderful mother to Cheryl Byrnes (Bryan); Cindy Knox (Bill), Jim (Marlene). Betty was a lifetime member of Emmanuel United Church and she and her husband Clyde loved to sing in the choir and to actively participate in the work of the church. She enjoyed cooking lunches in the church (Wheels to Meals) once a month for several years.

BIRTH OF BENJAMIN ANDREW HENRY LECK

The congregation welcomes **Benjamin Andrew Henry Leck**, the new son of Les & Julie Leck. He was born on July 6, 2016 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 21 in. Julie and Ben are both doing well. . Ben is the loved little brother of Luke. Benjamin was baptised by Rev. Sadekie Lyttle –Forbes on Sunday, September 18, 2016.



BAPTISM OF AUTUMN MABEL LAGACÉ-VINCENT



On Sunday, July 10, 2016 **Autumn Mabel Lagacé-Vincent**, daughter of Tiffany Anne Lagacé and Robert Vincent, was baptised by Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes, assisted by Rev. Dr. John Palmer. God Parents were Craig Lagacé & Whitney McKichan, and the happy Grand Parents, Katrina Constantine-Lagacé & Marc Lagacé.



BAPTISM OF HAILEY ELIZABETH NIEHUS

Hailey Elizabeth Niehus, daughter of Joseph Niehus & Jennifer Carrington was baptised by Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes on Sunday, September 18, 2016

BIRTH OF KYLIAN ALEXANDER TOTTEN

A new son for Vicki & Colin and brother for Parker, Mason & Ethyn was born on September 25, 2016 at 5 lb, 14 oz. and 19.3". The proud Grandparents are Barb and Dave Chandler and doting aunts, Bonnie and Valerie Chandler.

**LOIS THURGOOD MOVING TO HALIFAX**

A group of Lois Thurgood's Emmanuel friends got together at Mary Dagenais' home to wish Lois bon voyage as she readies to move permanently to Halifax, Nova Scotia. For many years Lois, and her husband Charlie, were very active members of Emmanuel United Church. Their children were raised in the church and Lois will be missed by all of us at Emmanuel.

LINDA AND BRUCE PARKS RECOGNIZED BY SCOUTS CANADA – WINDSOR AREA

On October 15, 2016 at the International Friendship Camp near Kingsville, the Windsor Area of Scouts Canada surprised both **Linda and Bruce Parks** by recognizing them for their outstanding achievements and contributions to Scouting. The awards were presented by Jane Johnson, Deputy Council Commissioner for Recognition.

Linda was presented with the Bar to the Medal of Merit which recognizes "continued especially good service to Scouting".

Bruce received the Bar to the Silver Acorn for "For continued especially distinguished service to Scouting"

KERRY CARR MONACO

On September 25, 2016 we gathered in Ottawa Hall to say goodbye to Kerry and to wish her well as she moves onto a new phase in her professional life. Thank you for all you have done for us Kerry and best wishes.

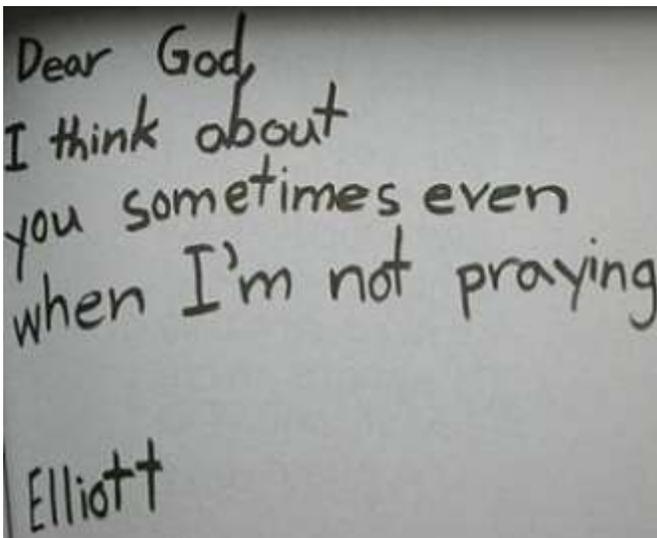
E MAIL ADDRESSES

This newsletter is distributed by email to those for whom we have email addresses. With so many of our members now having an email address this helps us to realize a sizeable saving in mailing costs. We are also continuing to provide the congregation with timely and informative updates and reminders of congregational events via email messages.

Please send your email address to the office or put your name and email address on a piece of paper and drop it in the offering plate. It will be entered into our system and you will receive periodic information from Emmanuel.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH		
CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS		
<u>UNAUDITED</u> –	(to September 30, 2016)	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total Income	\$120,186	\$117,146
Total Expenses	<u>\$85,447</u>	<u>\$111,940</u>
Difference	\$34,739	\$5,206

THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES



If you are interested in information about Emmanuel United Church, you may fill out the blue card in the pews, the form below, or call the office at 519 253-8791. Please leave a message if no one is in the office when you call. You may also call Rev. Sadekie at 519 984-2608

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If you are interested in information about the Emmanuel Family and/or becoming part of our Family, please fill in and place in the offering plate.

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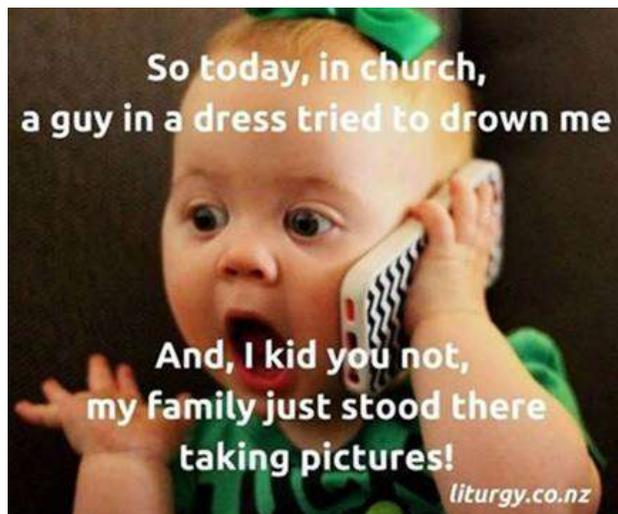
COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

		COFFEE HOSTS –	Property Committee
		COUNTING TEAM –	George Egypt, Jeanne Hays, Ian Smith
Sa	19	BAZAAR	9:00 am to 2 pm
Su	20	Called to be the Church Sunday	
We	23	Council Meeting	7:00 pm Choir Room
Fr	25	Harvest Dinner	6:00 pm Banquet Hall
Su	27	First Sunday of Advent – Potluck following the service	

DECEMBER

		COFFEE HOSTS -	Worship Committee
		COUNTING TEAM -	Rod Vanstone, Mary Vanstone
Fr	2	Bethlehem Walk -	GessTwood Camp 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Sa	3	Bethlehem Walk	GessTwood Camp 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Su	11	3rd Sunday of Advent	CANTATA
Fr	16	Progressive Dinner	Sign up in Ottawa Hall
Su	18	Santa Claus Breakfast	9:00 am
Su	18	White Gift Service	
Su	18	Cookie Sale	following the service
Sa	24	Teddy Bear Service	5:30 pm
Sa	24	Family Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Sa	24	Carol & Candle lighting Service	11:00 pm
Su	25	NO SUNDAY SERVICE	



BLOOPERS

These were actually found in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

 The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

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For the latest information on activities, events and pulpit guests consult our web page.

EMMANUEL WEB PAGE - <http://www.emmanuelunited.org/>

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