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## SUMMER WORSHIP

July & August

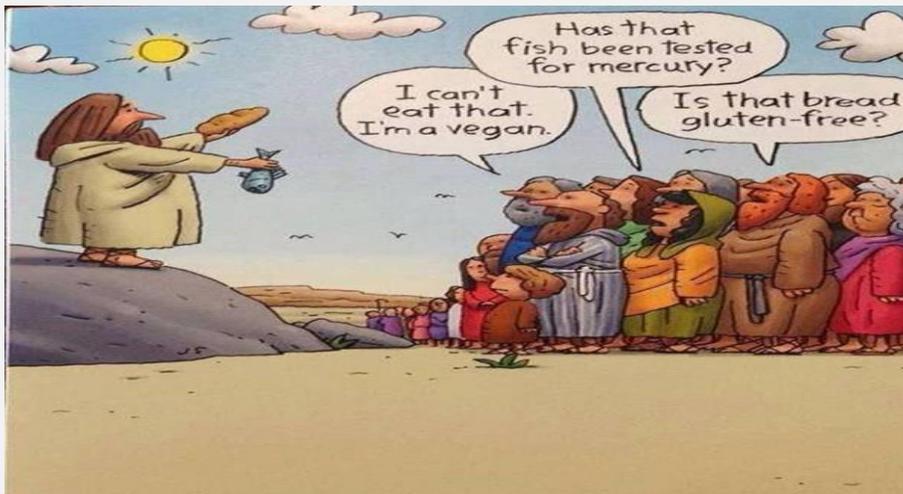
9:00 a.m. Sunday  
Service

(8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
service times will  
resume on Sunday  
September 9<sup>th</sup>)

July (Thursday) Holy  
Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

August (Thursday) Holy  
Eucharist -cancelled

Thursday Holy Eucharist  
will resume on Thursday  
September 6<sup>th</sup>.



Ham Dinner  
Saturday September 22, 2018  
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Tickets will be \$15.00, 6-12 years \$10.00, Under 5 years - Free*

*Tickets are available from Lorna Affleck, and there will be some available at the church office.*

*Volunteers will be needed, please contact Betty Burton. Thank you!*

## *Message from the Rector*

### **Change**

Change is the only constant in our world today. No one knows this more than our own communities of faith.

Many churches are experiencing the same challenges these days, that being changing demographics, aging populations, and lack of families present or supporting the community. The most interesting thing about these challenges is that they did not happen overnight.

It is a much broader dynamic that businesses and service clubs are facing the same types of challenges. And so, like us, they either have adapted or are adapting. In the business world, these changes have occurred much faster, attempting to capture the desires of the new, changing clientele. McDonald's has converted many of their family style restaurants to McCafe, while grocery stores fill available space with premade meals, ready to nuke in microwaves for a busy group of people.

When we enter the volunteer world, though, change is much slower. Some groups succeed while others fail. The biggest problem of all is that we are too afraid to take risks and try new ideas.

Indeed I have heard many members tell me about The Transformation, a project initiated by Bishop Ed Lackey. This was an attempt to examine parishes and possibilities of transforming them into communities of faith that focus on study, prayer and worship. It also addressed welcoming others, and becoming an inviting church.

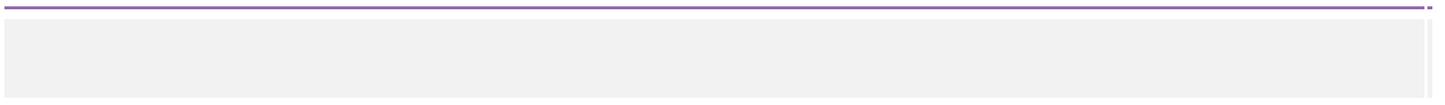
Since then, there have been varieties of projects and programmes that have been published attempting to address one or more of parish challenges. How effective they are or will be, however, is how they are received and how much people are willing to take risks and apply new ways of being church in the world.

In the words of our Lutheran brothers and sisters if we are working to invite people in and keep the building going we "missing the point. We're not needing to keep our church open, we need to be an open church."

As people of faith, we must know who and whose we are. That means spiritual formation – study, regular prayer and worship. If Bible study has never been something you enjoyed, then maybe we can find a way to best present it. Prayer should be first and foremost of every part of life for a Christian. If you find it a challenge, there are ways to start it anew. If prayer is second nature to you, people are always needed for the prayer chain. And if worship together is important, why not make it a priority? If you find worship boring, we're always open to new ideas. If you would like to see a more active visiting team, why not give us suggestions on how to improve?

Above all this, we know that faith communities are needed to serve in the world God loves. We continue to offer our time, talent, and treasure at food banks, the Fountain, in service clubs and other community organizations. This is where the church visibly makes a difference in our town, and there is always more needed.

The challenges we face seem daunting. Serving the world is key. Knowing God loves us and being ready to love others is necessary. And most of all, knowing God calls us in unique ways allows us to try out different ways of study, prayer and worship to be church in the world is most important.



Finally, in the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “what matters is not religion (not the trappings in which we have clothed faith), but the form of Christ, taking shape among a band of human beings. If we allow ourselves to lose sight of this, even for an instant, we relapse inevitably into programme planning for ethical and religious shaping of the world.”

May you and your families enjoy a safe and happy summer, and ponder anew ideas for being church in our changing world.

Rev. Cathy

### ***From the Wardens***

To our Emmanuel family we wish a very peaceful and joyful summer season; may you find true joy in the blessings of our Lord.

On May 6 a second special parish council meeting took place. Its purpose was to determine the will of the parish on the direction of our future external ministry or outreach.

The meeting, like the earlier February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on stewardship, consisted of information and plenary (open) sessions, was attended by over 25 parishioners.

In the first part attendees received two documents summarizing our contributions to outreach during the time of GIFT from 2013 – 2016, our 2017 budget and a proposal for 2018 and 2019 as shown below.

	<b>Average 2013 - 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2018 - 2019</b>
Outreach	\$8100	\$3,188	\$3,200

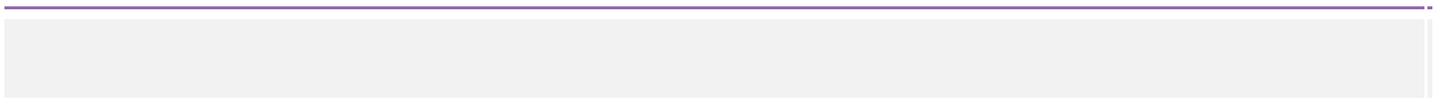
To initiate discussion it was proposed that parish outreach for 2018 and 2019 be the same as that of 2017, i.e. \$3,200 during the discussion a number of suggestions were generated. These are listed below as they came.

1. combine approach to child and adult poverty
2. address family and adult isolation and loneliness
3. maintain support for the fountain
4. direct the celebration jar proceeds to the fountain for an extended period
5. support the Grove expansion
6. should/do we concentrate on one or two charities?

Suggestion 6 was discussed in some detail. There was consensus that we should prioritise our support to;

**Camp Wanago,**

**The Fountain,**



## **The Grove,**

### **Seniors at Home,**

that we should direct 80% of our resources to these four priorities, and reserve 20% for others. **A SHOW OF HANDS VERY STONGLY CONFIRMED THIS APPROACH.**

A question from the floor asked where we stood with respect to our 2017 budget. Geoff Booth replied that we were in deficit and that the amount of the deficit was about \$5,000 greater than that expected for the end of April.

The same questioner then asked how could we insure that the budgeted outreach dollars for this year and the future would in fact be available. A number of ideas were considered. The consensus of the group was that we would initiate dedicated giving to Outreach in the same way that, via our envelopes, we can dedicate part of our giving to PWRDF, building fund, etc. Several individuals raised the point that the amounts dedicated to Outreach, to the extent it was possible allowing for individual circumstances, be in addition to our regular giving's. This approach seemed well received.

We, your warden's, recommend this approach to insure our outreach budget is met.

Since our spring newsletter the parish has been active.

- Our spaghetti dinner held on April 6<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by many. We had numerous compliments on the appetizers, the meal and the general ambiance of the evening. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard, to those who donated funds and food and of course to those who attended the evening to make it an enjoyable and successful event. Net profits from the event were \$1624.35. We are planning to do this again in the spring of 2019.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> we held a "Send a Kid to Camp Fun Day" to raise funds to send less fortunate children to Camp Wanago in Arnprior. The children had a blast playing the various games, jumping in the bouncy castle, getting their face painted, watching Miss Twisty the clown make their balloon caricatures. The food was enjoyed by all. Some of our volunteers got into the act and dressed up for our funny photo booth! Thank you to the volunteers, to those who donated funds, food, games and prizes, to Century 21 who donated the bouncy castle and tents, to Metro, Giant Tiger, Scotia Bank, Shoppers Drug mart, Antrim Truck Stop, Chrysler and Tim Hortons and of course the families who came out to support this cause. We raised \$625.00 that day and Parish Council has agreed to add another \$350.00 to allow us to send five children to Camp Wanago.
- Kicking off the summer a pot luck lunch is planned for June 24 after the 10 am service. Please plan to attend for some fun and fellowship.
- Keep September 22 open on your calendar for a ham and all the fixings dinner. Tickets will be available soon.

Again we thank the leaders and individuals who make Emmanuel what it is: the Alter guild, Readers, Intercessors, Lay assistants, Greeters, Servers, Anglican Church Women, Anglican Church Men, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer, Counters, Synod Members, PWRDF, Coffee Hour, Property Management and Maintenance, and those involved with the Refugee Committee who, without complaint and selfishness, offer their "time, talents and money". We hear the laughter and camaraderie of volunteers as they work at various

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functions and love to see the fellowship that goes on. We are truly a Church family. We welcome anyone who wishes to become a new volunteer.

We are honoured to serve Reverend Cathy and our Parish in 2018 and we thank her for her guidance, understanding and compassion.

Wardens, Geoff Barnes / Diane Bresson

## ***Treasurer's Notes***

From the treasurer's point of view there is bad news and good news. The bad news is that at the end of May the Emmanuel Operating account showed a deficit of \$10,339.08. The good news is that there are six months left in the year to eradicate it. I do not wish to make light of the situation, but experience shows that serious deficits in June can be eliminated or nearly eliminated by the year's end, although we must look back to May 2013 to find a deficit approaching in size of the current one.

Anticipating the summer and weeks at the cottage or extended road trips, please remember that the invoices still have to be paid and our other financial commitments met, so please find a way (the church mail slot is available 24/7) to make sure your envelope reaches the counters.

Thank you!  
Geoff Booth

## ***Buildings & Property***

In the past, attempts have been made to "dress up" the entrance to our Church to make it more inviting to Parishioner and Guests.

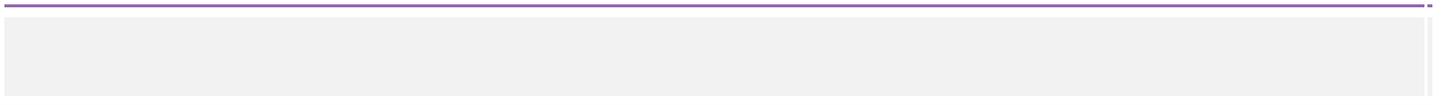
Most notable problems relate to the lack of heating in the winter months and lighting. In addition the entrance steps do not meet building standards, consequently causing a hazardous situation for parishioners as well as subjecting Emmanuel Church to potential liability claims.

A proposal to enhance the vestibule and entrance was presented by Geoff Booth and myself to Emmanuel Corporation and Church Council, by insulating the floor, walls & ceiling, provide a heating system, replace the entrance step, install a window, all aimed at making our Church entrance more inviting.

In addition we will be installing appropriate exit devices to improve safety, and to meet current regulatory standards.

Plans to finance this necessary endeavor are to utilize a portion of the recent very generous donation from the estate of Marilyn Cavill.

Cec Goold ... Property Chair



## ***News from the ACW***

An average of twenty members gather on the first Thursday on the month at Emmanuel for 10:00 am Eucharist, followed by a Hymn Sing at 10:30 and the actual business meeting at 11.

In the past few months President Doreen Hodder has welcomed all, and paid special tribute to departed members Winnie Reed, a long- time active and faithful member of Emmanuel ACW and Amy Newell, a former Diocesan and National ACW president.

Doreen also expressed welcome back to Pearl Greenhous and wished her a complete recovery.

Pat Dalphy leads each meeting with devotions—at one meeting reflecting on “Fasting’ as described by Pope Francis of; on another about the effect of hot water on an egg, a carrot and a coffee bean, relating as well to the human condition ,and last month we became aware of Martyr Perpetua.

ACW treasury has been able to donate \$2,500 to the church coffers in May.

Card Secretary Joan McConnell has sent out 7 Sympathy, 5 Get Well and 2 Thinking of you cards and 3 Rose Bowls in this past three months.

Your ACW was represented at the World Day of Prayer, held at Grace St. Andrews’ United Church by Lorraine Sly and Helen Hall.

Several members worked the successful Spaghetti Dinner in April;

at a funeral luncheon for recently departed Barrie Jackson;

and helped in several ways with the Camp Wanago Fun Day.

Members also attended -

The Island view Pancake breakfast;

The ACW Diocesan Annual meeting in St. Paul’s Osgoode and donated funds to Fair Share, Special Projects, Diocesan Administration and the Bales;

the joint service at St. George’s Fitzroy Harbour; and

the St. Thomas ,Woodlawn ACW Fashion Show (where several Emmanuel attendees, were prize winners!).

Calendars for 2019 are ordered and will be available in mid-September.

There are plans in the making for a Parish sponsored Ham Supper in September and the Annual ACW Christmas Bazaar will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

And your members are, and have been making rhubarb pies—costs \$10.00 each.

The June meeting was held as usual with 10:00 am Eucharist, followed by meeting and then lunch at the Sand Point Golf Club—a pleasant departure from the usual brown bag which follows most meetings.

Each meeting ends with the singing of “Go in Peace---“

**“Go in peace”—and have a wonderful summer, praising and rejoicing in God’s great earth.**

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## **Report on Cluster**

**Emmanuel, Arnprior**

**Parish of Pakenham (St. Mark's, St. John's Antrim, St. George's Waba)**

**St. George's, Fitzroy Harbour**

A casual conversation between Rev. Cathy McCaig, Rev. Hilary Murray and Rev. Peggy Kuzmicz took place in late 2016 on how we might work together to benefit our communities in a positive way. We had been providing emergency pastoral coverage for each other's vacations for a few years and so had limited exposure to the church congregations. We thought that if we began with some 'pulpit exchanges' it was a good way for the people to get to know us as clergy and we them. We engaged in 3 pulpit exchanges in 2017.

As clergy, we wanted more than anything else that we might do together to be 'lay' driven. We asked our respective congregations at the AGMs to appoint lay people to come together to form a committee "to see what we could do together". This was based on a suggestion from the larger gathering held in Arnprior in early 2017.

Our first meeting was in May of 2017. We decided at that meeting to be rather 'informal' for now...instead just talking things out and see what we came up with. The 3 clergy had beforehand decided that we would not try to influence the committee but we would be there to support their ideas and to help in any way that they thought we could. It was decided that the meetings would rotate among the parishes and the clergy in whichever place would chair that meeting.

The committee consisted of 2 lay members from Emmanuel, 3 lay members from the Parish of Pakenham, 1 from St. George's and the 3 clergy. (Another member from St. George's has since joined us). We have held 4 meetings to date.

Some of the things that we have done thus far are:

- 1) Held 2 Saturday morning's training sessions for potential Lay Readers on how to lead Morning Prayer in September 2017. We had 6 participants.
- 2) We share upcoming social/fund raising events (posters, announcements etc). It seems like more and more the congregations are supporting each other at these events.
- 3) We held our first joint worship service on April 15, 2017 in St. George's, Fitzroy Harbour ( this was suggested by the lay members of the committee) followed by a Pot Luck lunch in the hall. There were at least 120 people in attendance at that service despite a freezing rain warning that day. The worship, the food and the fellowship was fabulous!!

At our last meeting (May 30, 2017), the committee decided to try to schedule 2 worshipping together events each year – 1 one in the spring and 1 in the fall. We set a date for September 30, 2017 in St. Mark's, Pakenham for that service. The focus will be on harvest.

We will also be holding an Advent Family morning or afternoon in Emmanuel, Arnprior near the end of November on a Saturday.

We discussed the further training of Lay Readers (a preaching component) for the fall and the possibilities of conducting a joint Lenten Study in 2019.

We discussed and evaluated how we were doing in this experiment. Everyone felt positive about the direction and the results thus far. We decided that, at this point, we did not want a "formal" agreement between the parishes, but rather that we would continue in our own 'informal' way and see how the Spirit was moving our churches forward. We did come up with a goal for the committee – To build a supportive community among our congregations.



## **Upcoming Events**

### **October – “Why Aren’t They Coming to Church and What We Should Do About it?”**

This is a 4 week gathering from 7:00 -8:30. It will be led by Leslie Giddings, Learning Facilitator of the Diocese of Ottawa. It is designed to have open discussions about lapsed members and how we might be able to turn that around. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served at 6:30. Everyone is invited to attend – please come and give us your input!

### **November 24– Children’s “Adventure” Day**

This is a two hour event designed for children. Through games and activities they will learn about Advent. Each family will be sent home with an Advent calendar, designed for families to celebrate Advent together. Please bring your grandchildren, great-children, or neighbours kids for two hours of fun and learning. Time to be announced.

### **All My Relations – The Journey to Reconciliation Begins**

On Saturday May 26, the All My Relations Working Group hosted an all-day event to teach us about Healing and Reconciliation. Melanie Delva, Animator for General Synod, shared with us her own journey of understanding and healing as well as what is happening in churches across Canada. All in all, it was a very informative event and the workshop leaders were truly inspiring and helpful in bringing us along the journey.

It also gives members of our Diocese a wakeup call that there can be no reconciliation without us. Because we live in the Diocese of Ottawa, we also live on unceded territory of Algonquin First Nation. This means land was essentially “stolen” – ie no formal treaty, despite their value, was ever agreed upon by the Algonquin Nation. They were simply pushed out and land was sold out from under them. Their journey of healing continues, while our journey is just beginning.

Several times Melanie outlined that church groups were familiarizing themselves first with the 95 “Calls to Action” that resulted from the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission. These are available for any who wish to take up that challenge by accessing the following website:

[www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)

There are times and places where this will not be a popular topic. However, we as a Church played a big role in the condition of our First Peoples. And, as a church we are called to not only forgive but to seek forgiveness and be reconciled.

It is a long journey, but as the Ancient Proverb goes, each journey begins with a single step.

May we embrace this journey and all that may unfold.

Rev. Cathy McCaig

