
Spring Newsletter May, 2019

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**Spring breathes
new life into the
world around us...**

Parish Library – our library cart has many books for borrowing if you are interested. It is located in the hall outside the office.

Our Parish Website is updated each week with the current bulletin.

You can also read the latest Newsletter by clicking the Newsletter button.

The Events Calendar can be viewed for events happening in our parish.

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Thank you Emmanuell!! Thank you for helping feed the firemen, MNR employees and Army personnel during the recent flooding in the Township of McNab/Braeside. Thanks to the wonderful people who had made spaghetti sauce and cooked spaghetti for the supper, and made a delicious dessert, many cold and hungry sandbaggers were treated to a delicious spaghetti supper, complete with salad, buns and dessert. The next day they had another treat with homemade soup from the Hunger Luncheon and sandwiches from the Lions Lunch. Thank you again Emmanuel for being there when needed.

Ahh Spring, finally here! It's like the world has come alive again! It was a long winter but how wonderful to see the cheerful daffodils in bloom, hear the chirping of the birds busy building nests for their anticipated young, greeting people out on their walks no longer with a sullen face but with a bright smile.

Unfortunately with spring comes swollen lakes and rivers; flooding along shorelines. Let us keep in our prayers all those who have fought and lost the battle against the raging waters.

The Lord was working through all the volunteers who unselfishly gave of their time to work alongside home owners desperately trying to save their property; cold and tired but committed to doing the job, and, in those who came together to feed the volunteers. Emmanuel was able to help feed volunteers by donating all the sauce, dessert and other food items not used for the spaghetti dinner.

As the flood waters subside a lot of help is still needed for the cleanup.

As you are aware Reverend Cathy is on Sabbath Leave until the end of May.

Thank you to Reverend Linda Wheeler for leading a couple of services in March and Reverend Canon Rhondda MacKay for services April and May. Thank you to Reverend Rhondda for her support during Reverend Cathy's leave; leading us through Holy Week and giving us such enlightened homilies each Sunday.

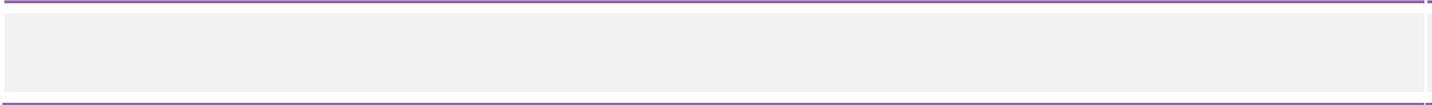
What's happening at Emmanuel:

As of the New Year we have had a few successful events:

- Roast Beef Dinner Feb 10 (was a sellout, looking at options to improve and increase numbers for next year)
- Pancake Supper March 5 (always a big hit with the community)
- ACW Morning breakfast 9am between Palm Sunday Service to raise funds to send children to Camp Wanago. (the funds raised at the breakfast along with some outreach funding allowed Emmanuel to sponsor five children at a cost of \$195.00 each)
- Spaghetti Dinner April 26 (everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, looking at doing again next year)
- Roll out the Dough Cup Cake Campaign ended April 30. If you haven't returned your cupcake boxes you can still bring them in. Your participation and donations are greatly appreciated.

Coming up:

- The Big Give June 1 (this year Emmanuel has asked parishioners to donate food goods to be given out)
- Chicken Dinner September 21
- Craft and bake sale October 5
- Soup & sandwich lunch October (to be confirmed)
- Fashion Show October 23 (date to be confirmed)
- Combined church service & potluck lunch (Arnprior, Pakenham, Fitzroy & Antrim) TBC
- The ACW will be baking rhubarb pies in the spring and meat pies in the fall
- ACW Christmas Bazaar (date to be confirmed)



As you may remember in our fall 2018 newsletter there was reference made to pilgrimages and the four Rules for the Desert Church.

The four rules being:

1. Never go alone
2. Take only what you can carry
3. Expect anxiety
4. Wait on the spirit of God

Journeying on a pilgrimage often allows people to re-connect with cultural heritage and nature; refreshing their faith and seeking spiritual direction; getting a sense of life's purpose and focusing on what really matters; rediscovering the joys of giving, generosity and a greater appreciation of life's gifts.

We have been blessed to live in a country of relative peace, we don't fear for our lives on a daily basis. For many of us we generally live comfortably; a roof over our head, food on the table, a warm bed to sleep in at night, health care, clean water, etc. etc. There are many who don't throughout the world and some right in our community. So this is where we tear down the walls of our Church and go to the streets, a pilgrimage of sort. We may not know who these struggling people are but every act of kindness, regardless of whom it is given to, is an act of God working through you. I witnessed a women paying for another woman's groceries that she was prepared to put back because she did not have enough money to pay for them, that's God's work; a young man helping a senior across a busy intersection, that's God's work.

Are we willing to go the extra mile to help someone in need? For those of us who are able, are we willing to give up a little of our comfort, to go without something in order to give to others? Can we find time out of our busy schedules to help others? I challenge you, as I do myself, to step out of complacency and let people see God working through you.

Financial

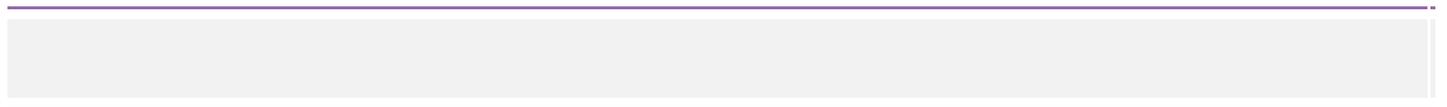
This past February, as was the case the previous year we had a choice. We could approach 2019 from a pessimistic or an optimistic mindset. Corporation and Parish Council presented an optimistic budget to Vestry, which was approved. This 2019 budget is not more optimistic than last years. It is perhaps slightly less so. In 2018 we finished the year with a small deficit of \$1,619.

Why be optimistic?

1. As Christians are we not called to be optimistic?
2. By challenging ourselves (realistically) we will obtain a better outcome than with a pessimistic approach

As of April 30 we are tracking 2019 results, i.e. revenues are behind but no worse than last year and expenses are as forecasted.

As was the case last year this is the result of our generous weekly offerings and the dedication, generosity and talents of our parishioners.



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 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 welcome newcomers, families to our Parish. An area at the front of the Church is planned to include young children during Sunday service; a place where they have a little table and chairs to sit at and colour or play.

Emmanuel asks “what can we do for you”?

We are honoured to serve Reverend Cathy and our Parish in 2019 and we thank her for her guidance, understanding and compassion

As spring moves forward we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. God’s Blessings to all.

Wardens, Geoff Barnes / Diane Bresson

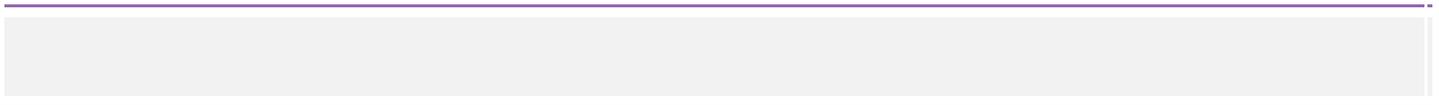
Treasurer’s Notes

General Offerings were \$7,000 less than budgeted for the period, but thanks largely to an early and much appreciated contribution of \$4,000 by the ACW, and some hard work in fund raising which produced \$3,642 net of expenses, our deficit of \$7,728 at the end of April was an improvement on the deficit of \$9,089 for the same period last year.

Although we are still dealing with major flooding and Summer seems a long way off, we trust that it eventually will come, permitting the usual time at the cottage and extended road trips. During this time 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, or sign up for PAR.

Thank you!

FACILITIES FOR SMALL CHILDREN- We are creating a space for children in our parish during our service times. Families with young children are encouraged to sit at the front of the church where there will be activities for the children to use. Everyone is welcome to attend. Also feel free to go into the church hall (exit left at the front of the church) if you wish privacy. The washroom in the entrance way is equipped for baby changing.



News from the ACW

ACW have held 5 meetings since January of this year—taking a holiday in January and meeting the first Thursday of the month, since then.

Donation from the Estate of Doreen Heise has provided the new flooring in the kitchen.

A commitment of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) has been made to the church Budget for this year.

Donation for 2 children to attend Camp Wanago, this summer has been made, already.

Flowers, provided by ACW, are to be given to all ladies of the Parish who are in hospital and cards will be given to those who are sick at home

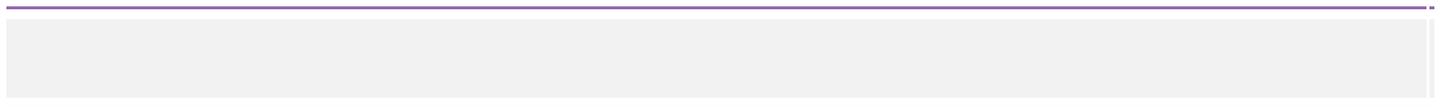
The Pancake Supper in March was again a great success and many thanks are extended to all of the congregation for the generous donations of time and monetary support.-A Food Bank luncheon, hosted by Marion Muldoon at her home also realized generous donations of food and money.-Breakfast between services on Palm Sunday, raised enough funds to send more children to Camp Wanago.-And further catering was provided for a Lions' Club Seminar, held in Carleton Reid Hall. April 27.—and h'ordeuves were provided for the Parish Spaghetti Supper.

Three members from Emmanuel attended the World Day of Prayer service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in early March.

Pat Dalphy attended the Discean Bale Packing at Richmond in April and several are planning to attend the Diocesan ACW Annual meeting on May 22, 2019, at St Thomas, Stittsville.

The June meeting will be followed by a luncheon at the Sand Point Golf Course, a farewell-have- a –nice – summer closure, till we meet again in September.

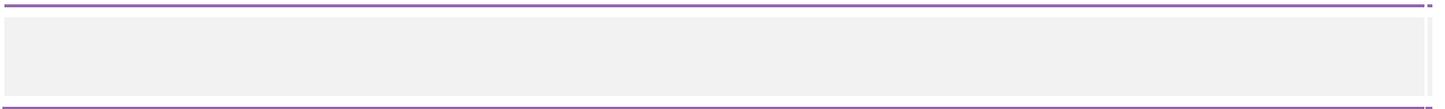
PASTORAL CARE If you know anyone who is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral care visit, please contact the office 613-623-2554



Pancake Supper, 2019

Thank you so much to everyone for another successful pancake supper. 150 tickets were pre-sold, and 88 people bought at the door. After expenses over \$1900 was deposited in the Bank. We couldn't do it without everyone's help, whether by selling tickets, baking, serving, clearing tables, mixing pancake batter, cooking pancakes, putting out food, donating, buying tickets and coming to eat. Every little helps, especially the welcoming smiles and greetings, Emmanuel people certainly know how to make everyone feel welcome. Thank you to the crew that came in on Monday morning and made everything ready, the hall looked so welcoming on Tuesday evening when the diners came in, it smelled amazing – thank you to Wayne Mossman who spent all afternoon cooking sausages and then turned his attention to making tea and coffee and cooking pancakes. A special thank you to Lorna Affleck who made the colorful posters and tickets and did the bulk of the purchasing. And thank you to the unsung heroes in the kitchen – Charlotte Leitch, June Toner, Gail Argue and Wendy McCuaig – who took it upon themselves to wash loads of dishes as well as do the jobs they signed up for, (even using paper plates we still generate a lot of washing up). Talking of washing, thank you to the people who took all the wet tea towels and dishcloths home to wash. Thank you to everyone who stayed behind to help clear the tables and put everything back in place, no easy task. Thank you to Cec Goold and his band of helpers who put up and took down tables, who brought out and put away chairs, and generally did all the heavy lifting. To Charlotte, a heartfelt thank you from me personally for staying on the job until nearly 9:00, cleaning all those greasy pans and grills. These are just a few names, the list goes on and on, you all know who you are - thank you for making this such a successful and enjoyable fundraiser and evening. We know how to put the fun in fundraising!

Pat Dalphy, Convenor



KEEPING AN ACCURATE PARISH LIST

The Parish needs to ensure that our records are up to date. Please confirm that your mailing address is correct. We would appreciate it if you would fill in the following information as completely as possible. Of course, you may decide what you wish to send.

This form should be returned by mail, bringing it to the church on Sunday or giving it to the Parish office. You may email this information to: **emmanuel_office@bellnet.ca**

Mailing Address in full:
Home phone number:
Cell phone number:
E-mail address:
Would you like to receive church newsletters, etc. by email: Yes ___ No___ (hard copies will always be available at the back of the church)
Are you interested in Pre-Authorized Remittance PAR Yes ___ No___
Any other pertinent information you wish us to know:

Thank you for your help!

