

A special thank you to all participants in today's service.

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Coffee Fellowship: CL&W Luncheon



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Emmanuel United Church is a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

We are glad that you are here today! If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you will feel welcome and join us for coffee fellowship after the worship service. Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave. We hope that you have been enriched through the worship today and that you will come again.

Minister: Rev. Roni Beharry

Organist: John Henderson

Administration: Laura Martin

First Sunday of Lent

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Luncheon
1:00pm Meeting

This Week

Sat. West Ferris
Community Brunch
at 9:00am

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

In the wilderness, the Spirit directs us.

In the wilderness, we are tempted to find significance through our own power to achieve, to succeed, to overcome, to control...

With the Spirit's help, we are able to resist the lure of this world,

We claim our true identity, "the Beloved of God".

We light the Christ candle to guide us on our wilderness journey.

We pray together for the Spirit's help:

WEST FERRIS COMMUNITY BRUNCH



The Outreach Mission and Service Committee and West Ferris Community Brunch welcome non-perishable food items to help support those less fortunate. Items such as pasta, tomato sauce, canned soups, fruit, beans, cereal, meat, and fish are most welcome. Other items that would be welcome include toiletries (full or hotel size) and toothbrushes, coffee and tea.

Donations made the 3rd Sunday of the month will be distributed at the Community Brunch which is held the 4th Saturday of the month, with the exceptions of April and October when rescheduled to the 3rd Saturday.

The remainder of the food items will be distributed from the EUC food cupboard.

Thank you to all who have been so generous.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEEDY SATURDAY

Leave your winter worries behind and get your seeds ready for our next Seedy Saturday, coming soon, March 10th, from 9am to 1pm at the Emsdale Community Centre at Highway 592 and Joseph Street, near the library and arena. Trade in your seeds, or buy some at a reasonable price for this year's garden. Enter the free draw!

CHISHOLM UNITED CHURCH'S OLD FASHIONED SUPPER

Comfort Foods on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:00pm The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. Preschoolers Free. Everyone is Welcome! Come and enjoy stew, scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese and baked beans with bread pudding, apple crisp or rice pudding for dessert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY AND TIMMIES AT TWO

Both of these events are cancelled this week while Roni is away...

STUDY LEAVE

Rev. Roni Beharry will be on Lenten Study leave, February 19th-26th. Rev. Kathleen McCallum will lead worship on Sunday February 25th. Rev. Jane Howe will provide pastoral care supply (February 19th-21st) and Rev. Kathleen McCallum (February 22nd-26th).

SCENT-SITIVE



Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people with medical conditions. Please do not wear scented products, your cooperation is appreciated, thank you.

BAGS

Our food cupboard has been doing so well lately, thank you for your donations. We are however very low on plastic bags. If you have extras, please bring them in with your food. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

The CL&W Committee will organize the luncheon for the Congregational Meeting today. Our committee along with a few congregation helpers will provide the meal. Most of the food is provided by donations by the committee and a few others in the past year CL&W has given \$926.20 to the General Fund through the Free-will Offerings collected at the various luncheons.

Opening Prayer:

Come and pray in us Holy Spirit. Come and visit us Holy Spirit, in the wild places, where we are tempted to stray from our core identity. Help us to remember ‘who and whose we are’. May we be strengthened by your angel messengers to fulfill your purpose in your world. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Hymn: “God of the Sparrow” VU #229

Prayer of Confession:

A Guided Meditation

Adapted from Henri Nouwen’s Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith.

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

**How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed. Amen. (x2)**

Children’s Time: Video Presentation

Hymn: “O Love How Deep” VU #348, vs.1-4

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 pg.752

Choir Anthem: "Hope of the World"

By: Lloyd Larson

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

(after the reading) *One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

All: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: "Formed in the Wilderness"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" VU #115

Offering

Offertory: VU #149, v.4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Pastoral Prayer

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" VU #114

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service.
Our gathering will be in Bert Passmore Hall. Just follow
everyone else as we head to the hall and our time together.