

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

Reader: Ron Purdy

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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. Kathleen McCallum**

Organist: John Henderson

Administration: Laura Martin

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service

### This Week

Wed. Bible Study at 7pm

Thurs. Choir Practice at  
7:30pm

Fri. Timmies at Two

### 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.**

Hymn: "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

VU #108

Call to Worship:

*Leader: We gather as pilgrims on this Lenten journey of faith.*

**Congregation: We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**

*Leader: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength for our weakness.*

**Congregation: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.**

### WEST FERRIS COMMUNITY BRUNCH



The West Ferris Brunch organizers are asking for food donations. Suggested items include: canned soups, canned fruit, canned veggies, canned pork and beans, small cans of juices, individual small boxes of cereal, tea bags and coffee, as well as hotel lotions, shampoos, and conditioners. Emmanuel is one of 4 churches supporting this outreach program for over 20 years! **Thank you to everyone that has been dropping things off, we have had more donations than ever lately!**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### SEEDY SATURDAY

Leave your winter worries behind and get your seeds ready for our next Seedy Saturday, coming soon, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!

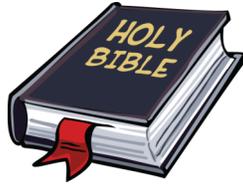
#### CHISHOLM UNITED CHURCH'S OLD FASHIONED SUPPER

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**

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Board Room. Our Study is based on the previous Sunday's Readings. Sermon outline are available today and in the week. Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.



## **TIM HORTONS GROUP**



This week the group that meets at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's is meeting at 2:00pm. Join Rev. Roni and Lorne for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK COMMITTEE**

Many thanks to everyone who made or donated some food for the Congregational Luncheon last Sunday or helped with putting chairs & tables away or helped with dishes after the luncheon. We served about 44 people & made \$220 to give to the General Fund which will help pay some bills!

## **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.

Opening Prayer (unison):

**O God, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; may we travel through the wilderness with you; may we touch and immerse ourselves in the truly spiritual; may we discover newness of life; may we transcend common worries and know the liberating, exciting, generous, and challenging love of Christ. Amen**

Children's Hymn (seated): "Dance with the Spirit"  
MV #156

Children's Lesson and Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**Spirit and Breath of Life, before you we recognize that our spirits are not always fully alive. We have succumbed to the sin of despair; we are often lifeless, not lively in our faith. Breathe your Spirit of power into us, that our faith may be active, in word and deed.**

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Assurance

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)**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Bathe Me in Your Light" MV #82  
(please remain standing for the responsive reading)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22, Part 3 pg.746

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15, 16  
(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
By: Thomas D. Chisholm, W. M. Runyan & Jane Marshall

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39  
(after the reading) *One: The Good News of Jesus Christ!*

**All: Glory to you O Christ.**

Sermon: "Flatlands"

Prayer of Ascription

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Offertory: VU #149, vs.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.**

The Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: "O Jesus I Have Promised" VU #120

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.