



EMMANUEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Joint Search Committee Report

March 2017

Members of the Committee include: Janie Clayton, chair, Elaine Simmens, Secretary, Rev. Elizabeth Frazer, Presb. Rep., Janice Brownlee, Preb. Rep., Jack Page, Helen Van Meer, Jo McCulley, Bev Carmichael, Phillip Carmichael

Hip hip hooray! This is a very good day. We have passed a motion to welcome our new minister, Roni Beharry, to our church family. Welcome Roni Beharry and her husband Lorne Robertson! Roni will deliver her first service to us on **Sunday August 6, 2017**.

The Joint Search Committee began its' search following the Joint Needs Assessment Committee's work. We wish to honour the commitment of Rev. Elizabeth Frazer, who generously gave her full support as our Presb. Rep for the duration of the process. Our thanks to Rev. Lillian Roberts and Rev. Kathy McCallum who provided ongoing advice throughout. The Joint Search Committee has held at least 25 meetings, accepted 18 applications with a number from overseas, had preliminary skype interviews with 8 candidates and final, full interviews with 5 candidates. We sent out 13 letters within our Conference, with a personal invitation to apply to our vacancy, and 16 letters outside our conference. Two candidates were invited to apply by phone call and email. We advertised in the Observer online and in the magazine, on the Manitou Website for postings, and on the national Vacancy List. We have consumed numerous cups of coffee, tea, cookies (thank you Merlin), and Jack's delicious muffins. Finally, we courted our preferred candidate in the warm, welcoming style of Emmanuel United Church.

We have spent \$2135.72 of the 2016 \$3000 budget and \$893.65 of this year's \$3000 budget which was mainly spent on advertising. Some was used to attend a couple of Sunday services out of town, stamps, and accommodation for our candidate and spouse.

Roni Beharry is the Minister we were all excited to announce. She will be ordained on May 27th in her Home conference of Hamilton. We are unanimous in our decision to extend a call to her. We were delighted with her responses and her questions from the skype interview, and again at the face to face interview. Roni's mentors all share that she is a strong worship leader. She has a gift with words and is passionate about what she believes. Roni connects compassionately, sensitively, and empathetically to those who are vulnerable. She has a great entrepreneurial spirit which involved her in ministerial positions with all age groups and all levels of the United Church. She comes with a wealth and years of experience not often seen in an ordinand (about to be ordained minister). She speaks, acts, prays, and leads with a deep and abiding faith. She lives her life with a strong passion for all diversity, ecumenical ministry, and social justice outreach. Roni fits our search for a minister 'to be the church's presence in the community and to connect with other faith communities in the area.' She has held positions in ministry with youth and families. Roni loves to sing and has sung in church choirs. She is full of ideas and has also a background in research and statistics and social analysis. We asked how we could best support Roni as our minister and she simply asked that we share who we all are so she can listen, get to know us, our talents, and our hopes. From there, she said, "We determine together the directions we wish to go."

Thank you for all your prayers, your patience, your support, and your belief in God's plan for our church.

Janie Clayton on behalf of your Joint Search Committee

OUR FAITH STORY IN STAINED GLASS THE WINDOWS OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

The stained glass art of the Emmanuel United Church sanctuary is the work of a Northern Ontario artist, David M. Morgan. The Official Board commissioned David to do this project in 1992. We asked him to follow a basic theme of our salvation history but using some contemporary and Northern Ontario imagery as well as traditional imagery. David describes his work as daytime art, and depending on the lighting and the mood, different images emerge from each window like revelation. The salvation history theme moves from left to right as you face the front of the sanctuary (looking easterly). We very much appreciate the beauty and inspiration these windows bring to our place of worship.



Window 9

THE CHURCH IN OUR TIME

Today the Church still has at the centre of its life the sacrament of Holy Communion, and from the cup the Spirit gives us life. On either side of the chalice are the fruits and grains of fellowship meals. Most striking above the chalice is the cross that becomes an industrial gear or vice versa, as our industry becomes both curse and blessing to our society. Beneath the chalice are symbols of our northern roots: canoe, paddle and axe, and in this context they make us ask what we've done with our beautiful setting. Still at the base is a trinity of fish, God in motion among us.

A different window will be featured in future newsletters. Unfortunately these beautiful windows do not show well in black and white, but you are welcome to come to the church and see them for yourself.

February 2017

Judy and Bob Pronovost recently enjoyed a trip to Veradero Cuba. As we sat on the beach on a cool and cloudy day the roar of the waves and the beat of the bongos in the distance were making the experience very special. The beach and pools are half full of hardy souls playing beach volley ball, reading and frolicking in the waves or just walking along the shore or enjoying a beverage in the bar by the pool. It's better than shovelling the snow.

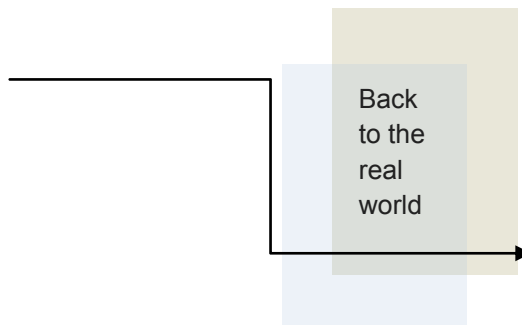


From the smile on Judy's face she is probably holding the second or third!!

The picture on the building in Revolution Square is Che Guevara. It was in this square that Fidel Castro started the new Cuba in 1959 and where he started his final journey to Santiago de Cuba in 2016.



On our last day Jimmy Buffet's **"Watching the sun bake...all of the tourists covered with oil!"** came to mind. A cloudless hot day on the beach in Veradero. Our last full day in the sun. Tomorrow we will leave this peaceful paradise for the land of cold and snow. It's been a nice break but it's time to go home.



The Easter Story Cookie

Author: Marla Hingley Prep time: 15 mins Cook time: 8 hours Total time: 8 hours 15 mins

This is a great tradition to start with the family. Each step of the recipe parallels a truth from the quoted scriptures.

Ingredients

- o 1 cup pecan halves
- o 1 tsp white vinegar
- o 3 egg whites
- o 1 pinch salt
- o ¾ cup sugar

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300°F.
2. Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon or mallet to break into small pieces. Set aside.

Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

1. Let each child smell the vinegar, then place into a large mixing bowl.

Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.

John 19:28-30

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1. Add egg whites to bowl.

Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

John 10:10-11

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

1. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl.

Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

Luke 23:27

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and weiled for him.

1. So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add the sugar.

Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Psalms 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



1. Beat with a mixer on high speed until stiff peaks are formed (5-8 minutes).

Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

1. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a parchment lined cookie sheet.

Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Matthew 27:57-60

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

1. Put the cookie sheet in the preheated oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.
2. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. ***Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.***

Matthew 27:65-66

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

1. Go to bed.

Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.

John 16:20, 22

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy...So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

1. On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow!

Explain that on the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.

Matthew 28:1,5-6

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Recipe by **GlutenFreeClub** at <http://www.glutenfreeclub.com/the-easter-story-cookie/>



WORSHIP COMMITTEE—March 2017

"Exciting news is here" !!!! See all the details in the Joint Search Committee Report concerning our new Minister starting here on August 6, 2017. Our committee is eagerly looking forward to working with the new minister as we enter into this new relationship of change and renewal.

Between now and then our visiting ministers will be Kathie Smith, Rev. Peter Wyatt, Rev. Joan Wyatt, Rev. Kathleen McCallum, Tracy Davis, and others. Our committee, along with Secretary Laura Martin, Choir Director John Henderson, Pam Zygmunt and Bob Pronovost are working with these ministers to ensure a smooth flow for our Sunday services.



APRIL 9, 2017



MAY 7, 2017

Upcoming services:

March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent , Kathie Smith will be here.

April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent, Rev. Peter Wyatt will be here, and will also preach at Water's Edge at 1.30 P.M., supported by John Henderson and the choir.

April 9 - Palm Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Lent, Rev. Kathleen McCallum will be here.

April 14-Good Friday at 10.30 A.M. the service will be held at Trinity United Church

April 16-Easter Sunday Service with Communion, Rev. Joan Wyatt will be here.

April 23 - Rev. Peter Wyatt will be here.

April 30 - Tracy Davis will be here.

May 7 - Minister to be announced. 32nd Church Anniversary and Communion Sunday.

May 14 - Mothers Day, Rev. Kathleen McCallum will be here.

May 21 - Rev. Rev. Kathleen McCallum will be here.

May 28 - Rev. Joan Wyatt will be here.

June 4 - Rev. Peter Wyatt will be here. Communion Sunday

June 11- Rev. Joan Wyatt will be here.

June 18 - Rev. Peter Wyatt will be here.

June 25 - Tracy Davis will be here.

July 2 to July 30 Ministers to be announced.

Services are at 10.00 A.M. for the summer.

Please try to come out each Sunday in support of our visiting ministers as we await the arrival our new and exciting minister in August. Thank you.

Jack Page - Chair, Worship Committee



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

ANOTHER DELICIOUS BEEF SUPPER

Friday April 28, 2017 **4:15 - 6:30**

Our famous Beef Supper, which is a *major fund raiser* for Emmanuel, is about to happen and **we need, no, no, WE WANT YOU!** Many hands are required and we know that you want to help make this supper a success, so with set up beginning on Sun. April 23rd and running right through to clean up on Saturday April 29th, there are plenty of spaces where we would welcome energetic volunteers like you.

We have a **FUN SHEET** with plenty of 'jobs' available. We hope that you will be available to help us with this major undertaking. Of course you only have to sign up in one space, but, you can sign up in more if you want! Just check out the times and jobs where you can help and get your name in the spaces early, before somebody else takes your choice job! Two hours goes by really quickly and remember, working together can be a lot of fun.

Can't come to help during that week, how about **Cooking a Roast of Beef!** The roast of Beef can be delivered right to your door and even put into your oven. All you do is follow the instructions, making sure 'the Beef' stays in the oven until it is done and ready to be picked up or returned to the church for carving! Interested? Sign up or call 705-495-6944 and speak to Nancy Dixon she'd love to hear from you.

Got questions?

See or call.....

Doreen McLuhan
at **705-476-0051** to
know what jobs are
waiting for you!

Our suppers are famous for our pies and we are hoping that once again we can count on you to bake, bake, bake! We need **100 Pies** (homemade if possible) to serve our customers. Apple, Raisin, Lemon, Pumpkin or Blueberry. For more information or for 'pie pick up', contact Jo McCulley at 705-474-7672.

As always, **Donations** of Becel, Tea, Coffee, etc are welcomed and Ethel Page is waiting to hear from you as to what you would like to donate. She can be reached at 705-474-8405 or sign up on the Donation Sheet in the Narthex.



For the past few years, we have had a **Donors Wall** in the Passmore Hall. Have you seen it? Once again we would love to 'round up' and 'save' many Cows. Each donation of \$50.00 will help us fill the Donor Wall with cute, colorful cows sporting names. Place your clearly marked 'Save-A-Cow' donation into an envelope on the collection plate with your name, PAR or envelope number to get a receipt for income tax. Then check out the Donors Wall for your name!

Ticket Sellers, Karen & Dalton have 500 tickets to sell, so call them at 705-472-5444 to reserve tickets for yourself and your friends. **Adults \$15.00 / Children (5-10) \$5.00 / Takeouts \$15.00 / Workers \$15.00**

Remember the old adage **many hands make light work**. And, we need your hands to help set up, cook, bake, eat or clean up. So come in and share in the fun!



DEDICATION OF MORE VOICES HYMN BOOKS

Emmanuel United Church Women were pleased that Rev Gord Roberts was able to dedicate 18 new **More Voices** hymn books during the service on February 19, 2017. They were donated by the UCW, who saw the need for them during the summer services when the screen is not used, and wanted to honour our sisters who have gone before us from 2013 to 2017.

We were also pleased that the Manitou Conference UCW banner has been hung beside the door to the office. It is on loan to us until the Manitou Conference UCW Annual Meeting at Powassan April 25/26, 2017.

The Purpose of the UCW is to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. In 1962, 125 women were Charter Members of Emmanuel UCW, divided into 6 geographical units. Traditionally, Emmanuel has bestowed Life Memberships to those women who we have noticed serving our congregation in many areas.

Each of the hymn books dedicated has an inscription saying it is presented to Emmanuel United Church in loving memory of.....

The following are the names of those honoured: Charter Members - Vi Connelly and Edna Fisher (who was also a Life Member); Life Members of Emmanuel UCW – Shirley Gervais, Freda Holman, Barb Dunlop, Carol McMartin, Joyce Gennoe, Margaret Shields and Ruth Bolan; other members – Hazel Ingwersen, Winnie Whitney, June Eaton, Jean Cheadle, Rev. Meg Purdy, Della McNeill, Faye Horton, Peggy Dempsey and Zita Bradley.

Submitted by Ruth Trottier

Emmanuel UCW Secretary

UCW NEWS

HERE AT LAST - In December, 2015 Emmanuel UCW set aside \$1,500 to buy furniture for the chapel so that it would be a comfortable and beautiful spot for small meetings etc. We sought permission from the Property Committee and the Worship Committee. A piano and bookcase were removed and some changes were made for choir music storage. We learned at the Church Council meeting in December, 2016 that the room was ready and we added some money to the reserve fund and talked about who should do the furniture shopping. In February, Nancy Lourie, Doreen McLuhan and Karen Carmichael shopped and purchased new items. The chapel was cleaned by a crew of dedicated ladies and the furniture was in place within two weeks. Great job, ladies.

Thanks for your donations of books for sale in Bert Passmore Hall since 2013. Following the purchase of the dishwasher in 2015, proceeds have come to the UCW and have helped with buying the chapel furniture. We also have a couple of catering opportunities coming up in April and May and have been invited to UCW events in April at Powassan and May in Sundridge as well as the National UCW 55th Anniversary Celebration in Vancouver from July 10 - 14. All women are welcome to attend.

For information, call Ruth Trottier at 705-474-8843.

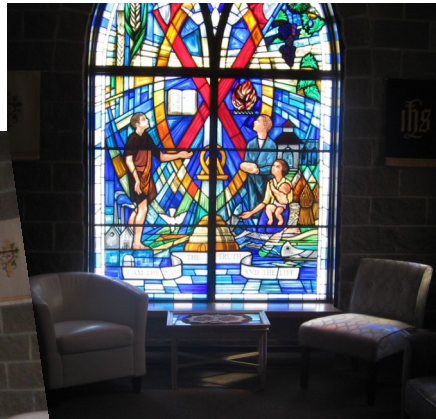
And please don't forget to check out the new look to the Church Chapel when you have a chance.



The Church Chapel



BEFORE



AFTER



March 14, 2017

Doreen McLuhan; Brenda Cote, Nancy Dixon, Barb Maeck, Pam Zygmunt, Jo McCulley, Nancy Lourie
Cathy Green, Ruth Trottier, Helen Vanmeer, Bernice Graham-Workman, Margie Mastellar.



Emmanuel United Church
Outreach Committee
to host a
Brain Health Information Evening

- ~ 564,000 Canadians have dementia today.
- ~ This number is expected to increase to 937,000 by 2030.
- ~ It is one of the most feared and misunderstood of all chronic diseases.
- ~ It's time to demystify it and get some answers.

Everyone is invited to attend a
Brain Health Information Evening on
Wednesday, May 31 at Emmanuel United Church at 7:00 pm.

Kathy Gaudaur, public education and health promotion spokesperson, of the Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin-North Bay and Districts, will be the guest speaker. Learn what is and is not part of the normal aging process and what you can do for yourself and others. Get your questions answered.

The event is free and refreshments will be served following the presentation.

and Sense

Our givings during the first 2 months of 2017 to the General Fund did not meet expenses, and owing to our very low bank balance at the start of the year, it was necessary that a neighbourly loan be obtained in order that your church might meet its operating expenses. The short days and cold temperatures at this time of the year mean higher energy costs at a time when reserves and cash flow is at its lowest.

A special thank you goes to all those who have so generously supported our annual Non-Supper Supper. Congratulations on helping the committee reach its goal. The funds raised desperately helped us to meet some of our expenses.

The UCW continues to be a hardworking and generous group. Thank you ladies for your tireless hard work and for your financial contributions. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are most appreciated.



Our 2017 budget is showing a deficit once again this year. Through prudent fiscal management and the deferral of identified projects, we avoided a deficit in 2016. Just how long we can continue on this deferral course is anyone's guess; eventually we will have to pay the piper.

Not wanting to sound like a broken record; but, if you are not on PAR, can we ask that you seriously consider enrolling? This will spread out your annual givings more evenly over the whole of the year. It will allow the Treasurer to meet the monthly expense of Emmanuel without having to secure short term loans. PAR is a win-win for all program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE FACT....

In the 6 year period, 2011 to 2016 inclusive the average projected deficit at the beginning of each year was \$17,581. The average change in the bank balance by year end in the same period was \$745. There was a total of \$55,771 spent on enhancements funded by grants, donations (outreach, UCW), Memorial Fund and the General Fund and/or Replacement Reserve. The \$15,000 loan from Trustees identified as a "Self-Administered Loan" reserve was topped up in 2016.

Breaking News, Breaking News, Breaking News

ENVELOPE SECRETARY

In the midst of everything, life's priorities come first. Reports were finalized when Ben Moulton indicated he was stepping down as Envelope Secretary. A person of interest was discussed at the Feb. 22nd meeting, Sherri Pinder volunteered, assuming the task early in March and was appointed to Finance Committee on March 15th.

Please share Emmanuel's gratitude to Ben Moulton for his 8 years service as Treasurer and 6 years in dual capacity as Envelope Secretary. Thank you Ben; we now have someone to cover should there be need to count, reconcile and deposit weekly offerings.

Please introduce yourself to Sherri. She has your number (either PAR or envelope) and will respect your interests in a confidential manner. With your proper name, address, etc, you can receive a receipt for tax purposes for all offering or donations over \$20.

Thank you Sherri, for stepping forward to provide this essential service for the congregation and others who sustain Emmanuel. Members of the Finance squad look forward to your insight on leadership of Emmanuel. Sherri's contact information will be published in the March 31st "\$ and Sense"; or you may contact the church office and your message or request will be relayed.

Sherri prefers e-mail contact at sherri1998@hotmail.com. To reach Sherri by phone (705-476-7050) she would appreciate if people refrain from calling after 8:30 pm.

Welcome, and thank you for offering your time and talent Sherri.

EUC Finance Committee

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That's **FAITH**.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them
That's **TRUST**.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's **LOVE**.

'I am not 78 years old; I am sweet 16 with 62 years experience.' That's **ATTITUDE**.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up.
That's **HOPE**.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That's **CONFIDENCE**.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE."



Thank you Ben

LAKE NIPISSING

Lake Nipissing (French: *lac Nipissing*) is a lake in the Canadian province of Ontario. It has a surface area of 873.3 km² (337.2 sq mi), a mean elevation of 196 m (643 ft) above sea level, and is located between the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay. Excluding the Great Lakes, Lake Nipissing is the third-largest lake in Ontario. It is relatively shallow for a large lake, with an average depth of only 4.5 m (15 ft). The shallowness of the lake makes for many sandbars along the lake's irregular shoreline. The lake has many islands most of which are protected under the Protection of Significant Wetlands scheme, controlled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The largest population centre on the lake's shoreline is the city of North Bay. North Bay sits along the lake's northeastern shoreline. Other notable towns include Callander (south of North Bay). The larger towns toward the western end of the lake are Sturgeon Falls, Garden Village, Cache Bay and Lavigne.

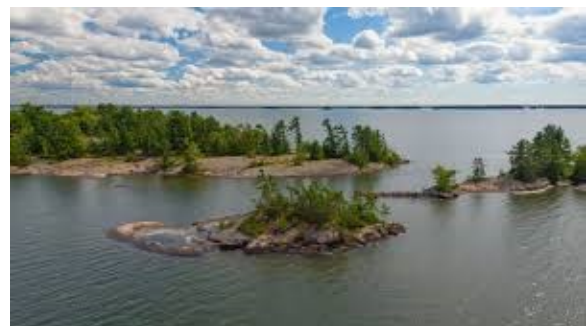
The lake's name means "big water" in the Algonquin language. The name Nipissing was also given to many places in the area, notably the Township of Nipissing, Nipissing District, and Nipissing University.



Lake Nipissing drains into Georgian Bay, which is a part of Lake Huron, via the French River. Lake Nipissing lies about 25 km (16 mi) northwest of Algonquin Provincial Park. The French fur trader Étienne Brûlé was the first European to visit the lake in 1610. Jean Nicolet, another French trader and explorer had a "cabin and trading-house" for eight or nine years living among the Indians on the shores of Lake Nipissing until 1633 when he was recalled to Quebec to become Commissary and Indian Interpreter for the "Company of the Hundred Associates." The first permanent European settlement on the lake dates from around 1874 with a trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company on the northwest corner in what is now Sturgeon Falls. In 1882 the North-West Mounted Police established their presence on the north east shore.

The lake contains over 40 different species of fish. Numerous sport fishing lodges dot the main shoreline and can also be found on several of Nipissing's many islands. Most anglers target walleye, smallmouth bass, muskie, and northern pike. For various reasons, largely social, numerous stocking associations are engaged in attempts to manage the lake's walleye population.

In the days of fur trade, *coureur des bois* and later *voyageurs* travelled through the lake by canoe via the Mattawa and French rivers. When the fur trade started to decline in the 1880s, logging became the main economic activity. After World War I, the primary economic activity became tourism and recreation, although logging still contributes a significant economic stimulus to the area.



Unlike most lakes in Ontario, Lake Nipissing contains two volcanic pipes, which are the Manitou Islands and Callander Bay. The volcanic pipes formed by the violent, supersonic eruption of deep-origin volcanoes. Lake Nipissing lies in the Ottawa-Bonnechere Graben, a Mesozoic era rift valley that formed 175 million years ago.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

NEED TRANSPORTATION?

Living in North Bay and area, seniors often find that there are times when they require transportation to attend medical appointments. This can be a stressful challenge for the senior and their family. Some folks have family or friends willing and able to drive them to appointments, but for others there are few options. A short phone call to one of the following may solve that problem.

For local (within North Bay) appointments you can contact

Red Cross Seniors Transportation - 705-472-5760.

For out-of-town appointments, or seniors living in outlying areas such as Callander, Powassan, etc., you can call ...

East Parry Sound Community Support Services Program - 705-724-6028



Red Cross Seniors Transportation also provides none emergency transportation to medical appointments and regular activities such as grocery shopping, social outings and banking *volunteer drivers use personal vehicles and/or Red Cross vehicles*. For more information call 705-472-5760.

There may be a fee involved.



Canadian
Cancer
Society

Cancer patients who require transportation to cancer related appointments in Sudbury and or out-of-town can contact the local North Bay office for more information.

Canadian Cancer Society Office 705 - 472-9072.

There may be a one time fee involved.

Chauffeur for Hire

This is a division of the Northern Airport Passenger Service. In the case of Chauffeur for Hire, you would provide the car and the 'Chauffeur' will drive you in your vehicle to get you to your medical or business appointment, the airport, or to your special event.

For more information re his service contact ...

Northern Airport Passenger Services - 705-474-7942



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS



Generally there are four venues to support our church and our parent church. The “General” and “Memorial” funds sustain and enhance Emmanuel. “Mission & Service (M&S)” sustains United Church Canada and the “Mortgage” fund pays down our debt from when this church was built in 1986.

GENERAL FUND (local church expenses)

Emmanuel’s ministerial (staff), building (heat, hydro, water, etc.) and programs are sustained by the general fund. Reserves exist for lean years and upgrades upon replacement. Operating expenses are projected to exceed revenues by \$32,936 in 2017; however this includes \$11,200 to settle a new Minister and enhance youth initiatives.

The lean year reserve was topped up at \$15,000 last year and the “replacement reserve” balance was \$5,024. Identified current enhancements include: chapel furniture, convenient handicap parking, surveillance system, water conserving toilets and office equipment. Cost effective heating is a future concern.

MEMORIAL FUND (worship of God and beautification of sanctuary)

This fund, which was \$902 at the beginning of 2017 is administered by our Worship Committee. The priorities are choir gown stoles and a UCC banner featuring the new identity. The sound system will soon need refurbishing.

“In Memorium” donations in memory of family or friends should identify the person honoured and the fund supported. Traditionally donations go to the Memorial Fund; however other options might reflect the priority interest within the church held by the donor or person being honoured.

MISSIONS AND SERVICE FUND

Monthly, “M&S” offerings and donations are forwarded to United Church Canada. They sustain the Church’s operation and support its national and international programs. The objective in 2017 is to provide \$8000 to United Church Canada through your M&S offerings and donations.

MORTGAGE FUND

Emmanuel is committed to \$7,200 per year in payments towards the cost of building this church. The outstanding loan was \$35,495 at the beginning of the year of 2017 and it is projected we will be mortgage free by May 2022.

Offerings through **PAR** or envelopes can be directed to the fund of your choice. Special Offerings envelopes are available and easy to use to note donor, purpose and/or fund supported. Remembering **PAR** is a three digit number starting with “1”, simply circle (**PAR** on envelope) and provide name and/or number. Guests merely place donation in envelope, note fund or interest supported and provide name and address, if not cheque. Receipts for tax purposes are issued for amounts over \$20.

Special Offering Envelopes are frequently used to sponsor and show support for Emmanuel’s “food” events, UCW or the West Ferris Community Brunch. They serve a similar purpose to support UCC (Disaster Relief) or Manitou Conference (youth) initiatives.

EUC Finance Committee



How is your stewardship **PARticipation?**

Pulpit Supply



April 2 Peter & Joan Wyatt
April 9 Kathleen McCallum
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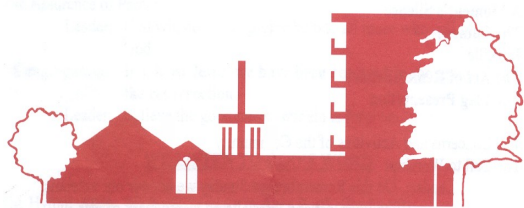


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