



EMMANUEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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From Our Minister's Desk

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Hospitality can be defined as “the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.” In the New Testament, the Greek word translated “hospitality” literally means “love of strangers.” Hospitality is a virtue that is both commanded and commended throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, it was specifically commanded by God: “When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. *Love her or him as yourself*, for you were aliens in Egypt” (Leviticus 19:33-34, emphasis added).

During Jesus's public ministry, Jesus and the disciples depended entirely on the hospitality of others as they ministered from town to town (Matthew 10:9-10). Likewise, the early Christians also depended on and received hospitality from others (Acts 2:44-45; 28:7).

Here at Emmanuel United Church, Lorne and I have felt welcomed by members of this church through overnight stays, home-cooked meals, help setting up our kitchen, numerous acts of kindness and beautiful flowers. You most certainly have the gift of hospitality and we will build on that strength in our ministry together.

Many of you have dropped by for conversations during my first month here, which has helped me to better understand this community and the congregation. Laura and John are wonderful to work with and we look forward to staff meetings, to nurture a deepened sense of collegiality. I am thrilled to say that we welcomed together our first child through baptism, a very special little boy who has walked with special needs since birth and has surprised doctors with his growth and development. The family has visited the church and are feeling embraced and accepted. You seem to grasp that welcome goes beyond referential statements to some spoken or unspoken norm, and extends to being loved and accepted in our uniqueness. You strive to love the way God loves each one of us, as God's compassionate choice. It is wonderful that we share these core values.

I hope together we will more deeply explore what it means to be formed in God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ, and to then show Christ's love, as expressed on your logo. As I write this I am reflecting on our shared Covenanting on Sunday September 10th at 4:00 pm, where North Bay Presbytery and I made promises, and we also made promises and together we prayed for God's blessing on this pastoral relationship. Rev. Dr. Will Kunder reminded us that we are called to “beautiful acts of reckless love”, it is rooted in Jesus' love, bears fruit in our love shared in the pastoral relationship and in Christ's love shown in our wider community. Following the service, we were treated to a Turkey Supper. What a beautiful act of reckless love!

Lorne and I are both grateful for the kindness and friendship that has been extended to us and we look forward to a deepened relationship with you. I pray that we might experience mutual thriving through missional practices of prayer, worship, faith formation, care, outreach, peace-building and fellowship as we bear witness to “God with Us” on the Lakeshore.

I am humbled to be your minister.

In Christ's Service

Rev. Roni Beharry



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.



CHAPEL SIDE WINDOWS

We are fortunate to have these two Stain Glass Windows in our Chapel. The window on the left has many musical instruments in it thus to tell others of our Music Ministry.

The window on the right with a dove features a Communion Chalice and other Communion elements. Three entwined hands to represent healing and caring. And food to remind us of our outreach to others.



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.

Welcome, Welcome Back, Thank You.

Rev Roni Beharry settled into her new work place and leadership role in August. Your M&P committee met with Roni early in September. The three hour visit afforded an opportunity to get to know each other and set a foundation to pursue our mission as a team. There will be challenges; however, there is optimism that Emmanuel can transition and fulfill its mission even more effectively.

Personal time is essential for a person to achieve their full potential. Covenant agreements with ministers traditionally indicate 40 hours a week, but flexible to respond during reasonable hours. Whenever possible all of us should endeavour to respect that Roni's "weekend" is Monday and Tuesday.

August is a popular month for vacations thus Roni has experienced Emmanuel's back up plan. Heather Gardner's music skills allowed John an opportunity to get away. When Laura was pursuing personal priorities, Pam, Brenda, Karen and Zona welcomed Roni and the public her first week on the job. Others are encouraged to step forward, become familiar with our church and serve as Emmanuel's front line ambassador.

Welcome Roni! Welcome back John and Laura with your energy recharged by vacation. Thank you John, Laura, Pam, Gord and Rick for your staff support and co-operation over the past two years. Thank you to all who volunteered time, talent and effort in demonstrating Emmanuel's welcoming mission.

Your comments / suggestions & concerns are important. Please provide them so that they can be considered at the mid-November team building interviews with staff and committees affected to consider in their budget preparation. The M&P mailbox in the church office is checked weekly.

EUC—Ministry & Personnel Committee



Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, **"We can share it."**

I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class.

When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, **"Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."**

Worship Committee September 17, 2017

It seems like a long time since we have had a regular minister in our pulpit, however that has now been rectified by the arrival of a very special minister, Rev. Roni Beharry. Roni's new and exciting work with the children and our first baptism in quite some time, of Dayton Jae Glabb, has been very enlightening and indicates a very bright future for Emmanuel Church. Thank you to Brenda Cote for helping out with the children's story presentations.

Our first Communion service of the new season, September 10, went very well with members of the choir serving Communion. The Rev. Roni Beharry Covenanting service, at 4.00 p.m. also the same day was very special. This service had the involvement of Rev. Roni, North Bay Presbytery and the Emmanuel Congregation. This was an Intinction Communion service with members of the Emmanuel Joint Search Committee attending the congregation. Five members of Emmanuel presented the Symbols of Ministry to Rev. Roni. Thank you all, and a special thank you to, Rev. Roni, Tracy Davis (presider), Rev. Dr. Will Kunder (guest preacher), Rev. Richard Smith (presenter), John Henderson (organist), Rev. Elizabeth Frazer (reader) for a beautiful meaningful service.

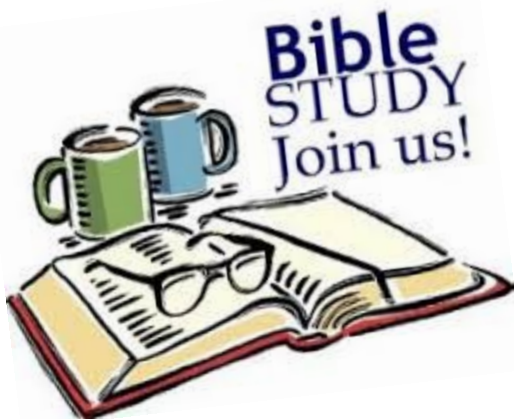
During the period between February 26 to July 30 we were blessed with the fine preaching of our guest ministers. Getting these ministers was done through the work of the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Worship Committee. If you have a preference of pulpit supply when Rev. Roni is away please let me know and I will attempt to fill your request.

As we move ahead, we will be examining alternative ideas in the Baptism service and the opening up of the overflow area in the church as a children's area during the church service. Sound projection during the church service is bit of a problem, which we will be addressing.

Finding the right time to hold our monthly meetings is quite a challenge, since some of our members have jobs during the day and others cannot come out at night. We are continuing to work on this to ensure that we have a quorum for each meeting.

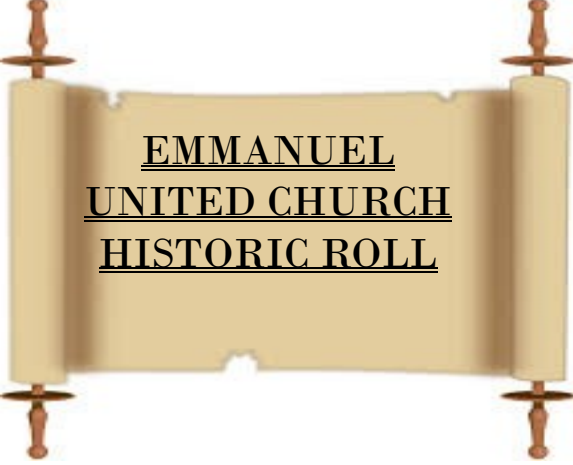
Jack Page

Chair of Worship Committee



Weekly Bible Study happens on Wednesdays, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm in the Community Room, Emmanuel Village. Our Study is based on today's Old Testament and Gospel Reading and sermon of the previous week. So for example, the study on Wednesday September 27th, is based on the text and sermon from Sunday September 24th. We are open to running an additional evening possibly-offsite group, conditional on the interest of four or more persons. Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH?



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH HISTORIC ROLL

As we attempt to update the Historic Roll of Emmanuel United Church, we find that there are many who have their name on the roll, but who are unable to attend church. We have also noted that there are people who attend church every Sunday, but they are not on our Historic Roll. Are you one of these people? **Are you interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church?** Would you like to have your membership transferred to another church?

Often times a person, or a family will relocate into a new area and find a church to attend, and either forget to request a transfer from their former church, or do not realize that they have to request a transfer to their new church. **IF** you are interested in being on the Historic Roll of Emmanuel United Church you should contact Rev. Roni. Conversely, should you require a transfer to another church, simply contact Rev. Roni and that transfer will be done for you.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL PHONE LIST

On another note, we have many people who are on our 'congregational phone list' and some of these folks have forgotten to give the church a current phone number, or address. That makes it very difficult to stay in touch with folks, to keep them updated on what is happening at Emmanuel. **If you have moved recently, or changed your phone number,** please take a moment to contact the church office, at 705-472-1806, to let our secretary Laura, know your new address and/or phone number. Some of you may prefer to give the church **your email address** so that we can update you with events or whatever takes place at our church. The need to stay connected is stronger in this time of ever changing society and family needs. We understand that as families grow, or shrink, lives take on new dimensions, and we do want to continue to be a part of your life.

However, there are among you, some who may no longer wish to receive this newsletter, or to be contacted and it would be a great time saver for everyone if you would also contact the church office with that information.

Thank you for taking a moment from your busy life to reply to the church office at 705-472-1806 and speak to Laura, as soon as it is convenient. It is really appreciated.

Historic Roll Committee...

Bud McMartin, Dalton Carmichael, Karen Carmichael



ITEMS LEFT IN KITCHEN, ETC.

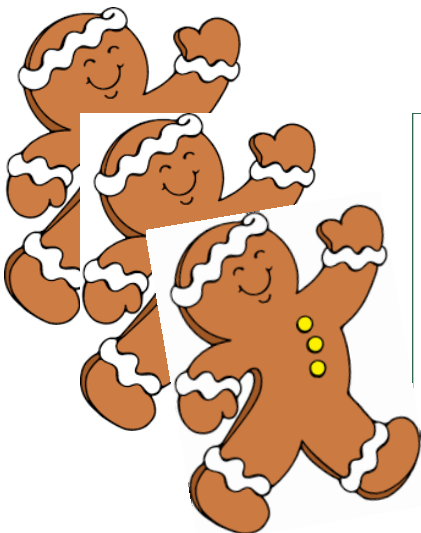
During a total clean-up of the kitchen this past summer, several nameless items were found.

These homeless items have been placed on the metal table in the kitchen and are waiting for you to take them home.

Any items not taken home by Sunday October 8th will be placed on the White Elephant Table or donated to our local Value Village!



NAME TAGS ... sometimes name tags go missing, or you would like a new one. If so, please contact the office, or Bud McMartin at 705-474-8725.



Just a 'heads up' about the annual Cookie Walk. This year the cookies 'will be walking' on **Saturday December 2nd!** We are hoping for another grand variety of delicious and yummy Christmas cookies. **More information in the next newsletter.**



Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits and assistance during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. I'm looking forward to getting back to my regular activities with you all.

Blessings Ruth Trottier



As you wonder about upcoming events at Emmanuel, be aware that this year, the UCW Bazaar will be on November 18th. The theme is 'STARS'. Now is the time to start working on, or completing your projects for the bazaar craft table.



Help others breathe more easily. Many people are highly sensitive to perfumes, lotions and fragrances. Please respect others as we hope to make our church 'scent-free'. Thank you.

How To Save-A-Turkey....



For the past few years, we have had a Turkey Ranch wall, in the Passmore Hall, have you seen it? Once again we would love to see it filled with turkeys. Just put \$50.00 or so, along with your name, envelope or PAR number into an envelope, marked Save-A-Turkey, place it on the collection plate and get a receipt for income tax. Then check out the Turkey Ranch wall for your name!

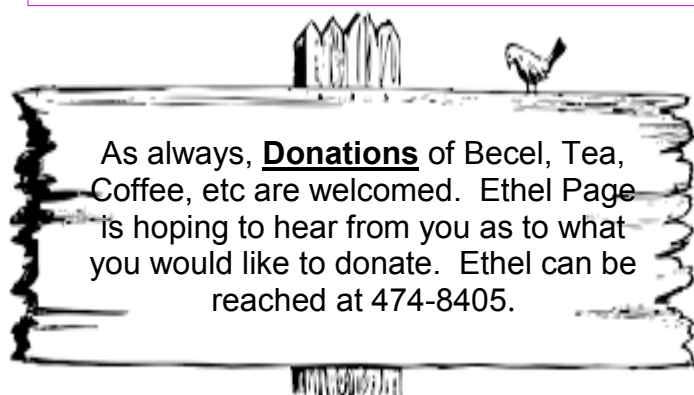


EMMANUEL'S 49th TURKEY SUPPER

Emmanuel's annual Turkey Supper will soon be upon us and we are looking to you for help. This major fund raiser for our church is an experience that should be not be missed.

We have a brand new **FUN SHEET** with a lot of spaces to fill and we know that you want to be part of this event. We ask that you sign up to do something to help out, and if so desired, we will even let you sign up to help with more than one task. Just check out the times and jobs where you would like to help and get your name in the spaces early, before somebody else takes your choice duty! Contact Carl or Gloria Crewson (705-752-2665) or any member of the Supper Committee for more information. Two hours goes by quickly and remember, it is a lot of fun.

Many hands are required and we know that you want to help make this supper a success, with set up beginning on Monday, October 23rd and then numerous jobs running right through the week to clean up on Saturday October 28th, there is plenty of time for you to volunteer to help out.



Unable to help during that week, no problem! How about Roasting a Turkey! The poor trussed, not stuffed, turkey can be delivered right to your door and even put into your oven. As the Health Unit does not allow us to stuff the turkeys, we cook the stuffing at the church! All you have to do is follow the instructions, making sure 'he' stays in the oven until he is done and browned and ready to be picked up or returned to the church for carving! Nancy Dixon (705-495-6944) hopes to hear from you soon.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH 49th ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

ADULTS \$15.00 / WORKERS \$15.00

5-10 yrs. \$5.00 - under 5 free

The turkey supper tickets sell quickly and there is a limited number, so call Dalton or Karen Carmichael at 705-472-5444 to order or reserve tickets for yourself and your friends.

Being well known for our homemade pies, we are hoping that once again we can count on YOU to donate some. We need 110 pies to serve our customers. Apple, Raisin, Lemon, Pumpkin, or Blueberry. Contact Jo McCulley at 705-474-7672 for more information. Unable to bake? Uncooked Farmer Market pies are easy to bake then bring to the church. Do not freeze though as the crust becomes soggy.

The Train of Life



At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.

Reap success and give lots of love.

More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

(By the way, I am not planning to get off the train anytime soon
but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey.)



Finance Committee Message



A very happy and warm welcome is extended to our new minister, Rev. Roni Beharry from your Finance Committee and all at Emmanuel. Like spring, change brings with it a fresh perspective and hopes for renewal and positive engagement. Through positive engagement will come an increase in the number of families calling Emmanuel their new congregational home. It may not happen overnight; but we are confident it will happen in time.

To our new comers, and to those yet to switch over, please consider PAR as a part of your congregational life to support Emmanuel's General, M&S and Mortgage Funds. We can, through this mutually beneficial partnership, provide stable and sustainable budget planning in line with our mission and expenditures.

PAR is a most convenient way of budgeting and controlling costs, not only for Emmanuel but also for you. Remember that you are always in control. You can always change the amount or opt out should you find it is not for you. Consider a base amount. It can always be topped up at any time as you are able. PAR helps you and Emmanuel to better budget their resources and meet its expenditures.

Not wanting to be a doomsayer – guess what comes with September – FALL and with it an end to summer. And for some, joyful thoughts of spending winter in a warm climate. Are you snowbirds on PAR (not the golf course of course)? If not, why not? Your financial assistance is needed all year.

Remember, PAR is a win-win for all. We would love to talk to you if you are interested and are just a phone call or conversation away.



How does Moses make tea?
....Hebrews it.



UCC GOLF / NETWORK

The sun was shining, the winds subsided but summer rains reduced the bounce and roll of some shots. Osprey Links Gold course afforded a welcome setting for the 62 participants at the 8th annual UCC Golf Challenge, August 31, 2017.

Fourteen teams, focused by Tracy Davis' devotion, played a "scramble" resembling golf. Gord Pettigrew's foursome of family and friends set the pace scoring one under PAR (70). Rick Thorne's group had mid score (76) and Ted Harrison anchored the "humblest" foursome at (??). Gord Roberts treated all golfers with golf balls and tees which, in some instances, survived the round.

Golf skills were evident in the tee shots of Dave Bondett and Eunice Laporte on designated holes; and by Jacklyn Hurley for the ladies longest putt on #9. No men claimed to have sank a putt on #18, perhaps indicating ladies were the more proficient putters.



A new feature was a "putting challenge" during the 19th hole before dinner where thirty-one participants paid \$5.00 for three chances to sink a challenging putt. Al Garrett oversaw the event and with assistance from Kepler Salt and Jeffery Crowe the misses were measured and recorded. Paul McLuhan, Eunice and Rick were the prize winners and the Conference benefited from half the proceeds plus donations..

The intention is to provide a networking opportunity before churches embark on their busy fall schedule. This years event attracted leaders from Conference, Presbytery and at least seven area churches. There were 10 ministers, some gainfully employed; and names mentioned herein ranged from teenagers to octogenarians. In a time of change your response was encouraging.

Thank you for participating and providing support through donations and gifts. Jo McCulley's golf towels are becoming a cherished treasure. Your generosity netted nearly \$900.00 for Manitou conference "youth initiatives". Will Kunder, in expressing appreciation, provided insight on the purposes served under Melody Duncansen-Hales stewardship. Once again Jeff Rogerson and all at OLGC were extremely accommodating and the roast beef dinner was better than PAR.

Plan to benefit from next years opportunity. Circle August 30, 2018 on your calendar.

Don, Gord, Dave



\$ and Sense – End of Summer 2017

A quick review of church finances two thirds of the way through 2017 yields:

Revenues			Expenditures	
	Offerings	63,263	Ministerial/Staff	44,607
	Special Events	17,191	Property	19,355
	Rental Services	2,877	UCC	11,677
	Other	9,558	Other	8,264
	Enhancements	0	Enhancements	2,341
Total		\$92,889	Total	\$86,244

Factoring in the emergency internal loan of \$5,000 taken out in February, which must be repaid, our net revenue is \$87,889. The good news is that to the end of August, revenues are meeting, if only just, our expenses.

Based on givings to date, total offerings to the end of 2017 are projected to be on par with last year. Our new minister brings a sense of “Spring” to Emmanuel with hopes for renewal and growth. A healthy blossoming future awaits us. It will take time. In the meantime can you help to defeat this deficit?

Our expenditures with respect to ministerial staff are less than projected owing primarily to reduced costs during the ministerial search period. Fall and winter will soon be upon us and with these seasons, shorter cooler days with added expenses. An analysis of the costs for the year indicates that we will remain in a budget deficit situation.

UCW’s donations for the year to date are above expectations. What would we do without these hard working and generous ladies? Well done!

We continue to pursue strategies to increase revenues through usage of the Bert Passmore Hall. There is a potential for more revenue through better use of the space by serving an expanded audience. What do you think would be beneficial in attracting others to rent the hall? We would love to hear your ideas.

Let’s all work together as a caring community of faith to sustain Emmanuel financially and to provide all of its good works.

Thank you

E.U.C. Finance Committee



Age is an issue of mind over matter,
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Mark Twain



Notice: Parking Lot Improvements

During the next month your use of our parking lot and William Street entrance may be inconvenienced as the contractor carries out repairs and improvements. Occasionally use of the parking lot may be curtailed or limited in order for the work to proceed safely. Parking on Sundays should not be significantly affected.

Your patience and co-operation will assist in having the work completed before the Turkey Supper.

If parking or safe access to William Street entrance is not available you may use designated “visitor” parking spaces at Emmanuel Village apartments for short term needs during the construction work.

The barrier island directly in front of the church William Street entrance is to be removed. The island area depressions (staff parking area) and sinkholes in the travelled area will be repaired, brought to grade and paved with asphalt.

The work will be complete when all the contaminated sand and dirt is removed for disposal and lines marking the spaces are painted.

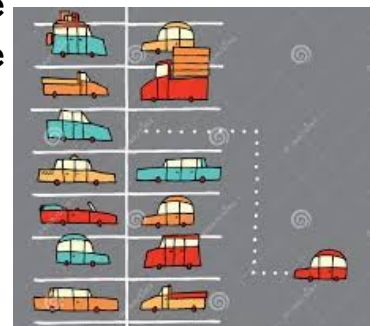
Designated handicap parking spaces will be located where the staff now park and will include the island area. Two spaces will be signed and marked with handicap symbols. The changes will afford convenient access consistent with current expectations.

There will be a designated area for staff parking and at least one more space identified for public use.

The work is funded from the Replacement Reserve Fund. The repair and improvements are needed. Access will be improved and removal of the barrier island will make snow plowing easier.

Thank you for your cooperation.

EUC Property Committee



Upcoming Events and Dates to note on your 2017 calendar

November 18, 2017—UCW Bazaar *Stars*

December 2, 2017—Annual Cookie Walk



The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at the Bank of Canada to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean ."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

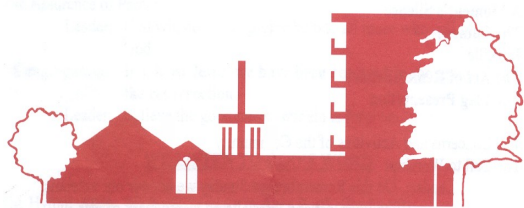


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