



EMMANUEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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From Our Minister's Desk

November 2017

I am writing this letter just after calling Martyn's funeral home on your behalf extending our open support for the family of Benjamin Dunn, the father of nine who died in the recent accident on the 400. I wanted to let the family know that we as a community are carrying them in prayer. I knew that you would want to show your love.

I wanted them to know that we are including them in our community. All of North Bay including members of Emmanuel United Church are reaching out to this family, expressing thoughts of comfort and prayers as this family comes to terms with this senseless tragedy. I knew you would want to express your love.

You show love very well. I saw that love expressed at our Turkey Dinner. I felt hopeful and energized to experience members of our congregation working alongside with members of the community. I floated from work room to work room, helping out and getting a sense for who is involved in the turkey dinner and the level of commitment. I also helped out at the doors, greeting our guests and learning that many of them had developed their own traditions around EUC's turkey supper, for many this is where they gather to enjoy a meal with friends and family. Beyond a delicious dinner, the turkey supper is a wonderful opportunity for community-building and expressing God's Love. We are known by our love.

The truth is the world needs more love. We live in a world where every couple of days we hear of incidents of public violence motivated by hate. Many in the media say that terrorist groups tell compelling narrative of hate, that seem to appeal to young persons who maybe feeling socially marginalized, it promises significance. It offers an opportunity to be reactive.

What our world needs most is a compelling narrative of peace. Our Christian faith, particularly during Advent provides such a narrative. Together we will engage this narrative and its significance for our world today this Advent:

Advent 2017 "A Compelling Narrative of Peace on Earth and Good-will to all!"



Advent One Sunday December 3rd 2017

"Expectant Hope"

We carry God's gift of hope within us. We participate in God's unfolding hope

Focus text: Mark 13: 24-37 "The promised one is coming. Keeping alert as we hope."

Advent Two December 10th 2017

"Peace is Promised"

God is preparing a pathway of peace.

Focus text: Mark 1: 1-8

John the Baptist prepares the way

Advent Three December 17th 2017

"Joyful Anticipation"

God lifts the lowly. Mary's courageous song of joy.

Focus text: Luke 1: 47-55 "The magnificat"



Advent Four Christmas Sunday

"Pregnant with Possibility"

God reveals to Mary and Joseph the gift of the Christ Child.

Focus texts:

Luke 1: 26-38 "The annunciation"

Matthew 1: 18-25 "Joseph's Dream"

Christmas Eve

"Love is born"

The Christ child, born into vulnerability, born humbly.

Isaiah 9: 2-7 "A child has been born for us, a son given to us"

Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20) "The Birth of Jesus"

Blessings as we live more fully into the season of Advent.

Peace,

Rev. Roni

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.



This beautiful Stained Glass window is located in the Chapel of our church.

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.

Emmanuel UCW presents

A 'STAR' Tea & Bazaar

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2017

395 Lakeshore Drive

10:00 am to 12:01 pm

Adults \$5.00

Children (under 12) \$2.00

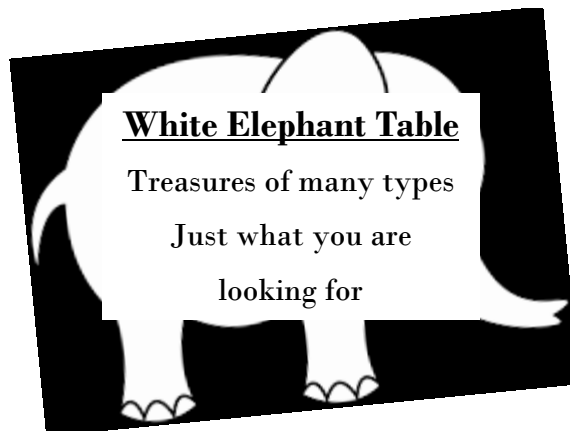
Hot Tea Biscuits and Jam Fresh Tea
Biscuits baked on site, served with
butter, Cheddar Cheese,
Homemade Jams & Jellies

Craft Table ... Hand
Knitted Items, Sewing,
Quilting, Crocheting
and many other Crafts



White Elephant Table

Treasures of many types
Just what you are
looking for



Awesome Bake Table ... Home
Made Bread, Candies, Pies,
Tarts, Cakes, Cookies, etc.



Come out, bring your friends and enjoy browsing and purchasing treasures before sitting down in the Tea Room to enjoy a cup of tea and hot, freshly made tea biscuits with homemade jam.

A wonderful way to start your day.

EMMANUEL'S 49th TURKEY SUPPER



is now in the history books. Can you believe it, 49 years of working with Turkeys; peeling so so many pounds of potatoes, cooking vegetables and preparing gravy to serve to oh so many folks. And lets just think about the pies, all those wonderful, calorie free pies that have been baked and consumed! Each year seemingly better than the year before!

We served a total of **571** meals, either eat in, or takeout. After all the expenses had been paid, there was a profit of **\$6,173.84**.

This amount, added to the 'Save-A-Turkey' fund in which **26** turkeys were 'saved', gives us a total of **\$7,533.84**.

We were able to write a cheque to the church for **\$6,000.00**.

To all who donated items, worked, or just enjoyed a filling meal, we say a big ... **"Thank You"**.



Photo courtesy of Catherine Toste

And now for the best news of all folks ... be prepared ...
2018 will be our **'GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY'** 50th Turkey Supper



Cookie Walk

Annual
Cookie Walk
at Emmanuel
Homemade
Cookies—yum!

Saturday December 2, 2017

10 a.m. to noon

in the Passmore Hall

\$6.00 for a dozen cookies

\$8.00 for a dozen squares



Jointly sponsored by the Finance Committee; Visitation Committee
and M&P Committee, along with the support of the whole church.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY



MOST NEEDED ITEMS



December 3rd is White Gift Sunday at Emmanuel. Gifts of canned or packaged food will go to the Emmanuel Church Food Supply to be distributed from the office by either Laura or Rev. Roni Beharry. Please be sure to carefully check the 'best before' date on the foods you donate as we are unable to distribute items that are stale dated!

Cash donations as White Gifts will be split evenly between the Emmanuel Outreach Committee and West Ferris Brunch.



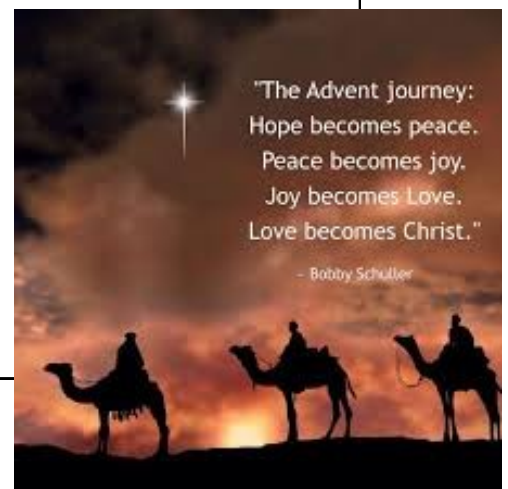


An Advent Reflection

A child born in a manger on the outskirts of the city
'because there was no room for them in the inn'
provides the map to show the world the way to hope.
This child "wrapped in swaddling cloths"
will unwrap and reveal the real presence of God
in a world where too often hate, not hope, seems victorious.
this child will create quite a stir—
making his unborn cousin dance
in the ancient womb of his mother,
causing a humble young woman to sing
and an old man to lose and then find his voice.
The child will cause angels to appear out of nowhere,
shepherds to leave their flocks and scamper to an out-of-the way place
and wise ones weary from the road to feel right at home.
This child will cause a young carpenter to dream and craft a life of faith
and an old couple to find their life's fulfillment in God's Word.
and a king, fearful of the presence of the child,
will unleash a reign of terror.
But this child will show to a world where terrorism
threatens to take an upper hand
The 'tender hand of our God'.

God is no longer just in the heavens
but God comes down to earth
to make sure that when everything seems wrong
and the forces of evil threaten to extinguish hope,
God is right in the thick of things.
And with God in our midst,
We are never beyond hope.

Adapted from "Stations of the Crib: A Journey of Hope from
Advent to Epiphany by Joseph Nassal



*May the
Miracle of
Christmas
fill your heart
with joy.*



★
JOY
LOVE
PEACE
BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS

Emmanuel United Church Memorial Funds



Memorial Funds are money donated to Emmanuel United Church in memorial, unless stated for other uses. The purpose of the Fund is for our Worship and the beautification of the Sanctuary. Some of the recent examples of the application of these funds have been the overhead projection equipment which is used each Sunday as well as the audio equipment. Other examples are the floral stands and the stained glass windows in the church and chapel and also the maintenance of the organ and piano. These are only a few of the examples where someone, or their families, have decided to leave a memorial gift in memory of someone dear to them as a legacy and for the use of others for years to come.

The Worship Committee is responsible for the administration of the Memorial Funds.

The current project of the Worship Committee is the formation of a subcommittee called the Memorial Sound System Upgrade Committee to improve the audio/visual system in the whole church. This committee is chaired by Phillip Carmichael and will be asking members of the congregation for ideas into this, as we look at the future needs of Emmanuel. Other members of the subcommittee are Bob Pronovost, Rev. Rick Thorne and Lorne Robertson. Please feel free to express your views to the Upgrade committee. Thank You.

Jack Page -- Chair – Worship Committee.



Worship Committee Report

It is with deep respect and remembrance that we honour the soldiers that died in the many wars to defend our land and freedom. Emmanuel United Church will remember, with a Remembrance service at Branch 599 of the West Ferris Legion on Saturday November 11, and at our church on Sunday November 12.

On November 19, the Reign of Christ Sunday, there will be a hymn sing before church and David Lock will be our guest Minister.

November 26 is Children and Grandparents Day with lots of good things planned.

This again is a great time of the church year as we enter into the Advent Season on December 3 and then Christmas. It is a great time for very meaningful messages and some super music.

Advent Sundays 1, 2, 3 and 4 we hear the messages of Hope, Preparation, Joy and Peace in a most engaging way for all.

The fourth Sunday in Advent will be the morning service at 10.30 a.m. on December 24 and our Christmas service will be an Intinction Communion and Children's service at 4.00 P.M. on December 24.

There will be no Church service at Emmanuel on Monday December 25.

Rev. Roni will be on a holiday after Christmas and the service on December 31st will be under the direction and preaching of Elizabeth Henderson.

Other items:

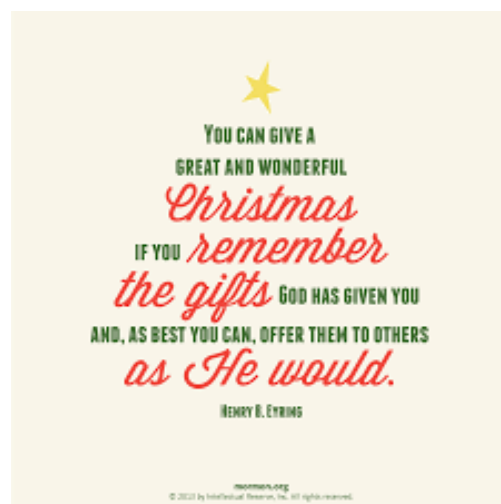
The Rev. Ray Goodship, a well known former friend of Emmanuel, will be preaching at Emmanuel on August 5, 2018.

Our Worship Committee would like to thank all of those who helped us out during 2017 with our ushering, scripture reading, Communion serving, Projectionists. It has also been very helpful when you are advising your leader and the church secretary of duties you cannot fill so that the church bulletin can be correct. Thank you.

A Very Merry Christmas to All

Rev. Roni Beharry, Jack Page, Millie Rogerson, Mary Way-White, Bernice Workman, John Henderson, Tina Wilcox, Judy Pronovost

Believe
in the magic of
Christmas





Time/Talent/Treasures

Time/Talent/Treasures, the 3 important T's of community service. The exercise of these 3 virtues is why we at Emmanuel are "Known by our love".

Time is that precocious commodity that we seem to have too little of or which too quickly passes. Time can be so much more when it is shared. We share it with family and friends and strangers (who will cease to be just that) and service to our church and community. We see such sharing of time in the recent success of the annual Emmanuel Turkey Supper. And we will see it again soon in our annual Cookie Walk on December 2nd. Give - no share - your time. As it is said, many hands make light work; but, more importantly it creates happiness within us and community around us.

Talent is within all of us. It takes on many different shapes and faces and is shown repeatedly in the many wonderful things we do. How can a community prosper if we hide our talents and keep them to ourselves? How can our acts of community succeed without spending our talents willingly? When you help at a turkey or beef supper or by making cookies or by pitching in when called upon, your talents never diminish but grow. And you grow with them.

Treasures can mean many things and can be either monetary or non-monetary value items. Time has value. Talent contributes to value. Your monetary contributions, whether through the use of envelopes or PAR, have value. The use of Special Envelopes is encouraged, especially for those on PAR who wish to contribute a bit more or for those who wish to make a memorial or other special donation. Remember that these special contributions must be made before the end of December, which is very quickly approaching, in order to qualify as a 2017 Taxation year deduction.

Donating your Time, Talent and Treasures is enriching to you and can have a positive impact on our Treasury (yet another T word). We need your additional support if we are to eliminate the projected deficit for this year. The generosity of our church community historically shines during the months of November and December. May we thank you all in advance for helping us end 2017 on a positive financial footing.

E.U.C. Finance Committee

2018 UCW Calendars

Emmanuel UCW has received 15 Canadian Church calendars for sale at \$8.00 each. They will be available at the STARS TEA AND BAZAAR on November 18 and from Ruth Trottier on Sunday mornings.

Please phone Ruth at 705-474-8843 if you would like to reserve one.





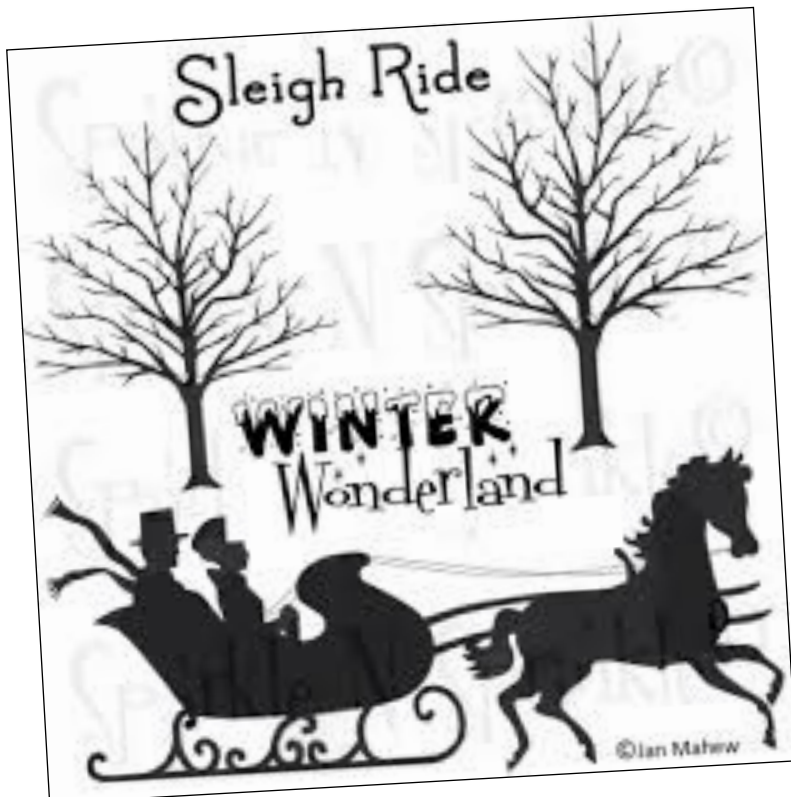
*Sounds
of the
Season*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING EVENT SAT., DEC. 16TH, 2017

Would you like to brighten your Christmas Spirit & the Spirit of others this year? Your smiling face would likely brighten the lives and spirits of some folks in nursing homes, retirement homes or folks from our congregation in their own homes.

Join the Congregational Life & Work Committee on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 12:30 p.m. in the church entrance by William St. to sing Carols to others. We hope to have enough people singing to split into 2 or 3 groups so we can go to more places & sing a few carols at each stop! We plan to return to the church around 3:30 or 4 p.m. for some goodies, hot chocolate or mulled cider and a few more carols.

Please email Bud McMartin at carolbud70@gmail.com or call Nancy Dixon at 705-495-6944 by Dec. 10th to let us know if you would like to join us so that we can organize routes, car drivers & car loads.





For people with dementia, every step counts.

Finding Your Way ®

helps people living with dementia, their families, caregivers and communities to recognize the risk of going missing, be prepared for incidents of going missing, and ensure that people with dementia can live safely in the community.

IMPORTANT: If you know someone with dementia who has gone missing, please call 911 immediately.

Resources for people with dementia include:

I have dementia

*For people with dementia,
every step counts.*

FINDING Your Way®

**Staying active and staying safe
with memory loss**

Even though I have memory loss, that doesn't stop me from staying active and doing the things I enjoy. Of course, some days are better than others. Knowing how to keep myself safe is key.

The other day I was walking my dog and forgot how to get home. It happened without warning. It was pretty scary, especially because it had never happened to me before.

So now I plan ahead. It gives me peace of mind.

What happened to me may not happen to you, but it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Being prepared is the smart thing to do.
Create a safety plan.

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Visit: FindingYourWayOntario.ca

**Make a plan.
It's the smart move.**


- **Find a buddy** – someone to come along with you, or someone who knows to look for you if you're on your own and overdue.
- **Carry identification** – something that lets people know how they can help if you become lost – consider enrolling in MedicAlert® Safely Home®.
- **Leave your picture and a description of yourself with someone you trust** – something that can be passed onto searchers if you are not found by someone you know.
- **Consider carrying a device** that will help people locate you in an emergency.


**For local Alzheimer Society
contact information,
call 2-1-1**

Resources for people who support someone with dementia include:

I support someone with dementia 

*For people with dementia,
every step counts.*

 **FINDING Your Way®**

Keeping mom safe without taking away her freedom 


My mom has her good days and her bad days. To almost everyone, she looks normal, but she has trouble remembering things. Her doctor says it's dementia.


Staying active is important to her. Getting out of the house keeps her healthy. It's something I encourage.

That is why I was concerned to hear that 6 out of every 10 people with dementia lose their way and go missing. It wouldn't worry me so much if it weren't for the fact that half of those who go missing for 24 hours end up seriously injured or dead.

I want to keep my mom safe, but I don't want to take away her freedom.

Fortunately, I learned how to make a safety plan which allows her to stay active while giving me peace of mind.

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 **Visit: FindingYourWayOntario.ca**



Wandering and getting lost. Have a plan.

Keeping people with dementia safe doesn't mean keeping them from being active.

- Have someone go with them on outings. If you're comfortable with them going out on their own, make sure someone knows where they're going and checks that they get back on time. Ask neighbours, friends, and family to help out.
- Know what steps you can take to reduce the risk of them going missing.
- Provide them with ID jewelry. Enroll them in MedicAlert® Safely Home®.
- Have a recent close-up photo and a description of them that you can give to police if a search needs to be started. Complete an identification kit. If you wait until they go missing to gather this information, it will delay search efforts and make things even more stressful for you.
- Consider having them wear an electronic device that will help searchers locate them in an emergency.
- If they do go missing, call 911 right away. Search is an emergency. Tell police that a person with dementia is missing.

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Further information is available on the Finding Your Way website at

<http://findingyourwayontario.ca/> or

Call your local Alzheimer Society at 705-495-4342

Société Alzheimer Society

SUDBURY-MANITOULIN NORTH BAY & DISTRICTS
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We have education sessions, support groups, art for people with dementia and much more!
Please call for further information.



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

What better way to end 2017 than with your friends at Emmanuel?

We have a great, inexpensive way to celebrate New Years Eve!

Under the Congregational Life & Work committee,

there are a few people organizing this evening

starting at 5 p.m. with punch, Chinese food dinner at 5:30

followed by doing dishes and then some Trivia games on

Sunday, Dec.31, 2017 in the Bert Passmore Hall.

For those who would like to celebrate the coming of 2018

in the comfort of your bed, we will officially welcome

the New Year about 8 or 8:30!

This great evening can be yours for only \$20 per person.

Any profit will go into the General Fund of Emmanuel.

Tickets and sign-up will be available at church from Nov. 12 to Dec. 17

from Ruth Trottier or by calling her at 474-8843.

Singles, couples and friends are welcome.

We must have at least 10 people making their \$20 payment

to Ruth by Dec. 3rd for this event to proceed!

All payments must be made by Dec. 17th.

If there is insufficient interest, your money will be returned.

The wreath
symbolizes the
real nature of love
Christ
showed for us.
Real love never
ceases.
Love is one continuous
round of affection.



Something to Think About

- 1). Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.
- 2). Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3). Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4). All things in life are temporary. If they are going well, enjoy them, they will not last forever. If they are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5). Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! To hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
- 6). Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, *"relax, sweetheart; it's just a bend, not the end!"*
- 7). When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, he has faith in your abilities.
- 8). A blind person asked God: *"can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?"* He replied: *"yes, losing your vision!"*
- 9). When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10). Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

The church is currently attempting to update their base of e-mail addresses. You have provided me with your e-mail address for the newsletter only, however, if you wish to be included in e-mailings from the church, could you kindly contact the church office and provide them with your current e-mail address.

You can send your e-mail address to emmanuelunited@cogeco.net, or call the church office Tues. to Fri afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. at 705-472-1806.

Visitation Committee

Rev Roni presented a film about home visiting by the minister to the Visitation Committee at their meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 and assured us that she is a better listener than the cartoon character depicted. If you would like to see the film on your computer, you can go to <http://www.nfb.ca/film/awful> fate of melpomenus jones (run the words together when typing it into the website). The Visitation Committee continues to offer communion to homebound members during the week following communion in the church to those who contact the church or Ruth Trottier at 705-474-8843. The seven members of the Visitation Committee are ready to visit by phone and to those in hospital, in nursing homes and at home if we are notified. Anita Spalding is also available for cancer patients who would like to visit with a survivor. You can contact the church office Tuesday to Friday afternoons or phone Ruth Trottier at 705-474-8843 to let us know your needs. Nancy Lourie also sends birthday cards to our church family who have reached 80 years of age, get well cards and condolence cards and we ask you to contact her directly at 705-476-0305 so that the information can be kept confidential. She needs to be kept informed. Four of us will be helping at THE COOKIE WALK coming up on Saturday, December 2, 2017. See you there!

Ruth Trottier, Chair.



thursday morning group

Last Day

Due to declining numbers, Thursday Morning Group will soon have their final get together. We will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. November 16th and 23rd, with November 30th being our last gathering.



Upcoming Events and Dates to note on your 2017 calendar

November 18 UCW Star Tea and Bazaar

December 2 Cookie Walk

The upcoming UCW Bazaar is Saturday November 18th. If you would like to donate Baking, homemade Crafts or White Elephant Table items, they can be dropped off at the church Thursday or Friday afternoon between 1 and 4:00 p.m.

Not only would the UCW welcome your contribution, they would like to have you come out and 'shop', then enjoy some freshly made Tea Biscuits and a cup of Tea.



Merry Christmas



“Upcoming Events, Ideas or Information”

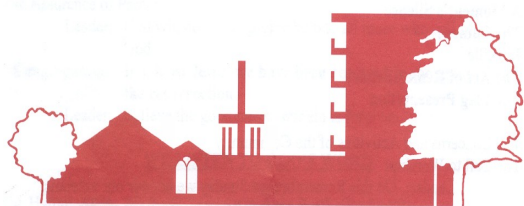
Do you have an event, idea or information to share with the congregation?

This is your newsletter Emmanuel.

What would you like to see or hear about? Drop us a line and let us know!

If you no longer wish to receive the Emmanuel Newsletter, please contact either the church office at 705-472-1806..or.. Karen Carmichael at 705-472-5444 or by e-mail to carmichl@efni.com

Comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.



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