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Dear Friends,

As Easter approaches, I am keenly aware that we are living into a season of change. Change can be energizing and uplifting, and change brings with it a sense of loss, letting go and grief. I am encouraged by the words of a favourite hymn we sang last Sunday, "In the bulb there is a flower, in seed an apple tree, in cocoon a hidden power, butterflies will soon be free. The cold and still of winter, there's a spring that waits to be. Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In end is our beginning, in time infinity, in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." (Words by Natalie Sleeth)

God has a mission for Emmanuel United Church and God has a plan for Emmanuel United Church.

As we move through the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and look toward Easter, we have an opportunity to journey with Jesus and live into the mystery and certain joy of Easter Hope. Here are some opportunities to deepen your faith this Easter:

Maundy Thursday, Community Soup and Sandwich Luncheon followed by Communion, Emmanuel United Church, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, joint initiative of the Outreach and Worship Committee.

Good Friday, AOTS Breakfast, Trinity United Church, April 19th, 8:00 am, Rev. Roni Beharry as Guest Speaker.

Good Friday, City Wide service, Omond Memorial United Church, April 19th, 10:30 am.

Easter Sunday, "Living into the Mystery of Easter Hope"
Easter Communion Sunday, Special Children's Program, 10:30 am.

First Sunday after Easter, "Embracing hope in vulnerable times", Reaffirmation of Baptismal Faith. April 28th.

Thanks to the members of our congregation for their faithful dedication to ministry here at Emmanuel. It has been a joy to welcome new people and celebrate as they step up to help us live out our Mission. God is always on the side of life. Further opportunities to serve are available on our Worship Committee and Council.

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Roni

Jesus and the Easter Bunny

Ask your average heathen youngster what Easter is all about and he'll tell you about the Easter bunny, and finding Easter baskets filled with that annoying grass that seems to stick to household furnishings long after Easter is past. And those pretty, pastel foil-covered, football things that are a sorry excuse for real chocolate. And, of course there are Easter eggs to dye and jelly beans—you've got to have jelly beans. Black beans are best.

"And Mommy, that's what Easter is."

"Oh, Jason, how cute."

How sad! Most children today don't know beans about what Easter really means.

Why don't you tell the story of Jesus to your children or grandchildren this Easter? Tell them about the man who is God's Son, who came to show people the love God has for them. Tell them how evil people murdered him by nailing him to a cross. Tell them how Jesus was buried in a rock hewn tomb. Let them hear how the Roman soldiers were powerless the morning of that third day when the stone rolled away and Jesus walked forth alive.

Now I'm sure that Jesus loves bunnies - he made them. And probably chocolate, too. But don't you think he gets a little impatient with parents and grandparents who exalt a rabbit over the Savior? And on his own special Day, too?

How about it? Will you tell them the real story this year? Maybe even take them to church where they'll hear the story told by experienced Sunday school teachers? Sure, buy some jelly beans and a wad of that clingy grass for their baskets. But don't suppress the real, fascinating truth of Jesus' triumph over death.

After all, those same children are trying day by day to make sense of the death and life they see around them. They have real hopes and real fears and a destiny unfolding. They deserve a real "Jesus Easter" this year.

April 21st is Easter Sunday this year, a special day for Grandparents to bring their Grandchildren to church and make it a memorable day for everyone.

A few Dedicated Items from Your Church

In upcoming Emmanuel Communicates, you will find pictures and available information on items located around our church. These items have been ‘dedicated’ or ‘donated’ to Emmanuel throughout the years.



Nameplate on the front of this pulpit reads
“In Loving Memory of Mrs. Anne Kirk Feb. 8, 1981”



Why do we have Easter eggs and the Easter bunny?

Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that Christ died on a cross on a day called Good Friday, which this year falls on April 19.

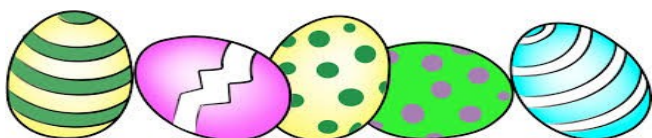
Then he resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. This is the most important day in the Christian calendar.

Easter is on different dates each year, between 21 March and 25 April, depending on when there's a full moon in Spring.

Many Christians will spend time at church in thought, prayer and celebration of Jesus Christ's life, and may get together with friends and family for a special meal.

There are also some more modern traditions to mark Easter which are very common - such as Easter eggs, the Easter bunny and chocolate.

But where do these modern traditions come from?



Why do we have Easter eggs?

A lot of us may chomp on chocolate eggs at Easter, but originally eating eggs was not allowed by church leaders during the week leading up to Easter (known as Holy Week).

So any eggs laid that week were saved and decorated to make them Holy Week eggs, that were then given to children as gifts.

Victorians adapted the tradition with satin-covered cardboard eggs filled with Easter gifts.

This has now developed into the tradition that many people enjoy today.



Why are Easter eggs made of chocolate?

The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th Century, but they were bitter and hard.

As chocolate-making techniques improved, hollow eggs like the ones we have today were developed.

They very quickly became popular and remain a favourite tradition with chocolate-lovers today.



What's the Easter Bunny then?

The story of the Easter Bunny is thought to have become common in the 19th Century.

Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (called kittens), so they became a symbol of new life.

Legend has it that the Easter bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life.

This is why some children might enjoy Easter egg hunts as part of the festival.

It doesn't do all the work alone though!

In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a cuckoo and in parts of Germany by a fox.

The UCW would like to extend a very big 'Thanks' to **ALL** the men (you know who you are) of the congregation who have helped throughout the past year. There have been many functions at which the men have assisted and their help has been invaluable. Thank you all.



Thank You.



*Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother,
'Why is the bride dressed in white?'*

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said,

'So why is the groom wearing black?'

I Didn't Write Any OF These But Wish I Had

- I thought getting older would take longer.
- A wise man once said nothing.
- Respect your elders: They graduated school without the Internet.
- Why do I have to Press "1" for English? Did America move?
- We have enough gun control. What we need is idiot control.
- Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.
- Instead of "single" as a marital status I prefer "independently owned and operated".
- Patience. What you have where there are too many witnesses.
- Let's stop sending money to other countries and let them hate us for free.
- Vegetarian. Ancient Tribal name for the village idiot who can't hunt, fish or light fires!
- I look at people and sometimes think ... "Really? That's the sperm that won?"
- In my defense I was left unsupervised.
- If guns kill people, then pencils misspell words, cars make people drive drunk, and spoons make people fat.
- My decision-making skills closely resemble those of a squirrel when crossing the road.
- Some things are just better left unsaid. And I usually realize it right after I say them.
- Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- If my body is ever found on a jogging trail just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped there.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

36th BEEF SUPPER

Friday April 26, 2019

4:15—6:30



Many Hands Make Light Work



Thank You For Being So Kind

Emmanuel's Beef Supper major 'Fun' raiser is happening Friday, April 26th. We need you !! We need workers before, during, and after the dinner. We need our famous homemade pies baked, and there is also a list of items you can donate. The Fun Sheet will be at church this Sunday for your chance to sign up. After that, we will be phoning around to fill the jobs. So come out to church and choose your jobs. **Janie Clayton** will be in the narthex to help, as will **Jo McCulley** with the pies and roasts.

Can't come to help during that week, what can be easier than **Cooking a Roast of Beef**! A roast of Beef can be delivered right to your door and even put into your oven. It comes complete with easy-to-follow instructions, you just make 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 **Nancy Dixon at 705-495-6944** she'd love to hear from you.

Our **Ticket Seller, Evelyn Johnson** has 500 tickets to sell, so do call her soon at **705-478-7309** to reserve your for yourself and your friends.

Adults / Youths \$17.00

Children (5-10) \$5.00

Workers \$17.00

Takeouts \$17.00**

N.B. Takeouts must be picked up at the church.



This year, we are happily seeking **homemade** pies only. Please continue to bake your awesome pies! If baking pies is not your fun, then a donation of 6 dollars for each pie you would like to **not bake** would be greatly appreciated. If you like to bake pies, ask **Janie Clayton (472-1182)** when you can help bake the sponsored pies.

Donation Sheet: Donations of items such as Coffee; Bece; Sugar; Foil, etc. are welcomed. See the sheet in the Narthex, sign up to donate something and bring items to church before Wednesday April 25th.

Remember ... "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success."

Come and be a part of the 'team'.

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to 'Save-A-Cow' and have your name on the Donor Wall.

To be part of the 'Save-A-Cow' campaign, simply put \$50.00, along with your name, envelope or PAR number into an envelope, and place it on the collection plate. You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year, AND, your name will be on the Donor Wall the night of the supper.

Last year 27 cows were 'saved' ... can we do better this year?



Let's face it, winter in northern Ontario can seem pretty long, that's why we sometimes like to dream of summer and

The Duchesnay Falls Trails

Northeastern Ontario is as much a region of water as it is of land, something that only by hiking it (or seeing it from the air) are you able to truly appreciate. With tens of thousands of lakes, and every size and shape of creek or river feeding and emptying them, it's little wonder that waterfalls are almost as plentiful as the lakes and rivers themselves.

Yet there's something magnetic about waterfalls that makes them different from lakes or rivers. Whether it's the sound or the beauty of the cascading water, the power being released in its rushing downhill descent, or just the fact that no two waterfalls are alike, there's something about waterfalls that draws people to them.

Take Duchesnay Falls, only minutes outside of North Bay, Ontario. It drew me north to explore not only its multiple cascades, but the pretty hiking trails on either side of them.

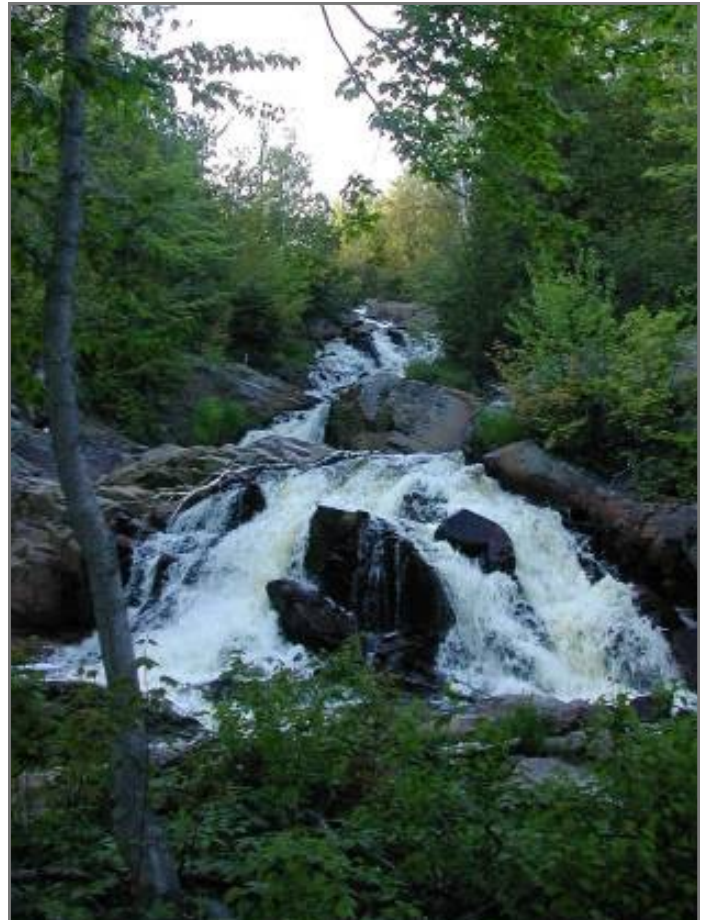
Duchesnay Falls is one of Northeastern Ontario's most popular waterfalls, no doubt due in part to the fact that it is so accessible: the largest cascade is literally a few minutes' walk off Highway 17, within easy view and earshot of the road. But starting at the end of these falls is literally just the beginning.

This is the beauty of Duchesnay, in fact. Just when you think you've "seen the falls," you hike a few dozen yards upstream and find another one. And another. And so on and so on.

Each piece of the river system offers something a little different: some of the drops in height are dramatic and steep, like the western cascade that tumbles the final 8 – 10 metres to the bottom and where logs that have been swept downstream in the spring rush of high water litter the base.

Higher upstream, water flows over a flatter "staircase" 10 to 20 metres long, eventually spilling over a steeper edge to collect in a pool before continuing downstream. It's easy to see how on a hot day, that pool would look temptingly refreshing but be aware that swimming is strictly forbidden here (at least that's what the sign says!).

For hikers who are adventurous and sure-footed, it's possible in low-water season to walk across the flat rocks farther upstream before the water drops into the pool. It's a very different story in the spring, however, when the water volume is high, and the river divides into two streams, one course rushing down to the steeper western cascade and the other fork taking a slightly flatter descent to the east.



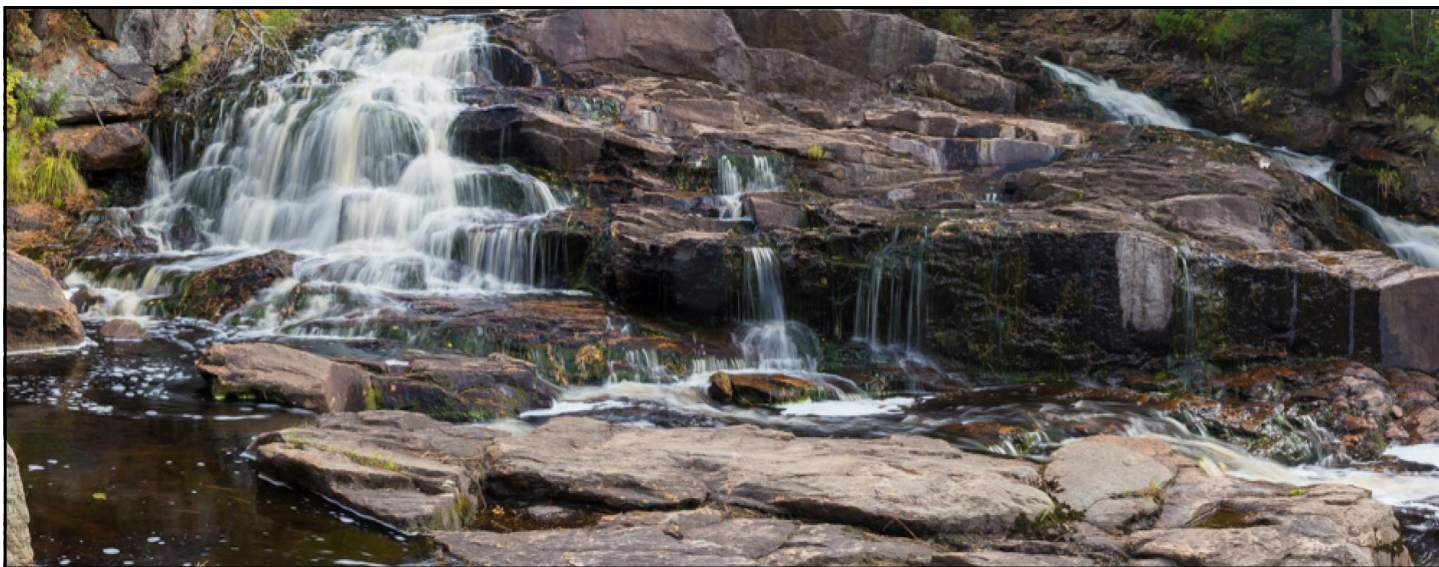
Location: North Bay, Ontario

Source: Duchesnay Creek

Summary: Duchesnay Falls is a scenic, easy to visit cascade on the Canadian Shield. It is well worth the time to visit if you are in the North Bay area.

Hike farther north and the waters flatten out more, spilling over a series of shallower ledges where the flow of the creek seems gentler, and swirling pools of water form abstract designs along the shore, almost begging for a photo. Here, with the river narrowing and widening, twisting and turning between rocks and the banks overhung with trees, there are plenty of picturesque views all along its length for photographers.

To capture its beauty from both sides, there once was a sturdy metal bridge that crossed the river about a kilometre upstream from the base of the falls, and connected the eastern and western trails giving hikers the perfect place to complete a short loop back to the road and the beginning of the trail.



But Duchesnay Falls continued to draw me in, so I decided to continue along the eastern trail to a point farther upstream to the next bridge. Unfortunately, after another half kilometre or so up the trail, I arrived at the point where the bridge should have been, and discovered that it had been destroyed. Bottom line: Nature: 1, Man: 0

And I couldn't help but think that if waterfalls possess a character all their own, Duchesnay Falls was a little like Northeastern Ontario itself: ruggedly handsome, a little rough around the edges, but with a natural appeal and authenticity that made me want to go a little deeper to get to know it better.

Luckily for me, the water was low so I was able to cross the river on the exposed rocks, climb the bank on the other side, and after a bit of confusion looking for the right path, hook up with the western trail. Hugging the river more closely than the eastern trail, and with more views and access to the water, I actually found this route to be prettier than the eastern one, and I followed it back to where I had begun the hike an hour or so before.

As it turned out, Duchesnay Falls proved to be much more than just a waterfall by the side of a road. Maybe it was the badly marked paths, my zig zagging across dry rocks and wet river crossings, or even that broken bridge where I had to scramble up the rocks to continue my hike . . . but I definitely felt like I was on a mini-adventure hiking these trails.



By Jane Canapini

Jane Canapini is editor of Grownup Travels.

<https://www.northernontario.travel/northeastern-ontario/big-hikes-duchesnay-falls>

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. See the January 2019 newsletter—“\$ and Sense—UCC”, “\$ and Sense—EUC”.

“**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.

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 \$24,978 in 2019.

The lean year reserve remains at \$15,000. Interest earned on investments will supplement our “replacement reserve” to fund enhancements. Current initiatives include a surveillance system, water conserving toilets and replace copier and current illuminated sign with LED—variable message sign. A future concern is cost effective heating.

There was \$3181 in HST Rebate received in 2018 and this is committed to our replacement reserve. The \$680 uncommitted GIC at the beginning of 2018 plus \$150± on interest earned, combined with 2018 HST Rebate of \$3181 means \$4000± will be available March 2, 2019.

MEMORIAL FUND (Worship of God and beautification of sanctuary)

This fund, which was \$4298 at the beginning of 2019, is administered by our Worship Committee. The priority consideration is the sound system (allowance \$4000).

MISSIONS AND SERVICE FUND

Monthly, “M&S” offerings and donations are forwarded to United Church Canada. The objective in 2019 is to provide \$7000 to United Church Canada through your M&S offerings and donations. Please review the above note re: “\$ and Sense” as EUC “assessment” a local church expense is \$4472 in 2019.

MORTGAGE FUND

Emmanuel is committed to \$7,200 per year in payments towards the cost of building this church. The outstanding loan was \$21,792 at the beginning of the year of 2019 and it is projected we will be mortgage free by March 2022.

Offerings through **PAR** or envelopes can be directed to the fund of your choice. Special Offerings envelopes are available and easy to use. Yes, just note donor, purpose and/or fund supported. Remember **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 on a 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 Canadian Shield “(Region 6)” (youth) initiatives.

EUC Finance Committee



It makes things possible, not easy



ZELDA McLELLAN

Charter Member

Life Member

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Life Member

Dedication of More Voices Hymn Books

During the church service on March 17, 2019, **7 More Voices** hymn books, purchased by Emmanuel United Church Women, were dedicated in memory of our sisters who have gone before us in 2017 and 2018. The names of those honoured are as follows: Zelda McLellan, Charter Member, Ethel Page, Life Member, and other members Marie Wiltsey, Margueritte Martin, Theresa Fry, Bernice Workman and Elizabeth Rice. It was good to see family members and good friends in the congregation for the dedication.



BERNICE WORKMAN



MARGUERITE MARTIN



THERESA FRY



ELIZABETH RICE



MARIE WILTSEY

Emmanuel's Investments and Assets - One Prespective



Emmanuel United Church

When the cornerstone was placed in 1986 Emmanuel's Congregation had committed all its resources plus a Ventures In Mission (VIM) loan from United Church Canada. The only other assets it possessed was its Manse and Neighbourhood Centre; however, as part of it's "Village" contract it had established an "Incorporated Ministry", the Emmanuel Village Apartments.

The Manse was sold in 1990 as the Minister chose to live elsewhere. Emmanuel needed to have a resource to provide a manse should the Minister so choose. In 2015 this need was removed as UCC moved to a new compensation formula. A housing provision is now incorporated in the Minister's salary.

Funding to support the Neighbourhood Centre was curtailed in 1995 and the property was sold in 1996. There are conditions on reinvestment; however, the Trustees did provide \$15,000 of the proceeds to council for use as a "self administered loan". Funds were withdrawn as needed and there has been a sustained effort to replenish and/or maintain the reserve.

Both the Manse and Centre are reported as Trustee Investments as is the VIM loan balance (\$21,792 Jan. 1/19). The mortgage is a local church expense. If yearly donations to the mortgage fund (PAR, envelope, In Memorium or other special offerings reflecting donors priority) exceed the \$7200/yr commitment, a lump sum payment reduces the outstanding balance.

The amortization table included in the Addendum of EUC's 2018 annual report shows the congregation will be mortgage free March 1, 2022. Lump sum payments reduce principal, thus monthly interest is less and the debt is paid off sooner.

When one includes it's "incorporated ministry" Emmanuel congregation's "Village" assets have appreciated to \$3,436,000 (MPAC Jan. 1/17). The \$168,295 Trustee investments and unencumbered assets could serve to grow the congregations pursuit of its mission.



Feeding the Community

The food cupboard at Emmanuel United Church was restocked recently thanks to the generous donation of \$1,000.26 worth of groceries donated by the West Ferris Legion. Thank you so much to the Legion for its donation that will be of great assistance to us as we continue to serve residents of West Ferris who are in need of assistance.



An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

UCW NEWS



The Annual EUC Ladies Luncheon was held on February 12 at Sugar Daddy's Cupcakes & Catering. 18 ladies enjoyed a delicious luncheon, followed by a presentation of UCW Life Memberships. UCW President Brenda Cote presented the Life Memberships to Mary Way-White, Cathy Green, Pam Zygmunt and Nancy Dixon assisted by Ruth Trottier, Secretary/Treasurer.

NON-SUPPER SUPPER - makes Sense (\$)

Notices went out prior to the Mar. 3/19 ACM and the opportunity to envision a dinner and setting you fancy has been well received.

As of Sun. Mar. 24th 37 families have embraced our event and their support has generated \$1635.

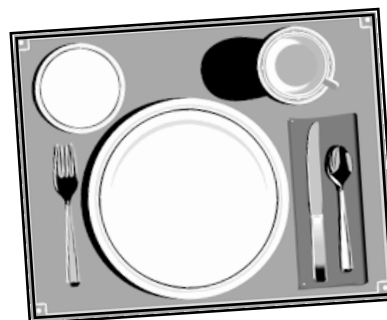
Our target, in the midst of winter, will be exceeded and will assist in overcoming the projected \$24,978 deficit approved at the ACM.

The first quarter of 2019 required \$3667 for winter maintenance while hydro costs averaged \$1488/month.

More are welcome. We encourage all to join. There may be an opportunity to acquaint "Snowbirds" with our Canadian winter.

Bon Appetit!

EUC Finance Committee



Société Alzheimer Society

SUDBURY-MANITOULIN NORTH BAY & DISTRICTS
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THANK YOU Emmanuel Village for your support towards our
Art Therapy Program.



**To date we have hosted 8 sessions and each have been very successful and meaningful for our clients.
Your support means a great deal to all of us!**

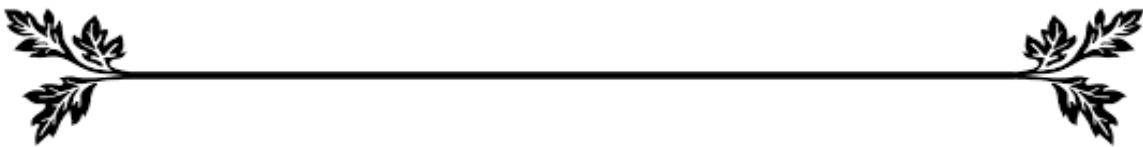


**JOIN US on Sunday, June 9, 2019 for our annual Walk For Alzheimer's
and help raise funds for local programs and support services.**

You can register online at

www.walkforalzheimers.ca

**Or pick up a pledge form at the Alzheimer Society
1164 Devonshire Avenue. North Bay ON . Suite 200**



Cooking Lesson from Granny

Newlyweds at home, wife cooking the first dinner. It's a roast.

Wife cuts two inches off the roast before putting it in the pan. Husband is curious and asks her why.

Wife replies "I don't know, momma always did so I do it too..."

They call momma and ask her why she always cut two inches off her roast.

Momma says "Granny always did, she taught me how to cook.". So now they have to call granny.

Granny says "well, cause my momma always did".

Well they couldn't call the great grandma because she's in a home and can't hear on the phone.

Great grandma is over 300 miles away so the husband and wife resolve to drop the question.

Well the weeks went by and the unanswered question just ate them both up. So they planned a road trip. After driving most of the day they were both tired and decided to get a room.

Next morning they get to the home and great grandma is really glad to see them. They exchange pleasantries and then the wife asks the question.

GRANNY, WHY DID YOU CUT TWO INCHES OFF YOUR ROAST? WE JUST HAVE TO KNOW.

Granny says "You two drive all the way up here for that?" "Well I'll tell you ... it's because my pan was too short and I couldn't afford a new one!"



Time gets Better with Age.

I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either.

Age 7

I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it,
Mom makes me clean it up again.

Age 12

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed
me there.

Age 29

I've learned that making a living is not the same as making a life.

Age 58

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on
both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 64

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 74

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Age 78

If things get better with age, then I'm approaching Excellent!

**You drop something
when you were younger,
you just pick it up.**

**When you're older and
you drop something, you
stare at it for a bit
contemplating if you
actually need it
anymore.**

*Each Day
only
comes Once
in a
Lifetime*

Today a man knocked on my door and
asked for a small donation towards the
local swimming pool, so I gave him a
glass of water.



SCENT-SITIVE ...

Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people with medical conditions. Please, in consideration of others, do not wear scented products when attending church. Your cooperation is appreciated.



IF YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER DO INFORM THE OFFICE SECRETARY SHOULD SHE NEED TO REACH YOU.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR PLAN TO MOVE, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE SO THAT ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU DOES NOT GO ASTRAY.

Q. What happens when you eat too much alphabet soup?
A. You have a VOWEL Movement!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS ..
PLEASE LET THE
CHURCH OFF KNOW SO
THAT WE CAN STAY IN
TOUCH WITH YOU.

Next *Emmanuel Communicates*
will be available on May 26. All
submissions and articles required
prior to **2:00 p.m. May 19th.**

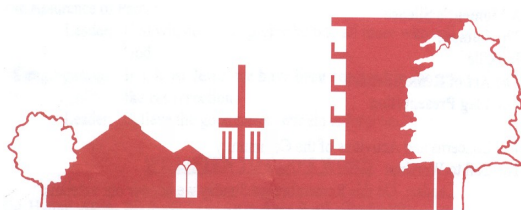
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