



EMMANUEL COMMUNICATES

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From the Pastor's Desk

September 2019

We have had an activity-filled summer at Emmanuel United Church. Leading up to the summer, we engaged in a two-day Visioning process with EDGE Consultant, Dave Harder. We named our fears, our hopes and we defined church. The group that gathered at the Saturday event described church as “a people united together by Jesus serving the neighbourhood, needs are met, belonging, authentic, accepting, fun, love, serve others, learning together, engaged in spiritual practices, compassionate, sharing a common faith and generous.”

We named what we tend to measure: money, Sunday attendance, number of volunteers, building condition, this is how we have always done it. It worked then. We were encouraged to consider a shift in our scorecard: Are we engaged in the community? Does the neighbourhood know we exist? Are we a joy filled, passionate people? Are we welcoming and practicing hospitality? Are we diverse? Are people feeling they belong and are loved? Are we generous? Are we innovative, trying new things, risking? Are we permission-giving?

We decided that rather than focus on what we lack (money and less people) and going inward, we would intentionally shift our focus. We decided to be an attractive neighbour. Like the early church in Acts 2, we want people to say “I like them.” We want to not necessarily do more, but to focus more on how we want to BE. We want to be welcoming, loving, caring, generous and together. We want to be the kinds of people that neighbours want to be around. We want to move from asking church questions such as “how do we grow?” and instead ask neighbourhood questions “what is God up to in the neighbourhood and how can we join in with what God is doing?”

“So if we are serious about real change, we need a spirit of experimentation; a powerful culture-shifting approach that grabs hold of the heart, realigns core desires and sparks collective imagination. At the same time our awareness of the Spirit deepens, and soon enough we join in with what God is doing right here in West Ferris.” (Dave Harder)

Here are some experiments we tried this summer:

Inviting friends & neighbours to Church Picnic – A small group went door-to-door visiting the apartments of Emmanuel Village and were well received. The next time we knock on the Village doors we will ask the Village Board before we go. The balloons were a good idea, both on Lakeshore Drive entrance and tied to gazebo, which were moved indoors.

At the picnic we decided to move indoors, so people from balconies did not participate – how do we get the people from the balcony to come into the church? (Roni did have lunch with people on gazebo a few times this summer) The weather was cold, so we wonder should we move the outdoor service to mid-summer? The hot dogs and game were good.

Practice being a welcoming community over the summer – We have been making an effort to be more welcoming. A “Welcoming” during the service just before the last hymn with John playing us back to our seats possibly once a month, will help with this.

Organize 2 “To Do Nights” – we actually did 3 evenings – Jam one night, Dill Pickles two nights. All the events were fun, and some invited friends who don’t normally come to our church.

Beautify the neighbourhood by gardening and picking up litter – the flowers around EUC are beautiful again this year. A planter was donated for the front. Ruth Trottier gave a talk and wrote an article about Guerilla gardening.



Here are some experiments we tried this summer: (continued)

Network & growing church and non-church partnerships – Joint Bible study is planned. Trinity sent a letter regarding the future of United Churches in North Bay – this is going to council to decide if Emmanuel wishes to be in conversation with North Bay United Church congregations.

Eating together & learning each other's stories – We had the Church picnic (with a game that got people talking) and a member of the congregation catered a spaghetti lunch, it was loud in the hall, so a lot of people were chatting with each other as they enjoyed a really good lunch.

We all enjoyed these experiments and are looking forward to at least two additional good neighbor events this fall and early winter:

- “Lets get together and make care packages for guests at the monthly brunch” Friday October 18th an all ages event with snacks and fall activities. Leadership by Tiffany Van Meer.
- Prechristmas intergenerational event with games, crafts, food and pick-up Christmas pageant to be held on November 23rd. Part of Emmanuel's legacy has been its social events.

We are being intentional about being present for the community. Please tell your neighbours about these events.

We want to be known not only for our suppers (November 1st), but as wonderful Christian neighbours, here in West Ferris, joining in with what God is doing in the community. We want to be known by our love!

Sunday worship continues to be spirit-filled and the preaching is meaningful. We are a Christ-centred, inclusive worshipping community. Tell your friends about Emmanuel United Church.

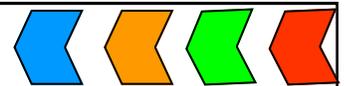
It's an exciting time to join in with us.

Peace,

Rev. Roni



Church Clean-up!! November 2nd



Carl and Merlin of your Property Committee has decided to be efficient in our Turkey Supper clean-up on the Saturday following the supper. Besides the usual cleanup we will ask people to stay and wash some windows, dust, organize and do all that is necessary to have a bright and welcoming church. There also may be a little touch up to accomplish in the sanctuary. Please, if you are able, extend your already kind support by staying a little staying and working a little longer on our church.

Carl and Merlin

Property #manyhandsmakelightwork

\$ and Sense - Emmanuel's "Martha"

Most are familiar with the story of two sisters "Martha" and "Mary" as portrayed in the Gospel of John. Mary was very engaging, Martha was born to serve yet became a pillar of faith. Some say Martha was a Saint. Over the past summer a bequest, perhaps the first ever for this church, was received from Emmanuel's Martha.

This good news which was shared in the monthly \$ and Sense bulletin insert revealed:

June 30/19 - "Two donations totalling \$13,500 are to be applied in the spirit and for the purpose intended. These will allow our Treasurer to meet commitments over the summer without waiting for next Sunday's deposit".

July 31/19 - "Early this month Emmanuel received confirmation from United Church Canada that the Ventures In Mission (VIM) loan, to construct this church in 1986, was discharged. As of June 20, 2019 Emmanuel is 'mortgage free'.

Aug. 31/19 - "As announced August 4th Emmanuel is the beneficiary of a bequest. The spirit and intent is to stabilize Emmanuel's indebtedness and provide a safety net for sustaining the church".

The will of the donor is clearly stated and supported by the estate executor. The above reflects a bequest totalling \$80,000. A recommendation for Council to apply this welcomed and much needed gift consistent with the donors wishes will go forward for its September meeting. The intent is to reflect the demonstrated ability of the donor to "walk the walk" as a leader of Emmanuel's congregation.

Yes Emmanuel, there is a Martha! THANK YOU VIVIAN.

EUC Finance Committee



AVGEN GIFT CARD PROGRAM



Gift/Prepaid card orders are generally being taken on the second Sunday of each month (note next order is on October 20th) and cards are usually returned within a week. So far this year we have made 9 orders and have raised over \$900 for the church. Thank you for your contribution.

Please consider thinking of the gift cards as more than ‘gift’ cards, think of them as “pre-paid” cards. You can certainly use the cards as gifts but we encourage you to use them for everyday purchases. Groceries, hardware, gas and restaurants.

- Some people buy all their groceries with the cards they order through the church. Your spending for the month is set out ahead of time.
- Some people buy a coffee gift card for the month. Using the card to limit their spending... a way of budgeting.
- Some church committees have purchased cards for their spending or gifting.

There are many ways to contribute to the church this way. Whatever you use your cards for you are giving back to the church without washing dishes and without spending any money over the card value. And you still get your loyalty points.

It's simple! Why shouldn't you use them? It gives the church some money and it doesn't cost you anything except a little time filling out the form and writing a cheque! I wish that it wasn't called Gift Cards but when you think about it, the gift is to the church! The only negative to these cards is keeping them in a safe place and handy to use when shopping and you have to put out the money a month ahead of using them. It's great! I use them mainly for groceries and if you shop at No Frills or PC or Shoppers Drug Mart you can show your PC Optimum card and get the points and also at Esso if you buy gas there. I use it also for Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Home Depot, Metro, Food Basics, etc. Yes, the money that you spend at those places doesn't give you rewards or whatever you get with your credit card but when you consider that you're helping the church, it's worth it! So, DO IT and use these Gift Cards!

That's my opinion. Bud McMartin

Update: Loblaws (Independent and No Frills) have increased the rebate to 4%. This is great news as this is one of our more popular cards.

Since we started last fall we have purchases 682 cards and raised over \$1400!

Thanks for your support,

Tina and Greg Wilcox

RECOGNITION

A very dirty little child came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, “Who am I?”

“I don’t know! Who are your?” replied the mother.

“WOW!” cried the child. “Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!”



Buzzer System with Video Picture for 2 door Entrance Security



Council approved a motion in June to purchase a door buzzer and video picture security system, once funding is confirmed, at a cost of about \$3,000. The U. C. W. has generously offered to donate about \$1,500 dollars or whatever their final bank balance allows. This is an important security for office staff and E.U.C. volunteers who are often in the church alone. Emmanuel members have also been very generous and have donated 900 dollars for this endeavour. Wow, we only have 5 or 6 hundred more to go! A sincere thank you to all who have so kindly supported this endeavour.

Merlin Clayton for The Property Committee



VOTE 2019

Elections Canada has selected Emmanuel as a location where voters can exercise their democratic right.

Bert Passmore Hall will be the location for eligible Canadian voters for both ..

1) Election Day: Monday October 21, 2019

2) Advanced Polls: Friday October 11 through Monday October 14.

The Advance polls open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, extend through Thanksgiving weekend. Voters will gain access to Bert Passmore Hall from both entrance doors via the hallways.

The Sunday service and other church activities will occur in the Sanctuary area of the church.

Emmanuel is pleased to be able to serve this need. It affords an opportunity to showcase our location and demonstrate our welcoming, caring environment to others.



LESSON LEARNED

I parked in front of a mall, wiping my car, when a tramp approached me.

From the looks of him, he had no car, no home, no clean clothes, and no money.

There are times when you feel generous but sometimes you just don't want to be bothered.

This was one of those "don't want to be bothered times".

I hope he doesn't ask me for money, I thought.

He didn't. He sat down on the curb and after a few minutes he spoke.

"That's a very pretty car," he said.

He was ragged but he had an air of dignity around him.

I said, "Thanks," and continued wiping my car.

He sat quietly. The expected plea for money never came.

As the silence between us widened something inside me said, "Ask him if he needs any help."

I was sure he would say "Yes" but I held true to the inner voice.

"Do you need any help?" I asked.

He answered in three simple but profound words that I shall never forget.

We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments.

I expected nothing but an outstretched grimy hand. But he spoke the three words that shook me.

"Don't we all?" he said.

I was feeling high and mighty, successful and important, above a tramp in the street, until those three words hit me.



*Don't we all?

I needed help.

Maybe not for a meal or a place to sleep, but I needed help.

I reached in my wallet and gave him enough to get a warm meal.

Those three little words still ring true.

No matter how much you have, no matter how much you have accomplished, you need help too.

No matter how little you have, no matter how loaded you are with problems, even without money or a place to sleep, you can give help.

Even if it's just a compliment, you can give that.



LESSON LEARNED - continued

You never know when you may see someone that appears to have it all. But they may be waiting for you to give them what they don't have!

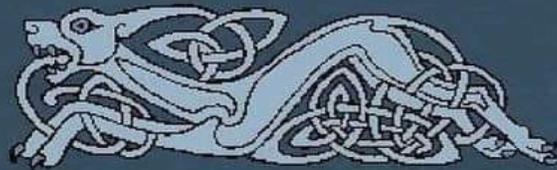
- * A different perspective on life
- * A glimpse at something beautiful
- * A respite from daily chaos, that only you with a different view can see.

Maybe the man was just a homeless stranger wandering the streets.

Maybe he was more than that. Maybe he was sent by a power that is great and wise, to minister to people too comfortable in themselves.

Maybe God looked down, called an Angel, dressed him like a tramp, then said, "Go minister to that man cleaning the car, that man needs help."

DON'T WE ALL?



Practice the pause.

Pause before judging. Pause before assuming. Pause before accusing. Pause whenever you're about to react harshly and you'll avoid doing and saying things you'll later regret.

-Lori Deschene

The Celtic Christian Tradition



Set-up days for the Turkey Supper:

Due to the big Curling Event in North Bay, the Turkey Supper as you likely know already is delayed one week until Friday, Nov. 1st! This means that the days for Setting-up & Take-down will be from Sat. Oct. 26 to Sat., Nov. 2nd which is the days of the Curling Event . I'll be sending out emails to people who usually help on the various days but if you are willing to help, please sign up on the FUN Sheet or call me at 705-474-8725 or email me at carolbud70@gmail.com.

I hope that you are willing & able to help! ... Bud McMartin

To Save-A-Turkey

One thing we did add was a Turkey Ranch wall, 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, clearly marked Save-A-Turkey, place it on the collection plate and get a receipt for income tax. Then check out the Turkey Ranch wall in the hall for your name.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH 51st ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

ADULTS \$17.00 / WORKERS \$17.00

TAKEOUTS \$17.00

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

*The turkey supper tickets sell quickly and there is a limited number, so call **John Gamble at 705-840-0520** to order or reserve tickets for yourself and your friends. Tickets may also be picked up at the church Wed. and Fri. morning between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 beginning October 9th.*

EMMANUEL'S 51st 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 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 Merlin or Janie Clayton (705-472-1182) 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 28th and then numerous jobs running right through the week to clean up on Saturday November 2nd, there is plenty of time for you to volunteer to help out.



Can't come to help during that week? Well, 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 brought to the church for carving!

Interested? Call Nancy Dixon at 705-495-6944 Or put your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



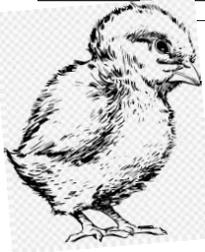
Being well known for our pies, we are hoping that once again we can count on YOU to donate some. We need **110** pies to serve our customers Apple, Raisin, Lemon, Pumpkin, or Blueberry. Unable to bake?

OR Just like last year, we have volunteers who are willing to bake some of those pies for you. There is space on the Pie Sign Up Sheet where you can indicate how many pies you are willing to ask those volunteers to make on your behalf. Cost per volunteer made pie is \$8.00 with any excess money going toward the supper profit.

Special **Donations** of Becel, Coffee, Tea, etc are welcomed. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex for you to indicate what you would be willing to donate.



“GRATITUDE”



There was a bird who lived in a desert, very sick, no feathers, nothing to eat and drink, no shelter to live in. One day a dove was passing by, so the sick unhappy bird stopped the dove and inquired: “Where are you going?” It replied “ I am going to heaven.”

So the sick bird said, “Please find out for me, when my suffering will come to an end?” The dove said, “Sure, I will” and bid a good-bye to the sick bird. The dove reached heaven and shared the message of the sick bird with the angel in charge at the entrance gate.

The angel said, “For the next seven years of its life the bird has to suffer like this, no happiness till then.”

The dove said, “When the sick bird hears this he will get disheartened. Could you suggest any solution for this.”

The Angel replied, “Tell him to recite this verse: *”Thank you, God, for everything.”* The dove on meeting the sick bird again, delivered the message of the Angel to it .



After seven days the dove was again passing by and saw that bird was very happy, feathers grew on his body, a small plant grew up in the desert area, a small pond of water was also there. The bird was singing and dancing cheerfully. The dove was astonished. The Angel had said that there would be no happiness for the bird for the next seven years. With this question in mind the dove went to visit the Angel at heaven's gate.

The dove put forth his query to the Angel. The Angel replied, “Yes, it is true there was no happiness for the bird for seven years but because the bird was reciting the verse, *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING”* in every situation, his life changed.

When the bird fell down on the hot sand it said, *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING.”*

When it could not fly it said, *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING.”*

When it was thirsty and there was no water around, it said, *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING.”*

Whatever the situation, the bird kept on repeating, *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING”* and therefore the



When I heard this story, I felt a tremendous shift in my way of feeling, thinking, accepting and viewing life.

I adopted this verse in my life. WHATEVER the situation I faced I started reciting this verse. *”THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING.”* It helped me to shift my view from what i did not have to what i have in my life.

For instance; if my head aches I THANK GOD that the rest of my body is completely fine and healthy and I notice that the headache does not bother me at all.

In the same manner I started using this verse in my relationships (whether family, friends, neighbours, colleagues), finances, social life, business and everything with which I can relate. I shared this story with everyone I came in touch with and it brought a great shift in their behaviour too.

This simple verse really had a deep impact on my life, i started feeling how blessed I am, how happy I am, how good life is.

The purpose of sharing this message is to make all of us aware of how powerful the *”ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE”* is. It can reshape our lives...!!!

Lets recite this verse continuously to experience the shift in our life.

So be grateful, and see the change in your attitude.

Be humble, and you will never stumble.

*REMEMBER: "THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERYTHING!"

Single use water bottles and other plastics impacting
our planet's Environment/Climate Change

Emmanuel United Church Council has caringly passed the following motion:

Emmanuel United Church choose NOT to use single-use plastic water bottles, plastic straws, and single-use plastic cutlery in the church properties and events and to incorporate into their rental policies, a request that others using their buildings abide by this same agreement. Further, that this policy be reviewed and updated with other environmentally friendly changes as they arise.



Canadian Shield Regional Council Conference in Sault St. Marie in May, passed a similar motion for our region and agreed to “write letters to all individual communities of faith within the Region asking each to establish their own policy.

Janie Clayton and Rev. Teresa Jones presented the motion and reasons at the Regional Conference.

God entrusts all of us as covenant partners to take care of and respect all creation with the same love as God cares for all life. Yet, the bottled water industry uses masses amount of water and fossil fuels with up to 80% of empty bottles overwhelming our land fill sites.

Clean water is a human right that should be guaranteed for all people regardless of where they live and ability to pay. No large company or business should be able to control water for profit, drain our precious resources, and negatively impact our climate crisis, and pollute God's gift of creation. As the reasons are numerous and the work for this was previously prepared by Chisholm United Church and we thank Rev. Teresa Jones and the Chisholm faith community for taking this critical first step and kindly sharing their resources with us.

In Summary:

- ✓ **Bottled Water leads to climate change**
- ✓ **Bottled water is not safer than tap water**
- ✓ **Our landfills cannot support the volume of single use plastics**
- ✓ **Bottled water leads to water shortages**
- ✓ **Water is a human right**



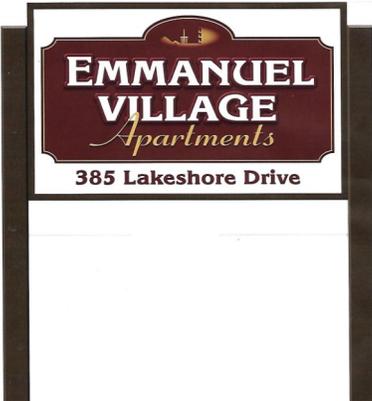
Please see the board display for further information.

Janie Clayton



“ Village “ News

NEW IMAGE



Coming very soon , a new free standing, LED illuminated sign marking the location of Emmanuel Village Apartments. The Board of the Corporation has ordered the sign to replace the original wooden sign on the property. The sign was designed to be compatible with the Emmanuel Church free standing illuminated sign.

The new sign symbolizes the start of a new beginning in that within two years (June 1, 2021) the Corporation will be “mortgage free”. Now is an opportune time to consider options to grow and enhance the “Village”. You can join the Corporation and voluntarily participate in formulating and pursuing new initiatives consistent with the Congregations missions.

FOUNDATION

The heart of the community Emmanuel’s congregation created in the 1980’s through its “Village” contract had two components (the church, affordable housing). Emmanuel Village Apartments is an “incorporated ministry of United Church Canada”. The Letters Patent creating the non-profit corporation requires strict compliance with respect to property, funds and leadership within Canadian and Provincial laws. The Congregation offers two distinct ministries and, since they were created, each has benefited as appropriate in a good neighbourly relationship. Emmanuel Church functions separately in a fashion similar to other United Churches.

NEW ERA

Volunteerism is an integral part of our Canadian culture. The five Corporation members are currently considering options to continue and expand the Congregation’s missions. It is an opportune time for our youth (under 65) who identify themselves with the Emmanuel Congregation to engage and participate. The Corporation has existed through the efforts of dedicated caring team players as members of the Board, serving our tenant clients with respect and integrity.

Please consider volunteering, embrace Emmanuel’s legacy, and shape the Corporation’s future efforts. This is an opportune time to engage. You are encouraged to confer with members of the Corporation (Carl Crewson, Elaine Simmens, Robert Whitford, David Robinson, Rev. Roni Beharry) or speak with Congregation Chair Brian Conrad.

There is optimism for the future as the Corporation approaches a milestone by being “Mortgage Free”.

Emmanuel Village Nor-For-Profit Homes (North Bay) Corporation
- Board of Directors





Book Corner

THANK YOU to all who purchased used books from us this summer. The donations from July and August amounted to \$ 34.90 and came just in time to pay some bills for EUC Willing Workers. More selections have come in during the past week and we have added a table to the display. There are many types to choose from and great authors represented. Unfortunately, hard cover books do not sell well. They will be taken out of the display after the Turkey Supper and Bazaar so now is your chance to add to your library. Thank you to all who have donated books. We couldn't do it without you.

Ruth Trottier

BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY.

**LIVE SIMPLY, LOVE GENEROUSLY, CARE DEEPLY, SPEAK
KINDLY, AND LEAVE THE REST TO GOD. AMEN !**

- 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.
- 2 —So 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 few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4 —All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
- 5 —Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because 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, 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 St. Anthony, "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. 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.



NOVEMBER 16th:

Emmanuel United Church Willing Workers are hoping to have a Bazaar on November 16th. Watch your weekly bulletin or weekly Newsflash for further information.

DECEMBER 7th:

The Finance Committee will be organizing a Cookie Walk to be held on December 7th. Watch your weekly bulletin or weekly Newsflash for further information.

10th Golf Challenge (first for Canadian Shield)



“Absolutely tremendous” was Kathie Smith’s reaction to 10th United Church event held at Osprey Links Golf Course on Aug. 29, 2019.

Kathie, as Chair of the newly created Canadian Shield Regional Council, provided a relevant, common sense down to earth devotion to prepare participants for the golf event. There were 54 participants (45 golfing) and all were enthusiastic to experience change occurring within the United Church.

Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister, lead a contingent of 5 Regional staff and all appreciated the opportunity to mingle with real golfers. Twelve members of the clergy were in attendance. It is rare that

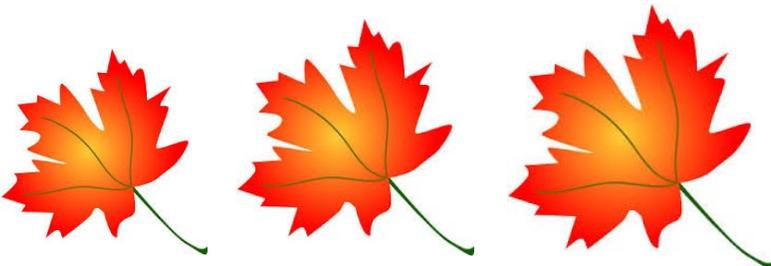
a church event attracts participants with an 85 year (6—91) range in age.

Eunice assembled a Trinity foursome, including an organizer, which finally became competitive and claimed “low score”. Gord’s Emmanuel foursome, long standing winners, had “mid score” and Frankie’s St. Andrews contingent, which lead the field was “humblest”. Golf proficiency, putting and driving accuracy, was demonstrated by Lynne (both), Dave and John. All golfers appreciated Gord’s gift and some even had at least one of their golf balls remaining at the end of play.

Peter commuted from Guelph and considered the outing a “Fantastic community building event, even for new golfers like me”. Osprey Links course and staff were gracious hosts; seven of the 11 teams sustained PAR (71) or better. An opinion shared by all was that the roast beef dinner was absolutely “super excellent”. All applauded when it was announced that \$600.00 had been generated to support Melody’s Regional “youth” initiatives.

Over the 10 years, this event, conceived to engage the North Bay and area family of United Churches in a collaborative effort, has served the organizers expectations. Support, now at a Regional level has been great. Circle Thursday September 3rd, 2020 on your calendar. The organizers may even have new ideas for the 11th annual challenge. As Peter Hartmans reflected, “Great opportunity to gather folks from across the Eastern part of our Region”.

Don, Gord, Dave.





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.

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

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



If you no longer wish to receive Emmanuel Communicates, 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

Visit our website at www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca

Comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

Laughing Matters

Retarded grandparents

contributed by Susan Capps

After summer vacation, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend summers with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and moved to Florida. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there. There is a swimming pool too where they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so

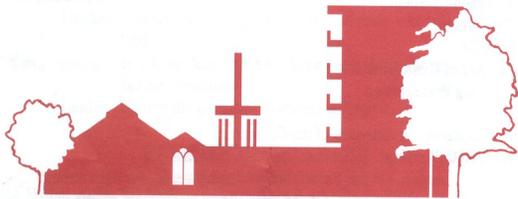
nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night: Early Birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

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