

THROUGH THE YEARS at EMMANUEL



Interns: Top row: Sharon Moon, Glenn Morison; Middle row: Connie McNamara; Maggie Coleman; Bottom Row: Heriberto Gonzales, Reg Jennings

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1958

First church school classes at Vincent Massey Public School - February 23, 1958
First preaching service - Don Bardwell - September 28, 1958
First meeting of the Explorer Group - October 1, 1958
First choir - December 1958 - nine members

1959 - Don McCormick, Clerk of Session; Bill Squire secretary of Official Board
Congregation officially established - January 25, 1959

Call extended to the Reverend Donald Bardwell - February 17, 1959

Induction of Don Bardwell as first minister - March 17, 1959

First Official Board elected - February 17, 1959

Women's Association organized - February 1959

The name "Emmanuel" chosen by the congregation - March 29, 1959

The United Church Observer "Every Member Plan" initiated - March 1959

A manse at 764 Chapman Boulevard purchased - March 1959 - cost \$23,000

Minister's study built in basement of the manse

Every Family Visitation in May to ascertain interests, leadership potential, and pledges

First secretary appointed - Doris Skuce - September 1959

First Building Committee appointed - September 1959

First CGIT organized - September 1959

First congregational dinner - September 1959 in Beecroft Hall, Rideau Park

First Newsletter published - September 1959

Sector Plan Visitation - November 1959

1960 - Don McCormick, Clerk of Session; D.G. Roberts, Secretary of Official Board

First Hi-C group formed - January 1960

First Couples Club organized - January 1960

First Tyros organized - January 1960

First Junior Choir initiated - January 1960

First Study Group formed - April 1960

1961 - Blake Coldwell, Clerk of Session; D.G. Roberts Secretary of Official Board.

Two services begin - February 1961

Intermediate Choir formed (later called Youth Choir) September 1961

Tenders for building too high; Building Committee reconsiders plans

1962 - Bruce Wray, Clerk of Session. D.G. Roberts, Secretary of Official Board

United Church Women born; replaced W.A. - January 1962

Sod turned for construction of building - April 8, 1962

Cornerstone laid - July 25, 1962

Official opening of our first building - October 1962

Messenger Group established - November 1962

New Curriculum introduced in the Church School.

1963 - Bruce Wray, Clerk of Session; Walter Huculak, Secretary Official Board
Sigma C began- September 1963
"Partnership in the Gospel" program initiated
Pat Gilbert begins Wednesday afternoon "socials"

1964 -Walter Huculak, Secretary, Official Board; Bruce Wray Clerk of Session
Resignation of Don Bardwell - June 1964
Call extended to William Blackmore - June 1964
Induction of William Blackmore - September 1964

1965 - Don Daly, Clerk of Session; Walter Huculak, Secretary of Official Board.
Widening of Smyth Road involved expropriation of 1,498 square feet of church land.
20 hour Sensitivity Training course offered by Bill Blackmore and Don Bardwell
Establishment of Memorial Library -
Kairos established - October 1965

1966 - Don Daly, Clerk of Session; Walter Huculak, Secretary Official Board
Building Committee established to consider construction of sanctuary - June 1966
Church Union talks with Anglicans underway.
Discussions begin on changing structures at Emmanuel
Largest communicant's class to date - 39
First Golden Wedding celebrated at Emmanuel - John and Ida Elliott

1967 - Mel Nuth Chair of Council during testing period
Council of the Congregation approved for testing period - January 1967
First Mission Festival - April 1967

1968 - Mel Nuth Chair of Council
First Drop-in Centre - Summer 1968
First Nursery School - September 1968
Variations and experiments in worship continued.
Emmanuel hosts Federal Election All-Candidates meeting.
South East Ottawa Social Action committee formed.
Hourglass Summer Drop-in Centre operated in the summer

1969 - Mel Nuth Chair of Council
Decision made to set aside building plans, and settle for renovations
Council asked to approve to approve changes in church government
Testing period authorized for two services
Hourglass Summer program continues
Storage building planned outside the play area
Stewart Walker, organist, and Catherine Carter, choir director resign

1970 - Mel Watson Chair of Council
Resignation of Bill Blackmore - June 1970

Formation of Pastoral Relations committee - June 1970
Dr. Wilbur Howard called as minister - September 27, 1970
Head Start program and Retarded Children's Nursery School functioning at Emmanuel
Administration Committee links Finance, Property and Grounds, and Trustees
Induction of Dr. Wilbur Howard as minister - December 1970

1971 - Mel Watson Chair of Council
Beginning of "Live-Love" programs
Joint summer services with Hawthorne and Bethany
Social Action Committee helps Senior Citizens settle into new apartments on Russell Road
UCW organized Coffee and Conversation after the service
UCW organized an emergency driver service
Social Action provided food, clothing and medication when needed
Newsletter reappears after an absence

1972 - Tom Macleod Chair of Council
Appointment of church Historian - April 1972
Dedication of exterior cross - May 21, 1972
Flower Guild established
UCW celebrates 10th anniversary
Training Committee established
Innovations Committee established; Implementation Committee followed.

1973 - Bob Williams Chair - posted west; Ken McClymont completed the year
Dedication of "Little Chapel" - March 7, 1973
First Emmanuel history prepared in time for 15th Anniversary in January 1974
Role of women at Emmanuel under study
Innovations Committee plans for Lenten Renewal
Training Committee provides leadership and evaluation

1974 - Malcolm Collins Chair of Council
15th Anniversary celebrated with former ministers returning
A "Forty Days" Lenten program was held.
House Church begins for informal, participatory worship on Sunday evenings
A Women's Committee established on council; UCW disbands
An ongoing Recruitment Committee established - November 1974
Wilbur Howard elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada
Emmanuel welcomed many visiting ministers when Wilbur was absent

1975 - Arthur Monsebraaten Chair of Council
The United Church of Canada celebrates 50 years - nationally and at Emmanuel
Ken McClymont appointed chair of Pulpit Supply for visiting ministers
The first Breakfast Club was initiated by the Social Action Committee
International Women's Year celebrated at Emmanuel
Country Store Bazaar nets \$2010

1976 - Art Monsebraaten Chair of Council
Emmanuel's Constitution review begins
New "Live/Love" projects chosen
Emmanuel's Nursery School closes
Task Force on Youth Involvement in the Church

1977 - Bruce Crosby Chair of Council
Revised constitution presented
Wilbur Howard's term extended beyond normal retirement
Weekly "Minute for Missions" introduced
Rideau Park UC used for Christmas eve service
Kerygma Bible Study introduced
Emmanuel's first "Flea Market" held

1978 - Jean Lamb and Mary Macdonald Co-chairs of Council
Dr. Howard's term extended another year
A "visual Arts" Committee begins making banners
Bazaar nets \$1989.83 - Nanette Whitwam convenor

1979 - Jean Lamb Chair of Council
Dr. Howard's term extended for another year
Memorial Committee established
Emmanuel Immigrants Committee established to sponsor the Bounsouk family from Laos
The church had to be re-roofed at a cost of \$13,000

1980 - Mary McDonald Chair of Council
Renovations Committee established (March)
WoMen's Committee becomes Congregational Co-ordinating Committee
Emmanuel's Dial-a-thought adopted by Presbytery as Lenten program.
First Pictorial Church Directory produced
Long Range Planning Co-ordinator appointed.
Council sets 1980 emphasis as "A Caring Community".
Role of the minister at Emmanuel studied.
Handbells donated at the end of 1979 begin rehearsing and playing in church.

1981 - Ron Squires Chair of Council
Constitution amended, especially the section on the role of the minister.
Farewell to Dr. Howard
Pastoral Relations Committee appointed
Charles Spicer called as minister, June 24, 1981
Almus Committee replaces Congregational Co-ordinating Committee
James R. Macleod Youth Memorial Fund established
Jean Lamb Memorial Fund established
Charles Spicer inducted as minister, September 1981

1982 - Ron Squires Chair of Council

Decision made to apply to the Division of Ministry Personnel and Education for Emmanuel to be considered as a supervisory church for a year long internship program.

Decision made to sell the manse at 764 Chapman

Trustees increased from three to five

Oct.31 - Congregation approved the plan to renovate the present facilities and construct an addition. Council authorized to appoint a Building Committee

Don Francis appointed chair of Building Committee

Pastoral Care team appointed and trained

Sharon Sims (Moon) appointed first student intern at Emmanuel - Sept.82-Sept.83

Almus Committee sponsors "Guess who's coming to dinner" program.

The 1982 bazaar netted \$3000

C.E Committee sponsored a "Multinationals" event with Bonnie Greene

For the first time there are no mid-week groups at Emmanuel

Communication Committee began taping services and making them available to shut-ins

Two events by Social Action Committee focus on Peace and Disarmament -

1983 - Ron Cameron Chair of Council

Sharon Sims (Moon) appointed to two year part time term Sept.83-Aug.85

Curriculum Review Committee reports

Building design presented, February 23rd, and accepted in a vote of 83-26

Building fund campaign - 450,000 target - launched

June 29 - Contract entered with Ruitter Engineering to build the addition, to include a lift for the handicapped

Oct.2 - Funds from sale of manse approved for building

Constitution examined under leadership of Larry Read, Anne Taylor and Rod Macleod

Bazaar nets \$4000 - Ken McClymont chair

Dorothy and Merritt Steele report on their years in Malawi

Emmanuel and Comfort Asante describe their life in Ghana

Roger and Irene McCullough report on their CIDA service in Bangladesh

Solos group started by Sharon Sims

Nenke Jongkind from Stewardship Services leads Stewardship campaign

Teleos begins - a new women's discussion group

A study of baptismal policy begins

Christmas eve service held in Rideau Park United Church

1984 - Adel Francis Chair of Council

25th Anniversary year - Barbara Amundrud chaired the committee; cornerstone laid for sanctuary

Ken McClymont elected chair of Presbytery

The report of the Constitutional Review Committee was accepted

Congregational met April 29th to approve one service of worship beginning Sept. 9

Chuck Spicer ill - ten weeks absence

Sexual orientation report proves controversial - Emmanuel rejects proposal

Georgina Fitzgerald becomes candidate for ministry

Sanctuary used incomplete Easter Sunday, April 15

Sanctuary completed - dedicated on September 9th
New sound system installed coordinated by Graham Kneen.
Long Range Planning Committee (Adel Francis) reported in November
Mission Festival held in March
Lee Langner resigns as Choir Director in June
Breakfast Club ceases to function because of insufficient help and lack of referrals
Cottage Groups met as part of the Long Term Planning process under leadership of Hugh MacKinnon
New forms of worship initiated with a Second Hour discussion
A Young Adults Group was formed.

1985 - Trevor Whitwam Chair of Council

A Commission of Renewal established with Terms of Reference to be approved by the congregation
Karen Dickey becomes Emmanuel's second candidate for ministry
Cathy Squires chosen as a participant in Shalom 85, a India-Canada dialogue
Sharon Moon ordained
A retreat held at Tucker House for Council members
Verna Nuttall resigns as Secretary
Teleos and Social Action sponsor a WOW workshop - Welfare of Women
Cottage groups held to study the report of the Commission for Renewal
Two Christmas eve services held
A study of Inclusive Language undertaken
A Fundraising Committee formed as sub-committee of finance

1986 - Frances Read Chair of Council

Pastoral Relations Committee established, April 29, 1986 - Ron Squires chair
Anne Squire elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada and honoured at Emmanuel
Joanne Barr appointed as Interim Minister, effective September 1996
The Right Rev, Clarke MacDonald leads a preaching mission at Emmanuel
The regional Conference office welcomed as tenants
Sue McCarthy reports that bazaar raised \$4500
Emmanuel Asante, supported by Emmanuel during graduate studies, graduates and returns to Ghana

1987 - Frances Read Chair of Council

Pre-Authorized Remittance system of givings introduced to Emmanuel

Karen Dickey accepted as a full candidate for order of ministry

Congregation approves calling Bill Smith, January 5, 1987

Don & Gladys Cheney resign after 3 years as Newsletter editors - Feb. 87

Spring Rummage Sale run by Marge MacLeod & Ann Macleod

Start of Heron Emergency Food Centre - June

Farewell luncheon & presentation for Joanne Barr June 21

Bill Smith becomes 5th ordained minister of Emmanuel - August 7

Covenanting Service - Bill Smith, September 1987

Six Second Hour fall programs concentrate on the "scattered church"; topics include disarmament, El Salvador, Canada's immigrant & refugee policy, defence in a democratic society, free trade, unemployment

Active youth group with 18 members, Gr. 8-10, led by Graham & Marg Kneen

Shantyman's Dinner served 280; \$1,275 to the Building Fund - October 24

"Envisioning '88" workshop at St Andrew's United, Cumberland - October 31

Emmanuel El Salvador Associates formed - November 1

Cottage Groups held, part of "Visioning '88" and the Stewardship program - November 11

Candy Cane Bazaar (Joan Haliday coordinator) raised \$7,500 for Organ Fund

Seven church choirs present a concert of Advent/Christmas music

Emmanuel choir participated in Christmas Chorale at Rothwell U.C.

Revenues \$230,697, expenses \$227,834; M&S \$33,420, debt retirement \$65,041

Organ Fund established during 1986 had \$8,790 at year end

1988 - Bob Armstrong Chair of Council

Annual Meeting approves committee name change from Christian Education to Christian Development

Protestant Pastoral Care Visitation Team for General Hospital formed

Dedication of Memorial Stained Glass Windows - April 10

Spring Rummage Sale run by Marge MacLeod & Ann Macleod

Congregational Meeting to discuss "Towards a Christian Understanding of Sexual Orientation, Lifestyles and Ministry"

Petition through M&O Conference to 32nd General Council that "the recommendations in the report be rejected as official church policy"

Triple F holds Annual Dessert Card Party

Bill Smith assists with teaching a two-week Ministry of Supervision program at Atlantic School of Theology

Start date of WOW (Work Oriented Workshop) for disadvantaged area youth age 14 to 16 - May 30

Congregational meeting approves becoming a Training Congregation - June 21

Combined summer services with Bethany, Hawthorne, Pleasant Park Baptist

Moderator Anne Squire presented enabling motion to constitute the All Native Circle Conference

Ethel Richard succeeds Bob Armstrong as Sunday School Superintendent

Marg Armstrong reports to Elmvale Inter Church Social Action Committee on activities

Naming Committee struck to recommend a name for "the Upper Hall"
Meeting held to hear from two Commissioners to General Council
Shantyman's Dinner sell-out attendance of 250, \$1,183 raised for Emmanuel Building Fund
Congregational Retreat at Stewart House, led by Rev. Joe Burke
Candy Cane Bazaar (Betty Warburton coordinator) raised \$5,600 for Organ Fun
New photocopier used to print December Newsletter with much improved quality
Emmanuel choir participates in Choir Concert, Northwestern United Church
Second Hour program "Human Rights in El Salvador" led by Reyna Castro
43 new members join Emmanuel in 1988

1989 - Jean Filipkowski Chair of Council

Organ Committee views Casavant opus 2371 in Freligsburg, Quebec
Sunday School curriculum is "The Whole People of God"
Second annual winter party
Annual Meeting approves \$3,000 deposit to hold Casavant organ for 90 days
Last payment due on loan from Presbytery Church Extension Fund - March 15
Cottage groups to dream about ideas for Emmanuel future - April 10
Letter of commendation re EUC Newsletter (editors Helen & Jack Lines) from Doug Flanders,
United Church Dept of Education & Information
Junior Youth Group formed for youth in Gr. 6-8
Secret Pal letter exchange project ran from Oct 88 to May 89
Congregational meeting approved organ purchase, 57 - 22; option with provision for future
enhancement @ \$37,750.72 approved 47 - 30 - May 9
Emmanuel El Salvador Associates sponsorship of Vincente Garay & family accepted by Canadian
Immigration
WOW program at Emmanuel again during Summer
Visit of Presbytery Pastoral Care & Support Committee found "Emmanuel has a strong, vibrant
and faithful congregation and that they are extremely blessed with the spiritual leadership of their
minister"
Evening of celebration held for recently ordained Karen Dickey - June 25
Summer combined worship services
WOW banquet attended by 6 of the 7 WOW graduates
Cottage groups identify "care & nurture within the congregation and outreach to the world
beyond our doors" the two main areas for development - November
Urgent phone call to Bill Smith asking Emmanuel to sponsor Morataya family November
"The time of trouble in El Salvador" in December Newsletter; Garay family in hiding in San
Salvador, don't know where or how they are
Candy Cane Bazaar; \$5,700 raised to reduce the budgetary deficit

1990 - Terry Henderson Chair of Council

1990 budget \$238,210
Miguel Tomas Castro "Second Hour" visit to Emmanuel
Morataya family arrived from San Salvador - March
Marg Armstrong awarded Certificate of Merit for outstanding community service
Office System Study Group considers alternatives to current typewriter

Mary Sharpe honoured for 20 years of Ottawa Welcome Wagon service
Spring Workshop/retreat at Mount Calvary Lutheran; led by Sue Taylor - March
Gwen Terentiuk's afternoon Tea raised \$210 for Triple F
Marg Armstrong nominated official NDP candidate for Ottawa South; campaign manager Don Francis, riding association president Walter Terentiuk
Russell Heights Community House officially opened August
33rd General Council, London Ont. supports Victoria Declaration re Sexual Orientation -302 to 73
Glenn Morison (with Alex Merrill & son Matthew) begins 8 month internship - September
Executive recommends to Council a Capital Budget Program & establishment of a Capital Fund
Debt Retirement Sinking Fund ends; members' bonds worth \$147,000 redeemed
Pictorial directory coordinated by Shirley Black & Ken McClymont
Council approved 2-phase organ expansion plan recommended by Ron Squires, on-going contact with the organ builders
10th Anniversary EORYP (Eastern Ontario Regional Youth Parliament) held at Emmanuel
\$23,000 Royal Bank loan is the only debt left from borrowing to build sanctuary
Initiatives from cottage groups during past 2 years include an Ecumenical Chaplaincy in Russell Heights
Helen & Jack Lines resign after 3 years as Newsletter editors

1991 - Cathy O'Brien Chair of Council

Emmanuel awarded certificate for significant increase in M&S givings
Ruth McVeigh replaces Jack & Helen Lines as editor of the Newsletter in January
January visit to our twinned congregation at Emmanuel Baptist by Bill Smith, Marg & Bob Armstrong & "guides" Juan & Maria Sanchez
Annual Meeting approved unanimously the new Salvadoran Liaison Committee - February
Study Group reported on how Emmanuel could strengthen its church family
Completion of sponsorship of refugee families; dissolution of EESA
New "One in Faith" banner in narthex, "celebrates the many different people in our congregation"
Council approved purchase of laser printer "for Emmanuel's computer set-up"
Council considered doing visitation; only 60% positive response
Combined summer services with Bethany, Hawthorne, Pleasant Park
Bill Smith elected Chair of Presbytery; earlier Ken McClymont had been the second lay person to hold the post
Strong debate at Presbytery re manse vs housing allowance; related to motion to waive Emmanuel's requirement to re-establish a manse fund - September
Council authorized phase 1 of organ expansion; fund reached objective by Oct
Social Action provides tea & transportation for family members visiting Detention Centre inmates
Emmanuel administered \$14,000 in WOW funding, down from \$22,000 in 1990

1992 - Don Hamilton Chair of Council

Annual Meeting approved proposal to hold 1992 summer services at Emmanuel
Communications Committee active once again (dormant since Jan 1987)
Ruth McVeigh resigned as Newsletter editor due to a new job - April
25 Emmanuelites now volunteers with the Kings Daughters & Sons Dinner Wagon

Council members to maintain contact with 5 or 6 assigned households
34th Gen Council receives document "The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture"; Emmanuel had participated in its study
Anne Squire begins term as Newsletter editor - September 92
Lay School of Theology at Dominion Chalmers; Bob Armstrong new President, Larry Read on Curriculum Committee, Anne Squire teaching a course
Aladin Preschool Centre temporarily relocated to Emmanuel basement - September
Maggie Coleman begins her 8-month internship - September
Last payment due on Royal Bank loan - September
Council approves continuation of Summer Service at Emmanuel
Ecumenical carol sing, Immaculate Heart of Mary; Emmanuel & 5 other choirs

1993 - Anne Montgomery Chair of Council

WOW discontinued due to changes in government guidelines
Communications Committee testing a hearing aid system for the sanctuary
Marg Armstrong awarded 125th Commemorative Medal at Parliament Hill ceremony
First Country Social with music, food, square dancing
Newsletter article "Emmanuel Needs a Church Historian"; none since 1982
Social Action activities include: peace activities; garbage days; 10 Days for World Development; Breakfast Club; promoting & supporting Heron Road Food Bank
Worship services recorded weekly by Communications Committee
Council approved further modifications to the organ
Celebration for Maggie" luncheon after worship - April
Sound system for those with diminished hearing is purchased - May
Property & Grounds recommends \$165,000 of work over 3 years, incl \$30,000 during summer & fall of 1993
Sampler of new Hymn Book (Voices United) introduced at Montreal & Ottawa Conference meeting
Council letter to Minister of External Affairs asking the government ensure aid money to El Salvador is distributed openly & fairly
Brad Lavenne, first Youth Ministry Coordinator for Presbytery, begins work - August
No intern; Brett Anningson (with wife Heather) in field placement from United Theological College, Montreal, here half time
Report notes library is severely under-utilized, in part due to use of space as an office & meeting room
Renovations estimated to cost \$180,000, to be completed over 3 years
Assistance by Nenke Jongkind, Regional Consultant, Stewardship Services
CD committee asks if we have the financial resources to hire a CD worker
Joanne Hughes Sunday School Superintendent, replacing Ethel Richard
Workshop "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church" self assessment
Newsletter reports banner group "has once again come to life"
200 place setting of Corelle china in memory of Tom MacLeod by Marge
Pastoral Care involvement of Emmanuelites: our Pastoral Care Team; General Hosp Protestant PC Team; PC Team at the Civic; individuals at St Vincent's Hosp, Riverside Hosp, Royal Ottawa Hosp; plus many others "who do pastoral care without ever realizing it"

Use of Emmanuel space included Aladin Day Care, Al-Anon, Kiwanis Music Festival, Elections Can, Ottawa Choral Soc, music pre-school, Girl Guides

1994 - John Wright Chair of Council

35th Anniversary gift "A Psalm for a Growing Church" from Wilbur Howard

Roll Clerk Bert Reveler submits 43 names for removal to Inactive list

Recruitment vacancies for 1994 included 4 chairpersons, 26 committee members, 11 council members, & 9 individual positions; about 155 persons contacted, an average of 26 calls per Recruitment Committee member

First "Country Social fer City Slickers"

Refurbished 2-year old dishwasher costing \$3,000 (\$10,000 new) installed, funded by loans from several members of the congregation

Betty Warburton new librarian; library moved to new (present) location

Funds raised to assist with publication of Emmanuel Asante's thesis

22 people from Emmanuel offered to be resource people for Hillcrest H.S.

Aladin plans to continue here for at least 1 more year

Council approved placement of important records & documents in City Archives

Many Emmanuelites, including the choir, participate in the M&O Conference meeting in the Nepean Sportsplex

Rwandan Assistance Fund to assist 5 Rwandan refugees now attending Emmanuel

Intern Constance "Connie" McNamara (& Arthur Doucette) comes to Emmanuel - September

New windows installed in CE Hall

Environment Sunday coordinated by Frank McKim

Tentative plans made for a men's club

Senior Youth Group began meeting, led by Connie McNamara

Bazaar coordinators Ken McClymont & Carol Campbell

Leaky roof problems replaced by leaky basement problems

Renovations program begun in 1993 completed except for interior painting & furnace replacement

Neighbours continue to complain about cars illegally parked on Sundays

Jerry van Rijn appointed Church Officer, replacing Mario Castro - December

1995 - Shirley Black Chair of Council

"Experiment in Practical Christianity" course at Emmanuel.

Participation in CEAP (Community Employment Action Program)

Rod Macleod & Bill Squire initiate an exploratory Men's Club meeting

45 families attended the first "Guess Who's Coming To Lunch" - February 5

"Country Social fer City Slickers" in February

ERSG (Emmanuel Refugee Sponsoring Group) formed; Besic family of Bosnia (living in Turkey & Switzerland) selected for support; living costs, plus \$975 Right of Landing Fee, plus \$500 processing fee required

Lenten services held, 7 pm Wed & 9 am Fri

Report on feasibility of outdoor cross presented to Executive

Erin Lamb, David Smith, Ben Smith, Jolene Saulis, Laura Montgomery attend Ontario Youth Parliament

Roger McCullough, Archivist/Historian, organizing & arranging transfer of church records to City Archives

Buddy Group annual Easter Tea

Palm Sunday evening concert by Bosnian refugees Dimitrije Stanisic (violin) & Goran Djukic (piano); \$700 free-will offering to ERSB for Bosnian family

“Going away party” for Connie McNamara; program plus pot-luck - April

Marg Kneen assumes position of Church Secretary, replacing Shirley Monsebraaten - May 1

Plans for Pictorial Directory with Ron Squires Promotional Coordinator, Bill Squire Telephone Coordinator, Sue Hackland Layout Coordinator

Celebration of Shirley Monsebraaten’s 20 years with Dave Smith catered outdoor BBQ and program in the sanctuary - June 9

25th Anniversary “trip to Britain” gift to Bill & Sharon Smith

Possibility of hiring a staff person for Christian Development explored

Claudia Beaudoin named Sunday School Superintendent

Eastbrook begins study of its strengths, weaknesses & future options - September

Fall internship of Heriberto (Berto) Gonzales from Lima Peru

Aladin Day Care leaves Emmanuel; replaced by OBE LINC program

Tutoring program discontinued; practice interviews for Co-op students at Hillcrest initiated

First September “Bring-a-Neighbour Sunday”, planned by Visitation

Men’s Club retreat hosted by Gord Hodges at the Hodges’ cottage

Congregational Meeting approves hiring a half time Staff Associate

Annual Bazaar coordinated by Ken McClymont & Joan Stevenson

Gift of grand piano by Bill & Margaret McLeish

Second “Guess Who’s Coming to Lunch

Farewell gift to Berto Gonzales of \$US 2,500 to support efforts of a rural church in the mountains of Peru to purchase a house where they will care for elderly residents

1996 - Blake Lines Chair of Council

Emmanuel’s first web page provided by John Ellis

“Voices United” replace the red hymn books

Congregational Meeting approves formation & composition of a Joint Pastoral Relations

Committee to hire a Staff Associate - January 16

Annual Meeting approves budget amendment to fund a staff associate

Church break-in and theft of computer - May

Grant Miller Garden Fund established

Youth Players present skits “These Truths Were Made for Walking”

Betty Caughlin begins one-year term as Staff Associate for Christian Development

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” by Youth Players, directed by Bill & Sharon Smith

1997 - Joan Foster-Jones Chair of Council

External cross erected & lighting installed

15 men attend Men’s Club Retreat at Sandy MacKay’s chalet; theme “Different Dimensions of Success”

Task Force on Future Ministerial Support at Emmanuel

Eastbrook discussions concerning amalgamation begin - March
Choir Gown Fund established - April
Eastbrook Congregation opts for increasing involvement with Emmanuel, leading to closure of Eastbrook in January and a future amalgamation
“God In Heaven - A Musical Worship Celebration” by youth, directed by Joan Foster-Jones & Cathy O’Brien
Emmanuel congregation approves amalgamation in principal and offer of Eastbrook property to Presbytery June
Council affirms ERSG is a mission of Emmanuel
Miguel Tomas Castro invited to General Council, visited refugee communities in Toronto, Calgary, Ottawa
Bill Smith begins Doctorate of Ministry Program offered jointly by Ashland Theological Seminary (Ohio) and Canterbury College (Windsor) August
Reg Jennings begins 8-month internship - September
Congregation requests Presbytery declare a half-time vacancy at Emmanuel
Presbytery declines offer of Eastbrook property for Presbytery uses
Congregation appoints Joint Pastoral Relations Committee to hire a Staff Associate
Church break-in; cost of repairs and replacements \$2,594 - November
ERSG welcomes Vida Pantelic
Congregation supports Eastbrook’s request to relocate to Emmanuel - November
Emmanuel Baptist Vacation Bible School in El Salvador with our support funding (20%)
Youth presentation “Christmas Comes to Detroit Louis”

1998 - Ross White Chair of Council

“Reconciling & Making New” study program - January
Canterbury concert choir & orchestra 2-night performance of Magnificat by John Rutter, part of proceeds donated to the Organ Fund
Installation of handicapped washroom door openers
Youth exchange trip to Drayton, Ontario
Former intern Glenn Morison returns to participate in raising of Gitksan totem pole and preaches at Emmanuel
Organ Fund achieves financial objective for final stage of expansion
Youth Choir from Wales, Ysol Gerrd Ceredigion arrived August 15th, billeted by Emmanuel members; took part in worship on Sunday and provided a concert on Tuesday. Jon and Joan Foster-Smith co-ordinators
Congregation attends Cottage Groups to consider recommendations from Amalgamation Needs Assessment Committee, then meets to approve revised report
Presbytery meets at Emmanuel December 8 and approves all requests re amalgamation of Eastbrook and Emmanuel -
Christine Williams becomes our Staff Associate (Christian Development) September

1999 - Janis Peron Chair of Council

Emmanuel celebrates 40th Anniversary - Don Bardwell returns to preach and lead an Open Forum on “Visioning” on Sunday evening; sold out banquet on Friday, and big Intergenerational Birthday party on Saturday.