

LIFE AND WORK OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2011



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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Where the church is the body of Christ with each member having unique gifts to share and a ministry to offer. We invite you to come and visit, to worship, to join in our fellowship, to participate in our many activities, and to enrich your faith.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EMMANUEL JUNIOR CHOIR

The Emmanuel Junior Choir welcomes all singers from age 4 to 12. We rehearse from 11 – 11:20 on most Sundays. The choir performs approximately once a month, during the church service. For more information or to join our email list, contact Jeremy Wallace or Janet Mark Wallace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have a Sunday program each week for children of all ages. Under the capable leadership of Christine Hywarren our program planning is well underway. Please take a moment to fill in a registration form for 2011-12 and to meet your child's teacher. We are using the Season's of the Spirit curriculum this year for those in grade 5 and higher and One Room Sunday School for the younger grades.

Advent Adventure



**Saturday December 3, 2011
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

A day of songs, crafts, games and faith traditions. Registration forms are on line or at the church office and are due Nov. 27.

(Followed by an hour of practice for the white gift service.)

YOUTH MINISTRY



With space to gather and opportunities to learn and serve!!!
There are times to worship, times for action and times for reflection.

**Advent Adventure
Staff opportunity
counselor, co-ordinator, junior leaders needed for**



Saturday December 3, 2011 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Be a leader! Help with songs, craft, games – and celebrate our faith traditions!

Registration forms are on line or on the youth board and are due
November 20.

JAM – the Emmanuel music group that explores Christian contemporary and secular music - is going on a road trip! They will lead worship in Metcalfe St. Andrew's United Church on Sunday November 13th!

Practice schedule:

Sunday November 6, 11:30-12:30 in the sanctuary

Sunday November 13, 8:30 at Metcalfe

Saturday, November 19, 4 pm in the sanctuary

Sunday November 20 8:45 in the sanctuary



More than a shelter
Helping the homeless since 1906

Emmanuel United Church Youth Mission Partners

The Ottawa Mission was founded over 100 years ago by volunteers, and even today could not offer many of their services without the generous help of volunteers. Volunteering at The Ottawa Mission is your chance to make a difference in your community. You can be part of an Emmanuel high school youth team that helps prepare meals.

Emmanuel youth will be at the mission on Sunday, October 30 and Sunday, November 20 from 1-3 PM

CONFIRMATION 2012 continues in November

You are asked to participate fully in the Emmanuel programs and attend the following class sessions this month;

October 30 - 12 - 1 PM

November 27 - 10:15 - 11 AM

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PRACTICING OUR FAITH



Yoga as a Spiritual Practice will continue until November 30 at 6:30 and 7:45 on Wednesday evenings in the CE hall. If you did not sign up for this session drop in and try it out – and then think about trying the next session in January! The drop in fee is \$5 per night this term only. Yoga is a way to connect our body, mind and spirit.



Gingerbread House Making

Come join us on **Sunday, November 27** after the service and put together a gingerbread house to take home! The cost is \$10 per house and preregistration is required. Sign up will be available starting November 6. Contact Val Lines for more information.

QUILTING - on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. You don't need to come for the whole time – just drop in as suits your schedule. For further information contact Joan Foster-Jones.

Pilgrimages are a spiritual practice too!



Do you have a theology of the hammer???? Habitat for Humanity is a partnership founded on common ground - bridging theological differences by putting love into action. Everyone can use the hammer as an instrument to manifest God's love. Habitat's late founder, [Millard Fuller](#), called this concept "the theology of the hammer." "We may disagree on all sorts of other things," said Fuller, "but we can agree on the idea of building homes with God's people in need, and in doing so using biblical economics: no profit and no interest.

We could use more hands to help with the February Habitat for Humanity Build in New Orleans – email youth@emmanuelunited.ca or call Christine.

ISRAEL – PALESTINE

You are invited to join the Emmanuel United Church Rostad Tour to visit the Holy Land which will be an unforgettable journey.

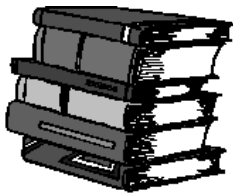
During this pilgrimage there is an opportunity for you to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and revitalize your spirit. Despite what you may see in the media, the region is filled with tourists enjoying the tremendous sights while interacting with the friendly local community. Come along and "walk in the footsteps of history" as you travel through the Holy Land. Peter Lougheed will be the tour host.

The trip begins on Friday May 11 and ends on Sunday May 20. For those of you who have a bit of Indiana Jones in the blood, there is a unique opportunity at the end of the Rostad Tour to take part in a week long dig at the ancient city of Bethsaida on the sea of Galilee. We will stay at a nearby Kibbutz which will provide us with room, board, laundry service and transportation. Prices are as follows: Dorm - \$603, Triple - \$743, Double - \$1065 and Single - \$1177. We have been asked to encourage use of the dorms as the other spaces are limited. I have stayed in the dorm in the past and it is fine.

We need to indicate an approximate number of those planning to join the dig portion of the trip by November 7 in order to hold the spaces, so if you can make the decision by then, please let Peter know.

You are invited to an information meeting on Monday November 21 at 7 PM. Early bird booking discounts for Rostad are available until November 30th.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load....



THE EMMANUEL BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, November 14 in the Hall. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm. The book is *The Postmistress* by *Sarah Blake*. New members are welcome.

FROM THE LIBRARY

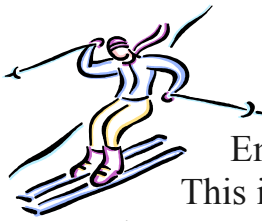
Well, it is so good to be back home! Our new library is a beautiful, warm, and inviting place. We have a special corner for the children and a new bookcase for the Teen/Tween books in another corner.

I would like to thank Phyllis MacRae for the donation of five new books about the Aboriginal Peoples. For the young reader, the books are in section 95: *Out On the Ice in the Middle of the Bay*; *The Eye of the Needle*; and *Mikissuk's Secret*. For the teen/tween reader, the two books are in section 92. *Fatty Legs* – is the true story by Margaret Pokiack-Fenton of her life as a child of 8-10 years in residential school in Aklavik in the forties. The story is a good depiction of the life of a young child removed from her family for two years and her alienating and lonely life at school. The book contains no reference to abuse and is appropriate for ages 10-14. *A Stranger at Home* – is the sequel to *Fatty Legs*. The child returns to her home and her family two years later. She finds it hard to fit in to her family and community as she has lost much of her native language, and has lost the knowledge of the foods eaten at home and other customs. She works hard to rediscover that which she has lost.

Thanks also to Clara Brownlee for her donations of gently used young readers' books that she purchased at a library sale. The children will enjoy these too!

– Sue Hodges, Librarian

GREAT ADVENTURES INTO GOD'S INCREDIBLE CREATION!



The Great Skiing Adventure

February 3, 4 and 5, 2012

If you would like to celebrate winter and spend time with your Emmanuel community join us at Mont Gabriel in Sainte-Adele Quebec. This is a family resort, down hill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and more. Please look on the Emmanuel website for the registration form and return it to Christine with a down payment of \$50 per person as soon as possible.

Join us in celebrating Advent with the 8th annual

JUST GIFTS

Saturday, December 10

11 am – 3 pm

Emmanuel CE Hall

Coffeehouse with tasty treats, musical gifts from Emmanuel artists, lunch, hot drinks, sweet treats and smooth music!

Handicrafts from Ten Thousand Villages

Zatoun Olive Oil and spices

Fair trade coffee and chocolate products
pre-order to get exactly what you want!

Gifts from and for partners in El Salvador and Zambia

Sharing time in community
Giving more with just meaning

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

THINKING OF YOU - Each fall Emmanuel sends small packages to University students to let them know that we are thinking about them. If you could assist with shopping, wrapping, mailing, paying for postage, or delivering there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Help us keep in touch with the young adults in our congregation.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST – Saturday, November 12 at Perkins Restaurant (corner of St. Laurent & Coventry). All men are welcome.

FRIENDLY BRIDGE CLUB – on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:30 pm in the Lounge.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION GROUP – Ron Dicks has decided to step down after leading the Christian Meditation Group for 11 years. The new leader is Bill Meek. We welcome Bill into this leadership position and support him with our prayers. The meetings will continue as usual on Monday evening from 7:30-8:30. For further information contact Bill Meek.

Thursday Morning Religious Progressives (aka "The Heretics")

In the upper meeting room (board room) unless otherwise announced. Watch the Sunday bulletins.

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. All are invited.

Thursday Nov. 3, 2011: Who was "Mary"? (with Marg Armstrong)

Thursday Nov. 10, 2011: Some non-canonical religious documents — with Anne Squire

Thursday Nov. 17, 2011: Directions for the Winter Series and beyond.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH HOLIDAY HOMESPUN BAZAAR

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2011
10 AM – 2 PM**

This will be our first Bazaar in the “New Emmanuel”! It will be a wonderful occasion to invite the neighbourhood in to admire our new building, and of course our loyal regulars will be glad to see us back in our home. We hope that the entire congregation will assist in publicizing the event this year so that everyone knows that we’re back in business. Half-page flyers are available in the narthex. Please post or distribute as many as you can.

Drop-off hours for donations are 9 AM to 4 PM Thursday November 10th and 9 AM to 8 PM Friday November 11th. Please do not drop donations at any other time. It is extremely helpful if donors can take the time to unpack and display all of their own donations in the appropriate section of the Bazaar. Just follow the signs!

We ask donors **not to donate any large, incomplete, plastic or soiled items**. The full list of accepted and non-accepted items is available by contacting Janet Mark Wallace or by contacting the church office at 613 733 0437, or by going to the church web site.

After the bazaar, we need many volunteers to pack and deliver unsold items to other organizations. If you can pack, load or deliver unsold items to their new homes on November 12th, please contact Janet Mark Wallace at the above numbers.

Donations requested for 2011

- Baked goods and preserves
- Knitted items
- Jewellery
- Books for children and adults (no magazines, cookbooks, textbooks)
- CDs, DVDs and videos for children and adults (no homemade cassettes)
- Toys, board games, puzzles (stuffed animals must be recently laundered)
- School, office, and art supplies
- Winter outerwear for all ages (must be recently laundered)
- Fabric and sewing supplies
- Small bags
- Small housewares (no appliances)
- Small hardware and gardening supplies
- Kitchenware (no plastic)
- Vases, candlesticks, frames, figurines (no plastic)
- Christmas decorations (no dust!)

If you can volunteer to help set up, sell, or pack up for this year’s bazaar, please contact the following convenors or the church office, or sign up on the sheets posted in the narthex.

We hope to see everyone out on November 12th!

<p>Co-Convenors Carol Pihlainen</p> <p>Janet Mark Wallace</p> <p>Treasurers Pierre and Janice Peron</p> <p>Toys Phyllis MacRae</p> <p>Winter Clothes and House Linens Kirsten Jeacle</p>	<p>Housewares Stephanie Warren and Chris Armstrong</p> <p>Christmas Corner Pat Harris</p> <p>Jewellery Karen McPherson</p> <p>Knitting and Sewing Shirley Maguire</p> <p>Baking Heather Seifert</p> <p>Lunch Room Val Lines</p>
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<p>Collectibles Shirley Doswell</p> <p>Shantymen Dave Burness</p>	<p>Auction Jeannie Page</p> <p>Books Bruce Hodgins</p>
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CAMPBELL SOUP “LABELS FOR EDUCATION” – Doreen Hewlett has volunteered to deliver the soup labels to Featherstone Public School. The school can redeem them for points to purchase musical instruments and sports equipment.

TELEOS – Teleos will meet on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. The topic is Christmas Sharing.

TRIPLE F – will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 pm in the Lounge.

Triple F women’s group is **collecting used stamps**, which are sorted and given to Oxfam Canada, who sell them and use the funds to support the needs of many world wide people who are suffering as a result of drought, famine, floods, etc. All stamps – Canadian, U.S. and International – are important. Please leave stamps on the table outside the church office.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Feature With the Preacher</p> <p>Melancholia Friday Nov 25 6:40 p.m. Bytowne Cinema</p> <p>Stunningly directed, beautifully shot and superbly written, this is a mesmerising and powerfully moving end-of-the-world drama with a glorious soundtrack and a career-best performance from Kirsten Dunst. It’s also one of the best films of the year. Meet outside the doors after the film and join in a discussion at a local pub.</p>
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LOBLAWS AND FARM BOY gift cards will be on sale in the CE Hall, Sunday, November 6 during coffee and conversation.

1. The gift cards can be used at any Farm Boy, Loblaws, Superstore, Independent and No Frills in Ottawa and across Canada.
2. The gift cards can be used for 100% of their face value and do not expire until 2 years after they have been activated.
3. Five cents on every dollar put towards gift cards is paid directly to the OMRA Shelter Corporation, a project spearheaded by the Ottawa Mennonite Church and supported by Emmanuel United, Glebe St. James United, First Baptist, and other area churches.

What Can We Learn About Today's Issues and How to Act on Them?

A Proposal for Discussion and Outreach at Emmanuel

We have been exploring the possibility of organizing a series of public lectures on issues of interest to the people of Emmanuel, to the wider Christian community, and to the public at large.

The idea is to have the public join us for three evening sessions designed to raise awareness and to foster discussion around issues that matter to Christians, proudly hosted in our new space. Such events would not only help us learn more about today's issues and identify ways to act on them, but they would also attract people to Emmanuel to join a thoughtful and caring community in action.

Some possible themes being considered so far include: the Christian right versus the Christian left; dealing with crime, youth suicide, mental illness, elder abuse; Christian witness in a hostile environment abroad; and, the latest trends and future directions of religion in Canada.

The keys to success are to find expert, high profile speakers who are available on three separate occasions during the spring and fall of 2012, and to then advertise these sessions broadly within the city in order to attract the public and generate media interest.

Any costs associated with the event will be covered by ticket sales with the expectation that there will be some net revenue to support Revitalization Fundraising.

Your suggestions for themes, issues and speakers would be very much appreciated at this early stage.

- What themes would you like to see addressed? Any thoughts on the topics listed above?
- Are there particular speakers who you would like to hear?
- Would you be interested in working with us to organize a lecture?

We look forward to any thoughts or suggestions you may have. Please contact us to share your ideas.

Graham Campbell, Don Francis, Russell Smith

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

EMAILS REQUIRED - Email is the quickest method to inform everyone. Please send an email to support@emmanuelunited.ca if you have not yet verified your details on the master list. Include your name, address, phone and email. Those without emails will be contacted directly by Keeping in Touch.

SERMONS - are available on the Emmanuel United church website, navigate to "**Life & Work**", and there under "**Sermons**", you will find sermons going back several years in print, and also the latest ones in MP3 format. Not only can you read the sermon, you can listen to it on your computer or iPod.

ATTENTION GROUPS, ACTIVITIES and COMMITTEES, PLEASE submit items of interest for the congregation to the Chair of the Communications Committee at assistant.webmaster@emmanuelunited.ca for posting on the Emmanuel website. This not only provides information for the congregation, but it also keeps the website from becoming stale. I am adept at posting content but not so good at mind reading what your group is up to.

NEWSLETTER – The next edition of the Emmanuel Newsletter will be December 4, 2011. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 20.

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER PRIVACY ISSUES: The Bulletin and the Newsletters are BOTH posted on the Website. Prior to their being uploaded, **ALL** information of a personal nature, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, names associated with photographs, etc., is removed. Should you have **ANY** concern with what is on the Website, PLEASE contact assistant.webmaster@emmanuelunited.ca

WANTED! PHOTOGRAPHS

The Emmanuel United Church website has just undergone a major rebuild, something that seems to happen every couple of years. The latest incarnation is much more visually based, and as a result, WE NEED YOUR PICTURES.

The website is made livelier by the addition of photos showing activities that take place both at Emmanuel, and in the community. Family Camp, Camp Awesome, Weddings, Baptisms, Coffee and Conversation, anything at all that will spruce up the site.

And, yes, we will either make them small enough so that people cannot be recognized, or we will contact you for permission to post them.

Please submit photos to solvason.pastuch@sympatico.ca or on a CD or USB memory stick that Russ will return. To those who have sent photos, thank you.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have trouble reading the small print in the order of service, large print versions are available. Also, for those whose hearing is not quite what it used to be, hearing assist devices are available for your use.

CHURCH SIGN: the sign outside Emmanuel continues to display activities happening within the Emmanuel family. I need to know of events that should be advertised WELL in advance of the event. Please pass your request through both staff and Chair of Worship as they have priority.

WEBSITE: The new Emmanuel United Church website is up and running. Hopefully you will find that things are easier to find. Please bear with us as we fine tune things. There will be a full article in the next Newsletter detailing the changes that have been made.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Sisters in Song and one brother

(A choir of South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre)

Presents:

“Seasons of Life: A Musical Journey”

Saturday, November 19th 7:00 p.m. at

Perley-Rideau Veteran’s Centre, 1750 Russel Road: Lupton Hall. Tickets \$10 (plus parking.)

See Jeannie Page or call the Centre at 613-737-5115

*Proceeds go to programs for seniors and families with young children in South-East Ottawa

CHRISTMAS MUSIC - More than a carol concert, Choirs, professional soloist, Ottawa Woodwind Ensemble. A musical evening Dec 4th, 7 pm. Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Alta Vista Drive. Freewill offering proceeds to Heron Emergency Food Centre.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

A few Christian meditators are interested in forming a meditation group. Christian Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer that seeks God in the silence and stillness beyond word or thought. Benedictine monk, Father John Main (1926-1982), says: "In meditation our way forward to this growing awareness of the Spirit praying within us lies simply in our deepening fidelity to the saying of the mantra. It is the faithful repetition of the word that integrates our whole being. It does so because it brings us to the silence, the concentration, the necessary level of consciousness that enables us to open our mind and heart to the work of love of God in the depth of our being."

IF YOU ARE DRAWN TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER JOURNEY please come to our information series on Nov 2, 9, 16 and 30, from 7-9 pm at Manotick United Church 5567 Manotick Main Street, or for more information contact: Maureen Sandrock at 613-692-0372 or by e-mail at maureensandrock@hotmail.com

Speakers for the Information series are:

Eva Hegmann, who leads the meditation group at Fallowfield and also at Our Lady of Fatima, will speak on November 2 about the origins of the practice of Christian Meditation and about the metaphor of the wheel of prayer.

Peter Collins, who leads the meditation group in Kemptville, will speak about John Main on November 9.

Ron Dicks, who leads the meditation group meeting at Emmanuel United, will speak on November 16 about Leaving Self Behind.

On November 30, *Archie Boyd*, who leads the meditation group at Holy Redeemer in Kanata, will speak about Meditation as a Way of Life.

COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 7:00 pm CE Hall

FINANCE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER GIVINGS:

As a glance at the calendar proves, 2011 is quickly coming to a close. We are currently engaged in our 2012 Stewardship Campaign, yet the books for 2011 remain open. Having been away from our Church building for most of 2011, the level of givings to the General Fund fell below the pace necessary to balance the budget at year end. We are still optimistic that a deficit can be avoided. A successful bazaar in our new facility will certainly help, as will a commitment by everyone to honour the pledges made to the General Fund for 2011.

PARKING:

Council has approved the rental of parking spaces in the Emmanuel parking lot. We are currently in the process of signing up renters and starting in November will likely have rented at least two spaces. Rentals are for Monday to Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (no evenings or Saturday and Sunday). The plan is to use spaces at the north end of the parking lot. More information will be provided as the program progresses. If you hear of people wanting to rent a spot in our parking lot, please have them contact the office, or Ross White .

KEEPING IN TOUCH

- Welcome to newcomers who have joined us in our new space. A member of the Keeping in Touch Committee will continue to be available in the lounge after the service and we encourage everyone in the congregation to give a warm welcome to newcomers and invite them to meet with us to learn more about Emmanuel.
- Thank you to those who offered to help with the packages for University students. We still need some addresses for out of town students and contact information for those who are in town. Please forward those to Joyce White.
- It is great to see activities back in full swing at Emmanuel and the sense of community that is rebuilding after our time away.
- We noticed that many of you have been wearing name tags and we encourage this as a sign of friendliness and openness to others. If you require a name tag, or have a problem with your current one, please leave a note in the office staff mail slot, or speak to the Keeping in Touch welcome person on Sunday.
- The Emmanuel Bazaar is coming on November 12 and we are hoping for a successful event this year. This is an opportunity to keep in touch with your neighbours and friends, or someone from the church that you haven't seen for a while and invite them to come along.



MISSION AND
SERVICE FUND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

M&S Is For You

One: I can't get over Fred - he wants us to read Minutes for Mission in our worship services. I just don't support missionary work. Missionaries have done harm overseas. That's why I never give to Mission and Service.

Two: I used to think that, but I've learned that each year about \$30 million is raised for M&S. We no longer do the type of missionary work that had some harmful aspects.

M&S money goes to resources, teaching new ministries, supporting outreach ministries here in Canada, working with ecumenical partners, supporting social justice and advocacy work in Canada and around the globe, and supporting partners overseas. We speak, act, and work together as a United Church because of gifts to M&S.

One: But what does M&S do for our congregation?


Two: A lot! The Rev. Mr. Dobbs trained at a United Church seminary that received support from M&S. Gladys does our finances and Martin leads the M&P committee with guidance from handbooks produced with M&S dollars. Books like There's No ATM in the Wilderness are made possible by M&S dollars. Your grandson went to Cultus Lake United Church camp. The camp's accreditation was made possible by M&S. And that multicultural conference Heather attended in Toronto a few years back? Supported by M&S dollars!

Your generous support, through Emmanuel's General Fund, provides \$52,000 to the Mission and Service Fund.

PASTORAL CARE

The work of the Pastoral Care Team at Emmanuel continues as it always has. Despite our shifting locations, the same people are offering the same support and care to the congregation.

Please let us know if there are any concerns that we may not be aware of. If you know someone who is ill or in need of a visit/support please call the church office.

	<p>TUESDAY AFTERNOON COFFEE AND CONVERSATION STARBUCKS AT ELMVALE</p>
<p>In an effort to be more flexible in how we develop community and offer pastoral care Peter will continue to be available for coffee and conversation on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3 pm at Elmvale Starbucks. It may be that meeting outside the church walls is a good thing. Feel free to drop by.</p>	

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Tuesday, November 22 - Ploughshares Ottawa 7:30 pm

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church,

2345 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa

Guest speaker: Robin Collins

“Another Rwanda, and When Only an Immediate Response will do: Arguments for a United Nations Emergency Peace Service”

All are welcome to attend.

REVITALIZATION FUNDRAISING

QUILT RAFFLE

Emmanuel is holding a quilt raffle to benefit the Revitalization Fund. The prize is a green/cream single bed quilt valued at \$400. Tickets are available until the date of the draw which will be on Saturday, December 3rd. They will be sold after church on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Only 500 tickets have been printed so get yours early!

If you would be willing to sell tickets at some other location or in another group to which you belong, please contact Joan Foster-Jones.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

HERON EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE

A Christmas Concert to benefit the HEFC will take place Sunday December 4th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. A free will offering will be taken. More information available from Nanette Whitwam. (See Christmas Music page 18)

JUST FOOD

Thursday November 17th, from 7:30 to 9:15, Just Food and Transition Ottawa will be hosting “A Food Action Plan for Ottawa: A Community Vision”, at the Ecclesiaz Sanctuary, 2 Monk Street in the Glebe. This talk is part of the “Food for All – Food Action Plan for Ottawa”, an ongoing project by the University of Ottawa and Just Food. It will tackle challenges such as building a local food system, ensuring access to good food for everybody, greening our city through urban agriculture, and promoting health through food security and good nutrition. Everyone welcome. More information from Janet Mark Wallace.

FOOD BANK SUNDAYS

Upcoming Food Bank Sundays are November 20th and December 18th.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP 2012 - LIVING GENEROUSLY

On Sunday October 30, our annual fall Stewardship campaign will get underway. Our theme this year is “Living Generously”. Over the next four Sundays until November 20 we will ask ourselves how we can live generously in our community at Emmanuel, and in the wider world. Each Sunday members of the congregation will share a reflection about their own lives and faith at Emmanuel.

While we are thinking about Stewardship, we want to ask ourselves – how can we contribute our time, treasure and talents to the life and work of Emmanuel, including our commitments to financial support of the operation, programs, mission and outreach of the Church, our offerings of our personal time, energy and skills as volunteers, as well as our response to the continuing financial needs of the revitalization of the CE Hall.

On October 30 and following Sundays, you will be able to pick up your personal Stewardship package in the narthex. Please collect your packages in person, as this will save the cost of postage. The information in the package will explain the objectives of the Stewardship campaign. Please review the details of the proposed budget for 2012 as that will explain our financial needs and how the offerings that are received throughout the year are used. Please also consider signing a pledge form included in the package as pledging is a way to formally express our commitments to the life of the congregation, and also greatly assists the Treasurer and Budget Coordinator to plan the finances of the Church over the coming year. Finally, you are encouraged to complete the Time and Talent survey included in the package. This survey is very helpful to the Council and committee chairs when they seek volunteers for the many tasks that need doing.

On Sunday November 20 we will wrap up the campaign with a Stewardship lunch after the service. Those who would like to volunteer to help prepare the lunch on Saturday November 19, or who can contribute home-grown produce and other food for a *Sustainable Stewardship meal*, are invited to sign the volunteer sheet in the Narthex.

Please respond Generously!

Phyllis MacRae
Stewardship Coordinator

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to our newly revitalized home, where the Spirit of God waits to welcome you in. The end of this month we begin our season of Advent; a time when we wait to give birth to that very Spirit. Hope to see you at 10am on Sunday mornings.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

November 6: 10:00 am Worship - Remembrance Sunday "Breakfast with our Veterans" before the service.
November 13 10:00 am Worship/Baptisms
November 20: 10:00 am Worship - Youth Sunday with Stewardship Lunch to follow.
November 27: 10:00 am Worship - Advent 1 with Communion by tray
December 4: 10:00 am Worship - Advent 2
White Gift Sunday

ADVENT MID WEEK WORSHIP

Come join us for a Wednesday evening worship service each week during Advent.

In the rush and activity of the season, this will be an opportunity for some quiet space to ponder the reason for the season. In a brief service from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. we invite you to share in a time of music, prayers and readings in the candle-lit sanctuary at Emmanuel. Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 (Journey in the Light), Dec.21

DECORATING VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Throughout the year the Worship Committee enhances our worship experience by decorating the sanctuary at such times as Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Anniversary and other special occasions. In the spirit of “many hands make light work”, we are setting up a roster of folk who might be willing to help with this task. Please contact Carol Lynch if you are interested.

PRAYER CIRCLE - We continue to offer the opportunity for prayer after the Sunday morning worship service, **under the stained glass windows near the front**. Please do not hesitate to ask for prayer as many times as you feel you need to. We are here to pray with you. Your prayers for this ministry are also appreciated.

COFFEE and CONVERSATION - Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and juice following worship. Please call Marge MacLeod if you are able to help.

FLOWERS - help us to bring beauty and praise to our worship by placing flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday. This may be a memorial, a celebration of a birth, an anniversary or some meaningful event in your life. Sign on the bulletin board or call Patty Kavcic if you have a special request.