

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

September 2011 - News & Notes

September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 4th
10:00 a.m.

*Guest speaker: Rev. Heather Malnick,
Interim Moderator*

Sunday, September 11th
11:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Terry denBok

3:00 p.m.

Anniversary Service in our West Church building

Guest speaker: Rev. Jack Anderson

Sunday, September 18th
11:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Kathy Bloomfield

Sunday, September 25th
11:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Rev. Lynda Graham

A Note from our Interim Moderator

Well, the official work of Interim Ministry has begun here at Emmanuel. I am honoured and excited to be able to serve as your Interim Moderator during this time of transition.

So far, I have had two very productive meetings with your Session. I feel very blessed to be working alongside such a gifted group of leaders. I also held office hours at Emmanuel on August 16th and would like to thank all those who dropped by to say hi and have a wee chat.

My plan is to be in the Emmanuel office from 1:00-6:00 p.m. on the days when the Session and the newly-formed Search Committee meets. Gloria will let you know those dates through the bulletin. I encourage you to drop by for a visit. I'd love to meet you and hear about your vision for the future of your congregation.

As I told the Session, the amazing thing for us to remember is this – *God has already chosen the new minister for Emmanuel!* It is now our responsibility to keep focused on His leadership so that our decision will mesh with His decision! The way we can ensure that we are in tune with God is by obediently turning to Him in prayer, seeking His guidance and direction. I sense that God has amazing things in store for this congregation and I'm really looking forward to taking this journey of faith with you.

I am very grateful for the many years of ministry that Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers shared with you and with our Presbytery. He has prepared you well for the challenges that lie ahead as we work together to find your new minister.

I encourage you to contact me at any time with your questions and concerns. I look forward to working together alongside you in the months that lie ahead.

May Christ's peace be with you,

Heather

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CONGREGATIONAL LINKS

Service Time Changes

Don't forget that the time of our Sunday worship service will return to 11:00 a.m. on September 11th.

Church Office open Mondays

With the return to school comes the return to regular hours for our church office. The office will be open Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Interim Moderator's Office Hours

Rev. Heather Malnick will be in the office on Tuesday, September 20th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Heather will also be leading the service at Emmanuel on September 4th.

Sunday School & Kid's Church

Our Sunday School classes and Kid's Church programs will resume on September 11th.

Kids' Church will begin September 11th and will run each Sunday. The Teen Class (Grade 8 and up) will meet on September 11th; the Grade 5-7 class will meet September 18th. There will be no class for teens or pre-teens on September 25th as the youth will be attending JR Pitch in Stayner.

West Church Anniversary Service

The Anniversary Service in our West Church building will be held Sunday, September 11th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Jack Anderson will be leading the service. (Please note that the service is in the afternoon this year, not the evening.)

Ladies of Emmanuel will be hosting their annual beef dinner on Saturday, October 15th. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available soon!



What: Weekend Retreat for junior-high students

When: September 23-25

Where: Stayner Bible Conference Grounds

Why: *FUN*, sports, *FUN*, concerts, *FUN*, food, *FUN*, spiritual growth, *FUN*, friendships, *FUN*
(did we mention that it will be lots of FUN?)

Registration is \$65.00 before September 16th, and \$78.00 after that date. The registration fee includes camping, meals and all the events.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending JR Pitch, speak to Sandy Marritt.

An Evening of Music



The Ontario Presbyterian Chorus
will be performing at
Jubilee Presbyterian Church
in Stayner on
Sunday, September 11th
at 7:00 p.m.

September Ministry Schedule

Sunday 4th

Hosting – Helen & Philippe Gauthier

Ushers – Rodger & Nancy Gillies,
Donna Lowe, Marshall McMaster

Nursery – Willeke Jagt, Karen Lemon

Kid's Church – *children remain upstairs*

Counter – Dale Lewis

EasyWorship – Ron Phillips

Sound – Garry Milne

Sunday 11th

Hosting – Ann McKean, Kay McKean

Ushers – Paul Arnill, Faith Hughes, Peter & Carol Currie

Nursery – Brenda McCarl, Hunter McIntyre

Kid's Church – Karen Milne, Garry Milne

Counter – Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Ann McMaster

Sunday 18th

Hosting – Ella McDermid, Marlene Williamson

Ushers – June Graham, Marshall McMaster,
Arnold & Anne Morwood

Nursery – Dianne Gordon

Kid's Church – Faith Hughes, George Dodd

Counter – Cliff Noad

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Garry Milne

Sunday 25th

Hosting – Judith Ormiston, Helen McLeod

Ushers – Rae & Lorna Hockley, Alf Leno, Donna Lowe

Nursery – Anne Morwood

Kid's Church – Steve Currie

Counter – Janet Ormiston

EasyWorship – Ron Phillips

Sound – Ann McMaster



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Thursday 1st – Kay Gallacher

Saturday 3rd – Judy Milne

Monday 5th – Lillian Crevier

Saturday 10th – Keith Reid

Albert & Willeke Jagt

Tuesday 13th – *Mike & Diana Kitchener*

Thursday 15th – Jim Brack

Keith & Connie Reid

Saturday 17th – Marge Douglas

Thursday 22nd – *Steve & Deb Currie*

Friday 23rd – Rodger Gillies

Monday 26th – Dianne McEachern

Keith Weston

John Young

Tuesday 27th – Taylor Dodd

Lisa Hockley

Friday 30th – Peter Currie

Change of Address

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New Addresses

Ministry Opportunities

Looking for a ministry opportunity outside the church? Consider serving as a volunteer with the Red Cross, or being a spiritual care volunteer at the General & Marine Hospital.

Canadian Red Cross



The Canadian Red Cross supports 500 clients in our area! They are looking for volunteers to assist with transportation, meals on wheels, friendly visiting and telephone assurance. These programs are geared towards seniors, or people who have physical or mental problems and need extra help. If you are interested in learning more, contact Tara Bone, Program Coordinator – Home Support. Tara can be reached by phone at 705-721-3313, ext. 266 or by e-mail - tara.bone@redcross.ca

Collingwood General & Marine Hospital



The Pastoral Care Committee of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital is looking for people interested in becoming Spiritual Care volunteers at the hospital. A training program for new volunteers will be held in September.

To enroll in the program you are required to complete a Spiritual Care Volunteer Application Form and Police Record Check (forms available from the Church Office).

For more details, see the poster on the bulletin board.

Keenagers Fall Trip

Wednesday, September 14th

2½ hour cruise aboard the R.M.S. Wenonah II
(lunch will be served on the boat)
Visit to the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre

The bus will leave Emmanuel at 8:15 a.m.
Please be at the church **by 8:00.**

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Goderich

The following letter is a response by The Presbyterian Church in Canada to the tornado that hit Goderich on Sunday, August 21st. Donations to assist rebuilding in Goderich can be made by marking "Goderich" on your church envelope.

Dear Mayor Shewfelt,

On Sunday, August 21, a violent tornado roared through the heart of your beautiful and historic community. We have all seen the graphic photos and videos depicting the devastating havoc left behind that are posted online and have been shown on television. The citizens of Canada have opened their hearts to your suffering through this act of nature.

Since it has been cordoned off by emergency responders, it is still difficult for Canadians to fully comprehend the damage in the worst-hit parts of town. The national office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been informed that Knox Presbyterian Church received relatively minor loss. Sadly, Victoria Street United Church, located less than two blocks away, suffered extensive damage.

In an email to us, Mrs. Margaret McGillivray, a resident of Goderich and past president of our national Women's Missionary Society, said,

"The Knights of Columbus is billeting many of the folks who lived above the stores and many houses are totally flattened. Our nephew and his wife and wee girl are presently with us as their street was very badly hit. Many of the houses will have to be demolished and of course all the services have been severed. So very sadly, one man was killed and over 37 were injured. Most of our citizens are in shock and the clean-up will be massive. The salt mine and the evaporator plant, the two main industries, have considerable damage so there is no work for over 600 employees. The churches are feeding approximately 500 people per night. Two churches were badly damaged. This Sunday all of the churches are meeting at the high school gym for worship. An offering will be taken for donations for the Tornado Relief. Please keep Goderich in your prayers and thanks so much for your concern for us."

The Rev. Dr. H. D. Horst, Moderator of the 137th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, extends sincere sympathy on behalf of the denomination to all citizens of Goderich and has asked that all Presbyterians remember you in prayer as you grieve losses of every kind. Rev. Horst stated that although the Presbyterian Church building was spared, "the real devastation is beyond brick and mortar and touches every single soul in the community." People of good will shall be extending healing and prayerful hands to alleviate your losses both physical and emotional after this cataclysmic event.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is accepting donations on behalf of Knox Presbyterian Church and will forward them to the congregation in support of their relief effort.

With the blessings of Jesus Christ,

Reverend Dr Richard W Fee - General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency

Reverend Don Muir - Deputy Clerk, General Assembly Office

At this time of the year when our students return to school, it is a good idea for all of us to review our A,B,C's.

“The Christian Alphabet Poem”

A lthough things are not perfect
B ecause of trial or pain
C ontinue in thanksgiving
D o not begin to blame
E ven when the times are hard
F ierce winds are bound to blow
G od is forever able
H old on to what you know
I magine life without His love
J oy would cease to be
K eep thanking Him for all the things
L ove imparts to thee
M ove out of "Camp Complaining"
N o weapon that is known
O n earth can yield the power
P raise can do alone
Q uit looking at the future
R edeem the time at hand
S tart every day with worship
T o "thank" is a command
U ntil we meet Jesus
V ictorious in the sky
W e'll run the race with gratitude
X alting God most high
Y es, there will be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

- author unknown