

January **NEWS** & Notes

A Note from our Interim Moderator

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The wisdom of Solomon is reflected in Ecclesiastes 3 which so eloquently reminds us that there is a time for everything, or "everything in its season" as we've often heard said. Here at Emmanuel, we are in a new "time", a new "season". A brand new year stretches before us with a myriad of days, weeks, and months that have yet to be lived. For some, that's a scary prospect. For others, it's exciting to dream about what God might have in store for us as individuals and as a congregation in the upcoming year. I pray that you are entering into this new year with a sense of joy and excitement, remembering that even though WE don't know what lies ahead for us, GOD does. There's something very reassuring to know that God, the Creator of all that was, and is, and will be, has got our backs!

When you hang up your new 2012 calendar this month, pray to God and ask Him to hold each one of your days in His hands, guiding and directing you in the paths you should take. Please also pray for Emmanuel's Session and Search Committee as we enter this new year continuing to seek God's wisdom through this time of transition. We are so thankful for the wonderful leadership that God has put in place at Emmanuel, through the elders, the committee members, and through Terry's interim leadership, and we pray that He will continue to use these individuals - and use you - in this coming year. I would love to hear from you in the weeks and months that lie ahead, to hear how God has been working in your life. Please feel free to drop by for a visit when I hold office hours at Emmanuel, and you're always welcome to phone me (705-424-0779) or email me, livingfaith@zing-net.ca, at any time.

May Christ's peace be with you in 2012!

Heather

New Year's Message

FROM THE PASTOR

Well, here we go again – stepping into a brand new year. Like it or not, it's going to happen. The new year brings a lot of talk about change – good change .. bad change ... The fact is that change happens every day.

One definition of change is “make or become different”. Each one of us have stories to tell about all the changes in 2011, both in our personal lives and in the life of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

There is one exception to the rule that everything changes. That is our God. We are reminded over and over again in His word that God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

At the death of Moses, God spoke to Joshua and said “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you (Joshua 1:5a).”

Right there in the middle of change, God's promise cut through the fear and the newness of change and declared that He had not gone anywhere. He had not changed. He was still in control, His will would still be done in spite of change. God's plan for His people did not change then and His plan for us has not changed now.

As we move into this new year, decisions will be made and change will happen, God will be with us!

So what do you say – let's boldly step into 2012 by faith holding high God's promise. *Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go – Joshua 1:9b.*

Terry

CONGREGATIONAL LINKS

The Board of Managers remind you that volunteers are needed to keep the front and back entranceways clear of snow over the winter months. For safety and insurance reasons, it is important that both entrances are kept clear during the week as well as on Sunday. If you are able to help with this, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board indicating the week/s you can help out.

The Keenagers will be hosting a bowling and games night for the entire congregation on Friday, January 13th. There is a list on the bulletin board to sign up! Bowlers will meet at Georgian Bowl in Collingwood at 6:30 p.m. Those participating in the games night will meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. Pizza will be served at the church following the bowling and games. The cost to bowl is \$10.17 per person. There is no cost for the pizza – thanks to our Keenagers!

The Christian Education Team thanks everyone for their participation in our Family Christmas Event on December 10th. 40 children, accompanied by parents, came out to enjoy the movie, singing and crafts. A fun evening was had by all!

Movie Night

Don't forget to invite your friends and family to join us for movie night on Friday, January 6th. This month's movie – Soul Surfer!

“Music on the Menu”

There will be a music workshop with Catherine Brown on Sunday, January 22nd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Members of the music team and the worship planning team are encouraged to attend, but the workshop is open to everyone! Those attending should bring a bag lunch.

CONGREGATIONAL LINKS (continued)

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, April 15th. In order for copies of the reports to be available to the congregation in advance of the meeting, ministry leaders are asked to submit their reports to the church office by February 15th.

Worship Planning Team

Our worship planning team will have their first meeting in February. Please pray for this new team as they work with the pastor to plan programs, and pick themes, scripture, videos and drama for our worship services.

Mission Projects

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our annual food drive and money for our Nigeria project. Stan Gerynowicz was kept busy delivering canned goods to the Salvation Army (thanks, Stan!). \$735.22 was raised to help educate children in Nigeria.



Nativity Performance by children and youth

January Ministry Schedule

Sunday 1st

Hosting – *no fellowship hour*

Ushers – Peter & Carol Currie, Bert & Marge Douglas

Nursery – Brenda McCarl

Kid's Church – *kids remain upstairs*

Counter – Cliff Noad, Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Ann McMaster

Sunday 8th

Hosting – Donna Lowe, Frances McInnis

Ushers – Rodger & Nancy Gillies, Alf Leno, Brenda McEachran

Nursery – Willeke Jagt, *Dalton Howard*

Kid's Church – Faith Hughes, George Dodd

Counter – Donna denBok, Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Ron Phillips

Sound – Ann McMaster

Sunday 15th

Hosting – Carol Currie, Judith Ormiston

Ushers – Stan & Pat Gerynowicz, Marshall McMaster, Donna Lowe

Nursery – Dianne Gordon, *Hunter McIntyre*

Kid's Church – Karen Milne, Garry Milne

Counter – Lynne Dodd, Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Ron Phillips

Sunday 22nd

Hosting – Brenda McCarl, Helen McLeod

Ushers – Doug & Kathy Lemon, Don McKean, June Seeley

Nursery – Anne Morwood, *Karen Lemon*

Kid's Church – Steve Currie

Counter – Faith Hughes, Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Ron Phillips

Sound – Garry Milne

Sunday 29th

Hosting – Willeke Jagt, Marge Douglas

Ushers – Bob & Isobel McKee, Paul Arnill, Faith Hughes

Nursery – Brenda McEachran, *Joanne McEachran*

Kid's Church – Kathy Lemon, *Emily Lemon*

Counter – Janet Ormiston, Ann McMaster

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Ron Phillips



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Graham – Friday, January 6th
Liam Gravel – Friday, January 6th
Ron Ellis – Sunday, January 8th
Paul Arnill – Tuesday, January 10th
Archie Currie – Tuesday, January 17th
Honor Cubbitt – Wednesday, January 18th
Louise West – Monday, January 23rd
Ann McMaster – Wednesday, January 25th
Marlene Williamson – Thursday, January 26th
Denver Bailey – Monday, January 30th
Freeman & Carolyn Roth – Tuesday, January 31st



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat more fruit, but surely I can't be expected to go through with it after that!"



New Clerk of Session

After 21 years, Rae Hockley is stepping down as Clerk of Session at Emmanuel. Rae will continue to serve on Session as an elder, while Bob Marritt will take over as Clerk. Our thanks goes to Rae for his faithful service during his years as Clerk.

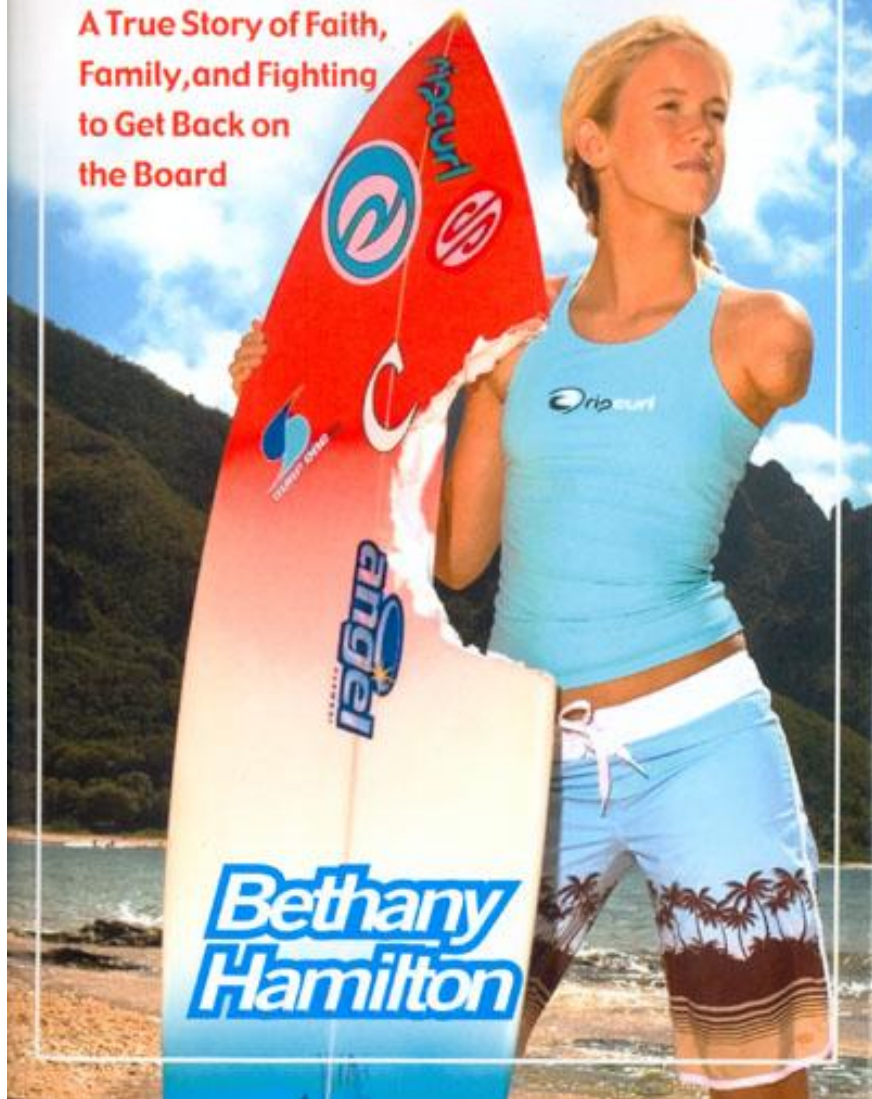
Feeling “out of the loop”?

Don't forget that if you are travelling or can't get to worship every Sunday, you can still keep up to date on what's happening at Emmanuel. Our newsletter and calendar are available online. Check us out at www.emmanuelpresbyterian.ca

You can also keep up on current happenings by following us on facebook – you can find us by searching for *Emmanuel Presbyterian Church - Nottawa*

soul surfer

A True Story of Faith,
Family, and Fighting
to Get Back on
the Board



Friday, January 6th – 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel

Kid's Korner



[for the young and the young at heart]

The First and the Last

Find the words listed below hidden in the puzzle.

Find the hidden Bible verse in the letters that are left.

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Begin
Celebrate
December
Ending
January
New

Old
Refresh
Renew
Resolution
Start
Year



Winter Reminders

IF WORSHIP IS CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER:

- we gather information from members who live in different locations, as weather patterns differ.
- the decision is made about 9:00 a.m.
- everyone is phoned by their TELEcare pastor or elder.
- If worship is cancelled we encourage you to make up your offering the following week.
- Our primary concern will always be your safety and we will always err on the side of caution.

DRIVEWAY

Please be aware of snowmobiles when entering and leaving our church property. Due to the snowmobile traffic, the turn off the highway and the turn into the church parking lot can often be slippery. Drive with care.

OFFICE HOURS

If the weather is stormy, please call before coming to the church. If it is unsafe to drive, the church will not be open.