



A Note from our Interim Moderator

The busy-ness of the Christmas season is long behind us and we have now settled into a more regular, and perhaps slower, routine. However, the Search Committee is still in high gear! After several months of research, prayer, and hard work, the Search Committee has completed Emmanuel's Congregational Profile, which provides prospective candidates with a preview of what life is like here at Emmanuel. We are so thankful for the hard work of the Search Committee, as well as the creative talents of Gloria Phillips, who all worked together to provide a profile that is professional looking as well as being informative and helpful. The profile has been uploaded to our website and you're invited to check it out. I have sent copies of the profile to the prospective candidates who have already contacted me, and a copy has been sent to our National Church Office to be kept on file.

The Search Committee has also embarked on a Bible Study called "12 Keys to an Effective Church" by Kennon Callaghan. The Session will also participate in this study when it resumes meeting in March after its two-month winter break. It is our desire that this Bible Study will help us keep our focus on Christ as we discover together His vision for Emmanuel's future.

I am so thankful for the ongoing pastoral care and worship leadership provided by Terry denBok. His passion for Christ and desire to serve His people is truly a blessing for all of us.

Again, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns about the search process. You can reach me at 705-424-0779 or at livingfaith@zing-net.ca. I am so thankful for this opportunity to work alongside you as we discover God's will for our future leadership at Emmanuel.

Peace be with you all,

Heather



As I write, I'm looking out of the pastor's office window and, to be honest, things looks dull, grey and lifeless across the landscape. Yet I know that what I see is not the whole picture - not even close.

Right now, even as I pen these words, farmers are planning for spring planting, repairing equipment, ordering seed, contracting custom work, and resting up for the long hours they will have ahead. Semi-trucks are on their way to various suppliers from all across North America; ship are being loaded with cargo from off-shore suppliers and planes are flying our friendly skies with even more supplies.

In other words, what I'm seeing right now with my eyes in not even close to what's taking place all around me. If this is true in the natural, how much more is our God at work in our lives and in His Church, to bring about His perfect will and plan.

We can't always see what, where and when He's at work, but by faith we know He is and it will be wonderful.

Hebrews 5:7 – For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Terry

CONGREGATIONAL LINKS

Movie Night

Don't forget to invite your friends and family to join us for movie night on Friday, February 3rd. This month's movie – *Courageous!* *There is no charge for this event.*

Men's Breakfast – Ladies Welcome!

Mark your calendars for February 4th, ladies. For this month only, the men are inviting you to join them for breakfast. It's worth getting up early (breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.) for this wonderful meal – cooked and served by the men! Don't miss it!

The Keenagers are looking forward to a great evening on February 8th! There will be a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, we'll move to the Worship Area for *Talent Night*. If you have are gifted in any area – singing or playing a musical instrument, acting etc. – and are willing to share it, speak to Bob McNicol.

Soup Sunday

It's winter, and nothing tastes better than homemade soup on a winter day! Join us for lunch following the service on Sunday, February 26th. Soup will be provided. Please bring bread, biscuits or buns or something for the dessert table.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LINKS (continued)

June Bus Trip

The Keenagers are planning another trip! Saturday, June 9th the Keenagers will travel by bus to Penetanguishene, leaving the church at 9:00 a.m. and returning about 5:45 p.m. Cost for the trip is \$80.00 per person. This price includes transportation, a guided tour of Discovery Harbour, lunch at Captain Roberts' Table and a matinee performance of *Annie* at Kings Wharf Theatre.

For further information, speak to Karen Milne.

Police Background Checks

The Presbyterian Church in Canada requires all adults working with children or youth to have a police background check. There is no charge to have a background check done - forms are available from the church office. If you are involved in any way with children or youth ministries and are not sure if we have a copy of your background check on file, please check with the office.

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.

CSM Update

Thanks to your donations of used books and Bibles, the Christian Salvage Mission was able to send 12 sea containers of Christian materials to needy countries around the world in 2011.

February Ministry Schedule

Sunday 5th

Hosting – Kay McKean, June Seeley

Ushers – Bert & Marge Douglas, Arnold & Anne Morwood

Nursery – Brenda McCarl

Kid's Church – Faith Hughes, George Dodd

Counter – Faith Hughes, Rod Johnston

EasyWorship – Ann McMaster

Sound – Ron Phillips

Sunday 12th

Hosting – Frances McInnis, Judith Ormiston

Ushers – Peter & Carol Currie, Steve Currie, Donna Lowe

Nursery – Willeke Jagt, *Taylor Dodd*

Kid's Church – Faith Hughes, George Dodd

Counter – Lynne Dodd, Rod Johnston

EasyWorship – Ron Phillips

Sound – Garry Milne

Sunday 19th

Hosting – Carol Currie, Donna Lowe

Ushers – Rodger & Nancy Gillies,
Don McKean, June Seeley

Nursery – Dianne Gordon

Kid's Church – Karen Milne, Garry Milne

Counter – Cliff Noad, Rod Johnston

EasyWorship – Bob Marritt

Sound – Ann McMaster

Sunday 26th

Hosting – Brenda McCarl, Helen McLeod

Ushers – Doug & Kathy Lemon,
Donna Lowe, Marshall McMaster

Nursery – Brenda McEachran, *Joanne McEachran*

Kid's Church – Karen Milne, Garry Milne

Counter – Donna denBok, Rod Johnston

EasyWorship – Ann McMaster

Sound – Ron Phillips



*Birthdays
&
Anniversaries*

Bill Scrimgeour – Wednesday, February 1st
Helen Campbell – Thursday, February 2nd
Jarrid Foley – Friday, February 3rd
Rae & Lorna Hockley – Friday, February 3rd
Holly Reid – Saturday, February 4th
John Howitt – Tuesday, February 7th
Ina Moses – Thursday, February 9th
Kathy Bloomfield – Saturday, February 11th
Brenda McCarl – Sunday, February 12th
Mike Gravel – Thursday, February 16th
Darren Foley – Thursday, February 23rd
Vera McDermid – Monday, February 27th

March Break Movies

It's only a few weeks till March Break!

If you're not heading south, why not join us in
March Break for afternoon movies?

Monday, March 12th – Friday, March 16th
1:30 p.m. in the Worship Area

*The list of movies being shown
will be available in next month's newsletter.*

Free Movie Night
Come and bring your friends!

FROM THE CREATORS OF **FIREPROOF**



Four men, one calling. To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honouring way? *That's courageous.*

Friday, February 3rd – 7:00 p.m.

Spotlight on Missions
Louise Gamble, Missionary in Taiwan



Presbyterians Sharing supports Louise Gamble, an English teacher at Tam Kang High School in Taipei, Taiwan. Tam Kang is a private Christian school seeking to present a strong Christian image to all of its students. Since English is the language of communication throughout Asia, the school has been developing a strong English language program.

Louise teaches English conversation classes to all grades and biblical classes to the senior students. In addition to interacting with students, Louise holds English Bible Study and English conversation classes for the teachers, with the aim of making these classes as enjoyable as possible.

Louise has also taken on the challenge of translating all of the official documents of George Leslie MacKay, the first missionary to the region of North Formosa in Taiwan.

Starting in 1965, Louise worked for eight years with aboriginal churches of The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. In 2001, she returned to Taiwan to teach basic Biblical courses in English at a Presbyterian Bible College in Hsinchu. When the Bible College closed, Louise began her work at Tam Kang.

Louise studied at Toronto Bible College and Ewart College before her first appointment to the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Her later education was at York University in Toronto, followed by professional development and work in social work and psychotherapy.

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.