

Fall/Winter Newsletter 2018

Falling into Winter

Dear friends:

We are now into the 'ember' months of the year. (I believe October ought to end in 'ember' but due to linguistic problems with the languages from which we inherited the names of the months, it was deemed easier to pronounce with a slightly different ending.) The 'ember' months basically occur when people can see the sunlight waning in the sky. I expect the 'ember' months were so named by the ancients because they occur at a time of the year when people could see the embers from their neighbours' cooking/warming fires more easily than say during the summer.

Ember months come to us when the year is winding down. As people in Europe (the Asians seemed to be ahead on this) began to convert their calendar from a lunar based to a solar based one, they started off by having two extra 'yet-to-be-named' months. Those came between the tenth month (our December) and Martius (our March). It was really a coincidence in setting the dates for holy days we have the birth of Jesus close to the winter solstice which is the shortest day of the year - the one which would truly live up to the title of the ember day of the year.

The month January is named after the Roman doorpost god with two faces - one looking forward and one looking back - named Janus. Janus is a good image of where we are when we are having to see the end of something and something else beginning (like an old year turning into a new one).

Thus it seems to me to be appropriate we celebrate the birth of Jesus at one week before the end of the last ember month of the year. It marks for us the end of one year (or in biblical terms the end of one era) and the beginning of a new one. It gives us a time to think about what we ought to 'wind down' in our lives and what we ought to be bringing (back) to the fore.

God's blessings be upon us all as we near the close of 2018 and make plans for what lies ahead in 2019.

Rev. Bob

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Sun Oct 7 - Thanksgiving Service



Emmanuel's Anniversary Service



On Sunday October 21st, we will be celebrating Emmanuel's 164th Anniversary. Rev. Rick Magie will be our guest speaker. Session members are providing a light luncheon after the service. Everyone is welcome!

Sun Nov 11 - Special Remembrance Day Service to remember those who have given the most precious gift of all.



Sun Dec 2 - White Gift Sunday If you can, please bring in a gift, wrapped in white paper or tissue, for those less fortunate.

Sun Dec 16 - A special Christmas program with singing and a presentation. Last day of Sunday School for this year.



Sun Dec 23 - Regular service



Mon Dec 24 - 7pm Candlelight Service

Tues Dec 25 - Christmas Day



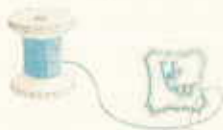
Sun Dec 30 - Regular Service

Sun Jan 13th - Sunday School resumes.

Welcome back Children!



UCW... the thread
that connects



UCW happenings and information is now on a separate sheet. Please see the attached.

A Little Bit of Church Fun



A Sunday school teacher asked her daughter on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

The child replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Emmanuel United Church in Foxboro is celebrating its 164th Anniversary on Sunday, October 14, 2018. It is a time when church and community members often remember their church roots. This year our guest speaker is Rev. Rick Magie who is a very dynamic and entertaining minister.

Our church is very important to us. Over the past ten years, we have had to do some major repairs to our tower, outside bricks and parking lot. This year we are taking on the challenge of removing the old brick chimney and replacing the roof over the offices and choir room. We also have to repair the damage to the secretary's office and put in a new furnace. Our monthly income is struggling to keep up with our monthly expenses, so many thanks go to our members for all the fundraising they do to help us pay our bills. Traditionally, after the fall harvest, families would count their blessings and make a special donation to their church. This fall, we hope you will remember our church and its importance in the lives of members and community.

Special Anniversary Envelopes are enclosed for your use or contact us to give monthly through PAR.

Recommended by Rev Bob:

If you are looking for some fireside reading to do over the ember months, I have three favourites from my shelf to suggest. None is particularly religious but they do teach about science and human relationships. If at all religious to any great degree, two of them mention politics based on religion. They are all under 300 pages in length.

David Ewing Duncan: *Calendar: Humanity's Epic Struggle to Determine a True and Accurate Year*. New York: Avon: 1998.

Robin Marantz Henig: *The Monk in the Garden: The Lost and Found Genius of Gregor Mendel*. New York: Houghton Mifflin: 2000.

David Sobel: *Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time*. New York: Walker: 1995.



UCW NEWS



TURKEY DINNER - Wednesday Oct 24

Turkey, potatoes, carrots, turnip, stuffing, our famous coleslaw, homemade pies, and all the trimmings. Continuous sittings from 4:30 to 7 or take-out . \$16 adults \$5 children ages 5 – 12. Preschoolers free. Tickets from Bev Stewart 613 969 1312 or Janis Ethier. Please reserve in advance.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Saturday November 10.

Looking for good used baskets (any kind, but size or shape, especially large/wide/flattish), pickles or jam for preserve table, good used items for “Treasure Room.” Hand-crafted items or sewing. ... new items for gift baskets needed by the Sunday before....baking for the bake table to come in that morning. At the bazaar, the Christmas Café provides a special treat as a thank-you to our bazaar visitors.



COLLECTORS for CHARITY



The UCW collects tabs from pop/cans, used stamps, cereal box liners (complete and folded), used ink cartridges, eye glasses ...Canadian Tire \$\$ for Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. Collection tote is at the back of the sanctuary.

MEAT PIES

Turkey pot pies (pastry or potato topping), shepherd’s pie, beef stew in single or double portions (\$4 or \$7.50) -- available at the bazaar or at any time while quantities last. Good for days when you don’t feel like cooking. Some are also distributed at times by the church visiting team.



CARDS & BEST WISHES

The UCW sends cards of behalf of the church at times of illness, sadness or special celebration (such as 90th birthdays). Please contact Sharon Rowsome at 966 4322 if you know of someone who might appreciate one.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Lots of good reading of a spiritual nature in the church lending library located at the end of the ‘choir room.. Feel welcome to make a visit. USED BOOKS of any kind WILL BE NEEDED IN JANUARY FOR OUR BOOK SALE.



CAMP QUIN-MO-LAC

Camp was fully booked all last summer giving over 1000 children a Christian camping experience. Co-ed camp, tadpole camp, family camp and a women’s rejuvenation event. At other times, groups of children or adults can book space for meetings , day trips or overnights. The spirit shines at Quin-Mo-Lac.



Old Hay Bay Church

"This simple church, built in 1792 by United Empire Loyalists, who had recently arrived and established the community of Adolphustown and recalls the early days of Upper Canada settlement. Here, one can imagine, travelling saddlebag preachers thundered forth in their sermons. The Methodists' evangelical zeal was expressed, not only in religious practice, but also in their contributions to Upper Canada's early social and political development. Stationed on the earliest Methodist itinerant circuit, it was the site of the first camp meeting in Upper Canada in 1805.

The church was enlarged in 1835 and used as a farmer's barn when the congregation built a new church in Adolphustown, c. 1860, and reacquired for church use in the early 20th century by the Methodists, (continuing, after union in 1925, as The United Church of Canada). In 1957, the church was officially recognized as an Ontario Historic Site. The church, land, and its nearby cemetery were designated as a National Historic Site of Canada in 2001.

This United Church of Canada 'museum church' has a major preservation project for the church, cemetery and cottage. Conference UCW adopted this project as our charity of the year which all UCWs in our area share support. Emmanuel UCW hosted a very successful Strawberry Tea for the Old Hay Bay renovation project last June and is raffling a heritage quilt...tickets to be drawn at the end of October.

An annual worship service is held in the church on the 4th Sunday afternoon in August. Groups can visit by arrangement throughout the year and visitors are welcomed all summer long by hosts who provide information and a tour. Emmanuel UCW visited the site a few years ago – a very interesting place.



"Prayer Shawls"

Emmanuel United Church in Foxboro

"Shawls" are given at times of celebration, life change or need for support, to send a message of God's love.

Who are they for? Anyone in our church family or wider community area; e.g., people moving away, coming into our community, entering nursing homes, facing medical challenges, grieving, heading to college, giving birth, getting married, starting a new job, graduating...etc.

What do they look like? Shawls, scarves, lap rugs, stoles, baby blankets...they come in all sizes, shapes and styles for young and old, male or female. Pocket prayer shawls (a few inches square), are for people to keep nearby as reminders of God's love and our friendship.

Sometimes a 'shawl' is made for a specific person who is held in our thoughts and prayers as we create their "shawl." At other times, shawls are made without knowing who will receive them and are kept until an occasion arises.

Shawls are given away, with a blessing from the church community; they are never sold.

You can Help by:

- offering to knit/crochet (we can supply yarn)
- donating yarn or patterns
- telling us of people who might like one
- taking a "pocket prayer shawl" for someone you know



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