

# Immanuel Roundup

*Keeping people in the loop about everything that's happening*

## Looking Forward to Christmas!

### Here's What's Coming Up

**December 4:** Parishioner-only craft sale in the hall before and after service.

**December 5:** Caroling at the Benson Manor.

**December 11:** Family Service with children's Christmas Program.

**December 6 and 13:** **The Joy of Singing** hosted by Diane Gingras at her home from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

**December 13:** Christmas Caroling with the residents at the Renaissance Retirement Residence. **Meet at the Renaissance at 1:00 p.m.**

**December 15:** Last day to drop off a gift for the child adopted as part of the Christmas Hamper program

**December 17:** Immanuel Caroling in the neighborhood. Meet



at the church on December 17 at 5:00 p.m. There will be one route or two, depending on the number of carolers.

**Carolers will then**

**gather back at the church for social time with Christmas refreshments. All ages are welcome.**

**December 20:** Pack and deliver Hampers

**December 24:** Family Service with Communion at 3:30 p.m.

**December 24:** Traditional Service at 8:00 p.m.

**December 25:** Communion Service with Christmas Carols at 10:00 a.m.



## Looking Back on November

**Nov 1, 2, & 3: Sharing our Stories – Building a Strong Trunk.** Three sessions were offered in person, plus an evening session on Zoom, so that parishioners could choose a convenient time. It was interesting to hear how people came to be part of the Anglican faith and some early experiences. The gatherings also served as a time for people to get to know others in the parish.

Maureen Pardoe created a large tree on the wall, and key words were written on 'roots' and added to the illustration. This is a visual reminder of things which were important in our legacy churches and remain important to Immanuel.

**Nov. 19 & 24: Shaping our Trunk** – About 45 parishioners completed a worksheet and sent their results to Rev. Diane. The three strongest gifts identified from across the parish were Mercy, a tie for Generosity and Service followed closely by Faith. Rev. Diane noted that no one reported Evangelism as one of their strengths, and said that may not be surprising, but is something we should be thinking about. The information gathered will be useful in completing the Parish Profile, required for the search for our new priest.

The definitions for each of the above are:

**Mercy:** The gift of empathy and compassion for those who are weak or suffering, readiness to comfort the bereaved, minister to the sick, make peace, or offer assistance to those in need.

**Generosity:** The gift of offering one's energies, abilities, and material resources for the work of the church with willingness, cheerfulness, and generosity.

**Service:** The gift of identifying the needs and problems of others to work with them in whatever way needed, no matter how small or how big the task.

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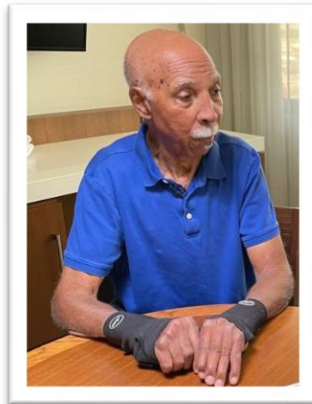
**Faith:** The gift of confidence and trust in God marked by a healthy prayer life and sensitivity to the will of God.

**Nov. 2 - 23: Kids Quest** was an in-person event on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30. Unfortunately we canceled the last two nights due to so many who were out sick.



**Nov 5: Drive Through Turkey Supper** – This event was another success.

**Nov. 5: The Rev. Blair Dixon** was on W5 on CTV talking about his father, **George Dixon**, who was a member of the Number 2 Construction Battalion or otherwise known as the Black Battalion serving in the First World War for Canada



**Nov. 14: VBS School Days Off** – The hall was filled with children and laughter again. Thanks to those who were able to help us – we can't be successful without your help!

**Nov. 27: Advent All Age Service**—"Soothing, restoring worship for the whole family." The first of four Advent all age services at the Living Spirit Centre was enjoyed by a number of Immanuel Parishioners. Led by Fr. Michael Bruce and Christine Burton, the evening was an oasis of peace in a chaotic week. The service includes new songs, group conversation, scripture reading in small groups, quiet activities, and prayer time. All are welcome to join the upcoming three services: **December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Living Spirit Centre on Doan Drive.

### **YouTube Kids Sock Box Donation Advertising**

The Tweens from the YouTube Video Fun program got together to produce a promotional video to help advertise our drive to collect socks for those less fortunate. The video was premiered on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday Service and was enjoyed by all.

Michael Curley delivered a large bag of socks to Carmichael Outreach already, and they were thrilled to receive them. We will be continuing to collect socks throughout the winter.



### **Immanuel Host to Film Crew**

Immanuel is abuzz with activity while hosting around 60 actors and film crew during the week from November 3 until December 1 as they film just a few blocks from the church.

### **Pastoral Care**

Emergency	<b>Rev. Diane Guilford</b>	204-823-3383
Hospital Visitation	<b>Deacon Margaret Friesen</b>	306-535-3115
The Caring Tree	<b>Christine Burton</b> <b>Beverly Spencer</b>	306-540-7903 306-530-5158

### **Those who have left us...**

We pray that Ruby Wayling, Sue Chung, and Laura Gray may rest in the peace of Christ.

### **Last Word**

We're always happy to hear from you. Please call us at **306-586-4420**

Office hours: **Mon-Fri 9:30-11:30 am and 1-3 pm.**

Our next issue will be at the end of January  
***Merry Christmas everyone!***



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