

December 10, 2017

WORDS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST

Dear Friends,

On Sunday December 10th (this coming Sunday) the Emmanuel United Church Senior Choir will present our Christmas Cantata for 2017 "The Wondrous Story" composed by Don Besig and Nancy Price. The performance will include narrators Brendan Jeffers, Don Ford, Allison Ford, Noel Nathaniel and Blake Bambury.

Also, we will be blessed with special live Steel Drum music by Neil and Erin Sookdeo. They will be playing from 10:45 - 11:00 AM, as well as during the service.

Everyone is encouraged to arrive early and bring as many friends with you to share in this beautiful worship experience! A flyer is attached for you to forward and share.

Even place it on your Facebook page!

Looking forward to your presence with us,
In Christ,
Colin Persad

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SAT DEC 9 9:00 am Men's Club
 5:30 pm Turkey & Carols

SUN DEC 10 **11:00 am Worship**
 Advent 2 ~ PEACE
 Blessing of the Toys
 A Wondrous Story
 a Cantata for Christmas
 Y Kids Toy Drive & Fire Hall visit

WED DEC 13

10:00 am Exercise group
6:30 pm UCW Christmas Potluck

THURS DEC 14

7:30 pm Senior Choir practice

SUN DEC 17

11:00 am Worship

Advent 3~ JOY

Blessing of the Gift Bags

5:00 pm Caroling in the
neighbourhood

LOOKING FORWARD

Thanks to all for their generous response to the needs of our **Refugee family**. They have arrived and are getting a taste of a Canadian winter.



Our annual **Turkey and Carols potluck** is happening this Saturday, December 9th. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, singing, fun and fellowship.

Y Kids Toy Drive and Fire Hall Visit is happening this Sunday and members of the congregation are asked to bring in a NEW unwrapped toy. After the blessing of the toys, we will be walking over to the fire hall. When we return, the kids will be having a hot dog lunch.

Do you miss good old-fashioned **Christmas Caroling**? Well then come out and join us on Sunday, December 17th for a night of fun. All ages are welcome.

We will meet here at the church for 5:00 pm and then set out to go caroling around the neighbourhood until 700pm. *(depending on the weather)*

Then, come back to the church for some hot apple cider, hot chocolate and cookies.

Please bring your friends!!! Singing experience is not required!!!

If you need more information, please see Linda Gignac, Diane Aikman or Kathy Dakin

DECEMBER ~ A MONTH FOR US TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

There is an old favourite hymn based on Psalm 40:5 that reminds us to

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.*

Each day this month let us write down a blessing that we have received or experienced that day. There is a printed sheet on the table in the hallway where you can keep track of the many ways you have received a blessing this month. Bring your list to church on Epiphany Sunday, January 7 when we celebrate when the Magi brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

GIFTS WITH VISION

Last Sunday I mentioned that one Christmas I gave my brother a cow and that he was not happy. But the people in the village of Nigeria were thrilled. To learn more about gifts that really matter, click here [GIFTS WITH VISION](#)

The Outreach Ministry asks you to please bring your Christmas gift bags to church on the 17th of December to allow the folks at Regen time to add personal care and other items to the bags.

WE PRAY FOR . . .

Starting in January we would like to pray for the friends and members of Emmanuel United Church by name, starting the first week with those whose last name **begins with "A,"** the next week with "B," etc. We are praying by name for our friends and members for four reasons:

1. We believe in the power of prayer.
2. We believe that being reminded by name of who is in our EUC Circle will help us get to know one another's name.
3. We believe that by noticing that someone in our EUC Circle has been missing will hopefully prompt us to connect with him or her in a reassuring way.
4. We believe that noticing that your own name was not included in our EUC Circle will hopefully prompt you to contact the office and help us correct our error.

If you **do not** want your name printed in the Weekly E-News and spoken aloud during the Prayers of the People at Sunday worship, please contact the office ([905-792-3269](tel:905-792-3269)) or emmunitied@primus.ca

**Looking forward to praying with you with one another,
The Lay Care Team and the Transition Team**

Observer magazine: June Killam will be returning to collect the \$25.00 subscription fee for 2018. Collection dates will be Sun. Dec. 10, 17, 24 and 31. Payment options of cash or cheque payable to Emmanuel United Church please. If anyone is interested in buying this magazine for just over \$2.00 each, please contact me at junekillam18@hotmail.com.

Christmas Time Visits

The Lay Care Team is helping me know who might like a visit (and communion?) during December. Help them help me know by emailing or calling me. I look forward to our visit. The Rev. Rose Ann Vita (647-763-0101) emunitedminister@primus.ca

Grocery cards: New grocery cards have arrived with all denominations available. Please see Vilia at Sip'n'Talk after church to purchase cards for No Frills, Fortinos and Loblaws superstores.

YAYA (Youth and Young Adults) News! For more Youth programs see the Youth Bulletin board outside the hall or contact Paige Fraser at southwestyaya@gmail.com or 416-239-1131 x 31.

This Sunday's Service ***December 10, 2017 at 11 AM***

Theme: The Wondrous Story

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Rose Ann Vita

Greeters: Olive Nathaniel, Hugh Jeffers

Lighting the Advent Candle: Noel Nathaniel

Reader: Linda Alexander

Call to Worship and Prayer: Noel Nathaniel

Music Ministry: Neil & Erin Sookdeo, New Directions,
Colin Persad, Senior Choir

PowerPoint: John Gignac

Sound: D.J. Fera, Jeff Hall

Counters: Group 2

Ushers: Doug & Susan Winter, Alice Siefert, Sajid,
Lorraine Houston

Sip 'n Talk Hosts:

Children are part of our worship! Crafts, books and soft toys are provided for their enjoyment at the entrance to the sanctuary (narthex)! Tables are set up and rocking chairs are provided for parents!

We also provide

- A nursery space for parents to be with very young children
- Hearing devices and large print bulletins
- Hard copies of *Worship Services & Weekly Announcements*. Contact the office if you would like to receive electronic copies.
- Copies of **"Our Daily Bread"** (a daily devotional booklet); *Daily Bread* is also available online at www.odb.org.

We hold in prayers all who are a part of this community of faith and beyond our doors. A Prayer List is posted outside the office doors. If someone should be added (with their permission), please contact the church office!

We pray for:

Sherry Lennips and family – upon the passing of her younger sister Lenette Dora Powell-Flower November 25th

John & June Layzell and family – on the passing of their son-in-law Peter Harry Duster (Gale's husband) November 25th

Thank you to Bloordale United Church for lending us the music for the cantata.

**Office Hours for the Rev. Rose Ann Vita
December 9 - 17, 2017**

Sat 9 Dec 2017

5pm – 9pm Dinner at the Mosque

5pm – 9pm Turkey & Carols – Not Attending

Sun 10 Dec 2017

10am – 1pm Worship – Cantata & Blessing of the Toys

Wed 13 Dec 2017

11pm – 5pm Office

6pm – 9pm UCW Christmas Potluck

Sat 16 Dec 2017

5pm – 7pm Sinanan Family Gathering

Sun 17 Dec 2017

10am - 1pm Worship – Blessing of the Gift Bags

1:00pm – 4:30pm Visits to Homebound

5pm – 8pm Caroling

<p>Out of Office: Please note that Donna will be taking the following days as vacation: Mon Dec 11, Tues Dec 19 and Dec 27- 30.</p>
