



Emmanuel United Church

The Council Chronicle

September 28, 2026

Welcome back! Our faith community at Emmanuel is lively and active once again following the August break. September always brings a wonderful sense of new beginnings to our church calendar. Your Council gathered on Tuesday, Sept. 22 to tackle a full agenda, and we remain committed to keeping you regularly updated on our work.



An updated **door entry system** has been installed to enhance safety and ease of access for all our midweek gatherings and ministry groups.

Have you seen our front lawn? We are very proud of our new sign, which proudly proclaims our mission to welcome all to **heal, grow, and thrive at Emmanuel** as we strive to be Christ-like.

To build on this, Rev. Kristiane is guiding us in exploring what healing, growing, and thriving as a community of faith will look like as we move forward together.

We are already putting these values into action!

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During the break, work continued behind the scenes to care for our church. You may notice that **the office, the Morrow Room and the previous Sunday School space** have been refreshed with a bright coat of new paint!





Yoga for all ages and experience levels is offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Coronation Room.

Our new space welcoming adults who wish to improve their **reading and writing skills** in English is now open! Please call the church office at 705.742.4162 for more information.

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Thanks to your support following the presentation at the July 12 congregational meeting,

A partnership with PARN resulted in Emmanuel hosting this year's **Gayla Queer Prom** on Sept. 19 in our auditorium—a wonderful celebration of community and belonging.

Additionally, the **Stage Cafe** continues to offer new musicians and singer-songwriters of all genres a professional forum to fine-tune their craft. Check it out on the second Friday of the month for these performances!

We also offer huge thanks and "hats off" to everyone who helped clean out the **Rubidge Street property!** Repairs following the fire are now complete, and the property is officially on the market for sale.



our partnership with Relèven is moving forward.



Emmanuel's Labyrinth of Reconciliation

Phase A is currently being completed, which includes comprehensive scans of our neighborhood, community context, existing partnerships, and finances.

Looking ahead to our outdoor spaces, the **labyrinth** in front of Emmanuel will be revitalized for our Earth Day celebration in April. Together with a **new picnic table** received from the United Church of Canada, this area will serve as an integral space for hope and reconciliation.

As part of our commitment to exploring current research and lived experiences with thriving faith communities, Council will be discussing an article each month from *Broadview's* special edition, ***The Small Church Issue***. This month's article challenges us to rethink how we define growth—examining our 'big-church bias' and focusing on deep relationship-building rather than simply filling pews.



- **Church Office:** Call **705.742.4162** or visit during open office hours. Mon. to Fri. 9:00 -12:00
- Review the weekly **Bulletin**.
- Be sure to receive the weekly **Email Blast**.

We believe a thriving community is based on **transparent communication**. You can stay in touch with us in the following ways:

In Person: Connect with Rev. Kristiane or any Council member following Sunday services.

Check out our **website**
www.emmanuelunitedptbo.ca

Subscribe to **Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/EUCPTBO/> and **Instagram**.



Your regular contributions to Emmanuel's ministries are deeply valued and appreciated.

You can support our shared work through the weekly offering plate, Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), or e-transfer. To be good stewards of our resources, we will be utilizing our remaining supply of visitor envelopes for those who prefer envelope giving rather than purchasing new ones.

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There is no longer Jew or Greek;
there is no longer slave or free;
there is no longer male and
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Galatians 3:28, NRSV

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