

EMMANUELIGHT

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Mardi Gras Pancake Supper



**Tuesday,
February 16th**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come and join in the festivities at the annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper! Every one is welcome to join in the fun.

THE 40 DAY JOURNEY TO EASTER

Lent is fast approaching and there are many ways to get involved in this 40 day journey to Easter.

The Sermon series beginning on the first Sunday in Lent is meant to help us find our way.



**Ash Wednesday Service
February 17th
7:30 p.m.**

February 21st—Lent 1
Temptation and the Path through the Dangerous Valley

(Luke 4:1–13)

February 28th - Lent 2

The Cunning Fox: Deceit Exposed

(Luke 13:31-35 Phil 3:17-4:1)

March 7th— Lent 3

Guidance through the Wilderness (Luke 13:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

March 14th - Lent 4

The Great Escape and A Fresh Start (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, 2 Cor. 5:16-21)

March 21st— Lent 5

When Nothing Else Really Matters (John 12:1-8, Phil 3:4b-14)

March 28th - **The Passion:**

True Authority, Radical faithfulness,

Unfathomable Love

(Luke 23:1-49, Phil 2:5-11)

April 4th— Easter

We Have Arrived: The Dawn of A New Day (Luke 24:1-12, 1 Cor.15:19-26)

ROBYN BROOKS WILL BE MISSED!

First, a big thank you to everyone who supported the various aspects with the youth ministry— especially Peter and Cathy Dunn who continually give up their time to help in many unseen ways at Emmanuel. As many of you know, I finished teacher's college last year and have been looking for work teaching since last spring. While I have yet to find work I have realized a need for balance and intentionality in what I take on. Through a lot of prayer I've come to the rather difficult decision to discontinue my work at Emmanuel. Our last youth event was held in December and I'll continue teaching Sunday school until March. I have really enjoyed my time working with the youth at Emmanuel and I look forward to seeing what God will do in the lives of the great young people here at the church .



Robyn Brooks

TREASURER'S REPORT—*CATHY DUNN*

Income and Expense Statement as of December 31, 2009

For the year ended December 31st	2010 Budget	Actual	2009 Budget
INCOME			
General envelopes	160,000	144,358	155,000
Open donations	1,020	1,035	1,020
Insurance Premiums		814	
Temporarily restricted	7,200	16,537	7,200
Grants and rebates		10,000	10,000
Banking interest	240	412	540
Building use Income	13,800	13,200	13,200
TOTAL INCOME	182,260	186,357	186,960
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel expenses	108,597	91,549	100,589
Administration	9,728	4,509	6,390
Property	48,277	38,335	51,406
CEC Renovation			
Worship & Christian education	7,019	9,732	9,957
Outreach	17,020	16,923	13,700
Diocesan expenses	14,236	15,118	15,118
TOTAL EXPENSES	204,877	176,165	197,160
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS	(22,617)	10,191	(10,200)

Balance Sheet (Unaudited) as of December 31, 2009

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CIBC Chequing Account	\$21,859	\$16,238
I.N.G. Savings Account	23,042	16,628
Petty Cash	225	225
Diocese of Toronto Trust Fund	34,000	34,000
Insurance Premiums	814	0
GST Recoverable	486	1,143
Government Energy Rebates	0	2,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$35,525	\$37,368
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0	\$0
NET EQUITY		
Unrestricted	\$40,191	\$38,988
Donor Restricted	30,834	31,247
Diocesan Ministry Development	9,400	0
TOTAL EQUITY	80,425	70,235
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$80,425	\$70,235

PETER'S EPISTLE

How do we deal with change? In churches across Canada change is happening as shifting demographics and cultural norms have led to serious declines in attendance. Perhaps the most significant force for change has been the rapid shift in cultural values and norms over the past 20 years. Our culture tends to place a high value on change. Indeed progress is viewed as one of the essential measures of a healthy society. Unfortunately because there is no basis in our society by which to discern what change is healthy and what change is unhealthy we end up believing in change for the sake of change. Progress is seen as good regardless of what direction we might be moving in.

The Church seems to struggle to understand change and how to adapt to it just as much if not more than our society. On the one hand local churches often stubbornly resist change of any kind. On the other hand, almost as a reaction against the general dislike of change, there are others who argue that 'the Church must change or die'. There is a lot of truth in that sentiment yet the danger is that we fall into the trap of simply assuming that we must do something different out of desperation. In other words there is the danger of buying in to the cultural notion that change, in and of itself, is a good thing. In the Bible change is inevitable but it is always for a purpose, God's purpose, and it is always rooted in Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

There are lots of places where Paul speaks of the change that is fundamental to the Christian life and that change always begins with Jesus. For example 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

To be a Christian, to be in Christ, means that we are new creations. That doesn't mean we always feel 'new' we may feel old and creaky instead. But that is not the point. The point is that 'in Christ' we have a new identity, a new home and we are now children of God. This happens to us because Jesus has reconciled us to the Father. This is who we now are. Over time this change in our identity will also result in a change in how we are living even if it is slow or gradual change. At the same time as we are gradually transformed God uses our new identity and new way of living to change the world around us; we have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation, a message which we are to share in how we live and in what we say.

The change that begins with Jesus continues with the work of the Holy Spirit. We

cannot read the book of Acts without recognizing that the Holy Spirit is an agent for change in the world. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost resulted in an explosion of transformation. We may not see the same kind of explosive change in our world today (although it is happening in many other countries) yet through the Holy Spirit God consistently brings change into our lives and into the church. Indeed the Church is called to be an agent for change in the world. But as challenging as this change might be it is not change simply for the sake of change. Rather it is the gradual transformation of our lives and of our community into Christ-likeness. It is a change that is driven by Jesus and what he is doing in the world and in our lives. Our task as agents of change in the world and as people who themselves are being changed through our encounters with God is to listen to God and to let him reshape and transform us. As he does that he will not only change us he will change the world around us.

So change is coming – it is always coming for those who are followers of Jesus. But it is not change for the sake of change nor is it change that we should be fearful of. Rather it is change that is driven by God as he leads us to a new heaven and a new earth.



Dr. Peter Robinson

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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1pm Bridge	3 10:30 am Service at LeisureWorld	4	5	6
7 10am BAS HC Pre Vestry Mtg	8	9 1pm Bridge	10 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	11	12	13
14 10am BAS HC Vestry Mtg	15	16 1pm Bridge Pancake Supper 5:30—7:30 p.m.	17 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	18	19	20 Messy Church 4:30—6 p.m.
21/28 8:30 am Course 10am BAS HC	22	23 1pm Bridge	24 10am Study, Commu- nion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	25	26	27

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28 Palm Sunday 10am BAS HC	29	30 1pm Bridge	31 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)			

MISSION MATTERS—RUTH COPLAND

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Dear Emmanuel Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Urbana 09 student mission conference. The money that was designated for the Reflective Worship Room covered costs for setting up the room with equipment and art supplies as well as printing the descriptive brochure that allowed students to enter quietly and participate in whatever way brought them closer to God. It was thrilling to see the students responding to God as they came into the room. One volunteer in the room wrote:

“God answered our prayers and led them (Urbana 09 participants) to our room...I saw God at work in meeting them as they brought their sorrow and pain, their fatigue and need for rest, their joy, energy, passion and love, and their dependence and vulnerability. I saw Jesus loving them tenderly and caring for them as they lay at the foot of the cross, prayed, rested,

and slept along the walls covered in coats. I saw Jesus meet them in the words they wrote and art they made, and in their quiet time with him, and in their dancing and waving of flags. I saw Jesus at work in creating a safe place for these students, and in ministering to them and kneeling beside them.”

The Christmas offering was sent directly for student scholarships so that money was not a prohibiting factor for students wishing to attend. This was a life-transforming experience for over 16,000 young people who attended. Over 300 people indicated for the first time, their desire to follow Jesus. More than 1,000 people committed to begin a Bible study from the Gospel of John with their non-Christian friends. Please pray that God would reveal himself to all who are looking for Him in these Bible studies. The speakers from many countries of the world reminded us from John 1:14 that Jesus became human

and “moved into the neighbourhood.” This was amazing as they told stories and showed pictures of God at work in their neighbourhoods in the garbage dumps of Cairo, Egypt or the urban communities of some Latin American gangs. Everyone was challenged to go home and look for how God is present through His compassionate Spirit in our own neighbourhoods.

We may never know and words cannot express how God has used your generosity and prayers to bless this generation through Urbana 09. Thank you!



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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5 WEEK COURSE

On the five Sunday mornings during the season of Lent we will be enjoying a five week course.

We will begin by looking at Jesus, then look at what he is inviting us to do in the world and finally look at how we can do this!

Coffee and tasty baked goodies will be served!

MESSY CHURCH EVENT

Calling all parents and children!

Come and join in the adventure as we begin the 40 Day Journey to Easter.

**Saturday, February 20, 2010
4:30–6:00 p.m.**

Pancakes and Sausages will be served for dinner!



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THE EXPLORERS IN FEBRUARY

EXODUS: THE 10TH PLAGUE AND PASSOVER

TIFFANY ROBINSON & MICHELLE MUSSON

Week One: Blastoff

We start with a dynamic telling of the story from Exodus 5-12, with some children listening to a storyteller and some looking up the story on their own as they learn how to find things in the Bible.

This week, the children will also be involved in a variety of crafts. They will work on creating a mask for Pharaoh, creating some Egyptian jewelry, colouring pictures that represent the plagues, and creating some homes for the 3D craft. The children will be working with a variety of materials for our crafts this month.

Our 3D project (a table sized version of the Exodus landscape) is well under way. The land and the major bodies of water have been created out of styrofoam. The children have added some interesting sea creatures, a

variety of mountains, including one that been designated as Mount Sinai, and now this month we will be adding the homes, including some with lamb's blood around the doors to represent the Passover.

Week Two: Drama

This week the children will get to act out the story of Moses and the 10 plagues, with an emphasis on the 10th plague and Passover. A variety of fun and interesting props will be used as well as a Pharaoh's mask and pretend jewelry that the children made during the Blastoff week. (*any ideas for props would be great to hear!*)

Week Three: Technology

Technology week this month is a movie of the entire Exodus story. The children were originally scheduled to watch

this last month but we changed the plan to incorporate some extra time that was needed to work on our 3D craft.

Week Four: The Great Challenge

This week we will discuss how the story applies to the children's lives by dividing the children up into small groups and having them think through some thought-provoking and age-appropriate questions. We will finish the class with a fun, 'facts' game that reflects the children's learning over the month.

Every Week

Every week, we open our morning with a fun, active song, a memory verse, the Giving Jar and close the morning with the I Wonder basket and learning Psalm 23 as our "prayer of the month".

Prayer is important to us!

For prayer requests that come up during the week, we have a group of people who are happy to pray for different issues or needs in your life.

To contact the Prayer Chain, please call Eleanor Wall (905-881-6389), Sue Merry (416-781-8336 or Phyllis Wallace (905-884-9832).

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