

EMMANUELIGHT

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**Dim Sum
Lunch
Sunday,
February 12th**



Please speak to **Mona and Angelina Lim**
(416-226-2782 or
Henry Crane
(905-884-5443)
if you would like to go.

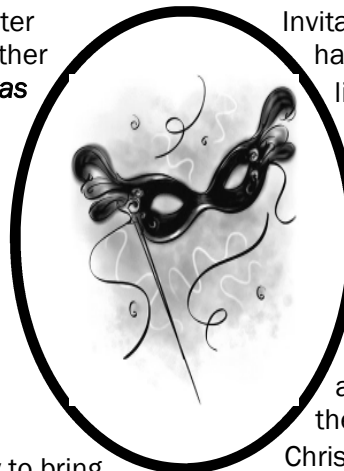
They have to make reservations as Sundays are busy at the restaurant.

LENT COMES EARLY THIS YEAR!!

Let's get past the winter blues by coming together for a festive **Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m..**

Plans are underway for a fun evening!

This is an opportunity to bring your family, friends and neighbours to dinner out and an opportunity to get to know our new pastor, Chris King. There will be home made pancakes with "REAL" Maple Syrup and delicious sausages cooked to perfection!



Invitations are available for you to hand out to the people you would like to invite.

The next day of course is **Ash Wednesday** when the season of Lent - the forty day period before Easter begins.

Lent is a season for reflection and taking stock. By observing the forty days of Lent the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

**Come and begin your special observance of Lent at the Ash Wednesday service :
February 22nd at 7:30 p.m.**

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend!

Pre-vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 19th following 10 a.m. service.

This meeting is an opportunity to look over the Financial Statements for 2011 and review the Budget for 2012 before the Annual Vestry Meeting.

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 26th following 10 a.m. service

MISSION MATTERS

A Letter from Dancing Waters

As we enter the New Year, Murray and I didn't want to pass by without letting you know how much you helped us in 2011. After reviewing the last year it is clear that it was a very difficult year for us. But, thanks to the great God we put our faith in and the faithful support from all of you, we are still standing and proclaiming Christ.

On the forefront stands the very hard year we have had financially. While all things seemed to point to the end of Dancing Waters back in August, God has shown that His provision is steadfast. We are very thankful for those supporters who dug deep into their pockets and for the people who have offered us their expertise in business and fundraising. You have helped us build a stronger foundation to step out from and we are truly thankful.

During the past year the foundation of our ministry, our mentoring program, has grown not only in number, but in depth. Our community suffered many tragedies this past year and many have felt overwhelmed by their pain. Alongside our mentoring ministry, our time spent in our local gathering places has had a special focus on healing. Here we have spent some very special time with some very beautiful people who are suffering from serious illnesses and

Coming to terms with loss. We think both ministries can be best summed up by the words of one young woman who said, "There must be more to life than all the pain and emptiness I feel."

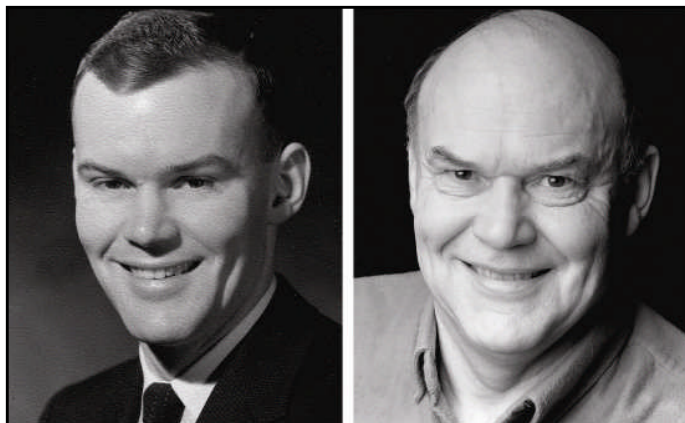
While there have been many moments of pain there has also been joy. For us, the friends and family that helped us through Murray's back surgery was amazing. Also the outreaches during Easter, Thanksgiving, Strawberry Season and the times sharing meals with families in our home has been filled with much fun and laughter as we seek to build and rebuild relationships with one another.

So as we leave behind 2011 and move in to 2012, we send our heartfelt thanks for your support of our ministry. With the money you have been giving to Dancing Waters, we are able to spend time with those who have been forgotten or whose cries are just not being heard. The more time we spend here, the more we realize just how many are hurting with no one to share the burden with. Thank you for putting us in the right place at the right time.

Sincerely,

Ann and Murray O'Coin

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF A GREAT MAN OF GOD



Alastair Paterson has been a Lay Reader at Emmanuel for years and years. He and his wife Diana have been part of the Emmanuel family and supported us in every way. Just two years ago they looked after all the snacks for Vacation Bible Camp! He told me "Without Diana he wouldn't have known what to do".

Alastair went to be with the Lord Monday, January 30th with Diana and his son James by his side. A celebration of his life was held at Emmanuel on Saturday, February 4th. Alastair will be sorely missed by his wife and family and all his friends including us.

Please remember Diana and their family in your prayers.

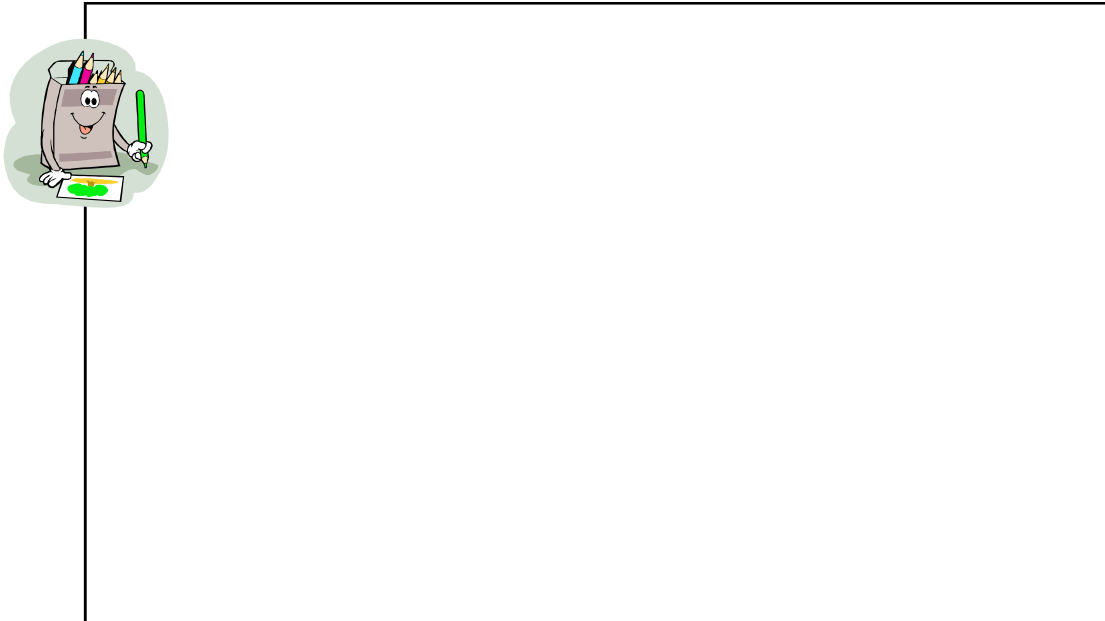
Reflections with God

*Our church name, Emmanuel, is a most wonderful reminder that
God wants to be with us and us with him.*

I have had a very good first few days with Emmanuel. The rectory was immaculate and a delight to become home for me, my puppy, Sunny, and daughter Clare (some of the time). An hour after beginning to move in, Henry Crane dropped by with some information about Richmond Hill. Henry was followed by Joanna Guy who gave us a warm 'wardens' welcome'. That first evening, Clare and I enjoyed a delicious meal with Henry and Patricia. The love of the Emmanuel community warmed our hearts and encouraged us to feel as though we belonged already. It was the kind of welcome God has ready for everyone.

Your welcome to us communicated the hospitality of God. Jesus told parables about a heavenly banquet. He talked about the shepherd's delight when he brought the one lost sheep back into the flock. Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal, the night he was betrayed.

Spontaneous acts of grace, like Henry's invitation to us, then checking with Patricia! 😊 are powerful signs of God's welcome and love expressed in hospitality. Spontaneous invitations after Sunday worship reveal that God's arms are always outstretched to welcome.



The blank space above is there as a sign. It is a sign that our future together is full of possibility and promise. We have a blank sheet of paper. What will God draw and color? God's pictures are always full of color and life. Let us pay attention to Him, for he will ask us to hold the pencil and crayon. Let us pay attention to Him and be prepared to draw pictures of his love that we have never drawn before. Let us pay attention to God – the future is full of promise for those who wait upon the Lord. I look forward to paying attention with you.

Chris King

February 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 10:30 am Service at LeisureWorld | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10am BAS HC | 6 | 7 1pm Bridge | 8 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.) | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10am BAS HC Dim Sum Lunch | 13 | 14 1pm Bridge | 15 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.) | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10am BAS HC Pre Vestry | 20 | 21 1pm Bridge Pancake Supper 5:30—7:30 p.m. | 22 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Lent I 10 am BAS HC Vestry Meeting | 27 | 28 1pm Bridge | 29 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.) | | | |

March 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 World Day of Prayer | 3 |
| 4 Lent 2 10am BAS HC | 5 | 6 1pm Bridge | 7 10:30 am Service at LeisureWorld | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 25 Lent 5 10am BAS HC | 26 | 27 1pm Bridge | 28 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.) | 29 | 30 | 31 |

SATURDAY CLEAN UP DAY AT THE RECTORY!



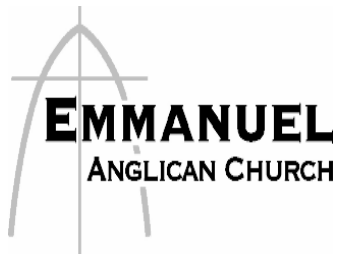
The rectory was crowded with parishioners on Saturday, January 21st. They came bearing pails, mops, brooms, cleaning cloths, soap, window cleaner, and a vacuum.

They scrubbed and cleaned and polished and did their very best to make sure the rectory was in good shape for Chris King and his family to move in.

A big "Thank You" to everyone. It is true, "*many hands make light work*" and it was lots of fun too!



You would never know it when you look at these pictures. It looks more like a party! Right???



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A FOND FAREWELL TO PAUL G. WALKER



Susan and Paul Walker cutting the cake

We bid a fond farewell to Paul who has been a blessing to us all during his time here as interim priest-in-charge while the Selection Committee searched for a new incumbent for Emmanuel. His wife Susan joined us for the special celebration and it was very nice to meet her.

Many thanks to all who helped make this such a joyous occasion, especially Mona and Angelina Lim and Henry and Pat Crane who organized the Dim Sum and Chinese food (*which Paul loves*) and Bea Seymour who looks after ordering all the cakes we have for special occasions like this.

Part of getting to know people better is the feeling of sadness when you have to say farewell.

Paul will be missed!

Next Food Bank Sunday is February 26th

If you are away or forget the date, you may bring your donations to church any Sunday.

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 Sue Merry (416-781-8336) or Phyllis Wallace (905-884-9832).

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