

Another New Beginning at Emmanuel

January is always the month that we look back at the previous year. There is so much to review this year! Of course the event that got the most press was the rededication, 2 years, 7 months and 2 days after the fire, but who's counting.

In so many ways it was a tremendous achievement and would have never come together without the help and hard work of so many, many people. Everyone seemed to come together and did what they could. For some it was coordinating between our congregation, the architect, GYMO Associates in Watertown, and the contractor, Rivercrest Builders here in Massena. For others it was moving things, scrubbing things, assembling things or arranging things. Still others helped with financial contributions and others made creative contributions.

In the end, it was about more than sticks and mortar. Just as the fire brought us together, so did the rebuilding of our old church building. We grew to meet the challenges that the project presented, but more importantly, we've all done our best to keep our focus on being what God intended, a family that welcomes each other and supports each other on our quest to find a closer relationship with God.

Now we have a new tool to use in our quest and it is magnificent. After a much needed breather for us all, 2010 will find us getting back to the glorious task of being Emmanuel.

So, enjoy this retrospective of 2009. Let it rekindle the memories of a great year and reignite your reasons for making Emmanuel your home!

May God Bless us all,
Pastor Judy



**The Cross comes home to the Altar on Saturday, December 10, 2009
May God Bless our Firemen!**

From Your Executive Council

Executive Council met on Sunday, December 13th, following worship, with eight council members and Pastor Judy in attendance.

Pastor Judy reported that we now have the software for the audio & visual system and are getting the "bugs" worked out. Words to the hymns will be displayed on the LCD screens. Now that the rededication is over, we will remove the back rows of chairs to bring the congregation closer together for worship services. Terry discussed putting a mic on the piano. Sue has ordered 100 more hymnals.

Vance Fleury will start doing renovations on the CE building within a week or two. Headstart will be having a Board meeting January 10th or 11th and report their plan for moving into the building.

The Trustees reported that a new computer has been purchased and put into use.

Judy will talk to the Missions Committee about making a donation to both the Neighborhood Center and the India Children's Home.

Discussion continues regarding the use of the Community Room: Sunday School meeting place, who meets where, what goes where... We will be looking for storage cabinets.

Women's Fellowship Annual Cookie & Candy sale December 20th. Next meeting January 24th.

Fundraising Campaign going well, over \$46,000 so far.

Lori reported that she attended a Solar Energy Informational Program and has literature for anyone interested.

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 17th. There will be a Budget Informational meeting after church on January 10th. The next Council meeting will be January 10th.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gleason, Church Clerk



The Sanctuary is Reborn!



The Guild Room comes back as the Unity Room

A Gentle Reminder

Just a reminder that when we share names and details during prayer requests, it is necessary that the person gives their permission and is aware that you are sharing their information. This is especially important during months such as December when we are on the radio. Can you imagine how upset someone might be to hear their name on the radio and the details of an illness? Please be mindful of this during prayer concerns.

Pastor Judy

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The shattered Jesus window is recreated from photos.



Pastor Judy at the new piano



From the newly dug hole, emerged a new entrance with elevator.



The architects



1st Communion in the New Old Church!



St. Johns joins our choir for the Rededication



The organ arrives and Jim can't even wait till it's unwrapped!

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About 325 people helped us celebrate and give huge thanks to God at the Rededication!
It was so wonderful to see our church so full!

Yes, 2009 was an excellent year at Emmanuel

There was a lot more that happened in addition to our building project!



A candlelit Christmas Eve.



Together we gave thanks...



...and made fashion statements



The Gospel according to Marvin



We are what we eat...
At the Harvest Dinner!



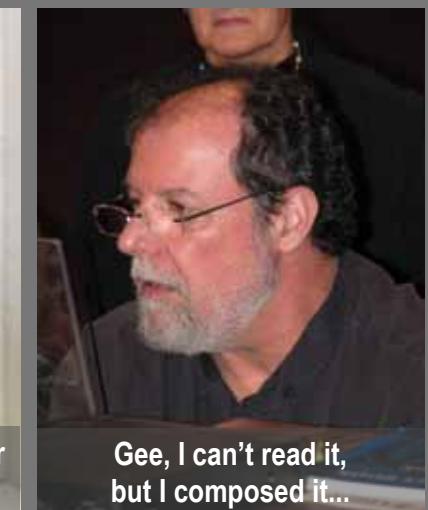
Easy Jeff, it's just a skit.



The Gospel according to Clyde



Secretary Sue sees all from her
new office. Hmmm



Gee, I can't read it,
but I composed it...

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Have you met Pastor Judy?



Our new food critic!



Dixie was a friend to all.
We will miss her deeply.

Upcoming Events

Fri.	Jan. 1	New Years Day - Church Offices Closed
Sun.	Jan. 3	12:30 Trustees meet
Wed.	Jan. 6	Reports due for Annual Report
Sun.	Jan. 10	12:30 Council meets
Sun.	Jan. 17	Annual Meeting after worship
Mon.	Jan. 18	Holiday - Church offices closed
Mon.	Jan. 25	7:00 p.m. Christian Unity Service @ Emmanuel
Thur.	Jan. 28	10:00 - 3:00 Black River-St. Lawrence Assoc. Church & Ministry Comm. Meets @ Emmanuel

Weekly Events

Sundays	11:00	Worship Service
Tuesdays	10:15	“Praying w/Scriptures” in Multi-Purpose Room #1
	5-9:00	Barbershop Quartet Practice in Community Room
	7:00	Prayer Team
Wednesdays	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	...at the well
Fridays	5-9:00	Barbershop Quartet Practice in Community Room

Announcements

Pledge Cards for 2010

If you haven't returned your pledge cards for 2009, please do so at your earliest convenience so that we can finalize the budget. Thanks a lot!!!

Want to Become a Member of Emmanuel!?!?

Just ask Pastor Judy and she'll be happy to explain!

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain or if you have prayers to add, please call Nola Martin at 769-2005 or email her at nolak@twcny.rr.com

At the Well

We invite you to join us ...at the well, every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in alternative worship to share in a “sense” of God. All are welcome!

Listening for the Word of God

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 in the Christian Education Building as Rev. Gen Dox, leads us in listening for the Word of God.

Annual Reports are Due

Reports for the annual Meeting are due by January 6th. Please turn them in to Sue in the church office - Thanks!

Annual Meeting

Please plan on staying after worship service on January 17th for the Annual Meeting following fellowship hour. We encourage all to attend. Emmanuel is your church!

The Choir is Singing Out for More Voices!

The choir would love to grow! Just see Pastor Judy or Jim Phillips, music director.

Donations for Food Pantry

There is a basket in the entry way for donations of non-perishable food items which are taken to the food pantry at the Massena Neighborhood Center. Donations of non-food items are also needed. Thank you!

Coffee Hours

The “Cow Can” at the Coffee Hour is for donations to buy supplies for the weekly Coffee Hours. Also, we need people to sign up for a turn at hosting a Coffee Hour. The Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall and there is a “To Do List” in the kitchen tells you what's required.

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**Massena Fire Dept. proudly displays their
new ladder truck at our Rededication Service**



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