

ONWARD EMCC

Just a Little Regional News from the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada

Churches in Transition

Bethel, New Dundee - August 31, Graham Burkhart retires and associate Dan Hamill becomes lead.

Calvary EMC, Owen Sound - interim Don Boyd started March 7.

Eglise La Peche, Wakefield, QC - Interim: David Lyons

Faith EMC, Kitchener - Rich Kopanke retires July 25 and Devin Ryckman becomes the new lead.

Grace EMC, Killaloe - Interim Doug Kranz

Grace EMC, Port Hope - interim Donna Schultz

Heartland Community Church, Clinton - Vacant

Huron Chapel, Auburn - interim leadership by Associate Ernest Dow

Listowel EMC, - Interim coach: Joel Zantingh

Mindemoya EMC, Manitoulin Is. - Joshua Wilhelm begins in August. Josh is married to Katrina. He is a grad of EBC and Regent College.

Mount Pleasant EMC, Singhampton - vacant.

Paisley MC, Paisley - As Tony Geense is recovering from his automobile accident; Zack Thornton is providing interim ministry. Zack is a grad of EBC and married to Emma. They had a son, Wesley in April.

St. Clair Community, Sombra - Aduato De Rezende ended on June 30 and John Lang began as Interim.

Trinity EMC, Waterloo - Interims: Jake Bursey & Cerena Browne

Thanks for Praying for "Workers"

Heading Into Retirement

Thanks so much for your many years of faithful service in the EMCC

Richard Kopanke, Faith EMC, Kitchener - July 31

After 40 years of pastoral ministry, Pastor Rich will be retiring and relocating to Chilliwack, BC. Rich has served at Faith Church since 1997. Rich also taught occasionally at Emmanuel Bible College and was their Faculty Program Manager for Pastoral Students. Rich and his wife, Inge, enjoy traveling and camping - their goal is to see all the National Parks in North America.



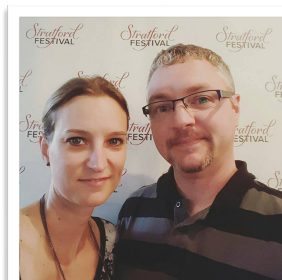
Devin Ryckman

Devin who has served at Faith as an Associate since 2018 will be stepping into the new lead pastor position on Aug. 1. Devin married Jennifer and they have 1 child.

Graham Burkhart, Bethel New Dundee - August 31

Pastor Graham and Laurie head into retirement at the end of August. Graham began ministry in 1979 and was ordained in 1981. He has been the lead pastor at Bethel since 1996... 25 years.

Graham has enjoyed continuing his academic studies and received his PhD.



Dan Hamill

Dan had been committed to Youth Ministry for the long haul, but a few years ago transitioned to an Associate role at Bethel. Dan is married to Shannon and they have two sons. Shannon works for the EMCC. Dan has accepted the invitation to become Bethel's new lead pastor.