

## Emmanuel Friedens Church Leadership – 2023 Voting Results

Thank you to everyone who agreed to take on a leadership role in our church. Votes have been tallied, including some volunteers to fill some slots (Thank you!), and the results are as follows for all offices. Please note that there are still some vacancies, if anyone wants to volunteer.

Nominating Committee: Jeannie Andersons, Linda Brown, Mary Lou Chotkowski, Patty Soellner, and Angela Keller

Trustees: Artie Loftis (2021-2023, Jocelyn McKinney (2022-2024), Jen Andersons (2022-2024), Sheila Freres (2022-2024), Chuck Lent (2023-2025), **ONE SEAT VACANT**

Council Chair: Jocelyn McKinney (2023)

Council Chair Elect: Aiden Legendre (2022-2023)

Church Clerk: Janice Fiore (2023)

Treasurer: Faye Bailey (2023)

Treasurer Elect: **VACANT**

Financial Secretary: Chuck Lent (2023)

Financial Secretary Elect: Ray Andersons (2023)

Christian Education Chair: Charlie Lent (2022-2023)

Christian Education Vice Chair: Rich Soellner (2023-2024)

Church Staff Relations: Jim Fitzgerald (2021-2023), Heather Charbonneau (2023-2025), Jody Radez (2022-2024)

Outreach & Mission Chair: Nancy Spencer (2023-2024)

Social Functions & Fellowship Chair: Marilyn Bisgrove (2023-2024)

Worship Committee Chair: Jocelyn McKinney (2023-2024)

Congregational Support & Membership Chair: Jeanne Andersons (2023) and Linda Brown (2022-2023)

Stewardship Chair: Angela Keller (2022-2023)

Safe Church Implementation Team: Debbie Gehman (2022-2023) and Jim Fitzgerald (2022-2023)



Annual Business Meeting, January 29  
It was unanimous - the lunch provided  
by Deb Lent was delicious!

## Notes of Thanks

*Excerpts from thank you notes received from community groups:*

*From the Friends at the City Mission of Schenectady: “Thank you for your generosity this past holiday season. With your help we were able to help 971 children and their families! The support of our community partners makes all the difference. May this be a year of joy for you.*

*From the Campus Protestant Ministry at Union College: “ Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$400 to the Campus Protestant Ministry of Union College. As you probably know, your gift will help support all the work that we do including our fellowship dinners, bible studies, and hands on mission activities. Last year the students grew seedlings for the Schenectady Community Ministry’s Urban Farm and volunteered with the “Street Soldiers” at Zion Lutheran Church on Nott Terrace...:” Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Grace and peace, Timothy Coombs, Chaplain.*

### The Staff

*From Rev. Kennedy: Thank you - all of you (Ya'll) for the generous Christmas gift. I am so glad I am your interim pastor. Love, Rod*

*From Michael Harrison: Many thanks to the congregation for the generous Christmas bonus. I'll probably use it toward getting a long overdue computer upgrade.*

*From Maria Puccio: Again, I would like to thank the EFC congregation for my Christmas gift . It will be put to good use. “I must say that “time flies when you are havin’ fun!” 13 years at EFC, WOW. I wish all of you a happy and heathy 2023.*

*From Dave Snyder: I very much appreciated the Christmas gift. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

## Community News

The Hamilton Hill Arts Center (HHAC) welcomes the public to the first annual “Kuumba Film Festival” which will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 12 to 9 pm at Proctors GE Theatre. Tickets are now on sale at Proctors.org or the box office, \$11 for adults, \$6 for students and children 12 yrs and under. What to expect? Awesome films, keynote speaker (Ramfis Myrthil-filmmaker/producer) and panel discussions with special guests; plus crafts and vendors throughout the day. *Kuuba, a Swahili word, means creativity and is often used in the Pan African movements to refer to the act of using one’s talents to improve their community. Stories are powerful, says Rachel Conn, HHAC’s Executive Director.* For more information, check out Proctor’s Box office. The flyer is on the backside of the February calendar.