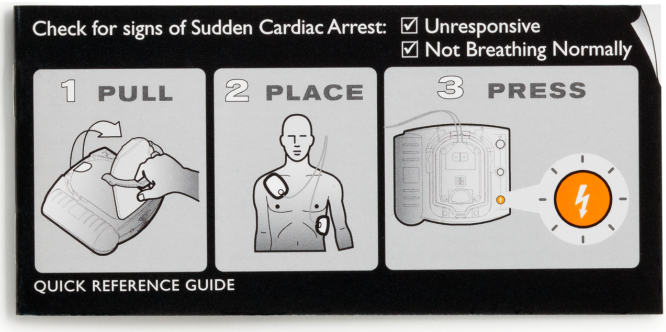
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Beginning this month, the Emmanuel building will be equipped with a Philips HeartStart AED device. It will be located in the Port & Anchor café space near the Emmanuel church offices, and will be kept inside an alarmed cabinet. (Do not open the cabinet except in the case of a cardiac emergency.)

A defibrillator is a device that checks a person's heart rhythm and delivers a calculated electrical shock if it determines that the heart has stopped beating normally.

If a person suddenly collapses, they may be suffering from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is serious. It means that the person's heart has stopped pumping blood and they need help fast.

An AED can help to re-set the normal beating of the heart when someone is in cardiac arrest, and it has been shown to dramatically increase chance of survival compared to the use of CPR alone.

All Emmanuel staff members are trained in the use of an AED. We would strongly encourage the staff members of other organizations in our building to get CPR and AED training as well, so that we can be a resource for others in the event of a medical emergency!

Use the defibrillator if a person is unconscious and has stopped breathing. ***Have someone call 911****, then open the AED device and follow its voice instructions – it will automatically decide if a shock is needed. After the first shock, begin administering CPR until helps arrives.*