



## EMMANUEL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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January 2018



Dear Friends,

It has been wonderful being your minister for just over six months. I enjoyed working with the Worship Committee to plan Advent Services and Christmas Eve Services and they were indeed a ministry highlight for me, as your solo minister. Thank you to our worship committee and families who made these services meaningful.

I am excited that we have welcomed at least one family and four new persons, since arriving at Emmanuel. It is heartwarming as members of the congregation choose to extend friendship and hospitality to folks from the wider Ferris community. It is wonderful that we can be community for each other. Winters can be harsh and similarly, we can feel unlovely because of the hurts that weigh down our hearts. Thank you for being a compassionate presence and choosing to deeply listen. It is obvious that you choose to build bridges by getting to know one another. Acceptance is one of the greatest gifts we can share, allowing someone and each other to be fully themselves in their uniqueness. Mutual support enables us to be our bestselves. I thank you for joining with me in saying “God Loves Everyone”.

I sometimes feel frustrated when politicians and others act in ways that incite divisiveness. You help me to feel hopeful. I am reminded that every compassionate act is like a drop of water that overtime fills a bucket to overflowing. I am hopeful that we are well on our way to becoming beloved community, through partnerships with neighbouring United Churches, our ecumenical partners, First Nations communities and hopefully our interfaith partners. Every small effort counts. The effect is cumulative. I learn more about our shared commitments when we gather for conversation.

“Emmanuel”, our namesake, means “God with Us”. I think God has placed us in 2018 on the Lakeshore to be a compassionate, hopeful presence to many who experience isolation and vulnerability. I am thankful for the faithful stewards of this church without whom it would be impossible to fulfill God’s mission in this place.

Someone once said that “the church is meant for mission, as a fire is meant for burning”. Thank you for being attentive to the flame in your own special way.

“Emmanuel United Church is a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God’s love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.”

Our Lenten focus this year will be on “spiritual formation” and we are invited to join our friends at St. Andrews United Church for their mid-day Ash Wednesday Service (February 14<sup>th</sup>). The act of receiving ashes signifies our turning away from the brokenness of the world and our turning toward God. Plans are evolving about a possible joint Maundy Thursday worship (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Emmanuel will be hosting Good Friday worship (March 30<sup>th</sup>), 10:30 am with the other United Church of Canada congregations in North Bay. More details regarding our Lenten Journey will be featured in upcoming communication.

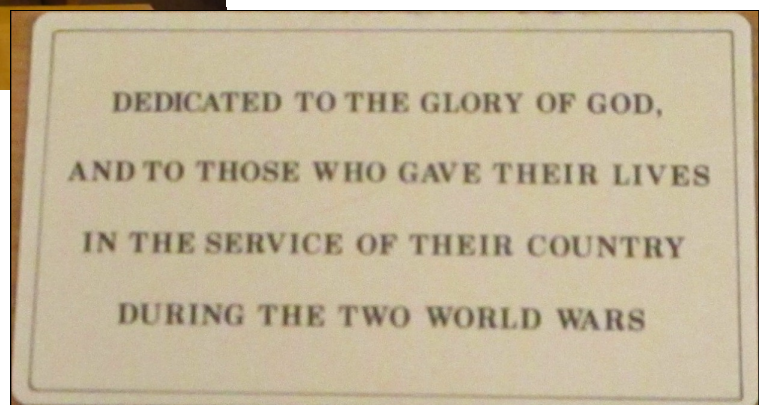
Blessings,

Rev. Roni

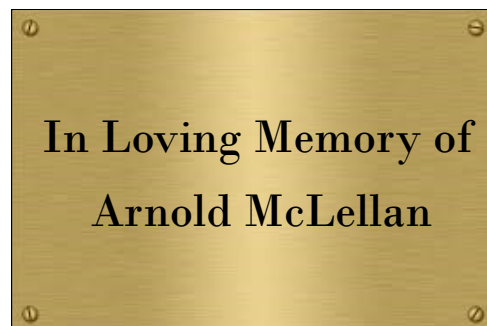


## A few Dedicated Items from Your Church

*In upcoming newsletters, you will find pictures and available information on a variety of items located around our church. These items have been 'dedicated' or 'donated' to Emmanuel throughout the years.*



This plaque is located on the top of the current Organ. Unfortunately we are unable to ascertain if this pertains to the current organ, or the first organ which was dedicated in 1951 at the site of the original Emmanuel United Church 5 Charles Street, North Bay.



Hymn Book Cart located at the back of the Sanctuary. Most of the Hymn Books here and in the Sanctuary have been dedicated. Check the front fly leaf of the Hymn Book on Sunday.  
*Arnold McLellan was a long time faithful member of Emmanuel United Church who passed away.*



## Annual UCW Luncheon

UCW will be holding a Ladies Luncheon on February 6 in the church hall. Roast chicken dinner prepared and served by Dianne's Catering - \$30. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by January 31 or contact Brenda at [474-2607](tel:474-2607).

All ladies welcome.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

*Sunday February 18, 2018*

The Congregational Life & Work Committee will organize the luncheon for the Congregational Meeting on Sun., Feb. 18th. Our committee along with a few congregation helpers will provide the food of egg, salmon & ham sandwiches along with some veggies, dessert & beverages. Most of the food is provided by donations by the committee & a few others so in the past year CL&W has given \$926.20 to the General Fund through the Free-will Offering from the congregation for their various luncheons in the past year & a half. There are a few expensive items that are covered by these monetary donations in the Free-will Offering but most of the donations go to the General Fund at some point. Thanks to everyone for their support of these luncheons as it enabled the Finance Committee not to be in a deficit to begin 2018. We will be having a Free-will Offering again for this luncheon & your support will be greatly appreciated as any profit will go to the General Fund.





Non-Supper supper notices are going out as we speak. Some of the notices will be in the same envelope as your tax receipt. Please consider joining our Non-Supper supper celebration.

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A few ideas from a retired business owner.....

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you will understand what little chance you have to try to change others.

Team spirit is what gives many companies an edge over their competitors.

In certain circumstances remember to say three things -

If anything goes bad, "I did it".

If anything goes somewhat or semi bad, "We did it".

If anything goes really good, "You did it".

This brings out the very best in people.

You don't have to be a genius to be a good leader but you have to try to understand other people—how they feel, what motivates them and how to encourage them.

Remain optimistic. You know your product is good.





Suburban Emmanuel United Church 1926 - 1950

### Emmanuel UCW Thanks You

Thank you to everyone who donated books or bought books from the "Pay What You Please" corner in Bert Passmore Hall.

Thank you to Karen & Dalton Carmichael for keeping the books so well displayed. Thank you to the Thursday Morning Group for the wonderful idea. This year book sales totalled \$ 313.80.

As the Thursday Morning Group disbanded at the end of November, 2017, the UCW has decided to carry on their legacy and Jo McCulley has volunteered to coordinate keeping the display in order. Ruth Trottier will continue to empty the jars, keep the Sales recorded and get the money into the bank. Thanks gain.

Ruth Trottier.





Dear God.

So far today,  
I've done alright,  
I haven't gossiped,  
lost my tempter,  
been greedy or grumpy,  
been nasty, selfish or  
overindulgent.  
I'm thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, God,  
I'm gong to get out of bed.  
and from then on,  
I'm probably going to need a  
lot more help.

Amen



## WOW, and what a year it has been.

Another year in Emmanuel's spiritual and financial life has come and gone. Our search for a new minister came to fruition; and with Reverend Roni's arrival mid last year, there is hope for renewal and a brighter future for our congregation.

Although our givings to the General Fund were below our budget target, thanks to the hard work of our committees and volunteers we were able to finish the year with a small, but positive, surplus. We start 2018 with a very low bank balance. This is an unwelcome stressor for our Treasurer as even our creditors want to be paid.

Once again this year, the hard work of the many volunteers of our church community resulted in impressive returns; including, \$7,360 from our 49<sup>th</sup> Turkey Supper, \$6,600 from our 33<sup>rd</sup> Beef Supper, \$2,166 from our 8<sup>th</sup> Non-supper Supper and \$1,426 from our 8<sup>th</sup> Cookie Walk.

The UCW continues to be a hardworking and generous group. Their tireless hard work and exceptional financial contributions do not go unnoticed and are most appreciated.

A special thank you goes to all those who have designated givings to M&S. Your stewardship, kindness and generosity have resulted our meeting this important outreach target.

Your finance committee, in cooperation with various committees, has tried to prioritize capital enhancement projects in line with needs and available funding. We would like to do more but must remain good stewards of our financial health.

For 5 of the 12 months of 2017 (an improvement over 2016), monthly expenses exceeded revenue. If you are not on PAR, can we ask that you seriously consider enrolling? This will spread out your annual givings more evenly over the whole of the year.

PAR is a win-win program for all. Let us all target for revenue / expenditure neutral months throughout the year. It will help the Treasurer meet the monthly expense of Emmanuel without having to secure short term loans.

### PAR AUTHORIZATION CARD

I hereby request and authorize:

**Emmanuel United Church**

to cause a debit to be drawn on my account each month in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution by me to Emmanuel United Church.

Contributor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Local \_\_\_\_\_ M&S \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution/Credit Card Information \_\_\_\_\_

TO ENSURE ACCURACY A SAMPLE CHEQUE, MARKED "VOID", MUST ACCOMPANY THIS CARD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contributor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This Authorization may be changed by the donor at any time.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (2000, c.51).

For further information please contact Sherri Pinder at ....  
**705-476-7050.**

Sherri our Envelope Secretary and is looking forward to hearing from you.

***Think of the added convenience of PAR – no more looking for cash or your cheque book at the last moment. You can show up for service relaxed knowing you are in control and doing your part at being the best steward you can be.***



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
***Our offering  
has been given by  
Pre-Authorized  
Remittance***



## 10 Beautiful Lines

- 1). Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.
  - 2). Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
  - 3). Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
  - 4). All things in life are temporary. If they are going well, enjoy them, they will not last forever. If they are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
  - 5). Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! To hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
  - 6). Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, *"relax, sweetheart; it's just a bend, not the end!"*
  - 7). When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, he has faith in your abilities.
  - 8). A blind person asked God: *"can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?"* He replied: *"yes, losing your vision!"*
  - 9). When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
  - 10). Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.
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**I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"**

*Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often ?*





Dear Friends of Emmanuel United Church:

**Two Current Concerns and Two Invitations!!**

1. In 1986, the United Church of Canada apologized to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. Following the one hour film, there will be snacks and an opportunity for an informal conversation around the topic.

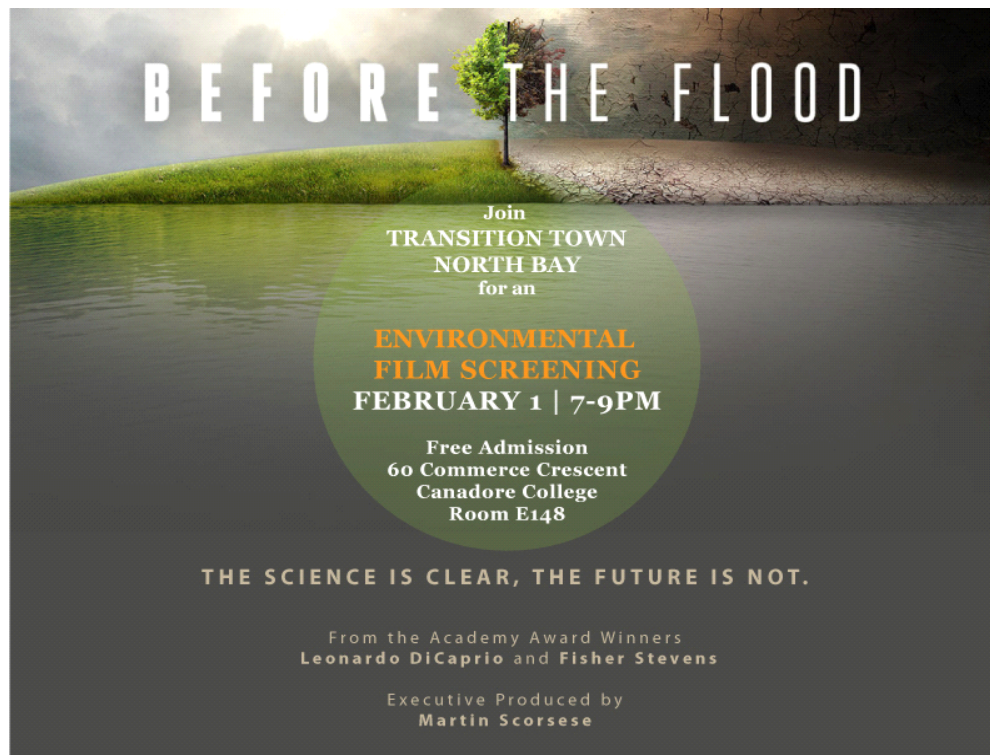
**Truly and Humbly**  
**memories of the first apology**  
a documentary by Dr. Hoi Cheu  
(2017, 61 min)

**Wednesday February 7, 2018**  
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free to all.

**Trinity United Church, Fireside Room**  
111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, Ontario  
(Please Use McIntyre Street Entrance)

For more information call Wanda at [\(705\) 474-3310](tel:7054743310) or email [trinitynorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:trinitynorthbay@gmail.com)

2. **Important film on Climate Change** (Call Janie Clayton for information 472-1182 or email [merlinandjanieclayton@gmail.com](mailto:merlinandjanieclayton@gmail.com))



# NEWS FLASH

The church office is sending out a bi-weekly NEWSFLASH via e-mail. Apparently the church office does NOT have all the email addresses so if you are wishing to receive this NEWSFLASH, you will need to inform the church of your e-mail address. It is obvious that I have your e-mail address, but will not pass it along to anyone without your permission.

Therefore, if you wish to receive the NEWSFLASH via e-mail, either contact the church office at 705-472-1806 (Tues to Fri between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 pm), or let me know and I will pass your email address along to the church office.





## The Right To Wind In Your Hair

We are excited to announce some great new changes for the Alzheimer Society. Our North Bay office is moving to 1164 Devonshire Street effective February 19, 2018.

Our new location is just off O'Brien Street, and we will be sharing office space with community partners such as Senior's Mental Health and Home and Community Care (HCC), formerly known as Community Care Access Center. We are looking forward to offering plenty of free parking and ground floor access for our clients.

Deep in the cold and snow of winter, we are busy getting ready to launch the second season of our Cycling Without Age trishaw bicycle program. Cycling Without Age stems from the simple, generous act of taking older and less-able people out on bike rides. In August 2017, due to generous community support, North Bay became the first Cycling Without Age

Chapter in Northern Ontario.

A few statistics from the first season of the program include:

10+ volunteer drivers  
60 minute bike rides averaging 12km  
30 passengers  
Innumerable smiles

New volunteers are always welcome! For more information please contact  
Email: [cyclingwithoutagenorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:cyclingwithoutagenorthbay@gmail.com)

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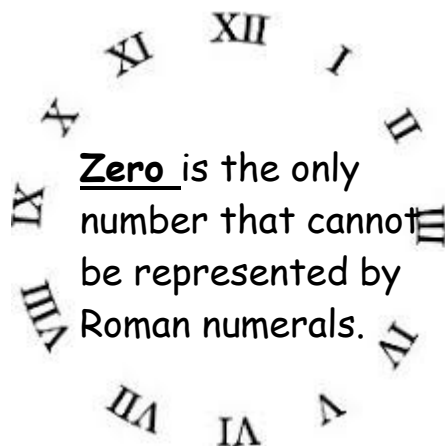
Telephone: 705-495-4342



Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.



## Just Plain Neat Information



Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.



Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.



Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.



## EASY PASTA CASSEROLE

1 cup cooked meat: turkey, chicken, wieners, meatballs, etc. (cut into bite sized pieces) {optional}

½ cup frozen peas or other green vegetables {optional}

1 cup pasta (bows, macaroni, or shells)

1 small onion (coarsely chopped)

1 can condensed cream soup (mushroom, celery, or chicken)

1 can water

Dash of tabasco sauce

Add salt and pepper to taste

**Spray casserole dish.**

Pour condensed soup with one can of water into a casserole and mix. Add the other ingredients and mix well.

Place **covered**, into a preheated 350° F oven for 60 minutes or until pasta **reaches desired texture**.

**Serve with side salad and roll.**



## *Missions Committee of Presbytery Report*

### **1. A call for Peace, Justice, and Reunification in the Korean Peninsula**

Rev. Jon Bok Kim prepared a paper and motion that calls on Presbytery and UCC to work with global partners for peace, justice, and reunification in the Korean peninsula, to advocate for importance of peace talks among the USA, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Korea to replace the armistice of the Korean War with a peace treaty. This includes to seek the reconciliation and restoration of families and communities long divided by conflict and hostility, so that social, spiritual, and psychological healing can occur among the people of Korea. Finally, that the UCC develop worship and develop education resources for peace, justice, and reunification and call upon congregations to pray for peace with their peoples and churches.

### **2. Right Relations**

A film "Truly and Humbly" about the General Council Apology to Indigenous peoples in 1986 was screened in St. Peter's Church, Sudbury Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. The feedback from those who attended was heartfelt and positive. We are hoping that a showing will come to North Bay. You can download it from the internet free of charge. Sister Priscilla of the Mother house asked for a representative on the North Bay Reconciliation Committee, and Janie Clayton will be the representative.

### **3. Greening**

Energy East Pipeline is gone. The issue of climate change is still critical and the UCC will be participating in a post card campaign to raise further awareness and concerns over Paris Accord and Climate change goals that are not being met.

An environmental film was shown at Emmanuel United church called "Before the Flood". Rev. Elizabeth Frazer presided. Bob Pronovost ran the projector.

### **4. Support for LGBT community in South Korea**

A letter was written to express support and solidarity with the National Council of Churches in Korea as they support the South Korean LGBTQ community.

### **5. Youth and mental Health**

We hope to invite Margi Clark from CMHA to help us discern what we might do to promote issues and solutions to Mental Health concerns in our community, especially involving youth.

#### **Increase in Fees beginning Jan 1, 2018**

Authorized under remit 4 section 4.5: An increase in fees payable from 3.2% to 4.5% of revenue. There is a formula for what is or is not included in revenue and Rev. Gord attended the Finance Committee meeting to answer questions.

*Respectfully Submitted by: Janie Clayton, Presbytery Rep. for Emmanuel United Church*

**Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table.**

**"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes."**

**They were seated immediately.**



## ~~Worship Committee~~

A new year, and a new year of hope and anticipation as we continue serving the congregation on a week to week basis with new folks on the Worship committee and the hope of finding even more people to fill some gaps. Our committee will continue to meet each month to do the planning of future services.

During the Advent Season we enjoyed some excellent preaching messages from Rev Roni along with accompanying video illustrations of the Christmas Story. This was augmented by well chosen music selections by Rev. Roni and John Henderson and the performance of the choir. Thanks to Elizabeth Henderson for taking the service on December 31. Well done.

The future planning for our Committee includes Communion services on February 4 and on March 4, and a Joint Good Friday service on March 30 at 10.30 A.M. This service will be led by Rev. Roni and will include participation of the other ministers of the North Bay United Churches. We are also trying to get the JOY Band back this spring for a Sunday morning performance as well as other soloists and performers. We will also continue to get pulpit supply when the need arises. If you have a preference as to who you would like as pulpit supply when Rev. Roni is away, please let me know and I will attempt to get that person for you.

Our subcommittee, Memorial Sound Upgrade Committee, with members Phillip Carmichael (chair), Lorne Robertson, Bob Pronovost and Rev. Rick Thorne and myself have met and are trying to bring forward a plan to replace our 30 year old sound system. Some suggestions have already been received from the church committee chairs and others, which we appreciate. At this stage we do not know the cost or the features of the new system. Since this project is a Memorial Fund project of the Worship Committee we expect that there will be some financial needs for the Memorial Fund. If you have a desire to honour and remember some of your family or friends who have died, or if you would prefer a future donation, a gift to the Memorial Fund for this sound system, or other ways of beautifying the sanctuary, this would be appreciated by those of us today, and also those who attend our church in the future. Thank you for considering this Memorial.

Blessings

Jack Page

Chair of Worship Committee.





Upcoming Events and Dates to note on your 2018 calendar .....

February 14 – Ash Wednesday Service at St Andrew's United Church

February 18 – Annual Congregational Meeting \*luncheon provided\*

March 30 – AOTS Good Friday Breakfast at Trinity United Church \*8:00 a.m.\*

March 30 – Good Friday Service at Emmanuel United Church \*10:30 a.m.\*



ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

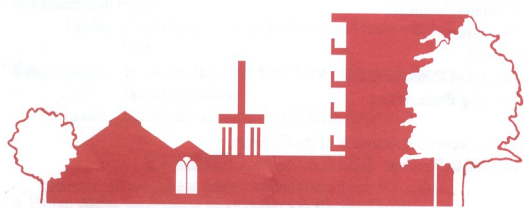
WITNESS: Your Honor, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?



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Comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.



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