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From the Pastor's Desk

May 2019

Like most of you, my heart is warmed by acts of generosity. It restores my faith in humanity and God's world. On Friday morning, I had breakfast at a local restaurant where a patron of the restaurant is a member of our church. He has had a long-term stay in hospital and told me about the restaurant during one of our visits, giving it high recommendations.

So, when I was being served, I said "do you know....?" The waitress said, "Yes, I've been up to see him, I wanted to go back but I have been so busy." I said, "I am his minister and I will be seeing him today, do you want me to take a note?" She says, "Yes, I would like that." So I ordered my meal and I am well into my breakfast when she comes over and says that he wanted a sausage, home-fries and pancakes. "Can you take it for him?" I said, "Yes". So she ordered it and when I went over to pay for both meals, she said the bill was taken care of. I was doing her a favour, so she took care of my breakfast. I was bowled over by her generosity and caring. I will never forget her kindness and will recommend "Terry's Place".

Now I am equally overwhelmed by the generosity of time, energy and dedication that is involved in hosting a beef supper or a catered meal at the church. I can feel the good energy, the buzz in the air, as volunteers joyfully work together to host some of the most delicious meals in North Bay. The generosity of the human spirit is matched by the financial success of Emmanuel's Suppers. The range of volunteers includes: grandchildren, friends, family members, and out-of-towners all working and eating together – it is overwhelming.

You are a generous people and God blesses Emmanuel with abundance at those meals (man-power and financial returns). I am confident that with some fresh ideas, new people coming forward, offering their talents with joy, and fresh vision, we will experience further blessings. God blesses generosity. If Jesus can bless five loaves and two fishes and feed five thousand, imagine what Jesus can do when we offer of ourselves, from that place generous living. It doesn't have to be too outrageous, just with love and open hearts.

I am still feeling the good energy from that act of generosity at Terry's Place, and basking off the success of our Beef Supper a few Fridays ago. Thanks to each one of you for giving of yourselves!

Well done Good and Faithful Servants! It's May 2019 and I am hopeful.

Rev. Roni

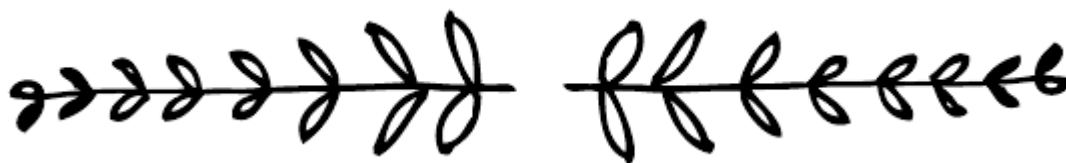


A few Dedicated Items from Your Church

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



As seen above the doors leading into the hallway



Located above the Board Room doors



At the entrance doors to the Passmore Hall



A simple interment service is being planned to celebrate the life of Vivian Pentland, a much loved long time member of Emmanuel United Church who passed away January 2019. Vivian, who loved to sing, was a member of the church Choir, served on Committees, attended Council Meetings and was a Trustee of Emmanuel.

The interment of the ashes for Vivian Pentland will be held at Terrace Lawn Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday June 22nd. The ashes will be interred with her late husband, Ronald Pentland in Section B4, plot 249.

If you wish to attend, please use the O'Brien St. entrance nearest Airport Road and drive straight back toward Widdifield Secondary School.

CHURCH ANNUAL OUTDOOR SERVICE

Time again for our Outdoor Worship Service. This year it will be held on JUNE 30 at 10:30 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather outside, on the grass of Emmanuel Village. Folks should bring a lawn chair, and be prepared to enjoy the morning sunshine as we worship in the fresh air.



PICNIC LUNCHEON
in the Hall at Emmanuel
following the Service on
SUNDAY, June 30, 2019

Following the outdoor service, a picnic luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea, water and juice, prepared by the members of the Congregational Life & Work Committee & helpers, will be held in the Passmore Hall. Any profit from the Free-will offering will go the General Fund of the church. If weather permits you may take your lunch outside to have on your lawn chair.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL DAY.

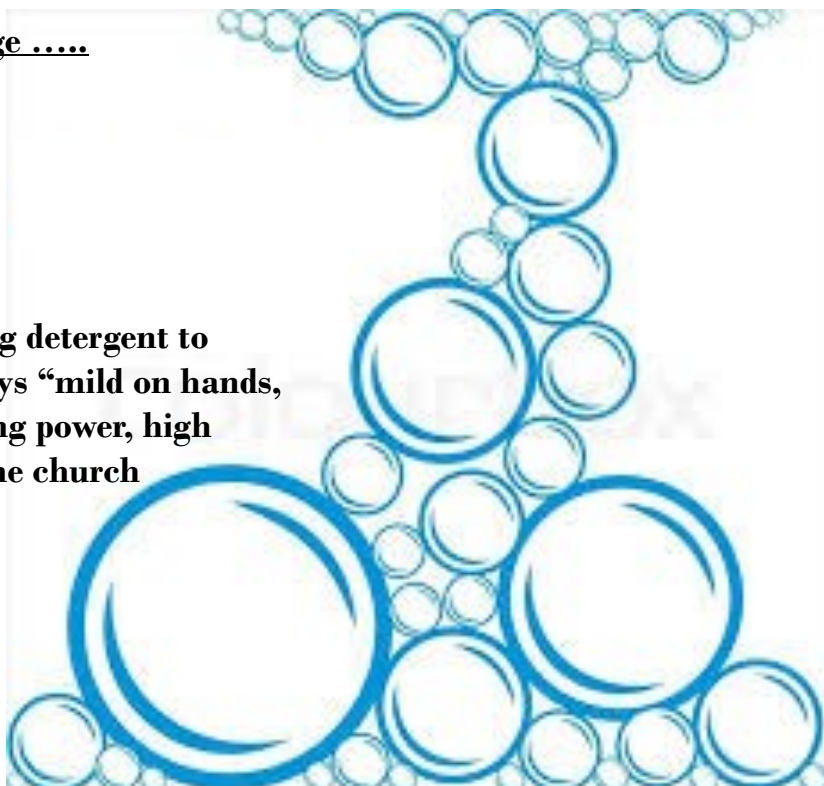
My error may be to your advantage



There is a gallon jug of J25 dishwashing detergent to GIVE to someone who can use it. It says "mild on hands, highly concentrated, activates degreasing power, high foam". I should have bought A26 for the church dishwasher.

We had foam galore at the Beef Dinner until we discovered my error.

Ruth Trottier 705-474-8843



AHHHH, IT'S OVER! Now we have the next few months to forget about the sore feet and sore backs, the need to bake pies and cook large amounts of vegetables for a large number of people. We can sit back, relax, enjoy the summer and be ready when that phone call comes in the fall, asking for help during the turkey supper.

BEEF SUPPER RESULTS



Thank You.



At our most recent Beef Dinner, 431 meals were served as eat-in or take out. The profit after all the bills were paid, was \$5,453.64 and that, added to the \$1,350.00 from those 27 cows that were 'saved' gave us a net profit of \$6,803.64.

Vision Day - Saturday May 25th, 9:30 am -3:30 pm

One of the things that energizes me about Emmanuel United Church is a relatively clear mission statement: “Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God’s love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.”

I appreciate the clear values expressed: caring, welcoming, spiritual nurturing, and sharing God’s love. I celebrate that Jesus is included in the statement. I read it often and try to find ways to internalize the statement and to allow it to shape my heart and how I go about doing ministry in the community.

The building at 395 Lakeshore is a wonderful edifice that at best serves as a home base for mission. Now what if church was not a building, what if church was not something that we hope that others would join like a club, but a movement marked by love and grace, caring and sharing moving into our neighbourhoods, where we live out most of our week? What if God is already in the neighbourhood, working through the faithfulness of the people at Emmanuel? What if God is calling us to be more faithful neighbours? We value our buildings because it is our home base for mission; yet, what if church is a way of being in the world? The earliest Christians had this spiritual awareness, of church as movement, and we can have this in 2019.

Let’s be honest. Mainline methods for growing vibrant churches haven’t worked for some time. Building it is no guarantee that they will come. We are living in a different and dynamic time. There is almost nothing more exciting and challenging than teaming up with community to be a compelling expression of the presence of God in the neighbourhood. Visionaries, like Vivian Pentland, knew this - hence “Emmanuel Village”.

So, if we are serious about real change, we need a spirit of experimentation; a powerful culture-shifting approach that grabs hold of the heart, realigns core desires and sparks collective imagination. At the same time our awareness of the Spirit deepens, and soon enough we join in with what God is doing right here in West Ferris. Before we know it, we are being church with the neighbours God has given us. God is in the neighbourhood and we need to join with God.

As our visibility increases and our partnerships deepen, we become attractive and more stewards and new leaders may even step up - this by the way is all consistent with our strategic plan which Council passed this past March.

Please join us on Saturday May 25th from 9:30am to 3:30 pm, along with the United Church of Canada’s Edge Church Consultant Dave Harder who will help us envision our future faith-based Emmanuel United Church in West Ferris. Discussion items will include:

- What is Church?
- What is our mission?
- Church is mission.
- What is church in our neighbourhood?
- Actions for engaging the neighbourhood.

Dave will also be our guest preacher on Sunday May 26th. Please RSVP with Rev. Roni by May 22nd, eucnbminister@gmail.com or to the church office 705-472-1806.



ARMED FORCES DAY NORTH BAY

Wednesday JUNE 12 2019

Armed Forces Day will be a one day event at the North Bay Waterfront.

The Canadian Armed Forces CF-18 Demo Team and as well, the CF Snowbirds will perform at this event (weather permitting).



Photographs by Andy Cline. Andy Cline is the son of Lorna and the late Harold Cline. Andy grew up in the Ferris area attending Emmanuel United Church, and graduated from West Ferris High School, before relocating to southern Ontario. Andy often flies with the Snow Birds which allows him to take awesome 'in flight' photos. He photographs many other planes as well. He has also written articles for Skies Magazine. Well done Andy.





It's About Time

Thank you to Janie and Merlin Clayton for choosing and installing the new clocks for the UCW in Bert Passmore Hall and the chapel. In 1990, Roger's Jewellers and Bulova donated the old clocks for the hall and for the kitchen.



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

2019 Used Book Sales

Thank you to all who have given us your used books for resale.

Thank you to all who have donated for your reading pleasure.

Thank you to those who have moved the books around for us.

\$29.35 was the amount of the book sales at the Beef Dinner, making a total of **\$112.70** for the UCW up to the end of April.

We are so grateful.

Ruth Trottier



Looking For Your Memories

In the 1965 Annual Report, Elizabeth Cullen wrote

One item remains in my memory quite vividly and that was the entertainment of the Calumet Indian Dancers from Michigan, U.S.A. Unknown to us the date had been changed and we were a day ahead. However, the sound sense of Mrs. Barley and Mrs. Fodor saved the day and we emerged victorious..

If you have similar memories of our days as Emmanuel UCW, please write them down for posterity.

I am compiling a short History of Emmanuel UCW and hope to have it finished by our last meeting on **June 11, 2019**. You can e-mail it to me at rtrottier5@cogeco.ca or hand it to me at church or dictate it to me over the phone at 705-474-8843.

Please plan to attend our final meeting and Pot Luck lunch as we celebrate our 57 years as part of The United Church of Canada National United Church Women.

Thanks for the memories.....Ruth Trottier, Secretary/Treasurer



**"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE...
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!"**

One Perspective—"This is May 2019"



There are moments in life which we recall by events or words. "This is 2015" recalls a Prime Minister's beginning of his term, "Ask not what your country can do for you - what can you do for your country" resonates from the early 1960's.

Attendees at Emmanuel's anniversary Sunday service heard a familiar expression "In the midst of everything" as our friend Rev. Gord Roberts took a moment and we recalled names of past members who created Emmanuel's church and pride. Their legacy continues; however, it needs to evolve in different ways if Emmanuel is to grow and prosper.

"This is May 2019" promises to be a pivotal time in the life of our church. Strategies to grow and be more relevant to more people will evolve (May 25 - 26 weekend). A critical consideration will be the "means" to achieve those "ways". Emmanuel will be challenged as our cupboard (\$) is depleted to a point that is stressful.

Our May "\$ and Sense" identified a significant decline of \$3,460. in our offerings to date. Many factors affected church attendance in 2019. An analysis of the past 3 years yielded that use of envelopes was 4 less while families sustaining our church through PAR was only 1 less than average. Our situation was compounded as property costs (snow, hydro) were \$1,513. greater than previous year. The good news was that both the Beef Supper and the Non-Supper Supper exceeded expectation, and "Gift Cards" generated \$398. in new revenue.

The May 8th Finance meeting was a pleasant revelation. Five (83%) took time from busy schedules and were joined by a guest and Rev. Roni. During the 1 1/2 hour meeting the Chair noted their youth and commitment to offer skills and aptitudes; but, more particularly, their empathy for those we serve. Emmanuel's plight may be stressful but there is a willingness to support "champions" of growth initiatives.

There are 145 families on Emmanuel's congregation list. Collectively, the "time" and "talent" of all Emmanuel's families can overcome the challenge; and, in the process replenish our "treasures". We are grateful for the efforts of the past members mentioned and others who continue to sustain their/our legacy. How will we evolve?

"This is May 2019 - what can you do for your church"

Emmanuel United Church Finance Committee

Eight-year-old Nina brought her report card home from school. Her marks were good, mostly A's and a couple of B's. However, her teacher had written across the bottom: "Nina is a smart little girl, but she has one fault. She talks too much in school. I have an idea I am going to try, which I think may break her of the habit."

Nina's dad signed her report card, putting a note on the back: "Please let me know if your idea works on Nina because I would like to try it out on her mother."



10th Annual North Bay & Area United Church
'GOLF CHALLENGE'



Osprey Links (Callander)

Thursday, August 29th, 2019

Registration: 12:30 p.m.

(Devotion, hole assignment & rules clarification)

COST: \$95/person

(includes 18 holes, dinner, power cart & prizes; 19th hole – putting contest)

Dinner Only: \$40 (6:30 p.m. at the Club House – confirmed rain or shine!)

Proceeds exceeding the cost of the event will go to support UCC youth initiatives within the area of the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

For more information or to register, please contact:

Dave Robinson (474-7084) or email:

jud_dave@yahoo.com

Don Haslam (474-3005) or email:

hasdo1313@gmail.com

Gord Roberts (840-5548) or email:

grnb014@gmail.com

**Deadline for Registration:
Wednesday August 21st**

YOUR CHALLENGE

Where possible, form a team which includes:

- At least one male, one female and one player under 50
- A parent, a grandparent, a youth
- A minister, an Elder, an aspiring church leader

Organize your foursome, arrange with friends or **commit yourself.**

The format is a **'4-person scramble'** and **all who enter will be on a team.**



Emmanuel UCW Pot Luck - Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - Noon

This will be our last gathering as UCW so ladies, please join us on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at noon in the hall and bring your favourite dish to share. A short meeting of UCW will be held prior to lunch starting at 11:30 am.

Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said,
 "Read something no one else is reading,
 think something no one else is thinking, and
 do something no one else is doing."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

A big thank you to Ron Green, Merlin Clayton & Lorne Robertson. Without your help, the

**We couldn't have done it
 without YOU!**



UCW would not have been able to do the AOTS dinner. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

LOST and FOUND BASKET

Please check the contents of the basket .. perhaps something you may have lost is in the basket just waiting to go back home with you.



Have a happy day and live your life like these little stories.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.

On the day of prayer all the people gathered,

but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's FAITH

When you throw babies in the air,

they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That's TRUST

Every night we go to bed

without any assurance of being alive the next morning,

but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's HOPE

We plan big things for tomorrow

in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's CONFIDENCE

We see the world suffering,

but still we get married and have children.

That's LOVE

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence

'I am not 80 years old;

I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

That's ATTITUDE.



Shelter at our door - Easy Access for all North Bay

North Bay Transit has relocated “our” bus stop and the new solar powered panel is being assembled. North Bay’s buses are fully accessible, accommodating up to 2 wheelchairs, and “kneel” to allow passengers to get on and off with ease.”

The new shelter location will make it even more convenient for people to use North Bay Transit to attend and participate in events at Emmanuel.

There will be shelter at our door and shelter at both bus stops on the other side of Lakeshore Drive. The bus stop shelters for north-bound travel are at the Metro driveway or just beyond “Timmies” where one can cross at a signalized intersection.

Buses from downtown North Bay do arrive at Emmanuel at 9:40 a.m. (Marshall Park) and 10:15 a.m. (Junction)

on Sundays when there is 1 hour between buses. The return Junction



bus would be at 12:35 p.m. or one could board Marshall Park bus at the Emmanuel shelter. Travellers from the south can be served by the Junction bus arriving at 9:35 a.m. and returning 12:15 pm

The new shelter location was at the request of the Board of Emmanuel Village. It alleviates safety concerns with the previous bus stop location and allows planned signage, complementing the church’s free standing sign. This is another example of the neighbourly relationship that has existed since both were constructed as part of Emmanuel’s “Village”.



PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

To provide consistent year-round financial support.

Sign up for PAR inow. No need to worry about having cash or a cheque to put into an envelope. Each week, it is all done for you.

For more information, please contact Envelope Secretary, Sherri Pinder at 705-476-7050 or sherri1998@hotmail.com



Are you new to Emmanuel? Many folks are wearing name tags to help others know who they are, so, would you like a name tag?

If so, please contact Bud McMartin at 705-474-8725.

For those who have misplaced their name tags, contact Bud and he will create a new one for you!

30-Minute Rule

No matter how busy you are, take a half-hour each day just for yourself. Go for a walk, plan healthy meals or simply relax, rest, and recharge.

You are not being selfish, you need the time to focus on your own well-being.

After all, if you are not healthy,
HOW CAN YOU TAKE CARE
OF ANYONE ELSE?





SCENT-SITIVE ...

Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people with medical conditions. Please, in consideration of others, do not wear scented products when attending church. Your cooperation is appreciated.



IF YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER DO INFORM THE OFFICE SECRETARY SHOULD SHE NEED TO REACH YOU.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR PLAN TO MOVE, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE SO THAT ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU DOES NOT GO ASTRAY.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation. :-)

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS .. PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFF KNOW SO THAT WE CAN STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

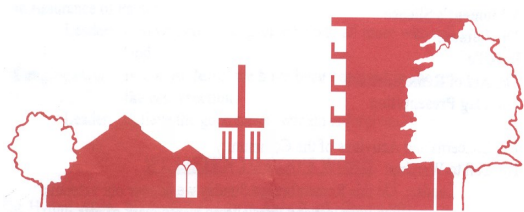
Next Emmanuel Communicates will be available on Sept. 29. All submissions and articles required prior to **2:00 p.m. Sept. 22th.**

If you no longer wish to receive Emmanuel Communicates, please contact either the church office at 705-472-1806..or.. Karen Carmichael at 705-472-5444 or by e-mail to carmichl@efni.com

Visit our website at www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca

Comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.

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Thank you, editorial staff.**



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