



EMMANUEL COMMUNICATES

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From the Pastor's Desk

November 2021

Pope John Paul II described A call as both a mystery and a gift. A call is a mystery because God is able to work through our strengths and vulnerabilities, enabling us to be servants of God's mission. All of us are called as Christians, and for some reason (which I can't explain) some are called to accountable ministry. A call is also a gift of grace. A call is a gift because it has been an honour to serve among you and call North Bay home. Lorne and I have now added North Bay to a list of places we call home.

Thank you for sharing your lives with me. You have allowed me into your homes and into your hearts. I thank you for your trust and your hospitality.

You are a caring faith community with a deep faith in Jesus Christ. You also have a 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." The core values of "caring", "welcoming", "nurturing spiritual life", and "sharing God's love experienced in Jesus Christ" are very clear.

My prayer and hope is that your understanding of these core values may continue to deepen as you go forward in your faith journey. This mission statement serves as a guide for you as you live into the future.

My identity has deepened alongside you and it is from a place of faith, that I have discerned a call to a new ministry position and will be serving at Trinity United Church and Three Willows United Church in Guelph, in a collaborative ministry position, commencing in January. I have offered all my gifts and spiritual leadership at Emmanuel and sensed a holy nudge in a different direction. My mother is also unwell and the relocation also allows me to be more present for my family. You will continue to be in my prayers.

A call is both a mystery and a gift and the blessing has been mutual. My final service of Worship will be on December 24th. I will be away commencing December 25th. Thank you for your love and caring.

In Christ's service,

Rev. Roni Beharry



Advent Theme “FULL OF JOY”

Advent One ~ November 28th “Grounded in promise”

Advent Two ~ December 5th “Preparing the way of the Lord: Joy will Come” Holy Communion

Advent Three ~ December 12th “The Promise of Joy” the Annunciation

Advent Four ~ December 19th “Mary’s Song of Joy” the Magnificat

Christmas Eve ~ December 24th , “Good News of Great Joy” 7:00 pm. Holy Communion

Sunday December 26th ~ Pulpit Supply to be confirmed.

Sunday January 2nd ~ Pulpit Supply to be confirmed.

The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years, re-opening on Wednesday January 5th 2022.



Reopening Subcommittee

Bud McMartin, Judy Pronovost, Jack Page, Bob Pronovost, Merlin Clayton, Janie Clayton, Roni Beharry

Health Unit Protocol Updates

Talked to the Health Unit and they were very on top of the latest health protocols for Covid. Our committee has worked to keep on top of the changes as well.

In our Sanctuary, we are allowed to seat people close together with masks if we ask for vaccine passports. Otherwise, we will need to keep the current distances in seating and wear our masks. We recommend that we keep the current protocols (no passports) as some people may not be comfortable yet with close seating. Holding hands or arms for the last hymn will be discouraged for now.

We are allowed to have coffee fellowship with masks on when we are walking around, and distances kept. Sitting down, we were told that there are no distance requirements and masks may be removed for eating and drinking. We recommend that we use the small tables for a maximum of four people per table (within the individual comfort zone of sharing). The timing will depend on help for Congregational Life and Work Committee. Please contact Bud McMartin if you wish to help.

Merlin Clayton, Reopening Subcommittee of Property



DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR
FACE MASK

WORSHIP COMMITTEE OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH



The Worship Committee is a group of hardworking, friendly and fun loving church friends who help in most activities pertaining to Worship from preparing and serving communion, finding ushers and scripture readers, to decorating the church throughout the seasons.



Reopening Service—Sept. 12, 2021

Here is an outline of upcoming services and activities as we approach Advent and Christmas.

November 14 ~ Communion Sunday and Welcoming of new members through transfer of membership.

November 27 ~ There will be a decorating bee as we prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The decorating will begin following the Cookie Walk.

November 28 ~ Advent 1

December 5 ~ Advent 2

December 12 ~ Advent 3

December 19 ~ Advent 4

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve service commencing at 7:00pm

This will also be Reverend Roni's final service at Emmanuel.

December 26 will be a regular service.

Until a replacement or new clergy is called the services will be filled by pulpit supply.

The Worship Committee is always on the lookout for new members so if you are interested or require more information, please contact Judy Pronovost at 705-477-5301.

We spend a lot of time laughing and always feel happy after we meet.

Blessings

Judy Pronovost (acting chair of Worship)



ARE YOU A FULL MEMBER OF EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH?

We have noted that there are people who attend our church or contribute to our church, but are NOT on our Historic Membership Roll. Are you one of these people?

Are you interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church?

You may not be aware that only 'full' members of the church are able to vote on items involving the spiritual matters of the church and other items such as hiring of church clergy.

If you are unsure of your membership in Emmanuel, contact either Dalton or Karen Carmichael (705-472-5444) and they can advise you accordingly.

Often times a person, or a family will relocate into a new area and find a church to attend, and either forget to request a transfer from their former church, or do not realize that they have to request a transfer to their new church. **IF** you are interested in becoming a full member of Emmanuel United Church you should contact the Minister. Conversely, if you are relocating and require a transfer to another church, simply contact the Minister and that transfer can be done for you.

Historic Roll Committee...

Bud McMartin, Dalton Carmichael, Karen Carmichael



Community Faith Profile and Search Team

Janie Clayton, Robert Whitford, Bud McMartin, Dalton Carmichael, Judy Pronovost, Jack Page, JoAnne Maeck

Lots of work to be done before we begin the Search Process for a new minister at Emmanuel. An in-depth profile of our Faith Community needs to be written first. This will require input from the congregation and Council. Karen Brophy is the Canadian Shield Regional Council Representative and support for our team. Our first meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 16. Any ideas you wish to share, please contact any team member. We will have more formalized Congregational input as we move forward.

Respectfully,

Janie Clayton,

On behalf of the Team-





Hi All:

Emmanuel United is in the process of creating a cookbook. A great little item for anyone on your Christmas list who likes to cook! It will be a stapled booklet of about 52 pages. In addition to the usual categories there are some Ethnic recipes and Covid Comfort Food Recipes. The cost will be in the \$15 - \$20 range. We will begin taking orders as soon as the price is finalized.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Henderson at 705-752-1042 or by email at

elizabethlovesmusic2@gmail.com

Jessica Rochon

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What a wonderful Recipe for Life.



**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL COOKIE WALK**

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 27, 2021

10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Yummy Cookies \$8.00 per dozen

Scrumptious Squares \$10.00 per dozen

CURBSIDE PICK-UP is available for pre-ordered Cookies.

****Order by 1/2 dozen please****

To order, or for more information and cookie types, call Elaine at 705-474-2116 and leave a message.

Remember to wear a mask, use the provided hand sanitizer, and be aware of social distancing.

Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

Members: Janie Clayton, Merlin Clayton, Bud McMartin, Dalton Carmichael, Karen Carmichael, Judy Pronovost, Bob Pronovost, Robert Whitford

Rental Rates and Application Updated:

We have weekly or monthly rentals to outside groups, notably:

- Near North Quilter's Guild
- AL-ANON
- Victoria Quilts
- One time use meetings
- North Bay Astronomy Club
- Full-time Rental to Susan Whitehead of Canadian Shield Regional Council of small office



The Rental Rate structure and Rental Application Forms were presented to Council for approval and accepted.

Rental Rates Updated:

1. Research into the rates charged by St. Andrews and Trinity was brought to committee. A discussion was held on the current EUC and suggested revised rates that are harmonized with the other 2 UCC North Bay Churches.
2. All Renters shall complete a Rental Application. Emmanuel Church is named as co-insured for outside renters and an insurance certificate included with application. They also accept responsibility for signee to follow all covid guidelines including vaccination and mask policies.
3. Rental requests can be made through the church secretary or church office, and they will be forwarded to property designate or alternate. Rental fees will be paid through the church office.
4. Property will approve ALL rental applications. The approval authority is Property - Merlin or his approved alternate.
5. Emmanuel Members should pay a rental fee for private functions they are holding.
6. To avoid possible double booking, a single booking calendar shall be maintained by Property.
- 7. A Rental folder will be maintained in the filing cabinet, top drawer, Emmanuel Church Office.**

Secretary Position: Now called Office Administrator

The Sustainability Committee has suggested 10 am -1pm 4 days (Tues. to Fri.) for office support.

Cleaning: We are happy to announce that we have a new part time cleaner, Andy Trudell, who resides at Emmanuel Village and comes highly recommended.

Our parking lot is heavily used by outside workers and visitors for unauthorized parking in our parking lot. A notice was developed to be put on the windshield of the offending vehicles. First a poster was given to Emmanuel Village and Water's Edge that gives notice of the initiative. A book with a place for license plates, date, and time, along with the notices requesting they not use this lot, will be put in a basket on the narthex table. Any committee member may take the book out at random, when attending the church, and give notice while writing the details in the book. This was shared with Carl, Chair of Property. They had some success in the past. We have further ideas if this is not effective.

Future Directions

We have had an abundance of ideas from brainstorming which we have made a log of. Please feel welcome to make your ideas known to any member of this committee on Sustaining and Growing our Church.

Janie Clayton (on behalf of the committee)

WILLING WORKERS

Finally we were able to meet! Ten of us gathered in the Bert Passmore Hall on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. We had lots to discuss!

Denyse Leigh gave the jars and supplies were donated, Nancy Dixon reported that



'Dill Pickle' Report. Thankfully all of the so we were able to clear \$360.00. Also, during Covid, we have donated a total

of \$2,100. to the church.

Since hosting a Tea and Bazaar would entail approval from the Health Unit and many workers, we are planning a "No Bazaar Bazaar" instead. Council has given approval for this fundraiser. Envelopes with a space for your envelope or par number will be available for those who would like to contribute to this endeavour.

Our group has reorganized our items that are stored in the loft. It looks great and we will be much more efficient! We are hoping other groups will also do this much needed task. Please remember that used items should not be dropped off at the church as we no longer do rummage or "white elephant" sales.

Tuesday, December 14 (1—3 p.m.) is the date of our next Willing Workers get together!

All are welcome!



CONGREGATIONAL PHONE LIST

Emmanuel United Church

On another note, we have many people who are on our 'congregational phone list' and some of these folks have forgotten to give the church a current phone number, or address. That makes it very difficult to stay in touch with folks, to keep them updated on what is happening at Emmanuel. **If you have moved recently, or changed your phone number,** please take a moment to contact the church office, at 705-472-1806, to let our Office Administrator know your new address and/or phone number.

Some of you may prefer to give the church your email address so that we can update you with events or whatever takes place at our church. The need to stay connected is stronger in this time of ever changing society and family needs. We understand that as families grow, or shrink, lives take on new dimensions, and we do want to continue to be a part of your life.

Thank you for taking a moment from your busy life to reply to the church office at 705-472-1806 and speak to our Office Administrator, or leave a message as soon as it is convenient. It is really appreciated.





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 much appreciated.



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

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

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

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.