# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Message From Rev. Roni

It never ceases to amaze me, that the scriptures sometimes seem to intersect profoundly, with our life's journey. Along with most Canadians, and many of you, I have felt a heavy burden of grief this week. I felt overwhelmed by the loss that came with the COVID19 pandemic and the loss of twenty-two innocent lives in Nova Scotia. I have travelled through Nova Scotia on multiple occasions and found peace and welcome, in those small towns. My heart broke with the weight of enormous loss. I am grateful for opportunities where I have been able to safely share my pain with others.

I am grateful that we can light candles in our windows and be present for each other in spirit, when we can't be there in person. In a personal way, I connected with the gospel narrative "The Walk to Emmaus".

This Sunday I am offering a reflective moment, from my own journal, I hope it helps someone out there.

Join us for online worship, 10:30am, Live on Emmanuel's facebook page and posted later on YouTube, Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020.

On behalf of John, Elizabeth and Lorne, thank you for your encouragement and support.

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The "Are You Ok?" Program is a daily telephone reassurance program provided by the Golden Age Club. Enrolled seniors receive a daily call from a voice-activated computer program to check on their well-being. Call 705-476-0890 to sign up.

Would anyone be open to being mentored by Lorne and offer some technical assistance in providing online worship? Please contact Rev. Roni if interested: eucnbminister@gmail.com



Instead of Timmies at Two, we are doing "Zoom at Two" by teleconferencing /video conferencing. Please inform Rev. Roni if you wish to join our online conversation by email at: <a href="mailto:eucnbminister@gmail.com">eucnbminister@gmail.com</a>. Or leave a phone message at 705-472-1806.

Here is the You Tube link for Sunday Service April 19, 2020 https://youtu.be/VqS2VTj-CWU

We are still on a learning curve with these videos and trying to do the best we can with the equipment and resources available to us.

Please bear with us, and if you have any constructive suggestions to offer, please let us know.

We are still looking for a good quality video camera, which might make some significant improvements to the quality of our You Tube videos.

If you know of a video camera or filming equipment that we could borrow, please let us know.

## Please remember that the Church building remains closed,

as per the Ontario Government mandate. You can contact the office by email at emmanuelunited@cogeco.net or leave a phone message at 705-472-1806.

## We are trying to keep our Food Cupboard Open As Many People Rely on Our Help:

Thank you for dropping off your food donations-Your help is appreciated!

We need the following items: cereal, bags of oatmeal, powered and canned milk, canned fruit and meat (ham, tuna, salmon), pre-packaged mashed potatoes and peanut butter.

Please drop off on Saturday 3:30-5:30 pm, Thursday 9:15-10:00am.

Help us to continue to provide good food to families who need it in West Ferris.

Pam Zygmont and Rev. Roni



#### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

#### **CANCELLED**

- \* All meetings-Church and Community
- \* West Ferris Brunch for April

#### **CLOSED**

\* Church Office- the secretary is working from home and email messages are checked regularly.

## **POSTPONED**

- \* Council Meeting
- \* Annual Congregational Meeting

If you have any information for the Newsflash please send it to emmanuelunited@cogeco.net no later than Friday by 9am. As space is limited we ask that you keep your article to no more than sixty (60)words.

## AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION.

- \* AVGEN GIFT CARDS: A Canadian owned company that specializes in helping Emmanuel fundraise by offering a broad range of vendor's gift cards. These gift cards can be used for purchases that you already plan to make anyway! Use the gift cards for day to day purchases such as groceries and gasoline or for occasional purchases like home improvements, electronics and much more. An easy way to financially support <u>YOUR</u> church without hurting your wallet!
- \* PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): Is simply a form of giving where a monthly amount, of your choice, is automatically deducted from your bank account to support <u>YOUR</u> church. A convenient way to provide consistent year round financial support.
- \* Contribute electronically through <u>CanadaHelps.org</u> which is now available on the EUC website on the Home Page as well as the in the new Donations page.
- There is a link ("Donate Now" button) with full easy to follow instructions.
- You can direct your donation to the General Fund, Legacy Fund, Memorial Fund, Supper Fund or Non-Supper Supper Fund.
- You will receive a tax receipt from Canada Helps immediately at time of donation.

## "Known by Our Love"

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.

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