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Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

A person with whom I share a close connection, who lives in a different part of the world, who belongs to a different denomination, is affluent and wants to use his money feed the hungry in his community, provide shelter and help people with basic life skills. He wants to be Christ-like but he is leery of the church and its policies which though well-meaning can sometimes feel more like barriers than channels for showing love and compassion. As a member of the clergy, I am trying to encourage my friend to engage the church, hoping and praying that the church leadership might hear the earnestness in his heart and support the vision and help to facilitate this expression of compassion. I am also sensitive to my friend's concerns. While, Jesus visited the temple on occasion, teaching and healing in its walls. Most of Jesus's ministry was beyond the walls of the church. Jesus understood that certain laws and traditions, though well-meaning were oppressive and kept people out.

Jesus' ministry was mainly among those who were denied entry to the temple because they were blemished by illness or socially ostracized because of their social status. Jesus allowed vulnerable, sick, hurting people to get close to him. The religious leadership feared that close contact with these people would render them unclean. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? What is the point of reopening church? To what extent are we the people ready to risk with Jesus for the sake of God's love? Are we ready to not only open our doors, but to take a step further and open our hearts?

In person worship continues at 10:00 am on Sunday July 18th, July 25th. Please phone the church office by Friday noon to preregister. You can also show up and we will try to seat you. We can accommodate up to 30 persons. Services will be available on YouTube after the supper hour.

Peace, Rev. Roni

Rev. Roni and John Henderson are on vacation from August 1 to September 6, 2021.

Emergency Pastoral Care Supply has been arranged August 1 through September 6, 2021:

- ◆ Rev Fraser Williamson August 1-15, August 30 and 31.
- ◆ Rev Rick Thorne August 16-29, September 1-3.
- ◆ Rev. Kathy Mc Callum, September 4, 5 and 6.

At this time, ministers are not allowed to do regular hospital visits. Rev. Fraser, Rick and Kathy are available in palliative situations, funerals and unpredictable emergencies.

Congregational contacts are: Nancy Lourie (August 1-22, August 28 to September 6) and Brenda Cote (August 23-27).

No worship services will be held at Emmanuel United Church during the month of August and Labour Day Sunday. Please call the St. Andrews United Church office: 705-472-7680 by noon on Friday, if you plan to attend Sunday services. Services begin at 10:30 am. Pre-registration is required at St. Andrew's United Church.

Please notify the church by Friday Noon if planning to attend the 10am Sunday Service:
emmanuelunited@cogeco.net or 705-472-1806.

Scripture Readings for July 18:
2 Samuel 7: 1-14a,
Ephesians 2: 11-22,
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Graveside Service and Reception for Mr. Bill Workman Saturday July 24th 2021

The family of Mr. Bill Workman invite members of Emmanuel United Church to a graveside service for Bill on Saturday July 24th, 11:00 am at Terrace Lawn Cemetery, 1850 O'Brien St.

The congregation is also invited to an outdoor reception at the family home, 12 Rowe Ave from 2:00 pm -5:00 pm, please bring a lawn chair. Covid 19, Step Three protocols are in effect. You may choose to wear a face mask if physical distancing is not possible. Rev. Rick Thorne and Rev. Roni Beharry will share in this service.

Bill loved his church family and his family wishes to include us all in this celebration of his life.

Prayers for comfort and deep peace include Bill's children and grandchildren, and his dear friends.

EMMANUEL VILLAGE Annual General Meeting (AGM) July 28th, 2021 at 6:00pm Emmanuel Village Board Room

This is an opportunity for members of the United Church congregation to join the corporation and become a possible voting member, \$1.00. If you want to consider becoming a board member of Emmanuel Village contact any of the Board members.

Tina Crewson

AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION:

***PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

***ONLINE GIVING** (CanadaHelps.org on our Website)

***E-TRANSFER** (From your personal online bank account to Brenda at euctreasurer@gmail.com)

Thank you!



The Reopening Committee is happy to announce that for the month of **July Church Services will begin at 10 a.m. & doors will open about 9:30**. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to follow the usual COVID guidelines. Our Church will be closed for the month of August for staff holidays but St. Andrews will be having Worship Services & you are welcome to attend or perhaps watch the Service online if they are doing that.

Cookbook Fundraiser!

Elizabeth & Jessica are working on putting together a new edition of Emmanuel's cookbook to be ready for sale this fall! Print Plus, who produced our calendar last year, is able to do a book for us which we are tentatively saying would sell for \$15. - \$20.

In addition to the usual divisions of recipes like main course, desserts, salads etc. we would like to include a section on ethnic cooking and a section on "Coronavirus Comfort Food". Let us know what your 'go to' recipes were during the tough days of isolation! Along with your recipe please include a short blurb of where you got their recipe so we can meet copyright requirements. If you have other suggestions on interesting categories please let us know.

A box will be placed on the table in the lobby for submissions or email Elizabeth at elizabethlovesmusic2@gmail.com. Submit as many recipes as you like!

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Thank you! Elizabeth Henderson

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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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