



Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

We celebrated a historical first this week, at Emmanuel. We convened our first zoom council meeting! We worked through a few kinks, were patient with each other and learned some new skills. By the end, everyone concluded that the meeting was a success.

We were well-supported as we prepared for the moment. Susan Whitehead (Canadian Shield Regional Council Staff) provided three tutorials in the days leading up to the meeting. Hosting a meeting on zoom is a bit more complicated than hosting a chat, given the decision making function. Sue also met in person with Jack Page (acting Council Chair) to assess the compatibility of his device. Sue and Lorne both agreed to electronically facilitate the meeting with Jack as chair.

We set up separate socially-distant work stations at the church for Jack, Lorne, Pam and myself and proceeded with the meeting. Choosing to be onsite with Jack and Pam, meant that we could be supportive, as needed. We brought our masks, to minimize risks. We decided that our agenda was overly ambitious and are planning to cover additional items next Thursday via zoom. We had a good meeting and will be debriefing the process before our second zoom council meeting. I am learning that with great support, we can do far greater things than we can imagine. Thank you for your willingness to try new ways of doing things!

Have a great weekend! Rev. Roni

Sunday Service-July and August, 2020

July: Sunday services will be produced on *YouTube* with contributions from Rev. Roni and Tracy Davis, for the congregations of St. Andrews, Trinity and Emmanuel United Church. The video is usually posted by the Saturday evening on the *Emmanuel United YouTube Channel*.

Rev. Ted Harrison is on vacation in July.

August: Rev. Ted Harrison, Trinity United Church, will be leading the online service for the congregations of St. Andrews, Trinity and Emmanuel United Church.

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Friendly Reminder

*** During the month of July Rev. Roni will be providing mid-week Online Reflections.***

They will be available on the *Emmanuel United YouTube Channel*.

* Rev. Roni and John Henderson are both on holiday for the month of August.

*Rev. Ted Harrison, Rev. Kathy McCallum and Rev. Rick Thorne will provide emergency pastoral care during the month of August.

* As approved by the M&P committee the office will remain closed and the hours further reduced from six hours in July to four hours a week for August.

Emails and Voice-mail will be checked regularly.

There will be no weekly Newsflash in August.



AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION.

- **AVGEN GIFT CARDS:** Use the vendor's gift cards for day to day purchases such as groceries and gasoline or for occasional purchases like home improvements, electronics and so much more!
- **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** Automatic deduction, where you choose the amount to be deducted from your bank account.
- **CANADAHELPS:** Click on the "Donate Now" button, on our website, and use the easy to follow instructions to begin the online donation to the EUC fund of your choice.
- **E-TRANSFER:** Just log into your online bank account and navigate to the *Interact* e-Transfer section. Then follow the instructions to set up the church as the recipient of your e-transfer using the email address euctreasurer@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at euctreasurer@gmail.com or 705-474-2607.

"Zoom at Two"

by teleconferencing/ video conferencing, continues every Friday through July. Please contact Rev. Roni if you wish to join our online conversation at: eucnbminister@gmail.com or leave a message at 705-472-1806.



July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

FOODBANK UPDATE

- ◆ Thanks to a generous donation from Caisse Populaire the Foodbank is currently providing participants with gift cards.
- ◆ The Foodbank will be closed for the month of August.
- ◆ Thank you to the Outreach, Mission and Service volunteers who keep the Foodbank open.

A Zoom meeting of Emmanuel United Church Council was held on July 15th.

A decision regarding the reopening of the building was deferred to the next meeting scheduled for July 23rd.

Please know that details of when the Church will reopen will be circulated when a final decision is reached.

COVID-19

"Why Haven't We Opened our Church Doors Yet?" What are we waiting for? "Ah, if only it were so easy. Open the doors and they will come! But, as has been said so often over the past few months, these are "unprecedented times," and such times require unprecedented planning to welcome back the flock. Somehow, we will figure this all out; and, sooner or later, our doors will re-open. In the meantime, it's only the bricks and mortar of the church building that is closed; the church itself has not been closed for a minute. It continues to live, serve, and thrive because the people-our family-are open to how God is always doing a new thing in the world, even in a world of COVID-19."

Excerpt from "Why Haven't We Opened our Church Doors Yet?" By Daniel Benson, minister at St. Paul's United Church in Scarborough, ON. Blog published on June 30, 2020.

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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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