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Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

My grandmother used to say “if God brings you to it, God will see you through it”. The statement places God at the center of the hard things that we face in this life. I have a degree of faith; however, at times I wonder if I have enough faith to cope with the really hard things: death of a parent or a spouse or life-threatening illness. I had enough faith to try watercolour this winter and I have enough faith to try bike riding this summer. I wonder, if I have enough faith to face the big challenges? My most honest answer is that I probably don’t but I trust that Jesus would meet me there. In the moment, I would come to know in a very intimate way the grace of God, the goodness of God, God’s mercy. In such difficult moments many people

have experienced God's presence in very intimate ways. I don’t know if you might go as far as calling these experiences miracles?

In biblical times, such signs were understood to be miracles. Conversely, miracles are understood to be signs of God’s presence. Let’s try to remember that “miracles are to be understood as signs of God’s presence. The goal of preaching on a miracle should not be to explain how this came to be, the goal is to reveal the sign-to draw the hearer closer to God’s presence, to reveal God’s presence.

You may join us for our last in-person service for the summer, on Sunday July 25th at 10:00 am.

Peace, Rev. Roni

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 2:00-4:00 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.

Scripture Readings for July 25:

2 Samuel 11: 1-15,
Psalm 14,
Ephesians 3: 14-21,
John 6: 1-21.



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!

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 30-31.
- ♦ 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)
- ♦ 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.



**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



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.