



# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Message From Rev. Roni

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are all well and safe. As July approaches, I am reminded that on the last Sunday of June we typically have our church picnic. Last year, we had a lovely casual service and went on to enjoy hotdogs and other picnic foods for an indoor lunch. We attempted to have an outdoor service but ran into technical difficulties. None the less we all had fun.

I grieve not being together and at the same time I celebrate that we have been doing online worship for the past four months. We have gotten more comfortable with leading in front of a camera and Lorne has developed an efficient process for editing and producing the video-based services. We have a good process in place.

If we are required to continue with online services in the fall, then we are over the learning curve. Heartfelt thanks are extended to Lorne Robertson, Elizabeth and John Henderson, Olivia Trottier, Bud McMartin, Bob and Betty Farris, and Elaine Simmens.

In preparation for the possibility of reopening, this week I called the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit and was referred to the

COVID 19 guidelines for the reopening of places of worship. Most of our congregation (over seventy) are deemed high risk and the measures are very strict for the sake of the safety of our members and the community. Copies of the guidelines can be obtained through "the my health unit" website. I forwarded the guidelines to members of our church council. The directives are being experienced as overwhelming, so we ask you to keep an open mind. Allow council to do its work and keep enjoying the online worship experiences throughout the summer months. Our church council has not yet convened and no date has been set for resuming public worship.

This week I am doing something different. I typically do not preach on the doctrines of the church; however, they are our essential beliefs and basic to our faith. I will be wrestling with justification and sanctification, and sharing my struggles with these theologies as a 21<sup>st</sup> century believer. I hope you find it informative and thought provoking.

I will continue to provide a weekly Newsflash column during the month of July.

**Have a safe and Happy Canada Day!**

### Sunday Service – July and August, 2020

**July:** Rev. Roni and Tracy Davis will be leading the online service at St. Andrews United Church for the congregations of St. Andrews, Trinity and Emmanuel United Church.

*Rev. Ted Harrison is on vacation in July.*

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

**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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**All on-line services are available on You-Tube, Facebook and our website.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Rev. Roni and John Henderson are both on holiday for the month of August.
- As approved by the M&P committee, the **office will remain closed and the Secretary will continue to work from home.** In July the Secretary hours will be 6 hours a week and in August the hours will be further reduced to 4 hours a week. *Emails and Voice-mail will be checked regularly.*

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**Wednesday July 1, 2020**

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If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at [euctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:euctreasurer@gmail.com) or 705-474-2607.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Premier approved places of worship to begin phased re-opening, with a limited 30% occupancy, as early as June 14<sup>th</sup>. **EUC has chosen a more cautious approach and has not yet set a date for when we will resume public worship.**

We encourage you to continue to enjoy our on-line services available on You-Tube, Facebook and our website.



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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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