



# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Message From Rev. Roni

Dear Friends,

It is now over six weeks that we've been socially distancing! While this realization carries a degree of sadness, it also provides an opportunity for deepening our personal spiritual life. I have been going for mindful walks, meditating on the signs for renewal and new life in creation. It has helped me to be more self-aware of God's goodness and it grounds me in God's goodness. I am better able to sense God's guidance and direction.

I want that for each one of you, that you might ponder God's goodness and mercy, as part of your personal spiritual life. My hope is that we can be connected in spirit when we can't be present in person.

I believe we can experience renewal even when we can't meet.

Sunday May 3rd, is the first Sunday in May and again we are unable to have communion. Historically the Franciscan order adapted an Agape Feast for those times when the community could not gather for Holy Communion. They are not a substitute for communion, but provides an opportunity to celebrate unity in Christ. Agape feasts have also been a part of our tradition.

My colleague in the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, Rev. Annabell Lalla-Ramkelawan, shared her liturgy for an Agape feast, which has been adapted for the CO-VID 19 Pandemic. We hope that sharing in this special feast, might be something we can do now, until we meet again and can celebrate a full communion together.

We hope that you will join us in this celebration that at least celebrates our unity in Christ and offers renewal.

**If you plan to participate in our online service, please find three elements and place them on a nearby table on Sunday morning or whenever you choose to worship:**

- a candle to symbolize Jesus Christ as the light of the world, and something to light the candle with of course. Battery operated candles are a safe option if you have pets.

- bread to symbolize the body of Christ (a slice of bread, a bun, a piece of loaf cake, cookie, rice crackers - whatever you have available)

- and a drink (grape or other fruit juice, water, tea, coffee - whatever drink you choose)

**So it's a candle, something like bread, and a drink.**

**Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> service will be posted on You Tube and Facebook by 10:30 am on Sunday morning. The readings this week are: Psalm 23, John 10: 1-10, Acts 2: 42-47.**

**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: [eucnbminister@gmail.com](mailto:eucnbminister@gmail.com).



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

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.**

**\$ and Sense**  
**(April 30, 2020)**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Apr. 12</b>	<b>Apr. 19</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>
PAR				\$4,251
Offerings	\$ 475	\$1,070	\$ 600	\$ 280
Rental/Services				
Donations	\$ 360		\$ 285	\$ 75
Total	\$ 835	\$1,070	\$ 885	\$4,606

**Sustaining Families: 45 PAR; 17 Envelopes**

Revenues for the month reflect the impact of the church being closed. Seventeen families did provide offering envelopes and there were four (4) special offerings celebrating Easter. In addition, there were two (2) on-line donations through Canada Helps.

The benefit of PAR is self-evident; however, all support to offset local church expenses as we experience a hiatus from normal involvement, is truly appreciated.

April Avgen card sales yielded \$112 and you can benefit and avoid handling cash by placing your order prior to Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

There were three new reservations for the non-supper supper, bringing the total to \$2709. Anyone experiencing a void, having missed their opportunity to contribute "time", "talent" and "treasures" (save a cow) at the Beef Supper, may wish to expand our non-supper celebration.

Emmanuel's Food Bank continues to serve a significant community need. This effort benefitted from a \$100 donation in April.

The church's anniversary celebration is traditionally in May. This will be the first "mortgage free" anniversary for Emmanuel at this location. As we contemplate a new, post pandemic normal we might contemplate sustaining Emmanuel's legacy.

Keep safe; stay connected.

EUC Finance Committee



**Another option to give to the church is by e-Transfer** through your personal online banking. Exact steps vary by individual bank, but the process is simple. Just log into your online bank account, navigate to the *Interac* e-Transfer section and follow the instructions. You will have to set up the church as a new contact. Please use email address [euctreasuer@gmail.com](mailto:euctreasuer@gmail.com). Your donation will go to local church expenses unless otherwise directed in your message. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at [euctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:euctreasurer@gmail.com) or 705-474-2607.

**The magazine BROADVIEW**

(formerly *The United Church Observer*) is now available for renewal or new subscription. The **annual fee is \$25.00** and must be received by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please place your payment in an envelope that includes your name and current address and is marked "Broadview". If making payment via online banking e-Transfer, please indicate these details in the message of your email. If you have any questions or want to make arrangements to drop off your subscription payment, please contact me at 705-474-2607.  
 Thanks, Brenda.

### 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 YOUR 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 YOUR church. A convenient way to provide consistent year round financial support.

\* **Contribute electronically** through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org) 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.

**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](mailto:emmanuelunited@cogeco.net) or  
leave a phone message at 705-472-1806.

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.**



### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### CANCELLED

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

#### CLOSED

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

#### POSTPONED

- \* All Church Committee Meetings

If you have any information for the Newsflash please send it to [emmanuelunited@cogeco.net](mailto: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.

**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, powdered 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 10:00am-12noon**

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

Pam Zygmunt and Rev. Roni

**"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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