

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Message From Rev. Roni

I once read that the opposite of joy is not sadness. The opposite of joy is fear. I think this is certainly true for Jesus's disciples. You will recall that after Jesus died they locked themselves in a room, out of fear. They were terrified, confused and they didn't believe the women's testimony about the Risen Lord. Forty days later, when Jesus ascends from the earth (Luke provides no details) their fears are transformed and they feel great joy.

What happened in between? They spent time with Jesus. Jesus revealed to them the meaning of the scriptures and how the law and prophets testified to his coming and his ministry on earth. The pieces finally fit. They were fed! They were fed much more than loaves and fishes, they were spiritually fed. Bodies, minds and spirits were fed.

I wonder if our time away from the building and routine of doing church, is meant to be a time of renewal? Are we intentionally choosing to be fed?

What feeds your spirit? What is strengthening and sustaining your spirit right now? I've been dedicating more time to prayer, play, self-care and caring for others.

A common theme in the gospels are that the disciples never truly get what Jesus is doing. At the time of the ascension, they finally get it. I hope we get it, we get a clearer vision of who we are meant to be, when this time of waiting is over. We now know that we don't need a building to be a church.

Join our online Worship via  
You Tube on facebook on  
Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am:  
*Celebration of  
the Ascension!*



## AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION.

\* **AVGEN GIFT CARDS:** These vendor's gift cards can be used 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, Non-Supper Fund.
- ◆ You will receive a tax receipt from Canada Helps immediately at time of donation.

\* **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 *Interact* e-Transfer section and follow the instructions. You will have to set up the church as a new contact. Please use email address [euctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:euctreasurer@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.

Join us for our Celebration of the Ascension May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 service which will be posted on You Tube and Facebook by 10:30am on Sunday morning.  
*We are striving to improve the quality of our online worship each week!*

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 Brenda at 705-474-2607. Thanks!

*As businesses across Canada are gradually being given the go-ahead to reopen, church boards are of course wondering whether they too can think about throwing open their doors. The short answer to whether or not to reopen: "It depends, and it will change." And when churches do reopen, it will be opening to a new normal. Reopening Churches will be updated regularly, but church boards still need to check local regulations and direct any questions to their regional council. Moreover, let us not lose what has been gained by venturing into the online world. For many it will continue to be the way they connect with communities of faith. God's mission always finds a way to spring forth in a crisis.*

<https://www.united-church.ca/news/reopening-new-normal>

From a UCC article published on May 19, 2020



**Instead of Timmies at Two,**  
we are doing **"Zoom at Two"**  
by teleconferencing /video  
conferencing. Please email  
Rev. Roni if you wish to join  
our online conversation  
at: [eucnbminister@gmail.com](mailto:eucnbminister@gmail.com).  
Or leave a phone message at  
705-472-1806.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

**All Churches remain CLOSED until further notice.**

**This is how it affects our church:**

#### **CLOSED**

\* Church Office- the secretary is working from home during regular office hours. E-mail messages are checked regularly.

#### **CANCELLED/POSTPONED**

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

If you are interested in offering some technical assistance in providing online worship.  
Please contact [eucnbminister@gmail.com](mailto:eucnbminister@gmail.com)

#### **The Food Cupboard appreciates your ongoing support.**

Donations of cereal, bags of oatmeal, powdered and canned milk, canned fruit and meat (ham, tuna, salmon), pre-packaged mashed potatoes, peanut butter & personal hygiene items are still needed.

**Please drop off on Saturday 3:30-5:30 pm,  
Thursday 10:00am-12noon**

**Please continue to help us provide for the families who need it in West Ferris.**

**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.**

#### **"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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