



Emmanuel United Church

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# Emmanuel Newsflash

[www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca](http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca)

**Sunday May 9, 2021**

## A Message From Rev. Roni

Dear Friends,  
I hope that you are all persevering and being patient as we continue to be safe during this current lockdown. Most of us, have likely not been with our friends for a while, so this illustration may feel like a remote stretch. Have you ever been introduced to someone as someone's friend "friend of a friend"? Somehow, having a friend in common really helps to establish our credibility and we find ourselves being received a little more openly. In this Sunday's gospel reading Jesus calls us friend. It is humbling that Jesus, the Saviour calls us friend, and likewise all of Jesus followers become friends of a great friend. Jesus's friendship includes those that we are not likely to invite to our homes for a backyard barbeque. Who might Jesus have us include?

I was reminded by a colleague this week, that while we will all celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, we might not remember that it is Asian Heritage Month and we might be tempted to overlook the contributions of Asians to culture of North Bay and Northern Ontario.

Perhaps it is even more important to educate ourselves about the ways in which our Asian neighbours reflect Christ's love and light.

Since 2017, North Bay's South Asian population has grown. 45 + from India, 30 from Syria, 30 from the Philippines, 20 from China and 20 from Vietnam. Most of North Bay's newest immigrants are Asian. Many of us in North Bay, came to embrace Rev. Jong Bok Kim and his wife Julie as beloved. I am sure that beyond their contribution our knowledge of Asian contributions in North Bay may be limited. More recently, with the onset of Covid 19 Asians have been negatively profiled and many have faced increased racial discrimination.

Our Asian neighbours are friends of our great friend Jesus. Jesus' love and compassion includes each one as beloved. We are all challenged to get to know our Asian sisters and brothers for we are all friends in Christ. We are all friends of a great friend.

Join us for Online Worship this week, Sunday May 9th at 10:30 am. Our scripture passages this week are Psalm 98 and John 15:9-17. Our theme is "Jesus Calls Us Friend".

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and those who give the gift of motherly nurture!

Blessings,  
Rev. Roni

### Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021:

Psalm 98  
John 15:9-17

### Sunday Services are available online:

**YouTube:** Emmanuel United YouTube Channel

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/EUCNorthBay/>

**Website:** <http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca/online-services.html>

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/emmanuel\\_united](https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united)



### **Please remember that:**

\* Although the Church building remains closed, we are checking messages regularly. You can contact the office by email at [emmanuelunited@cogeco.net](mailto:emmanuelunited@cogeco.net) or leave a phone message at 705-472-1806.

\* Please wear a face mask, complete a sign-in form & use the hand sanitizer when entering the Church.

**Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday May 30, 2021-11:30am,  
immediately following the in-person Sunday Service, COVID permitting.**

**We have a number of opportunities for our good women and men to serve on our church council:**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Chair of Congregation | 2. Secretary of Congregation |
| 3. Chair of Council      | 4. Vice Chair of Council     |

Most of you have copies of Emmanuel's Constitution and Bylaws. Kindly refer to Section 3.4.0 of the Constitution for the job descriptions. Mr. Bob Pronovost or any current member of Church Council would be happy to respond to your questions. **ALSO:**

**"On November 28, 2020 an email was received from Bud (Harry) McMartin stating that he did not wish to remain as a Trustee of Emmanuel United Church.** In order to remove Bud as a Trustee, it will require a two third majority vote of those in attendance at the Congregational Meeting on May 30, 2021. We are sorry to lose Bud from our team. Thank You."

Jack Page Chair of Trustees  
Emmanuel United Church"



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  
WHY GOD MADE MOMS**

*Answers given by 2nd grade school  
children to the following question:  
How did God make mothers?*

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

**ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

- ♦ If you or someone you know is **not able to access a digital copy of the Annual Report**, or did not receive an email copy of the Annual Report or the Constitution and Bylaws please e-mail [emmanuelunited@cogeco.net](mailto:emmanuelunited@cogeco.net) or phone the church at 705-472-1806 to arrange a time for pick up.
- ♦ The Annual Report AND the Agenda for the May 30, 2021 meeting are posted on our website: [www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca](http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca).

**Emmanuel Food Cupboard on list to receive donations from the TP North Bay Campaign**

The Outreach Mission and Service Committee of the Emmanuel United Church Food Cupboard is asking church members to donate to the TP North Bay Campaign. This year Emmanuel has been added to the list of food cupboards that will receive donations of toilet paper from the campaign that runs through the month of May.



Drop boxes have been placed at a number of locations throughout the city, including Metro, No Frills, Giant Tiger and Shopper's Drug Mart in Ferris. Donations can also be brought directly to Emmanuel United. Campaign organizers will be told of the number so that it can be counted toward the campaign.

The Food Cupboard is open from 10-11am on Thursdays.  
Thank you.



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**"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.**