



Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

Last week the National Office of the United Church of Canada released a vague three phase plan for the re-opening of churches. No date has been set and the United Church of Canada and our Regional Council office are listening to the Public Health experts and Federal and provincial directives. Our Regional Council will advise us on dates and protocols for reopening. We know that things will be very different: we would have limitations on the size of our gatherings, social distancing will be in effect, some of us will be wearing masks and we will not be able to sing. Droplets from singing travel a long distance and are a major health risk. We will have no choirs. We most likely will have no coffee hour.

These changes will be unprecedented and we will feel a sense of loss and disorientation. Feeling sad is perfectly okay. We likely will be doing online congregational worship for a long-time. Our Regional Council will advise us on the process.

We will grieve some losses and we might feel adrift for a while, for a long while. In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we will not be left adrift or orphaned. God will send the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. God's love will never leave us. Love is God's reality. Our feelings are real and God is choosing to be in real time relationship with us.

Join us for a Good news message in times such as these! Our service will be on You Tube and available through our Facebook page on Sunday May 17th, 10:30 am.

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 31st. 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!

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.

Or leave a phone message at
705-472-1806.

Join us for our May 17th service which will be posted on You Tube and Facebook by 10:30am on Sunday morning.



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 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. 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 or 705-474-2607.

**Please remember that the Church building remains closed.
This includes the Office, Church Services, All Meetings and Activities.
You can contact the office by email at 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.**

If you are interested in offering some technical assistance in providing online worship.

Please contact
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 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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