

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

Blessings at a time of transition!

Friends this week I am thinking about transitions. In creation, it seems that the rich hue of fall colours are giving way, to bare branches and colder temperatures. Sooner or later winter will be upon us. A degree of sadness, comes with this time of transition. Of course there are many kinds of transitions: a change in health status, the recent death of a loved one, a change in lifestyle triggered by this public health crisis. I dare say that most, if not all of us, experience a degree of sadness at this time. Since the middle of March, the statement “We’re in this together” has become popular. I agree, ‘We are in this together and God is with us.’ If the statement “God is with us” seems like another cliché, you might want to close your eyes and imagine, someone like a parent-figure, or a mentor or a trusted person in your life, laying their palm gently on your head or shoulder while offering a prayer of blessing. Receive the blessing. Many grandparents bless their grandchildren near the end of their earthly days. Many of us had hands

lovingly laid on us at milestone moments in our lives such as baptism and confirmation.



Laying on of hands is a ritual that imparts blessing. While not all touch is healthy, sacred touch imparts blessing and has power.

On Sunday October 25th, we will reflect that Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses prayerfully placed his hands on him, conferring God’s blessing. God blesses each one of us. The blessing of God sustains us through times of transition.

During our service we will raise our hands and offer a blessing prayer consistent within the context of Covid19 safety guidelines. Please call the office by Friday at noon, if you plan to attend in-person worship. An online version of the service will be made available on Sunday evening.

CHURCH SERVICE: 10:30am SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020.

MASKS & SIGN-IN: It is mandatory that you wear a face mask and sign-in when you enter the church.

ROOM RENTALS: The Church remains CLOSED to all public room rentals as we are not able to implement safety, sanitation, and infection control standards established by public health authorities. Church Committee meetings have resumed but there are detailed responsibilities that must be followed.



Sunday Services are also available on:

YouTube: [Emmanuel United YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/emmanuelunitednorthbay)

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

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united

REOPENING OF CHURCH SERVICES

Please remember: you must phone the Office at 705-472-1806, by 12noon on the Friday before the Sunday service, to be added to the list of those who intend to come to the Church Service. If leaving a message please be sure to leave your name, phone number, and how many people are in your "seating bubble".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- To help as a Greeter at the 2 entrances. Please phone Bud McMartin at 705-474-8725.
- Ushers are also needed. Please phone Judy Pronovost at 705-494-7264.

Thanks in advance! Bud McMartin

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING
in the Bert Passmore hall:
~ Outreach Wed. Oct. 28, 1pm.

If you know someone who could use the services of the
FOOD CUPBOARD

Please let them know that it is
OPEN THURSDAY 10am-11am
(Please use the William St. entrance)



Wet'suwet'en Witness: Making the justice connections with Northern Ontario. Please join us for the final free one hour webinars at 7pm Oct. 28. Registration needed to receive the link to Zoom: Solidarity-Team NorthBay.weebly.com or email solidarityteamnorthbay@gmail.com.

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.

* **CANADAHELPS.ORG:** Donate online by using your credit card and this secure donation website available through the EUC Home Page as well as the Donations page. A separate charitable tax receipt is issued electronically (by e-mail) by *CanadaHelps* for each donation.

* **E-TRANSFER:** Donation 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.

"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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