

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

This Easter will be very different from any other that I can remember. We are advised to socially distance and stay home. Maybe you are feeling a bit sad. I was comforted by the message of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a few days ago.

Whether you are a royal monarchist, or a royal anarchist, you have to agree that Queen Elizabeth, a woman who has lived through many crises, is a credible voice. She has lived through Two World Wars and the Spanish flu and she knows that we will get to the other end of this crisis, if we do our part. She acknowledged the hardness of this time and told us that we will all share in the success. Many of you know that she is a woman of faith, she is the head of the Church of England and goes to church most Sundays. By doing our part, we will all realize the future hope of life beyond the Co-Vid 19 Global Pandemic. Her message isn't an "Easter Message"; however, it is appropriate for Easter 2020.

In Matthew's account of the Easter Story, Jesus reveals himself to the women and similarly he does for us, saying "don't hold onto me". He seems to say, do as you are directed. I'll meet up with you, I am going ahead of you. He sustains our faith as we look toward the fulfillment that comes later.

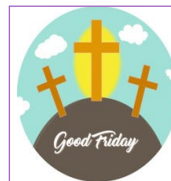
The disciples of Jesus (in Matthew's gospel) are told that they are called to do something. They need to go to Galilee. The Risen Christ has gone ahead of them and will meet them there. Following through on these steps, they will live into this new vision. Jesus has fulfilled his word through the resurrection. Similarly, if we follow the steps, we are directed to take, we will get to the hope that lies on the other side of our current global suffering.

The events of Good Friday and Easter are a critical turning point for the followers of Jesus and feelings are mixed. In our time, we are at a critical turning point and our feelings are mixed. We will make the turn and one day this Co-Vid 19 Pandemic will be a historic event that we look back on as we live into a new tomorrow. Easter is God's gift of hope to us. He's already worked it out. Let's trust in the steps we are called to take. Our joy will increase again as the dark of night gives way to a bright new morn. May the Risen Christ sustain your faith for the journey.

Rev. Roni invites you to join her online on Easter Sunday, April 12th for worship. The service will be available on You Tube and through Facebook Live. John has provided words of the hymns by email so you can sing along, if you wish.

Readings for Easter Sunday:

Matthew 28: 1-10, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20: 1-19



Please check your email today and/or tomorrow for the online link to the North Bay area churches Good Friday Service coordinated by the Trinity United Church.

Regardless of Covid 19 we are taking **Pre-paid Purchase Card orders this Sunday**. Please put your order in the locked box at the church or in the mail slot. If you cannot get to the church to place your order please contact Tina or Greg by email: gtwilcox96@gmail.com or 705-303-4204. We can arrange to make your order other ways. An order form is attached to the news flash. You don't need to complete an order form to make an order. You can write your order down on a piece of paper if that is more convenient. The cards will be delivered and physical distancing guidelines will be followed.

Thank you all for your continued support. Tina and Greg

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.**



**Here is the link for Palm Sunday Service
April 5, 2020, on YouTube:**
<https://youtu.be/APGxEygOVOA>

HOW TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC:

* **PAR** (Pre Authorized Remittance) a set amount is taken from your bank account monthly (can be changed at any time by you) Contact Sherri Pinder. Drop off envelope at church in finance mail slot or by regular mail to the church.

* **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, Supper Fund, or Non-Supper Supper Fund. You will receive a tax receipt from Canada Helps immediately at time of donation.

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, powered and canned milk, canned fruit and meat (ham, tuna, salmon) and mashed potatoes and peanut butter.

Please drop off on Saturday 4:00-6:30; Sunday 10:30-11:30am; Thursdays 9:00-10:00am.

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

Pam Zygmunt and Rev. Roni

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

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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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