

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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EMMANUELS' 36th ANNUAL BEEF SUPPER APRIL 26th

We need you!! We need workers before, during, and after the dinner. We need our famous homemade pies baked, and there is also a list of items you can donate. Sponsor a cow for 50 dollars and we display your donation on a cow on the donor wall. The fun sheet will be at the church each Sunday for your chance to sign up. Janie Clayton will be in the narthex to help, as will Jo McCulley with the pies and roasts. Call Janie or Merlin at 705-472-1182



SAVE THE DATE
~VISIONING WEEKEND~
*Saturday May 25 and
Sunday May 26,
-Worship Service 10:30am-
*Sunday June 30 Annual
Church Picnic!
Everyone welcome!

A Note From Rev. Roni

Have you ever wondered why we in 2019, would wave Palm branches madly in the air, shouting Hosannas, singing "All Glory Laud and Honour" "at the top of our voices, while parading into our sanctuary? Why has the church through the ages, tried to hold onto this tradition and some churches go as far as renting a donkey for the day? Why has this tradition persisted for the past two thousand years? What if the word "Lord" refers to God? What if God needs it?



The word "Lord" is mentioned in the Gospel of Luke 70 times, mostly by his disciples and in the rare occasion when it is used by Jesus, he uses it to refer to God, his father. Going further, the scriptures seldom mention Jesus needing anything. It seems consistent, that when Jesus gives the instruction "the Lord needs it" he means that God needs it. God needs a young colt.

In the past Jesus, often asked people to say nothing of the deeds he performed. He consistently chose a low profile. Could it have been that Jesus would have preferred to quietly enter town? Maybe the entry on the colt was God's initiative. Maybe Jesus wasn't trying to deliberately fulfill a prophecy but

the crowd sensed prophecy was fulfilled as Jesus came in, as God instructed. Maybe the joy of the crowd, is in response to God's action. Maybe, given the relational nature of God, God needed the acknowledgment. God needed to know that at least some in the crowd, gets who Jesus is. Affirmation and acknowledgment is needed from time to time in relationships. Jesus slipped into the world, hardly noticed as a babe born in a manger in Bethlehem. Perhaps, the acknowledgement also sustained Jesus, as Jesus faced a bitter earthly end. Perhaps the acknowledgement sustains those who follow in the way of Jesus today? Will you join us in offering your praise on Palm Sunday, 10:30 am? What if God needs to know that we still acknowledge The One who comes in peace? *This reflection was adapted from a wonderful preaching resource, "A Sermon for Every Sunday" Palm Sunday 2019 by Jim Somerville, for help with a fresh take on an ancient story.*

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

~ Remember to place your "Gift Card" order TODAY, Sunday April 14th. Emmanuel benefits whether they are used for regular shopping or special Easter gifts.
~ PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) To provide consistent year-round financial support. For more information, please contact Envelope Secretary, Sherri Pinder.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Palms to Passion Sunday. A special service to begin Holy Week	15	16	17	18 OM&S Luncheon 11:30am Choir Practice 7:30	19 	20 West Ferris Brunch
21 	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25	26 Timmy's at Two!	27

Tickets for our 36th Annual Beef Supper! April 26th

Please contact Evelyn Johnson: 705- 478-7309. Evelyn and Zona Beeson will be at the church Wed. & Thurs. from 1:30 to 4pm for you to pick-up ordered tickets.
*Adults \$17.00 *Children (5-10) \$5.00 Under 5 years are free. *Workers \$17.00 *Takeouts \$17.00-**Must be picked up at the church.**



Holy Week Services:

- ◆ **This Sunday April 14th** Journey from Palms to Passion Sunday, 10:30 am.
A special service to begin Holy Week.
- ◆ **April 18th** Maundy Thursday, Remembering Jesus sharing a special meal with his friends, soup and sandwich lunch at Emmanuel followed by a short communion service, 11:30am-1:30pm. **A joint initiative of the Outreach and Worship Committee.**
- ◆ **April 19th** North Bay city-wide Good Friday Service, with participation from all four United Church congregations, **Omond Memorial United Church**, 10:30 am.
- ◆ **April 21st** Easter Sunday Celebration Service with Holy Communion, 10:30 am.
- ◆ **April 28th**, 10:30am Sunday Service with Baptism.

"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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