

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## Annual Beef Supper TONIGHT April 26<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Outreach Mission and Service committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Mother's Day Tea at St. Andrew's United Church, Cassells at McIntyre, May 11 from 11:00 to 2:00. Crafts, baking, silent auction from 10:00 to 2:00.
- ◆ Rev. Gord Roberts will be our Guest Minister on May 5<sup>th</sup>, our Anniversary Sunday.

**THANK YOU**  
To everyone involved with the 36th Annual Beef Supper, your volunteer commitment and hard work is much appreciated!



### PASTORAL CARE:

While Rev. Roni is on Study Leave, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, the following ministers will provide emergency pastoral care:

\*April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Kathy McCallum

\*May 6<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Ted Harrison-Trinity UC North Bay

## A Note From Rev. Roni

In the season of spring, it can be easier to talk about resurrection because crocuses are blooming and young shoots are pushing up through once frozen ground, and I have even seen patches of green grass. New life is sprouting all around us. It's obvious, seeing is believing.

However, not all seasons of life, are so obvious, teeming with clear evidence of life. Sometimes pain wears us down. At other times, our hearts might be broken by grief and unspeakable loss.

A young woman comes to the local gym where I am a member, I deeply admire her dedication and commitment to exercise. I can see her channelling determination and energy in each rep. At first, I didn't notice. As she turned toward me, it became more obvious, she was an amputee, her entire left arm had been amputated from the shoulder. She exercises without a prosthesis, and has learned to adapt her exercises around her

disability. She chooses life, she chooses belief, pushing past her emotional and physical discomfort with a determination to return to exercise. I've since spoken to her, applauding her courage. Beaming with a smile, she responds "I'll never be able to go back to what I did before this happened to me. But I'll exercise in whatever way I can." She chooses life. Maybe the believing comes first, then we can see. Believing isn't always easy. I am sure my friend at the gym, has had difficult days, when everything seemed harder, when she felt sad and even disappointed. Jesus blesses our believing even on the bad days. The sign that Thomas receives, helps us to believe when we have difficulty seeing. Join us for worship on this Second Sunday of Easter at 10:30 am, we will welcome three persons into our community of faith: two through baptism and one through reaffirmation of faith. Believing is seeing!

Blessings,  
Rev. Roni

## 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
28 <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Life is not ended but forever changed.</i> 10:30am with Baptism.	29 Rev. Roni away until May 6	30	<b>MAY 1</b>	2 Choir Practice 7pm	3 Timmy's at Two!	4
5 Rev. Gord Roberts Guest Minister Anniversary Sunday. 10:30am with Communion.	6	7 Outreach Mission and Service meeting 11am	8	9 Choir Practice 7pm	10 Timmy's at Two!	11



## North Bay Mosque Open House THIS SATURDAY APRIL 27, 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Guest Speaker Suhail Kapoor at 11:15; 12:15; 1:15 and 2:15. Please join the Muslim Community of North Bay for an opportunity to get to know each other. Refreshments will be served. Email: [ziyaadrajab@yandex.com](mailto:ziyaadrajab@yandex.com) for more information.

## THANK YOU!

On April 18 Outreach Mission and Service sponsored a Maundy Thursday luncheon in conjunction with the Worship Committee. Thank you to all who came out and to the following who volunteered to help get it done: Norma Deller, Doreen Reid, Nancy Lourie, Nancy Dixon, Brenda Cote, Brenda Cooper, Myrna Bennison, Janie and Merlin Clayton, Murray Bothwell, Judy Pronovost, and Sally King. THANK YOU one and all.

## SAVE THE DATE

~VISIONING WEEKEND~

**\*Saturday May 25 and Sunday May 26, -Worship Service 10:30am**  
**-\*Sunday June 30 Annual Church Picnic! Everyone Welcome!**

## "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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