

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

### Christmas Carolling THIS SATURDAY December 15<sup>th</sup>

Meet up at the church by 1:10 pm. We will visit Waters Edge to bring Christmas Joy to Seniors and then carpool over to the Empire to sing again.

We will also visit a few seniors who are alone at home. Carpool Karaoke allowed! Return to the church for hot cider, hot chocolate and cookies!

**Families, youth and children**  
~All are welcome~



I made a snow angel today. I couldn't resist the sticky snow calling me out to play. Play brings me joy. Play feeds my spirit and helps me to feel whole, healthy and close to God. We need to know the practices that feed our spirits and do them often. Happiness is circumstantial; Joy is not. Joy is deeply spiritual. Adela Rogers St. Johns says, "Joy is a light that fills you with hope, faith and love.

We can feel joy at the saddest moments of our lives. At a time of grief, it is not uncommon to throw ourselves into a project

or a past-time that promotes a sense of well-being. It sets us out on a healing journey. In our darkest moment, joy is knowing that we are not alone, that God is always with us. Joy promotes mental and spiritual health. I pray that you may find your joy in the Lord.

Our focus on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is "Joy", hymn-sing begins at 10:15 am.

Advent Blessings,  
Rev. Roni



### Upcoming Services

**Sunday December 23rd:** "Vulnerable Love: What A Strange Way to Save the World".

Hymn Sing: 10:15 am, Worship at 10:30 am.

Carols: "People Look East", "My Soul Cries Out", "The Virgin Mary had A Baby Boy".

Short Children's Christmas Movie: "An Unexpected Christmas" (*too cute to be missed*).

**Monday December 24th, 7: 00 pm :** "A Child is Born for Us"

The Christmas Story; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20); Time travel to the First Christmas.

Children's Presentation: "The Olden Days Coat" by Margaret Laurence. Narrated by: Judy Pronovost

Christmas Eve Communion

Carols: O Come All Ye Faithful, Away In A Manger, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Silent Night.

## At a Glance

- ◆ **Timmies at Two:**  
Fri. 2pm at the Tim Hortons/  
Wendy's with Rev. Roni and  
Lorne for conversations  
about our faith and how it  
intersects with our lives and  
culture.
- ◆ **Choir Practice:**  
Thurs. at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **On behalf of the EUC  
Food Cupboard** we are very  
pleased to share the news  
that the Mixed Darts League  
from WF Legion is making a  
donation of \$200 &  
collecting non-perishable  
food items and North Bay  
Legal Aid is also collecting  
non-perishable food items to  
donate to us! What great  
community support!  
Thank You!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 <b>THIRD Sunday of Advent BE NOT AFRAID: THE JOY OF GOD IS OUR</b>	17	18	19 	20	21 Office Open 9-1	22 West Ferris Brunch
23 <b>FOURTH Sunday of Advent BE NOT AFRAID: GOD's LOVE IS ON THE WAY.</b>	24 7: 00 pm "A Child is Born for Us"	25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	26	27	28 Office Open 9-3 	29

The Secretary will be out of the office  
December 19, 20, 26, 27, 2018 and  
January 2, 3, 2019  
The **Secretary** will be **IN**  
December 21, 28, 2018  
and January 4, 2019  
Regular Office Hours resume January 4, 2019  
9-1 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

- ◆ Rev. Roni is away December 25th, 2018 to  
January 1st, 2019.
- ◆ Elizabeth Henderson is leading Sunday Worship  
on December 30th
- ◆ Rev. Kathy McCullum will provide pastoral care  
relief.



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**“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.

