

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

One of the gifts of Emmanuel United Church is the fact that we have the capacity to share stories and traditions across the generations! On occasion, we can have three generations of a family worshipping at the same time! As we draw closer to Christmas, we look toward the birth of the Christ child and we share treasures both old and new.

**So our worship on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 am, will feature the story of “An Un-expected Christmas”** an imaginative video drama, where God reveals to the angels, the plan to send the Prince of Peace, as a baby, born in a stable, they are astounded. The story is told by the St. Paul's n'kids Arts Program, St. Paul's Church, Auckland, New Zealand. Our sermon will explore, God gift of vulnerable love: 'Such a strange way to save the world'.

Hymn sing begins at 10:15 am, worship at 10:30 am.

**Our Christmas Eve Family Service, 7:00 pm features a special telling of a classic story, retold for the United Church of Canada in 2018 "The Littlest Angel" written by Charles Tazewell and illustrated by Sergio Leone (circa 1950's).** The author tells the story of a four-year old angel who sorely misses his life's on earth, he is given a chance to return to earth to retrieve his favourite wooden box containing his earthly treasures. His humble gift becomes the first Christmas gift. All children who attend this service will receive a First Christmas Gift from Emmanuel United Church. Communion and the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" by candlelight, are also special features of this service.

Join us for intergenerational Christmas Eve Worship. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 pm, if your child wishes to wear a costume, to help make our pick-up Christmas story come alive. <https://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/2012/12/why-children-need-to-get-to-church-on.html?fbclid=IwAR0pXVGkEG6wAgsANTk5psFO6uvidmEnMtxUajwiDa6iEgvdhbLH-i6Y17E>

Visit the link above to learn more about why it's a good idea for children to go to church on Christmas Eve.

I know that some of you maybe away celebrating Christmas with family or may have other traditions. I hope that wherever you are , that you may include the Christmas story and be open to joy of the Christ child. Wishing you first Christmas gifts of Hope. Peace, Joy and Love!

Rev. Roni

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** “Vulnerable Love: What A Strange Way to Save the World”.

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

**Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7: 00 pm :**“ A Child is Born for Us”

Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20); Children's Presentation: Story : “The Littlest Angel”

Adapted from: “The Littlest Angel “ By; Charles Tazewell and illustrated by Sergio Leone.

Read by: Judy Pronovost and John Henderson

Christmas Eve Communion

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

◆ **Timmies at Two (Friday coffee and conversation) is cancelled on Friday December 28th and will return on Friday January 4th.**

◆ **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 \$260 & 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!

## At a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 FOURTH Sunday of Advent BE NOT AFRAID: GOD'S LOVE IS ON THE WAY.	24 7: 00 pm "A Child is Born for Us"	25 Merry Christmas!	26 	27	28 Office Open 9-3	29
30 Sunday Worship Elizabeth Henderson	31	1	2	3	4 	5

The Secretary will be out of the office  
December 26, 27, 2018 and  
January 2, 3, 2019  
The **Secretary** will be **IN**  
December 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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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.

