

February 14, 2020

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Council Committee Chairs are reminded to submit their reports, and financial peer reviews where indicated, to the church office **by March 2, 2020**, so the Congregational Annual Report can be prepared and distributed two weeks prior to the meeting as per the Constitution..

Thanks!



Have you ever wondered, how do you know that you've made a good choice? It often isn't so clear cut. How do you know that you have been obedient to God's law of love? Our old testament reading, one of Moses's last sermons, given while the people are on the brink of crossing the Jordan and about to enter the Promised Land, if taken literally, suggest that you can follow God's law and make a good choice and choose life, or you can make a bad choice, follow a false deity and choose death. Most of us know that a bad choice, won't always lead to death but can create lots of turbulence in our lives and in the lives of those we love. It is often hard to know if a decision is actually good, it isn't always so black or white.

In my life I have made good and bad choices. Through the practice of spiritual direction I have learned three guiding questions that can help us make faithful choices: Is it good for me? Is it good for community? Is it good for God? Beyond wrestling with these questions we are called to obedience. "Obedience is not merely doing as one is told. Obedience is a discernment process that involves not only the mind and will but also, and more especially the heart (Feasting on the Word, Year A Volume 1, pg, 340)." I hope you will join in our time of reflection.

**Join us for our hymn sing at 10:15 followed by worship at 10:30am.**

### ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 29 following church service.

#### Will you be able to join us?

Eat with friends, then stay for the meeting to learn what your church plans for the coming year. We will have a Free-will Offering for this luncheon and your support shall be greatly appreciated as any profit goes to the General Fund of our church.

**Join us for a Hot Chili Lunch**, a catered 'freewill' lunch here at Emmanuel, a gift of generosity by three Emmanuel UC families. Beef, Turkey and Vegetarian options are available,  
**Sunday February 23rd following worship.**

**Imposition of Ashes** (opportunity to receive ashes), on **Wednesday February 26**, marking the beginning of the Lenten Journey from **12:00 noon to 2:00 pm** with Rev. Roni in the Chapel. The liturgy will be short and adapted for individuals or a small group.

**Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25,**  
5-6:30pm Trinity's A.O.T.S.

**Bible Study** on the shortest book in the bible " the Letter to Philemon". It deals with the emancipation of a slave. It's easy to read with a depth of meaning.

**Join us on February 19, 2:00 pm, February 26, 2:00 pm** in the chapel.

## February

## ♦ Joyful Voices Choir:

Monday 1:30pm..

**No practice Monday  
February 17**♦ **Choir Practice:** Thursday  
at 7:30pm.♦ **Timmies at Two:** Friday  
2pm at the Tim Hortons/  
Wendy's. You are invited to  
join in conversations about  
our faith and how it intersects  
with our lives and Culture.♦ **Rev. Roni EMERGENCY**  
Contact: 1-416-271-5313  
Please note: Rev. Roni is off  
Monday & Tuesday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 10:15 Hymn Sing 10:30am <u>SIXTH</u> <u>SUNDAY AFTER</u> <u>EPIPHANY:</u> <u>CHOOSING LIFE</u>	17 Family Day Joyful Voices Choir NO MEETING	18	19	20 Choir Practice 7:30	21 Timmies at Two	22
23 Sunday Service 10:30am <b>Special Guest</b> <b>Vindra Sahadeo</b> from the North Bay Multicultural Centre.	24 Joyful Voices Choir 1:30-3pm	25	26	27 Choir Practice 7:30	28 Timmies at Two	29

You should have received a  
personalized invitation to  
Emmanuel's unique  
**"NON-SUPPER/SUPPER"**  
and we hope you will  
support this refreshing  
fund-raising opportunity.



Monday February 17, 2020

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:****Coffee Fellowship Ushers Scripture Readers***Please see the Welcome Board in the narthex to sign-up!***Worship Committee is currently seeking two members****\*Ministry & Personnel Committee****\*Church Committees.***\*If you are interested please contact Bev Carmichael.*♦ **AVGEN PRE-PAID CARDS:** are great for everyday  
spending! An easy way to financially support the church  
without hurting your wallet!**Next Order is Sunday March 8, 2020.**♦ **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** A convenient way to  
provide consistent year round financial support.**World Day of Prayer 2020****St. Brice's Anglican Church 2pm March 6, 2020***They are looking for 1 Reader and 1 or 2 Ushers. If you can help out please let them know.***Next Meeting** Tuesday February 25, 2020 6:30pm St. Brice's Anglican Church.**"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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