

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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• The Outreach, Mission and Service Committee are hosting a **Winterlude Luncheon on February 21st** for participants of the Food Cupboard program. Volunteers willing to help out are asked to please contact Pam Zygmunt.

"Who are the Métis?"

A Come-and-Learn Event for all ages, Sat March 2, 11a–3pm at Chisholm United Church, 1469 Chiswick Line. 11am Métis history; 12 noon traditional meal for 50 persons (no cost but must register ahead by Feb 23); 1pm beading and finger-weaving presentations; 2pm drumming, jigging & fiddling; artifacts display. Come and go but to register for lunch or for more info, call Garth, 724-5745. Co-sponsored by the North Bay Métis Council.



A Note From Rev. Roni

On Wednesday, after the snow was ploughed I took a picture of myself, next to my 'favourite snowbank', 'favourite' because it's towering height is so impressive. It measures shoulder height because snow is packed on ice and the ice is compacted by even more snow.

I am told that this is one of the worst winters in North Bay.

As a gardener, I wonder whether some of my perennials will survive the winter of 2019?

The ice and compacted snow can be difficult on all plants and some perennials depending on how deep the roots go and how established they are, may not survive the winter of 2019.

So too, all of us, whether we claim to be a follower of Jesus or not, are impacted by the harsher climate of life:

unemployment, sadness, loss, prejudice, illness...

Hopefully by staying grounded and firmly rooted in the sub-soil of faith, we feel the trauma and we thrive as we strive for ideals and the values that Jesus teaches us, some of these are passed on by parents and grandparents. On family day, we remember their nurturing role. Blessed are they, who not spared the hardships of this world, live into the way of the Kingdom.

The sage Rumi once said "Don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous."

I hope that you will join us this Sunday Feb 17th, for our Hymn Sing at 10:15 am followed by Worship at 10:30 am.

Happy Family Day weekend everyone.

Are you forgetting things, losing items, missing appointments??? "MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT" is a term used to explain some of our forgetfulness. If you would like to talk to someone, Mary McLaren-Soutar is more than willing to talk to you.

She can also explain a program that she is involved with that could help you.

Contact Mary at 705-495-6147

AT A GLANCE

The Congregational Life & Work Committee will be putting on a **Luncheon in the Hall before the Congregational Meeting** on February 24th. There will be a Free-Will Offering to help with expenses & any profit will go to the General Fund.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Worship Sunday Sing Along 10:15 Service 10:30 am "BLESSINGS"	18 Family Day	19	20	21 Choir Practice 7:30	22 Timmies at Two	23 West Ferris Brunch
24 Worship Sunday Service 10:30 am Annual General Meeting & Lunch	25	26	27	28	March 1	2

The Annual General Meeting will be held after the Sunday Service-February 24th.

A Time to Connect and Listen to families in 2019.

We want to work with you to provide spiritual formation opportunities for families that are relevant to your needs in 2019. As a community of faith, we are aware that we don't seem to be meeting the spiritual needs of families in our community. We appreciate the demands on family life and we want to listen and decide how we can work together to provide some core spiritual values for children and parents for today's world. Some of us are meeting up on Saturday February 23rd, 3:00 pm in the chapel at Emmanuel United Church. Please join in to listen and learn. Times have changed and we are ready to listen. Contact Rev. Roni for more information: eucnbminister@gmail.com.



Leadership Opportunities in 2019

Here is a list of the people we are looking for to fill **officer roles and committee roles** for 2019.

We hope to fill some of these roles at the congregational meeting on February 24th.

Council Chair; Council Vice-Chair
Council Secretary; 2nd Regional Council Representative

Committees looking for new members:

Congregational Life & Work; Finance; Visitation
Worship

To learn more about these opportunities chat with one of the council representatives, the out-going chair of council (Bev Carmichael) or Rev. Roni.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) is a direct debit program that allows church members to manage their financial support and giving's through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. *For more information, please contact Envelope Secretary, Sherri Pinder.*

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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.

