

February 21, 2020

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

I am truly grateful for you. Lorne and I have been beneficiaries of your welcome and caring. We have found acceptance and a wonderful place to do ministry. I believe that Emmanuel United Church is a welcoming, caring faith community committed to spiritual nurture and sharing God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. At this time of transition, it is easy to lose our composure and become compulsive, or we might be tempted to assert our influence and power over others. With Christ and the Spirit's help we can make life-giving choices. We can claim and reclaim who and whose we are. Jesus faced similar temptations in the wilderness and each time he claimed his identity in God. Join us on this First Sunday of Lent with communion, Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, 10:30 am. Thank you for your commitment to Emmanuel's ministry.

**World Day of Prayer 2020**  
**St. Brice's Anglican Church**  
**2pm March 6, 2020**

**They are looking for**  
**2 Ushers.**

**If you are interested, please contact Rae at:**  
**raebrownlee@sympatico.ca**  
**before Tuesday March 2nd.**

## \$ and Sense (February 29, 2020)

Week Ending	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
PAR				\$ 211
Offerings	\$ 746	\$ 553	\$ 483	\$ 903
Rental/Services			\$ 195	
Donations		\$ 938	\$ 870	\$ 415
Total	\$ 746	\$1,491	\$1,548	\$5,529

### **Sustaining Families 45(PAR); 35 Envelopes**

Invitations to our "Non-Supper Supper" were well received. Within the first month there were 40 reservations (\$1,890) and arrangements are complete to accommodate many more. All participants benefit from the spiritual and physical warmth it yields.

The February 23rd tally featured \$215 generated by 3 families providing food and fellowship, a chilli smorgasbord, following the Service. The "Animation Team" is focused on our fundamental mission; and, processes are in place to support expressions of interest on new and expanded endeavours. Other ideas and offers of "time" and "talent" in pursuit of our mission are welcome.

Avgen pre-paid cards generated \$68 and a challenge to expand participation has been issued. Please embrace the opportunity and place an order. The deadline for the next order is March 8th, 2020.

Except for \$672 (M&S offerings) all the above revenue is to sustain Emmanuel. There was \$50 "in memorium" and \$82 in Offerings to the Legacy Fund which will assist in offsetting local church expenses now and in the future.

The total revenue in February (\$9,314) was less than expenses. The \$13,000 cushion to start the year (Legacy Fund provision) is quickly eroding. While the number of families on PAR declined by two, there was increased support through envelope offerings.

Finance has compiled 2020 Budget estimates as required and initiated discussion on strategies to "right size" and live within our means. You are welcome to attend the March 16th meeting. Congregation will set the Budget and select the leadership team at the ACM scheduled for March 29th, 2020.

EUC Finance Committee

Rev. Roni is sharing the link to the video Vindra Sahadeo used in her presentation on Sunday February 23, 2020 as a number of you requested access to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=852M3oYYHI8>

**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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 1 Sunday Service Lent 1 with Holy Communion 10:30am	2 Joyful Voices Choir 1:30-3pm	3	4	5 Choir Practice 7:30	6 Timmies at Two	7
8 Sunday Service 10:30am	9 Joyful Voices Choir 1:30-3pm	10	11	12 Choir Practice 7:30	13 Timmies at Two	14

**Studying the Psalms as Lenten Discipline:**

During the season of Lent, join us for a study of favorite psalms, Wednesdays, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Psalms are considered the prayers of the Judeo-Christian community. On March 4<sup>th</sup> we will engage in an in-depth study of Psalm 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd". The group will then decide on a list of favourites, each one to be explored each week in the season of Lent. We will end each session by praying the psalm.

**Next West Ferris Brunch at EUC**  
**is Saturday March 28, 2020.**  
**9-10:30am**

**"NON-SUPPER/SUPPER"**

Your support of this refreshing fund-raising opportunity is greatly appreciated.

♦ **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.

**"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.

**EUC FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS HELP!**

We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items such as canned and powdered milk, canned soups and fruit, cereal and toiletries.

**Thank you for your ongoing support**  
**to help those in need!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Coffee Fellowship Ushers Scripture Readers**  
*Please see the Welcome Board in the narthex to sign-up!*

**\*Church Committees.**

*\*If you are interested please contact Bev Carmichael.*

**PLEASE NOTE**

Council has decided to discontinue the weekly advertisement for our Sunday Service as published in the North Bay Nugget. Please visit our Social Media Sites (listed below) for information about our church services.

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