

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## Upcoming Events

- ♦ **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. 7:30 CANCELLED Feb. 14.
- ♦ **Hymn Sing:** Sun. Feb. 17 10:15am.

• The **Outreach, Mission and Service Committee** are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a **Winterlude Luncheon on February 21<sup>st</sup>** for participants of the Food Cupboard program. Volunteers willing to help out are asked to please contact Pam Zygmunt.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held after the Sunday Service on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## A Note From Rev. Roni

The caption for this week's gospel reading is called "the Call of the First Disciples". The study of this passage prompted me to reflect on my early call to ministry, back to the early days in 2000 when I first heard God's call. It was as clear as a bell, "I want to you connect church and community."

I had much to learn, with opportunities for growth, and my sense of call has deepened as I served from one community to the next: Martingrove united Church (North Etobicoke), Humbervale United Church (Central Etobicoke), St. James-Bond United Church (North Toronto), Knox United Church-Agincourt (Scarborough), Erin Mills United Church (Mississauga), Churchill Meadows (Mississauga), Wellington Square United Church (Burlington), Trinity United

Church and Sugarbush Christian Church (Guelph) and Emmanuel United Church (ordained minister, North Bay.

Each place, came with an invitation to risk with Jesus, to step into the unknown and experience God's blessing-God's ordaining. Like the first disciples, much of my learning has been on-the-job training. In the risking together we experience God's blessing. Jesus offers us an open invitation to cast our nets into the mysterious waters. Are we willing to risk with Jesus? Jesus blesses us in the risking together.

This Sunday we celebrate adult baptism of Josephine Cuthbert (formerly, Stevens). See you at 10:30 am.



## "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

All ladies of EUC are invited to attend the annual luncheon that is being held Tues., Feb.12. This year we are gathering at Sugar Daddy Cupcakes and Catering on Lakeshore Dr. Once again we are taking orders and prepaying for the meal. Please see Norma Deller and join us for some sistership time.

## At a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Worship Sunday 10:30 am "FISHING TIPS FROM JESUS"	11	12	13	14 Choir Practice <b>Cancelled</b>	15 Timmies at Two	16
17 Worship Sunday Sing Along 10:15 Service 10:30 am	18	19	20	21 Choir Practice 7:30	22 Timmies at Two	23

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Beharry [eucnminister@gmail.com](mailto:eucnminister@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

Council Chair;

Council Vice-Chair

Council Secretary

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

### "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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