

January 10, 2020

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

### The Worship Committee is currently seeking two members.

We require at least four members from the congregation in order to make formal decisions.

We are a fun group committed to excellence in Worship. Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 12th, 7:00 pm.

Most meetings are at 5:30 pm, Feb 12th is an exception.

Happy  
New Year!

A friend of mine, recently shared with me the story of a young woman who recently lost her baby at eight months. She delivered the premature infant who never took his first breath. My friend went on to say, that when you are pregnant you are carrying this new life with anticipation, and at the same time so vulnerable. As a woman who has never been pregnant, it opened my eyes to the vulnerability experienced by both mother and child.

Have you ever wondered, “why does Jesus come forward to be baptized?” We just celebrated Jesus’s birth, we grew up believing that Jesus is God’s Son, the Incarnate One, Emmanuel....we sang all about it at Christmas. Jesus is different, why does he need to be baptized?

In his baptism, Jesus comes forward humbly, a young man from the crowd, and identifies even more fully with human vulnerability and the temptation to fall away from faith. He reveals more fully the mystery of our incarnational God. It is a necessary and first step, in fulfilling his life’s purpose. As he experiences the Spirit’s affirmation, we too are affirmed and empowered to fulfill our mission and life’s purpose. We walk with vulnerability and the assurance of faith, that God is pleased with us and will not withhold the Holy Spirit. We too are fulfilling our life’s purpose. We worship on Sunday at 10:30 am!

Blessings,  
Rev. Roni

\* **Finance Committee Meeting:** January 16, 2020 5:00pm.  
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Emmanuel’s 2020 vision is being formulated!

\* **Council Meeting:** January 22, 2020 7:00pm

### Annual Reports

It’s time to once again prepare for our annual congregational meeting.

**Council committee chairs** are asked to **submit their reports**, and financial peer reviews where indicated, to the church office **by Monday, February 3** in order for the Congregational Annual Report to be prepared and distributed two weeks prior to the meeting as per the Constitution.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

**The Annual meeting will be held following church service on Sunday, February 23, 2020.**

**SCRIPTURE READERS  
are needed.  
If interested  
please speak to  
Jo McCulley.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 12, 2020 CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10:30AM	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16 Finance Committee Meeting 5pm Choir Practice 7:30	Jan. 17 Timmies at Two	Jan. 18
Jan. 19 Sunday Service 10:30am	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22 Council Meeting 7pm	Jan. 23 Choir Practice 7:30	Jan. 24 Timmies at Two	Jan. 25

♦ **AVGEN PURCHASE CARDS:** Think of them as “pre-paid” cards. You can certainly use the cards as gifts but we encourage you to use them for everyday purchases. Groceries, hardware, gas and restaurants. An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet! **Next order will be due January 19, 2020.**

**\*PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** You decide the amount of your monthly offering and your bank account will be debited each month and the EUC’s account will be credited with that amount.

A convenient way to provide consistent year-round financial support.

**Please contact Tina Wilcox for more information.**

### **WALKING A SPIRAL PATH...**

A Retreat exploring first steps in Celtic Spirituality  
with Mary and Denis Stokes Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020  
@ St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 2025 Main St West,  
North Bay. Cost: \$150.00 (Includes meals)

**For more information, or to register, please  
contact Mary 705.495.0928/**

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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.**

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