

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Finance Committee Meeting:** Wed. Jan. 16 ,4:15
- ◆ **Worship Committee Meeting** Sun. Jan. 20 after the Sunday Service.
- ◆ **Council Meeting** Wed. Jan. 23, 7:00pm
- ◆ **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. at 7:30pm.

- The **Outreach, Mission and Service Committee** are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a **Winterlude Luncheon on February 21st** for participants of the Food Cupboard program.
- In addition they will be **staffing the Food Cupboard on Thursday morning** and offering free coffee!
- Volunteers willing to help out are asked to please contact Pam Zygmont.

Rev. Roni Shares: Daily Meditation by Henri Nouwen

You Belong to God

At issue here is the question: "To whom do I belong? God or to the world?" Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry, and a little rejection makes me depressed. A little praise raises my spirits, and a little success excites me. It takes very little to raise me up or thrust me down. Often I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of its waves. All the time and energy I spend in keeping some kind of balance and preventing myself from being tipped over and

drowning shows that my life is mostly a struggle for survival: not a holy struggle, but an anxious struggle resulting from the mistaken idea that it is the world that defines me. . . .

As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.

Henri Nouwen Society

- ◆ Vivian Pentland died this week. Vivian requested no funeral or memorial service. We will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for her life on Sunday January 20th. A service of interment will follow at a future date. Please share your stories with Rev. Roni.
- ◆ Joan Pearce has also died, a Memorial Service is planned for Saturday January 26th, 2:00 pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
- ◆ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth Taylor, Michael and Sylvie as they continue to grieve Bill's death.

Rev. Roni

**NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES WANTED**

Now accepting articles for the upcoming newsletter. If you have an item of interest you would like in the newsletter, please send it to carmichl@efni.com or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before: **Sunday 2:00 p.m. January 20th.** Thank you in advance.

At a Glance January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 Guest Minister Rev. McCallum Baptism of Jesus, First Sunday after Epiphany	14	15	16 Finance Meeting 4:15	17 Choir Practice 7:30	18 Timmies at Two	19
20 Worship Committee Meeting after Service	21	22	23 Council Meeting 7:00	24 Choir Practice 7:30	25 Timmies at Two	26 West Ferris Brunch



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year in communities all over the world, Christians of all stripes gather to worship and pray for deeper unity amongst the Christian faithful. This year, the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was chosen by the churches in Indonesia: *“Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.”* Please come and worship with us this year at Trinity United Church (Ferguson and McIntyre) on Sunday January 20th at 2pm. Do connect with any questions or concerns: tedharrison@hotmail.com

Blessings in this new year!

“New Year’s Resolution-2019”

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. It’s a simple and convenient way for church members to provide consistent year-round financial support. You pick the monthly amount and where you wish the financial contribution to go (e.g. local expenses, M&S, mortgage etc.)

Make a New Year’s Resolution to simplify your life & routines. It’s free and easy!

Stop worrying about church envelopes, cheques or money & sign up for PAR today!

For more information, please contact Envelope Secretary, Sherri Pinder (705-476-7050) or by email @: sherri1998@hotmail.com

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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.

