

January 17, 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.

♦ **AVGEN PURCHASE CARDS:** An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet! **Next order IS TODAY January 19, 2020.**

♦ **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** A convenient way to provide consistent year-round financial support.

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

Have you ever felt the urge for something more out of life? It might be in your job search or in your spiritual search. I suggest that is what two followers of John the Baptizer felt, in the Gospel of John's version of the baptism of Jesus, when they left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. In the Gospel of John, we receive an account of Jesus's baptism that must stand alone, the writer is telling us that John the Baptizer had been baptising all day and he sees the spirit descend in the form of a dove on Jesus. He receives a sign of confirmation that Jesus is the Messiah, John's baptism of repentance does not go far enough. John uses new God language for Jesus calling him 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.'

We haven't heard this language in any of the advent or Christmas Eve readings.

This "Lamb of God" is God's best, a pure gift of God's selfless love, a gift of God's generosity and compassion. Generosity, compassion, authenticity, pure love...they are all very attractive and that's why Andrew and the other disciples are drawn to Jesus and want to abide with him. After spending a full day with Jesus, Andrew is so impressed, he goes and calls his brother Simon Peter to join the Jesus movement. We don't use "lamb of God" language too much in the United Church of Canada anymore. Is there any good news for the church today in this love language? Join us on Sunday January 19th, 2020 at 10:30 am, as we explore together.

Blessings,  
Rev. Roni



## 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.**

- ♦ **Timmies at Two:**  
Friday 2pm at the  
Tim Hortons/Wendy's.
- ♦ **Choir Practice:**  
Thursday at 7:30pm.

### 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  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 19 10:30am <u>Second Sunday After Epiphany:</u> <u>'Come and See'</u>	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22 Council Meeting 7pm	Jan. 23 Choir Practice 7:30	Jan. 24 Timmies at Two	Jan. 25
Jan. 26 Sunday Service 10:30am.	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30 Choir Practice 7:30	Jan. 31 Timmies at Two	<b>Feb. 1</b>

The North Bay and area United Churches have been invited to come together to talk about the future, including opportunities for shared ministry. Each of the local congregations have been asked to send 2-3 persons to an initial conversation, scheduled for **Wednesday, January 29th**, at 7:00 pm, at Omond.

If you are interested in representing our congregation in the discussion, please let interim Board Chairperson, Pam Zygmunt, know.

### ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON

- \* Tuesday, February 11 at Farina Ristorante (Best Western Hotel 700 Lakeshore Dr.).
- \* Please sign up on the sheet, with the menu, in the narthex.
- \* For more information please contact Denyse Leigh at 705-498-7812.
- \* **All ladies of EUC are invited to join us!**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Scripture Readers**

**We appreciate any help that we get!**

**Please see the Welcome Board in the narthex to sign-up!**

### "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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