

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

### ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON

- ◆ **Tues., Feb. 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!**

**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.**

Are there times when you are initially reluctant to do the radical Christian thing? When I experience inconsolable grief or senseless tragedy, my instinctive response, isn't always, "blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." No I want to say. 'God how could you allow this?' A friend whose cancer journey has taken an unexpected turn, shared that a deep awareness of the armor of faith helps her to stay spiritually strong even when cancer continues to threaten. It's amazing that our outer physical-body can be suffering and we can spiritually thrive. The paradox of a faith-filled life is amazing. One of the disciplines, I am cultivating, is a commitment to a deep spiritual life, proverbially spending time at the feet of Jesus, praying and meditating the scriptures. Reflecting on Jesus who weeps with me, helps me to be receptive to God's comfort.

I am realizing that these beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12) are not merely beautiful attitudes or some idealistic moral teaching of Jesus. They describe a vision of how God's grace is experienced by Jesus's followers, those who are closest to Jesus. The teaching is there for vulnerable followers, living on earth, and drawing on the core values of God's realm. The wisdom of Jesus defies human logic and we can experience this radical grace, here on earth.

At our lowest times, we can claim the vision cast before us, for we have seen firsthand, God's redeeming grace at work in our lives and as insiders we can inspire others with our faith. Faith is meant for sharing! Join us for worship and communion, Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 10:30 am.

Blessings,  
Rev. Roni

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Coffee Fellowship Ushers Scripture Readers  
We appreciate any help that we get!  
Please see the Welcome Board in the narthex to sign-up!



- ◆ The Ministry & Personnel Committee is seeking someone to join this committee. We look after the Human Resources for the church.
- ◆ Are you interested in joining one of our church committees?  
If you are interested please contact Bev Carmichael.

## WALKING A SPIRAL PATH...

A Retreat exploring first steps in Celtic Spirituality with Mary and Denis Stokes

**Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020**

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
Feb. 2 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany</b> "Living the Blessed Life" 10:30am.	Feb. 3 Inter-generational Choir 1:30-3pm	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6 Choir Practice 7:30	Feb. 7 Timmies at Two	Feb. 8
Feb. 9 <b>Sunday Service</b> 10:30am.	Feb. 10 Inter-generational Choir 1:30-3pm	Feb. 11 Annual EUC Ladies Luncheon	Feb. 12 Worship Committee Meeting 7pm	Feb. 13 Choir Practice 7:30	Feb. 14 Timmies at Two	Feb. 15

Do you love music and have some extra time on your hands? The Outreach Mission and Service Committee **is seeking someone to assist with the former Interlink Choir.** In the fall, the Interlink Choir lost its funding through the Canadian Mental Health Association. After a call out for help, Caisse Populaire, and the Outreach committee, stepped forward and agreed to provide funding. Details on how the choir will operate going forward are not complete but someone is needed to be present for Monday practices which take place at Emmanuel on Monday afternoons.

**If you can help out,  
please contact Pam Zygmunt  
or Rev. Roni.**

## Report on the Meeting re The North Bay and Area United Churches on Jan. 29/20

Pam Zygmunt, Jack Page and Bud McMartin attended a very informative discussion of the state of our United Churches. These discussions involved aging congregations, aging churches, decline in people attending church, possibility of a shared Ministry by having a minister serve 2 churches, the fact that there are too many United Churches in North Bay and the possibility of amalgamation of churches. There were lots of positive comments about core people and others who are stepping up to do the work and maintenance of their church which included some people volunteering to do Sunday Services for free!

**The next meeting takes place on Wed. Feb. 26th.**

**\* AVGEN PRE-PAID CARDS:** are great for everyday spending! An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet!

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

## **PLEASE NOTE: The ANNUAL MEETING will NOW BE HELD SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> following church service.**

**Council committee chairs** are asked to **submit their reports**, and financial peer reviews where indicated, to the church office 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.**

## "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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