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Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Note From Rev. Roni

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!**

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.**

I recently started looking at the Netflix series "Messiah". The figure nicknamed "alMasih" is the Jesus persona, who shows up in Syria, leading 2,000 starving refugees from Syria to Israel. The CIA is alarmed by the attention he is gaining and the swelling movement. He offers hope in a desperate time, and is a light for them with his teachings and the signs he performs. The movie industry, claims it to be a fictional story, yet you can argue that they have contextualized the Gospel story for us.

Someone recently intimated to me, "as soon as I see the light at the end of the tunnel, everything goes dark. I exclaimed, yes everything may be dark around us and the Lord is our light and salvation. In nebulous times, we can still dwell in God's presence. Jesus is with us in the nebulous times, the dark seasons of our soul. Jesus is our light. Jesus goes to the dark places, where God's

people experience great oppression (Naphtali, Zebulun, and Galilee). The hope he brings is like nothing this world can offer, it does not imitate the ways of the world. The ability to see the light is predicated on faith not on sight. Faith is a gift of God, yet no one can claim it for us. Faith is not an opiate. Faith engages heart, head, mind and soul. In nebulous times, we can choose faith. The way of faith is made of paths: caring, justice, forgiveness, reconciliation... the apostle Paul once wrote that it is impossible to serve God, without faith. I believe it is impossible to be church in 2020 without faith. Jesus has incredible things in store for us yet. Will we choose faith? Jesus is the light of our salvation, giving us confidence on the most dismal of days. Glory be to God. Join us for Worship on Sunday January 26th, 10:15 am for Hymn sing followed by worship.

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!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

LAST CHANCE to submit articles for the November 'Emmanuel Communicates' newsletter.

If you have an interesting article for inclusion, please send to carmichl@efni.com or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before 1:00 p.m. **THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 26.**

♦ **West Ferris Brunch**
9-11am THIS SATURDAY.
Everyone Welcome!

♦ **Inter-generational
Choir** Monday 1:30-3pm.

♦ **Choir Practice:**
Thursday at 7:30pm.

♦ **Timmies at Two:**
Friday 2pm at the Tim
Hortons/Wendy's. You are
invited to join in
conversations about our faith
and how it intersects with our
lives and Culture.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: 'UNLIKELY PEOPLE, UNLIKELY PLACES' HYMN SING: 10:15AM	Jan. 27 Inter- generational Choir 1:30-3pm	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30 Choir Practice 7:30	Jan. 31 Timmies at Two	Feb. 1
Feb. 2 Sunday Service 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

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.

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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support.



PLEASE NOTE: The ANNUAL MEETING will NOW BE HELD SUNDAY MARCH 29th following church service.

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.

"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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