

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A.O.T.S

(As One That Serves)

EASTER HAM FUNDRAISER

Trinity United Church men's service group is selling Bavarian Black Forest Hams (4 -41/2 lbs).

Cost per Ham is \$20.00.

For more information, or to order, please contact Dalton Carmichael 705-472-5444.

Ticket Sales for Beef Supper!

Our Ticket Seller, Evelyn Johnson has 500 tickets to sell, so do call her at 705- 478-7309 soon to reserve your tickets. Evelyn and Zona Beeson will be at the church Wed. and Thurs. afternoons 1:30 to 4pm so you can pick up your ordered tickets.

**Adults \$17.00 **Children (5-10) \$5.00 Under 5 years are free. **Workers \$17.00 **Takeouts \$17.00. N.B.

Takeouts must be picked up at the church.

A Note From Rev. Roni

How far will you go to welcome a child who has run off, trying to earn their worth through manipulative, compulsive, addictive behaviour? Or how far will you go to reach out to child who has grown resentful wrongly feeling that they must earn your love? I imagine that some of you have been there and perhaps it is an ongoing parental challenge for others. Or perhaps you are trying to figure your worth in this world?

Our gospel reading this week, tells the story of a father who crosses his threshold twice to reach both his sons trapped in their unique striving of finding their worth. The father figure in this teaching story, is willing to face humiliation for the sake of welcoming and showing love to his sons. Going further, on Good Friday, the father in this story crosses the threshold a third

time, to show us that love wins.

In the book "You Are the Beloved", J.M. Nouwen writes:

"God loved you before you were born, and God will love you after you die. In scripture, God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." This is the fundamental truth of your identity. This is who you are whether you feel it or not. You belong to God from eternity to eternity. Life is just a little opportunity for you during a few years to say, "I love you too."

Sometimes it takes a while, or a lifetime, for this truth to settle and find rest in our hearts. Join us on our Lenten Journey, Sunday March 31st, 10: 30 am. Our worship theme is "simply loved".

God loves you!



EMMANUEL'S BEEF SUPPER MAJOR 'FUN' RAISER IS HAPPENING APRIL 26TH.

We need you !! We need workers before, during, and after the dinner. We need our famous homemade pies baked, and there is also a list of items you can donate. Sponsor a cow for 50 dollars and we display your donation on a cow on the donor wall. The fun sheet will be at the church each Sunday for your chance to sign up. Janie Clayton will be in the narthex to help, as will Jo McCulley with the pies and roasts. Call Janie or Merlin at 472-1182

Your March newsletter is now available and can be picked up in the Narthex today.

However, some of the March newsletters have already been delivered. For those who have not had theirs delivered, or are unable to receive it via e-mail, please see Karen or Dalton. Thank you.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "SIMPLY LOVED" 10:30 AM | April 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Worship Committee 5:30 Choir Practice 7:30 | 5 Timmy's at Two! | 6 |
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You're invited to join in a "Kitchen Table Conversation"-This Saturday March 30th, 10am-noon

How will we participate in God's transformative work of justice, peace and love in 2019? Let's talk! Sponsored by: North Bay and Area Mission Cluster UCC and United for Action UCC. Kay Heuer / Facilitator. Please bring: Your passion for justice and love for the United Church. Ministry personnel and their congregations are encouraged to attend - Emmanuel United Church, 395 Lakeshore Dr. North Bay. **RSVP: elizabeth.frazer@outlook.com**

The **Worship Committee** is actively seeking a minimum of three members who are regularly able to attend meetings the second Wednesday of each month, 5:30 pm. If you like decorating it would be an asset. A willingness to help coordinate readers would also be a great gift to offer. Other tasks that involve emails and phone follow-up also exist. We are a fun group and we work in a healthy manner. It is not uncommon for us to share food or snacks during our meetings. Worship was named as the top value during our recent strategic planning process. You can visit our next **Meeting on Thursday April 4th, 5:30 pm** where we will begin the process of planning for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Thank you, Rev. Roni

Re-affirmation of Faith

Are you interested in re-affirming your faith or becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church? An information session will be held in Roni's office at 9:15am, Sunday March 31st.

SAVE THE DATE
~VISIONING WEEKEND~
Saturday May 25 and
Sunday May 26, 2019-Worship
Service 10:30am

SCENT-SITIVE

*Please do not wear scented products as they can aggravate health problems for some people with medical conditions.
Your cooperation 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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