

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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◆ **The Knitting Pilgrim featuring the Stitched Glass tapestries.**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019
7 pm Calvin**

Presbyterian Church: A one-man play & talkback about the real-life artistic and spiritual journey of Kirk Dunn, who took 15 years to knit a triptych of tapestries, designed in the style of stained glass windows, exploring the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic faiths. There is no other project like it in the world. Tickets \$20
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◆ North Bay Community J.O.Y. Bands present: Maytime Melodies: Sunday May 26, 1:30pm Trinity United Church.



- ◆ **Council meeting** at 7pm on May 22nd.
- ◆ **Annual Church Picnic** Sunday, June 30th.
Everyone Welcome!!

A Note From Rev. Roni

This story of love, is somewhat risqué. I am sharing an early spiritual experience. I am not suggesting that you make physical contact with a vulnerable person. I am more aware of personal safety and healthy boundaries today. Along with a small group of church folk, led by the minister, we visited Toronto's former Tent City, found at Toronto's Cherry Beach. I believe that it may no longer exist. It was essentially a shanti-town occupied by Toronto's homeless, they live in makeshift tents and unsecured shacks from corrugated cardboard. It was a cold wet night, so damp, and you could smell stale urine and the choking stench of a desperate need for a shower or a change of clothing. We came to sing Christmas carols and to give out the coats we collected during our Christmas Drive. They gathered with us around the fire pit and one woman started to cry loudly,

"my sister just died, I feel so sad and alone" and she requested that we sing "Amazing Grace". I scooped up everything in my pockets, gave it to my trusted friend and flung my arms around the woman. I gave her a warm hug as our group sang "Amazing Grace", I felt a surge of love between us and at the same time terrified. I reached out to her crossing boundaries, which became channels for sharing love. In a flash I let go of my assumptions with the sole intention of bringing her God's comfort. I was doing my bit to make God's love complete. Does this approach what Jesus meant when he said, that there is no greater love than laying down one's life for one's friends and then commands us to do likewise? I look a bold risk. You might say I was dangerously vulnerable. I discovered that love is beautiful. Love is terrifying. Love is costly. Love has the power to dismantle barriers. We were simply two humans, beloved children of God, giving and receiving Christ's love. Our theme this Sunday is "Formed in Christ's Love". Our hymn sing begins at 10:15 am.

Bible Study-2:00 pm**Study on the Book of Acts****May 22:** "Ascension and Pentecost"**May 29:** "The mission of Peter"**June 5:** "The conversion of Saul"

We will meet in the boardroom or Roni's Office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER "Formed in Christ's Love" Hymn Sing 10:15am Sing- Along	20	21	22 *Bible Study- 2:00 pm *Council meeting 7pm	23 Choir Practice 7pm	24 Timmy's at Two!	25 West Ferris Brunch 9- 10:30
26 Sunday Service 10:30am	27	28	29 *Bible Study- 2:00 pm	30 Choir Practice 7pm	31 Timmy's at Two!	

Contact Bud McMartin at 705-474-8725 or email at carolbud70@gmail.com if interested & able to:

Help with the Church Picnic: If you would like to help the CL&W Committee plan the food and/or games please attend the meeting at the church on Wed., June 5 at 10 a.m.

Help with the Church Gardens: If you would like to help plant the geraniums etc. in the church gardens at some time in June when the weather permits or are willing to help water & weed one of the gardens. Your help would be appreciated.

Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life: If you would like to donate to my Relay participation, I would appreciate it as we all like to help others with Cancer & hope for a cure some day!

~VISION DAY~ Saturday May 25 9:30-3:30

Please sign the attendance sheet~So we know you are coming

Let's be honest: Old methods for growing vibrant churches haven't worked for some time. There is almost nothing more exciting and challenging than teaming up with others to be a compelling expression of the presence of God in the neighbourhood. Yet If we are serious about real change, we need a spirit of experimentation; a powerful culture-shifting approach that grabs hold of the heart, realigns core desires, and sparks collective imagination. Join us for a day of discerning our future faith-Being a Church in West Ferris.

Discussion to include:

- * What is Church?
- * What is mission?
- * Church is mission.
- * What is Church in your neighbourhood?
- * Actions for engaging the neighborhood.

"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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