

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Note From Rev. Roni

### Paraphrase Acts 2: 41-42, 44-47

So those who welcomed Peter's proclamation of the Risen Christ were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. I am grateful for the description of being church in the above text, and similarly grateful for all the "ing" ways that Emmanuel strives to be:

caring, welcoming, sharing, (spiritual) nurturing and I am hopeful that our capacity to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ will continue to grow, expand and include. This Vision Weekend, I will be praying for you and my hope is that most of you might emerge with a vision of church, as a way of being community, with faith in the Risen Christ as our centre and the neighbourhood where he dwells.

The -ings are critical and my hope is that at every gathering, every meeting, every conversation this weekend at each table, and those conversations that happen beyond this set time, that we might be mindful of the love of Christ which we share, is the centre of all things. See you this weekend, Saturday May 25th, 9:30 am-3:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am with Edge Consultant, Dave Harder.

"The discipline of community makes us persons; that is, people who are sounding through to each other (the Latin personare means "sounding through") a truth, a beauty, and a love that is greater, fuller, and richer than we ourselves can grasp. In true community we are windows constantly offering each other new views on the mystery of God's presence in our lives. Thus the discipline of community is a true discipline of prayer. It makes us alert to the presence of the Spirit who cries out "Abba," Father, among us and thus prays from the center of our common life. Community thus is obedience practiced together. The question is not simply "Where does God lead me as an individual person who tried to do his will?" More basic and more significant is the question "Where does God lead us as a people?"

Henri J. M. Nouwen



**~VISION DAY~ Saturday May 25 9:30-3:30  
and Sunday 10:30 am with Edge Consultant,  
Dave Harder.**

**Bible Study-2:00 pm**  
**Study on the Book of Acts**  
**May 29:** "The Pentecost"  
**June 5:** "The conversion of Saul"  
 We will meet in the boardroom  
 or Roni's Office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:30am Vision Day "ORDINARY ACTS ARE EXTRAORDINARY" GUEST DAVE	27	28	29 Bible Study 2:00 pm	30 Choir Practice 7pm	31 Timmy's at Two!	June 1
2 Sunday Service 10:30am Guest Minister Mary Way-White	3	4	5 Bible Study 2:00 pm	6 Choir Practice 7pm	7 Timmy's at Two!	8

**Contact Bud McMartin at 705-474-8725 or email at carolbud70@gmail.com if interested & able to:**  
**Help Plant Geraniums:** Mon., May 27th at 1 p.m.: The forecast is for sun on Mon. so I hope that we can plant the geraniums that we have wintered & are now in my yard in the shade to harden up for the sun. Let me know if you would like to help plant these flowers.

**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:** I am looking for a volunteer to take care of the flower bed in the southwest corner of the parking lot under the 2 conifer trees. In the past Barb Maeck has helped plant flowers, deadhead flowers & weed the garden & we thank her for the many years that she did this but she is unable to do it this year. If someone is willing to take over this duty please get in touch as soon as possible. **THANKS!**



### LADIES POT LUCK LUNCHEON TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2019

Emmanuel United Church's UCW is closing on June 11, 2019. In September we will re-open as a social ladies group called "E.U.C. Willing Workers". To celebrate our past and present years we invite you join us for a luncheon on the 11th. A special cake will be provided for all to enjoy. Your memories and presence would be appreciated.  
 Please RSVP by June 5, 2019 to Nancy Lourie at 705-476-0305 or email: dnlourie@sympatico.ca.

On Sunday June 9, 209 EUC is again entering a team in the Sudbury-Manitoulin -North Bay Alzheimer Society Fund Raising Walk and we are seeking your support for this worthy cause. Funds raised here are used for a number of support services for those in our community who have Alzheimer's. For pledge sheets please see Brenda Cote or Janice Clayton.  
 Thank you for your support!

**"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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