

November 3, 2019

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Note From Rev. Roni

I wonder if someone from the community showed up at the Turkey Supper, wearing old, tattered torn clothing and a coat that looks worn and Shabby.. What if, she seems a little smelly because she may not have showered in days and she presents a half -torn ticket to the ticket taker. What might be our gut reaction? Would we simply accept the ticket or would we question whether she is a paying customer? How did she manage to save up the \$17.00 to pay for the ticket? Her very presence, her coming forward may likely create feelings of discomfort. Many of us in our minds, struggle to make the distinction between discomfort and safety. If a person, like the one I just described makes us uncomfortable, feelings of fear are triggered inside and we feel unsafe.

Our social conditioning has something to do with that; however, I am a preacher and not a psychologist. As I ponder leading worship on Sunday and Dennis Chippa, sharing about his experiences of Jesus Showing Up at the Gathering Place, I am reminded that Jesus's showing up in our world creates a sense of discomfort. Jesus is not unlike the fictitious woman above showing up at tonight Turkey's Supper. Jesus's home town is a small obscure blue collar village, he was so poor he was born in a barn, he was a transient, he likely owned one coat and likely didn't shower each day. He slept at the warming centres his followers could provide. He relied on the hospitality of strangers for his meals.

If he showed up at the Turkey Supper, we might feel some discomfort. Yet, In Matthew 25, Jesus invites us to seek him out among, those who are hungry, the person wearing one coat, the chronically ill, who sleep on the streets, who experiences incarceration. In my experience, when we find the faith to love: to show the kindness and compassion that the Spirit compels us to be, we do feel God's presence. Indeed, Jesus shows up! I am not sure who may show up to the turkey supper, we have ten tickets left (available for purchase 10-12 noon to-day)! However Dennis Chippa is showing up on Sunday November 1st and we will be co-leading worship at 10:30am.

Remembrance Day Services

Sunday November 10th, 10:30am: Emmanuel United Church with the Colour Party and members from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 599 West Ferris joining us.



Monday November 11th, 10:30am: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 599 West Ferris, 30 Legion Rd RR#5 North Bay. There will be a lunch provided following the service.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Afterlife and Near-Death Experiences.

Emmanuel will be hosting a study, led by Lorne Robertson and Janie Clayton, on what are called near-death experiences or NDE's. Please join us for four weekly sessions, starting at 6:30 pm November 5th, 2019.

Welcome to this Sunday's Guest Speaker Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of the Gathering Place, North Bay.

E.U.C. Willing Workers Important Dates

- ◆ **Next meeting**-10a.m.Tues.
Nov. 5
- ◆ **Bazaar Decorating**-1p. m.
Thurs.Nov.14,
- ◆ **Table setting** -10a.m.
Fri.Nov.15,
- ◆ **Snowman Tea and Bazaar**-
10a.m.-noon Sat.Nov.16
- ◆ **If you can help** please see
Linda Shillington after church
this Sunday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 3 Sunday Service 10:30am Compassion Sunday: Jesus Shows Up. Guest Dennis Chippa	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Remembrance Day Services 10:30am	11 Remembrance Day Services 10:30am: Legion Branch 599	12	13	14	15	16



***AVGEN GIFT CARDS:** Please consider purchasing these cards for everyday use, to support family & friends or as gifts. **You may order cards on Nov. 10th or Dec. 8th** for use during the Christmas season. An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet!

***PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) an easy way to provide consistent year round financial support.

Please contact
Tina Wilcox for more information.

Nov 3, 2019 Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:00am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, Nov. 3. 1:00am local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 3 than the day before.

The Suswin Housing Program sends a big thank you (Kitchi miigwetch) for your kindness in providing warm clothing for their clients. At this time, they have as much as they can handle and need. Thank you in "The Spirit of Kindness" for the generosity of Emmanuel's Congregants, for the generosity of Trinity's Congregants (through Lisa Blais), for Merlin's constant help, and for the money donated to buy many needed items by Emmanuel's Outreach and Mission Committee. We received many more good quality, warm, clean, gently used or new clothing than the Suswin Housing Program could accept with their limited space. The Gathering Place were very happy to accept the remainder of the clothing for their clients (sent 18 large clear bags). The indigenous clients will also be directed to access the clothing there if a need arises. So a circle partnership of support has been formed beginning with Reconciliation North Bay to The Suswin Housing (Friendship Centre), to Emmanuel Church, and Trinity United Church, To the Gathering Place (umbrella for the Warming Centre) and back to the Indigenous Suswin Program.

It has been a joy working with everyone. Janie Clayton

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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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