

Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Note From Rev. Roni

E.U.C. Willing Workers

Our **next meeting will be Tues. Dec. 10 at 10am.** We will have a short meeting; prepare cookie tins for "shut-ins" and have a social time.

New members are always welcome.



Coffee Fellowship is still looking for helpers-

From about 10 a.m. to get things set up & for clean up until about 12:15pm-if you can help please sign up!

Thanks!

In a world where world news comes to us almost instantaneously, we long for good news. We know the level of uncertainty of our time. In the movie "It's A Beautiful Day In the Neighbourhood" Mr. Rogers (played by Tom Hanks) knows the uncertainty of his time. While his show was received in living rooms as a children's show, he often addressed the unsettling issues of his time such as war, divorce and anger. In the movie he brings healing to a young reporter's life, helping him to be a better son, husband and father. A remarkable character trait of Mr. Rogers, was his intention of knowing people. He even looked into the camera as if he knew who he was talking too. He was not indifferent to the world around him.

God speaks to the issues of our time and does this by choosing to look deeply into eyes of our souls, connecting with us, knowing us and God chooses to love us into being. Our Gospel invites us to live with intention, and not indifference in

our vulnerable world, to look people lovingly in the eye, to see with heart....to heal brokenness with love...that's where hope is being born. We are the Jesus they see.

Rarely does a movie draw in an audience, where we become part of the scene. During one poignant scene, Mr. Rogers is having a meal with the news writer, Lloyd Vogel (Matthew Rhys) and before they eat, at the time where we say grace, he invites him to join him in pausing for a minute and bringing to mind all who have loved him into being. If you are willing (Lorne and I were drawn in), everyone in the restaurant and possibly the theatre are drawn into this prayerful meditation and are moved to a more positive healing space.

Join us on Sunday December 1st, 10:15 am for our First Advent Service with Communion. Sunday Group viewing of "It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood" is being planned.

Advent 2019 "The World Waits for Good News of Great Joy!"

December 1, 10:15 a.m., Advent 1: Communion Service

"The Lord Is Coming Let's Be Ready!"

10:15 Hymn Sing

December 8, 10:30 a.m., Advent 2: White Gift Sunday

"The Lord is Coming: Let's be Prepared!"

December 15, 10:30 a.m., Advent 3:

"Joy for the Journey, the Lord Is Coming!"

December 22, 10:30 a.m., Advent 4:

"A Sign of Emmanuel: God's Expression of Love"

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve

"A Child Is Born For Us."

WHITE GIFT ITEMS NEEDED:

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Canned Fish
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Canned Milk
- ◆ Non-perishable food items only.



AVGEN GIFT CARDS

An easy way to financially support the church without hurting your wallet!

You may order cards on Dec. 8th for use during the Christmas season.

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

Please contact Tina Wilcox for more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 1 10:15 a.m., Advent 1: Communion Service "The Lord Is Coming Let's Be Ready!"	2	3	4	5 Choir Practice 7:30	6 Timmies at Two	7
8 Advent 2: White Gift Sunday "The Lord is Coming: Let's be Prepared!"	9	10		11 Choir Practice 7:30	12 Timmies at Two	13

EMMANUEL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Sat. Dec. 7; 10am. – Noon in the Bert Passmore Hall

Make sure you come early to get first pick of all the delicious cookies and squares. \$8.00 for a dozen cookies \$10.00 for a dozen squares
Homemade Goodies Baked just for you!



CL&W Christmas Carol Singing Event 1:30pm Sat. Dec. 14/19:

Interested in bringing Cheer and Joy to others this Christmas Season?

Please join with the CL&W Committee in our annual Christmas Carol Singing Event on Saturday December 14th, meeting at the William Street entrance of the church at 1:30 p.m. From there we will head out to bring smiles, and Christmas music to many of the residents at Waters Edge and the Empire Living Centre. Following our afternoon of spreading cheer to folks, we will return to the church for a hot beverage and some well deserved goodies.

Please let Nancy Dixon (705-495-6944) know if you will be able to join us this year as we spread the Christmas Spirit to others, while enjoying ourselves as well.

We decided to have this event on Sat., Dec. 14 starting at the Church at 1:30 and going to only Waters Edge and The Empire for 45 minutes each and not to any individual homes of the Congregation. I have arranged with Waters Edge to be there in the lower floor to sing Carols with the residents that are there from 1:40 to 2:25. I have also arranged with The Empire to be there in the usual main entrance area to sing Carols with the residents that are there from 2:40 to 3:05. We feel that it is too messy for people to go into homes due to the snow on footwear. There will be a gathering back at the church for cookies and beverages of either hot chocolate or hot cider when we are finished.

Everyone is welcome to join us as these places and people really enjoy it.

"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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