

Emmanuel United Church

# Emmanuel Newsflash

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**Welcome/Welcome Back Luncheon  
THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22,  
AFTER THE SERVICE.**

We are putting on a Chili and buns Luncheon and one of the Chili pots will be Veggie by Geri Moreau. We will have several desserts and some fruit as well as the usual beverages. There will be a free-will Donation container and any profit from the luncheon will go to the General Fund of the church. Thanks to the congregation for their donations of Chili, buns or fruit! ... Bud McMartin

**Turkey Super Planning Meeting  
THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
7:00pm.** New Volunteers needed and welcome to attend!

**Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019.**

Committee chairpersons are asked to have their **reports in by September 23.**

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Last chance to submit articles for the September 'Emmanuel Communicates' newsletter. If you have an interesting article for inclusion, please send to [carmichl@efni.com](mailto:carmichl@efni.com) or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office on or **BEFORE 2:00pm THIS SUNDAY!** Thank you in advance.

## A Note From Rev. Roni

My neighbour John asked me a very good question last night. He enquired whether I was aware of the photo and news report that surfaced of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau painting his face brown, brown-facing for an Arabian Night themed costume party in 2001. I responded that I saw the news and I was shocked. Mr. Trudeau has espoused diversity and spoken against racism and declared himself to be an ally. I thought he lived what he professed. Now, I have questions about his self-awareness. He is seeking forgiveness, I want to know whether he has taken steps to unlearn racism.

In response to John's question, I would ask Mr. Trudeau, Do you understand the history of black-facing? Do you understand the history of racism in Canada? Are you self-aware of your unearned power and privilege? When did you become self-aware of your power and privilege? Have you done antiracism training? Do you own the values you espouse?

He can never undo what he has done in the past. How has he grown? Has he done his work? Does he understand the antiracism lingo he uses? What is his understanding?

I am hoping that a greater maturity may emerge; one in which he is willing to let the God of justice and introspection deal with him. After all, maturation in a spiritual sense is a growing willingness to stretch out my arms, to have a belt put round me, and to be led where I would rather not go (John 21:18). Taking the time to stop and say sorry and ask for forgiveness is a good start but more is needed. It takes courage to engage in self-examination. It requires humility and a commitment to justice. Grace is needed.

He sounds a little like a dishonest manager, maybe more like a questionable manager, which happens to be the gospel reading for Sunday, September 22nd, 2019. I may just preach on the Old Testament on Sunday and stay away from politics.



- **Timmies at Two:** Friday 2pm at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's with Mary Way-White and Mary Lawrence for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.
- **Choir Practice:** Thursday at 7:30pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 <b>Sunday Service</b> 10:30am Welcome/Welcome Back Chili Luncheon *7:00pm.Turkey Supper Planning Meeting-Volunteers	23	24	25 Council Meeting 7:00pm	26 Choir Practice 7:30pm	27 Acts movie night 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm	28
29 <b>Sunday Service</b> 10:30am	30	<b>October</b> <b>1</b>	2	3	4	5

**PERMANENT COUNCIL  
CHAIRPERSON  
IS STILL NEEDED FOR EUC!**  
~ ARE YOU INTERESTED??~

*Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.*



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*Please contact Sherri Pinder for more information.*

**In Conversation with the Moderator  
UNITED-Called to be God's People  
Omond Memorial United Church,**

**Saturday September 28th 2019, 9:30 am-4 pm**

Networking through technology with the Moderator who will be at Trinity in Thunder Bay we will engage in conversation about discipleship that promises to inspire connect and empower us.

U-Uplifted by God's love

N-Nourished in Worship

I -Inspired by Scripture

T- Transformed through prayer

E- Empowered through Spiritual Friendship

D- Developed through Service

Please PRE-REGISTER by CALLING the Canadian Shield Regional Office 705- 474-3350

**Buzzer System with Video Picture  
for 2 door Entrance Security**

Council has approved a motion to purchase a door buzzer and video picture system. If you can contribute to this purchase please put your contribution in an envelope marked Buzzer System and leave with the office or put in the Collection plate. Thank you!

**"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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