

Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Note From Rev. Roni

I recently read a short story about two dogs, Fufi and Panther, a mix breed of Maltese poodle and Bull Terrier. Panther is described as more half-and-half, she was weird and scruffy-looking. Fufi is beautiful with clean lines and a happy face. Panther is bright and alert, responding to commands, obviously well-trained. Fufi seemed unresponsive. Close to Fufi's death, the vet finally diagnoses Fufi as deaf. It turns out that Fufi was deaf all along and Panther helped her to navigate life in the world. Panther would often run to Fufi to encourage her to respond. Aren't we called to intuitively help each other navigate life in the world? We can learn this valuable life lesson from the story of these two dogs. This week's Gospel (Luke 16: 19-31) is a teaching story about the (lack of) relationship between two persons separated by a

gate. Lazarus is a paralytic, who can be found lying just outside the beautiful wrought iron gate. Inside the home, if you are lucky, you might catch a glimpse of the well-groomed, handsome rich man, who lives in luxury. Just outside the gates Lazarus lies in indignity, with dogs licking his open sores and his fine meals are the left overs of the rich man's gourmet meals. The rich man does not call the police for Lazarus, he does not abuse him or call him names. He just goes about his business, blind to him being there. The scene changes. Lazarus dies and finds his dignity and comfort in the embrace of his father Abraham. We are told that this rich man, is also a son of Abraham, but his indifference and blindness, has created a chasm, so deep and wide, that it now seems impossible to bridge both their realities.

He didn't set out to build a chasm. Most of us, who go about blindly living our lives, aren't "bad" people, we don't intentionally create divisions.

Lazarus and this man, they both have names. Except we never get to know the name of this Rich Man. We all have a spiritual name, whether we are rich or poor, whatever our affliction, God calls us Beloved. May we choose to know each other as "Beloved brother or sister" rather than mindlessly create chasms that divide us. The Good news is that God, through Jesus Christ, bridges that divide through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The cross serves as a bridge, offering our generation inexplicable hope.

Join us on Sunday September 29th, Hymn Sing at 10:15 am, followed by worship at 10:30 am.

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

Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.

- **Timmies at Two:** Friday 2pm at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's with Mary Way-White and Mary Lawrence.
- **Choir Practice:** Thursday at 7:30pm.

**“Let’s Get Together and make Care-packages Event”
October 18th, 6-8pm.**

“Let’s get together and make care packages for guests at the monthly brunch” Friday October 18th. An all ages event with snacks and care packages and a fun craft. Leadership by Tiffany Van Meer and Andie Van Meer. Thanks to Andie Van Meer for the inspiration. Your donation of new travel size toiletries are welcomed. Please speak to Bev Carmichael or Roni Beharry for more information. Please bring a snack for sharing on the 18th. Care packages will support the Brunch Program and hopefully our Food Cupboard recipients.

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
51st ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

ADULTS \$17.00 /
WORKERS \$17.00
TAKEOUTS \$17.00 ;

5-10 yrs. \$5.00 - under 5 free

The turkey supper tickets sell quickly and there is a limited number, so call John Gamble at 705-840-0520 to order or reserve tickets for yourself and your friends. **Tickets may also be picked up at the church Wed. Oct. 9 and Fri. Oct. 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 12noon.**

No Door Sales!

“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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Sunday Singalong 10:15am Service 10:30am SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST “ACTING ON GOD’S	30	October 1	2	3 Choir Practice 7:30	4 Timmies at Two	5
6 Sunday Service 10:30am	7	8	9	10 Choir Practice 7:30	11 Timmies at Two	12

To lessen our environmental footprint Emmanuel Council Passed the following motion on June 26th. It reads:

Emmanuel United Church choose NOT to use single-use plastic water bottles, plastic straws and single use plastic cutlery in the church properties and events and to incorporate into their rental policies, a request that others using their buildings abide by this same agreement. Further, that this policy be reviewed and updated with other environmentally friendly changes as they arise. This is an exciting first step and looking forward to suggestions for more to come.



LADIES and GENTLEMEN and Teens.....

Looking for something awesome to do Friday Nov. 1st ? We have just the thing! Our annual Turkey Supper is on that day (moved ahead this year only) and we sure could use your assistance. **There is a lovely large FUN SHEET in the Narthex that lists fun jobs that need workers.** This Sunday, you have the opportunity to choose your Job in person. Only after this Sunday will Captains be calling past helpers and churches to add their names to the Fun Sheet. So come out Sunday and choose your place.

This supper is a major fund raiser for Emmanuel and a fun time not to be missed!

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